

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Dog owners reminded to renew licences for 2022**

*Updated fees come into effect this year*

#### **Summary**

With a new year underway, the City of Nanaimo reminds pet owners to renew their dog's licence. New license fees and charges have come into effect to align with the Animal Responsibility bylaw adopted in 2021. Fees for sterilized dogs will remain at \$30 with a \$5 discount for payments made before February 28 of the licencing year while the licence fee for unsterilized dogs is \$60 with a \$10 discount for early payments.

Also new this year, is the ability for new residents or first time dog owners to apply for a dog licence online. In addition to online payments, dog licences and renewals can be purchased in person at the City of Nanaimo's Services and Resource Centre (411 Dunsmuir Street) and the Nanaimo Animal Shelter (1260 Nanaimo Lakes Road). New licences must be purchased in person, while renewals may be purchased in person or online at [www.nanaimo.ca/goto/DogLicence](http://www.nanaimo.ca/goto/DogLicence).

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#### **Key Points**

- Dog licence renewal notices have been mailed out this week.
- A dog licence and accompanying identification tag are required for every dog in Nanaimo over the age of 12 weeks.
- Licences and renewals can be purchased in-person. Residents purchasing a tag or renewing in person must follow COVID protocols and wear a mask.
- One hundred per cent of the fees collected from dog licences go toward the costs of operating the Nanaimo Animal Shelter, including care and adoption.

#### **Quotes**

"We want to keep our furry friends safe. An important step is to get or renew a dog licence. Not only are they instrumental in reuniting dogs with their owners, but 100% of dog licence fees collected go towards the costs of operating the Nanaimo Animal Shelter."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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