



Canada's Tournament Capital



RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Being a responsible dog owner means keeping your dog happy, healthy, and safe by taking care of their basic dietary, medical, physical, and psychological needs. It also means monitoring your dog's behaviour in public spaces and respecting the City's bylaw so that you and your dog are being good members of your community. The first step to responsible dog ownership is licensing your dog. The City allows up to two dogs over the age of six months to reside on one property. **Dog Responsibility and Control Bylaw No. 34-42** outlines licence fees, deadlines, and much more. Licence fees are due January 1 of each year. A late payment fee is automatically applied to your account after this date.

DOG LICENCE BENEFITS

- Provides a dog identification service, which allows the City to reunite you with your dog if they are lost or stolen.
- Provides statistics on the number of dogs within the city to better assess the need for facilities and programs.
- \$5 per annual licence fee is reserved for future additions and upgrades to dog parks within the city.
- Owners of licensed dogs will save costs on fines and penalty fees.
- Licence revenue helps support animal control and regulatory services associated with pet ownership.
- Dog licences can be purchased online at **[Kamloops.ca/Dogs](https://www.kamloops.ca/Dogs)** or alternatively in person at City Hall or the North Shore Community Policing Office.

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QUICK TIPS ON DOG RESPONSIBILITY

- Use dog-friendly parks and trails—Kamloops has many! Find your nearest trail or park at [Kamloops.ca/Parks](https://www.kamloops.ca/Parks).
- Clean up after your canine friend. Always have an extra plastic bag on hand for when nature calls.
- Ensure your dog is happy when you leave home—your neighbours don't like a barking dog.
- Have peace of mind—secure your yard so your dog can't go on the run.
- Do not bring an unvaccinated dog or a dog younger than four to six months old to a dog park.
- Do not bring a dog that is in heat into parks.
- Consider your dog's behaviour—exercise your dog where they are most comfortable.
- Leave your dog at home on hot days—they cool their bodies differently than we do.
- Familiarize yourself with **Dog Responsibility and Control Bylaw No. 34-42** to know the ins and outs of owning a dog in Kamloops. Find the full bylaw at [Kamloops.ca/Dogs](https://www.kamloops.ca/Dogs).



UPDATE YOUR DOG LICENCE ACCOUNT OR PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT TAG

It's important to ensure that your dog licence account is up to date. If you have moved, re-homed your dog, spayed/neutered your dog, or your animal has passed away, please contact Community Services.

North Shore Community Policing Office, 915 7th Street

City Hall, 7 Victoria Street West

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