

# Public Service Announcement

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## **PORT COQUITLAM DOG OWNERS URGED TO LEASH UP**

The City of Port Coquitlam is urging residents to leash up their dogs following increased complaints about off-leash dogs in local parks.

The City's Animal Control Bylaw prohibits dogs from being off-leash in any public spaces other than designated off-leash areas. The only designated off-leash area in Port Coquitlam is the Shaughnessy Park Dog Off-Leash Area, located in the 3300-block of Shaughnessy Street. The one-acre site opened in February and includes a forested trail circuit, a fenced area for small dogs, seating, signage and parking.

Although the City may in the future consider opening additional off-leash areas, at the moment, dog owners who allow their dogs to run off-leash in other parks and on trails are subject to a \$100 ticket under the Animal Control Bylaw.

In response to reports of increased off-leash activity in several Port Coquitlam parks, the City has stepped up its patrols on the south side of the community to ensure dog owners are complying with the bylaw.



The City has also created an online resource for dog owners at [www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogs](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogs). The site includes information such as:

- Animal control in Port Coquitlam
- Animal Control Bylaw
- Buying or renewing a dog licence
- Canine etiquette
- Reporting an animal control issue (e.g. off-leash dogs, dog bites and barking dogs)
- Shaughnessy Park Dog Off-Leash Area (this page can also be accessed directly from [www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogpark](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogpark) )

Port Coquitlam parks feature signage prohibiting off-leash dogs, dispensers of biodegradable bags for dog waste, and garbage receptacles.

For more information about dogs and animal control in Port Coquitlam, visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogs](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/dogs) or contact the Bylaw Services Office at [bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca](mailto:bylawservices@portcoquitlam.ca) or 604-927-5440.

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