



## “Why should I licence my dog? It never leaves my yard.”

Dog owners like to believe that their dogs will never go missing. But, chances are that your dog will wander off at some point in its life. A CRD dog licence:

- **Reunites Lost Dogs with Their Families.** Each year, hundreds of dogs are lost within the CRD. A licence tag dramatically increases the chance that a lost dog will be reunited with its owner. A dog tag makes it easier for Animal Control or concerned residents to track down the owner of a lost dog.
- **Is Cost Effective.** In addition to a \$35 impounding fee, dog owners are charged a \$15 boarding fee for each day their dog stays at the pound. If your dog is picked up by Animal Control wearing a licence tag, Animal Control staff will contact you immediately. To prevent boarding fees from adding up, you should retrieve your dog as soon as possible.

A dog licence helps protect your pet by providing an easy-to-identify dog tag and registration with the CRD Bylaw Services Department. If your dog is lost anywhere in the world, the fastest way to be reunited is by this licence.

Dog licence fees also help fund the CRD Pound which provides food, shelter and finds homes for stray animals in the city.

The first step to responsible dog ownership is licencing your dog. All dogs over the age of four months must be licenced every year with the Capital Regional District. It is a Bylaw Offence to not licence your dog.



## Benefits of a CRD Dog Licence

- A licence allows staff to contact you in case of emergency in order for you to make vital decisions regarding the care of your pet.
- A licence allows your dog to be returned to you without it entering the Pound, should your dog be found by a member of the public.
- A licence means your dog will spend less time in the Pound, reducing the stress it may experience and minimizing the risk of contracting disease.
- Fees are used to support the City's Animal Control Program, providing for, among other things, the care and feeding of lost or stray pets and the placement of homeless animals.

### Additional Benefits

Licensing your dog **Provides a Service to Our Community.** Dog licencing fees are used to offset the expense of providing 24/7 animal services such as:

- protection from dangerous dogs
- warm shelter and care for lost dogs
- investigation of dog attacks
- public awareness and education

As well, licencing **Encourages Population Control.** Reduced licencing fees encourage owners to spay/neuter their dogs.



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Licensing registers your animal and offers protection for you and your pet. If your pet is lost, a licence increases the chance that your animal will be returned to you quickly. Licensing also addresses public health and safety concerns associated with stray animals.

“A dog licence is your pet’s best ticket home”



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