

Corporate Policy

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Policy

The City of Port Moody recognizes the need for and the benefits to dogs from the ability to run and exercise unfettered. In order to provide this opportunity for dogs and their handlers, the City has developed this policy creating both Dog Runs and Off-Leash Areas.

Definitions

- 1) **Dog Runs** – Are designated fenced areas in which dogs are allowed to be off-leash while under the verbal control of their handlers.
- 2) **Handlers** – Refers to the owner of the dog or a person designated by the owner to handle and supervise the dog.
- 3) **Off-Leash Areas** – Are designated unfenced areas of the City where dogs are allowed to be off-leash while under the verbal control of their handlers.

Procedures

1. Dog Runs

- 1.1. Designated Dog Runs are provided at various locations in the City as detailed on Schedule 'A' which may be amended from time to time.
- 1.2. All Dog Runs are fenced areas with controlled access gates and signage which outlines the regulations for use of the area.
- 1.3. All dogs using these areas are to be under the verbal control of their handlers. Dogs which cannot be verbally controlled are prohibited in the Dog Runs.
- 1.4. All dog handlers are responsible for ensuring that their dogs behave in an appropriate manner. Dogs are not allowed to act in an aggressive manner toward any person or other dog in the Dog Run.
- 1.5. All dog handlers are responsible for clean-up of any dog waste created by their dog. Those who do not are subject to the appropriate penalties as detailed in Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw No. 3044 as amended from time to time.
- 1.6. Dogs defined as "*Aggressive Dogs*" and "*Vicious Dogs*" in the Animal Control Bylaw No. 2677 (as amended from time to time) are prohibited in the Dog Run Area.
- 1.7. Dogs are to be unleashed only after entering the Dog Run and are to be leashed before exiting.

2. Off-Leash Areas

- 2.1. Off-Leash Areas are designated at various locations in the City as detailed on Schedule 'A' which may be amended from time to time.
- 2.2. Off-Leash Areas are unfenced locations, generally in passive park areas. The designated entrances to the areas are marked with signage which states the regulations for the use of the area.

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- 2.3. All dogs using Off-Leash Areas must be under the verbal control of their handlers. Dogs which cannot be verbally controlled must be on a leash in these areas.
- 2.4. All dog handlers are responsible for ensuring that their dogs behave in an appropriate manner. Dogs are not allowed to act in an aggressive manner toward any person or other dog using the Off-Leash Areas.
- 2.5. All dog handlers are responsible for clean-up of any dog waste created by their dog. Those who do not are subject to the appropriate penalties as detailed in Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw No. 3044 as amended from time to time.
- 2.6. Dogs defined as “*Aggressive Dogs*” and “*Vicious Dogs*” in the Animal Control Bylaw No. 2677 (as amended from time to time) are prohibited in the Off-Leash Areas.
- 2.7. Dogs are to be unleashed only after entering the designated area and before leaving the designated area.
- 2.8. All dog handlers are responsible for ensuring that their dogs do not chase or disturb any wildlife in the Off-Leash Areas.

3. Operational Control

- 3.1. The Dog Runs and the Off-Leash Areas are maintained and operated by the Parks Division.

4. Enforcement

- 4.1. Enforcement of the Dog Runs and Off-Leash Areas is provided by the Manager of Building, Bylaw, and Licensing Division and by the designated staff as authorized, under Municipal Ticketing Information Authorization Bylaw No. 3044 as amended from time to time.

Monitoring/Authority

The Parks Division monitors the effectiveness and success of the areas and provides recommendations on the creation or elimination of designated areas.

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Schedule A - Designated Dog Runs and Off-Leash Areas

