

# **Your Responsibility!**

# Enjoy Off-Leash Areas

- Pitt Meadows has off-leash areas in two parks:
  Hoffmann Park (entrance on 122 Ave) and North
  Bonson Park (12100 block of Blakely Road).
- Honour site rules—stay in boundary, keep dogs in view, pick up poop and control bad behaviour.
- Keep dogs leashed when walking to/from a site.

## Dykes and Trails

 Pitt Meadows' trails and dykes are multi-use cyclists, hikers and dog-walkers share them. Dogs off leash are permitted in signed areas along the Pitt River dyke as identified in dotted line below.



## **Lost or Found Dogs**

If you have lost your dog or found a stray dog, please contact Bylaw Services or BC SPCA Maple Ridge.

#### City of Pitt Meadows

Bylaw Services 604-465-2428 Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

#### **BC SPCA Maple Ridge**

10235 Jackson Road, Maple Ridge 604-463-9511 Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Sat and Sun 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed on statutory holidays





# Got Dogs?



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# Responsible Dog Owner Guide

Doing what's right for you and your dog!

# **Responsible Dog Ownership**

The City advocates responsible dog ownership and encourages dog owners to adhere to the following principles :

"A dog tag is your dog's best ticket home"



### Licence and Tag

If your dog goes missing, the information on his dog tag enables us to contact you immediately; however, if your dog is not wearing a tag, they will be taken to the City's dog shelter, Countryside Kennels. Please update your contact information by visiting or calling City Hall at 604-465-5454.

 In Pitt Meadows, dogs six (6) months and older must be licensed.

## Spay and Neuter

This ensures happy, healthy dogs and reduces over-population and unwanted pets. It also curbs your dog's urges to roam and display aggression.

The City of Pitt Meadows offers a discount when licensing a spayed or neutered dog.

## Scoop Poop

Excessive waste is offensive, smelly and may be a health issue.

- Please pick up after your dog on public and private property.
- Please carry a bag to pick up and deposit poop in the garbage.

## Control Barking

Dogs bark when bored, lonely or to alert their owners. Please ensure your dog is a good neighbour.

 Resolve barking by training, socializing, exercising and providing family interaction.

#### **Limit Tethering**

Dogs are social animals who need to be a part of a family. Dogs can become depressed or aggressive when tethered for long periods of time. Limit your dogs tether time to 2 hours within a 24 hour period.



## Stop Dogs "At Large"

Everyone has their own "dog story" and all citizens have a right to enjoy Pitt Meadows without being approached by off-leash dogs.

- Ensure your dog stays within the boundaries of your property.
- Keep your dog on a leash on all public property. Use a lead no longer than 2 metres long.
- Allow dogs to run free in off-leash areas ONLY.



The City of Pitt Meadows Dog Control and Bylaw Services strives to ensure that dogs, their owners and neighbours live together safely and in harmony. This brochure outlines responsibilities associated with owning a dog in the City of Pitt Meadows. Please consult the **Dog Control Bylaw No. 2594** for more details. If you have questions or concerns regarding irresponsible dog owners, please contact Bylaw Services at 604-465-2428.