



BYLAW FACT SHEET: ANIMAL CONTROL

What you need to know to keep your pets safe and legal



Keeping your pet under control will help protect them from the dangers of wild animals, vehicles and possible attack from other pets as well as save you from fines.

PETS IN UCLUELET

Pets are a welcome addition to most families and add to the enjoyment of day to day life, however in order for a community to thrive there must be some rules governing the keeping of pets and companion animals. In Ucluelet these rules are upheld through Bylaw #803 which provides for the control, licensing and impounding of animals within the District of Ucluelet.

Pet Owners Responsibility

In Ucluelet, pet owners are responsible for ensuring that pets are controlled and are not a nuisance to other residents or businesses by ensuring that:

- ◆ **Dogs are not permitted to run at large and uncontrolled outside of the owners private property or trespass onto the property of others.**
- ◆ **Dogs must be kept on a leash and under the control of a person who is competent to control the dog at all times while in public.**
- ◆ **Dogs should be secured on the owners premises by keeping the dog indoors, within a securely fenced area or tethered in such in way that prevents escape.**
- ◆ **When an animal leaves the premises of the owner, it is the owners responsibility to remove and dispose of any droppings from public land or private property.**
- ◆ **Pet owners must ensure that their pets do not cause disruption of the peace and, quiet of a neighbourhood by persistent howling, barking or noisemaking.**

PET LICENSING FAQ

Q: What type of documentation should I bring to have my dog licensed?

A: If your dog is neutered or spayed, then you should bring proof in the form of a registered vet certificate in order to pay the correct licensing fee.

Q: Is my dog licence transferable between dogs?

A: No. A licence cannot be transferred to another dog once a dog has been registered.

Q: What should I do if I no longer own a dog that I have had licensed?

A: If a dog that you have purchased a licence for is now owned by someone else then you must notify the District office of the new name and address within 7 days. The licence will be transferred at no extra cost.

Q: Does my dog have to wear its license tag all of the time?

A: Yes. Your dog must wear a collar or harness with the licence attached at all times.



The District of Ucluelet does not require licences for cats, however they are required to have identification in the form of a tag, tattoo or microchip.

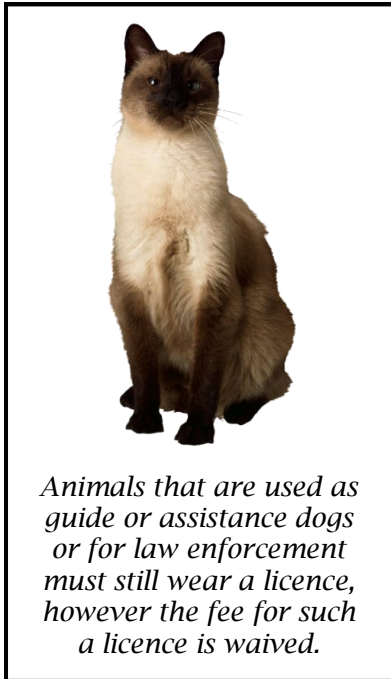
PET LICENSING AND FEES

Licences	Cost	When is this required?
Valid for 1 year until Dec. 31 st		
Spayed Female Dog	\$15	Any dog over the age of 2 months.
Neutered Male Dog	\$15	Any dog over the age of 2 months.
Un-spayed Female Dog	\$30	Any dog over the age of 2 months.
Un-neutered Male Dog	\$30	Any dog over the age of 2 months.
Kennel Licence	\$100	Any scenario in which multiple dogs are being kept for breeding, training or boarding. Up to 10 dogs.
Temporary Boarding Permit	\$10	In the event that a Kennel Licence holder would like to keep one additional dog for up to 7 days.
Cat Breeding Permit	\$60	Any resident who wishes to own an un-neutered or un-spayed cat over the age of six months must hold a valid Cat Breeding Permit.
Replacement Pet Licence	\$2.50	If a metal tag licence issued by the District of Ucluelet has been lost or stolen, a new one will be provided for a small fee.

If you bring a new dog into your home after July 1st the cost for licensing will be reduced to reflect a half year rate.

ANIMAL CONTROL RESOURCES

If you are having difficulty controlling your pet due to behaviour problems, the SPCA is an excellent resource for tips on effective control techniques. You can visit the SPCA website to find resources at <http://www.sPCA.bc.ca/AnimalBehaviour/> or phone an SPCA branch near you to learn about techniques for excessive noise, fear, aggression, and adjustment. You can also contact a professional animal trainer to address your concerns.



PETS THAT ARE NOT SPAYED OR NEUTERED

Residents of Ucluelet who own pets that are not spayed or neutered must take extra precautions when keeping control of their animals according to the Bylaw. Some of these measures of control include:

- ◆ A female dog that is in heat is not permitted to leave the premises of their owner for the duration of the period of heat unless being conveyed directly to a vet or kennel.
- ◆ Any resident that owns a cat that is not spayed or neutered must apply for a cat breeding permit at the District Office. Valid for 3 years.
- ◆ Un-spayed or un-neutered cats are not permitted to run free in the District of Ucluelet whether a permit is held or not.

IMPOUNDING

In some cases, an infraction under the Bylaw will cause an animal to be impounded. Animals that are impounded are held in an impound in Ucluelet for 3 days and are then transferred to the SPCA in Port Alberni. Impound fees are as follows:

- Seizing/impounding an un-spayed/un-neutered cat- \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per day
- Seizing/impounding a dog- \$30.00 (licensed) \$60.00(unlicensed) plus \$5.00 per day
- Subsequent seizures of a dog within a 3 month period will cost an additional \$60.00
- Seizing/impounding a bird or reptile- \$5.00 plus cost of food
- Seizing/impounding a vicious dog- \$200.00 for each time

FINE SCHEDULE

Pet owners with pets that are found to be outside of the law set out in the Bylaw are subject to fines. These fines increase after the first offence. Fines are payable at the District Office.

Offence	First Offence	Subsequent Offences
Unlicensed Dog	\$50.00	\$100.00
Licence Not Affixed	\$25.00	\$50.00
No Kennel Licence	\$100.00	\$200.00
Animal At Large	\$50.00	\$100.00
Failure to Dispose of Excrement	\$25.00	\$50.00
Vicious Dog Not Muzzled or Leashed	\$200.00	\$400.00
Vicious Dog Not Securely Confined	\$200.00	\$400.00
Unlawful Keeping of Animal	\$200.00	\$400.00
Disturbing the Peace	\$100.00	\$200.00
Interfere with Animal Control Officer	\$250.00	\$500.00

VICIOUS AND DANGEROUS ANIMALS

Vicious dogs are dogs that have the tendency to or have previously attacked, bitten, or otherwise injured a person or other animal. A person who harbours an animal that is considered vicious has the responsibility to:

- ◆ Ensure that the dog is effectively muzzled and on a leash while in a public place.
- ◆ Ensure that the dog is kept securely on the owners premises when not leashed, muzzled and controlled by a competent person.
- ◆ Ensure the safety of persons who lawfully enter the premises harbouring the animal.

Proper control of dangerous dogs is exceedingly important for the welfare of the dog and public. Dogs that are deemed dangerous can be seized and even destroyed by an animal control officer according to provincial law.



For more information about the Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw see the District of Ucluelet website at www.ucluelet.ca or call 250-726-7744