

dogs in Penticton

Helping our
four-legged
friends enjoy
life in the
community



NO BONES ABOUT IT – those cute canine companions quickly turn into members of the family. But dogs, owners and neighbours need to live together safely and in harmony.

- Licence your dog and ensure they have identification at all times.
- Be a responsible owner by protecting your dog and others.
- Have fun! Socialize your dog, but make sure this happens in the right areas.



IDENTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT.

All dogs within the City of Penticton must have a licence once they are 4 months or older. Licences help us reunite you and your dog if they wander away, and licence fees also support those handy bags in Penticton parks that help you clean up after your pup.

You can purchase your licence today:

City Hall - 171 Main Street
Dog Shelter - 2330 Dartmouth Drive
Penticton SPCA - 2200 Dartmouth Drive

Don't forget – there are discounts if you spay/neuter your pet! Also, talk to us today if you are a foster parent to dogs waiting for their forever home.



what to do if your dog is lost



The best prevention happens before your dog ever wanders from the yard – ensure they wear a collar at all times with their dog licence and your phone number. Having a microchip implant can also greatly increase your odds of having your dog return home safe and sound.

But if Fido disappears, take these steps:

- Do not panic. Take a deep breath and begin checking off the items below.
- Contact Dog Control and the SPCA (numbers on the back). Give them a description and recent photo. If you believe your pet was stolen, contact the RCMP at 250-492-4300.
- Search the neighbourhood – bring their favourite toy or treat. When calling their name, try not to sound angry, that might make them afraid to come to you.
- Talk to your neighbours – leave them your phone number so if they spot your dog, they can call you.
- Call your veterinarian. They may have records of the tattoo/microchip.
- Advertise. Put up posters in the area with a name, breed, age, description, special markings, picture, neighbourhood and your contact information.
- Beware of pet recovery scams – if someone asks you to wire you money, or doesn't have details of how your pet is acting, be careful.
- Don't lose hope. Microchip technology has returned animals years after wandering away. Keep searching, trying different routes.



DOG LICENCES

City Hall: 171 Main Street, 250-490-2409

DOG CONTROL & ADOPTION

Penticton Shelter: 2330 Dartmouth Dr., 250-492-3801, dogs@penticton.ca

PARKS MAINTENANCE (including off-leash areas)

City Yards: 616 Okanagan Ave. East, 250-490-2500, parks@penticton.ca

ADOPTION

Penticton SPCA: 2200 Dartmouth Dr., 250-493-0136, penticton@spca.bc.ca



Visit us online for more information:

penticton.ca/dogs

Play time in off-leash parks!

Parks are a popular place to take man's best friend and dogs are welcome on-leash in most of Penticton's parks. Please remember to enjoy our parks and green spaces responsibly; be courteous, keep your dog leashed, muzzle them if necessary, and always make sure you clean up after your dog.



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City of Penticton off-leash areas:

- 1 Three Mile Beach**
802 Three Mile Road
(boating beach only)
- 2 Okanagan Lake Park Dog Beach**
45 Lakeshore Dr. East
- 3 Water Treatment Plant**
1900 Penticton Ave.
- 4 Ellis Creek Park**
100 Industrial Ave. West
- 5 City Yards**
2088 Dartmouth Road
- 6 Skaha Lake**
4851 Lakeside Road



HOLD ON ROVER... Remember, dogs are not allowed on school property, sports fields, cemeteries, beaches (except where designated) or children's playgrounds.

spay or neuter your pets

Responsible dog owners ensure their dogs are spayed or neutered. This helps with dog overpopulation, and this is recognized with reduced dog licensing fees. Spaying and neutering also makes for happier pets – they enjoy better health and owners often notice their pets have improved dispositions.

THE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER BYLAW requires you to have your dog in sight and under your care, custody and control at all times. You could face fines if your dog is found off-leash, the leash is not in your hand or if the leash isn't under your control – that means extension leashes. Keep your dog and others safe with a fixed-length leash not exceeding 6 feet in length.

It's a fact of life – some people do not want your dog approaching them. It is important to keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times. You can be held responsible if your dog harms a person or another animal. Dangerous or aggressive dogs should be kept at home, or muzzled and on-leash if out for a walk. This is to ensure public safety.

And remember, if your dog poops in public, it's up to you to scoop!

Doggy clean-up bag dispensers and waste receptacles are located throughout Penticton's parks and along many walking trails.

