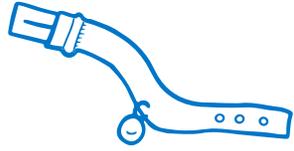


## Animal Control, by the numbers

2023 statistics



1191



LICENCES ISSUED

1131 by City of Fort St. John  
60 by SPCA

213



GENERAL DOG  
AND ANIMAL  
COMPLAINTS

WOOF



115



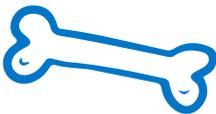
DOGS  
IMPOUNDED

08



LOST/INJURED

includes hit by vehicle  
and deceased



39



DOG  
ATTACKS

117



DOGS AT LARGE



## Reporting a concern

Report an animal-at-large, barking dog, aggressive dog, a dog bite, or a lost dog in Fort St. John:

City of Fort St. John Bylaw Enforcement

250 787 8150 or dial 3-1-1

[bylaw@fortstjohn.ca](mailto:bylaw@fortstjohn.ca)

Report a Problem (City app or website)

Report an incident of animal cruelty or an issue involving any other domestic animal in the city or regional district:

North Peace S.P.C.A.

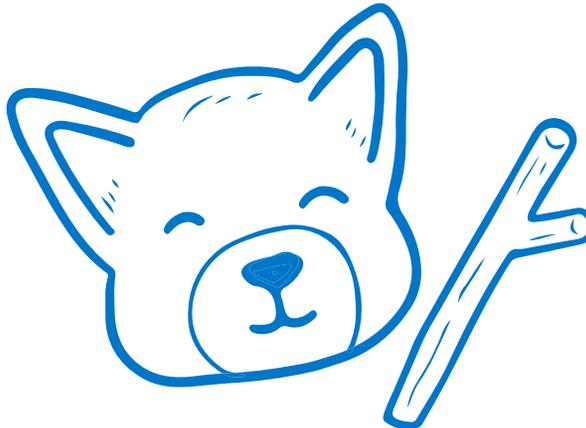
9311 81 Avenue, Fort St. John, B.C.

250 785 7722

Report wildlife poaching:

B.C.R.A.P.P. (B.C. Report a Poacher or Polluter)

1 877 952 7277



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## Dogs in Fort St. John



Rules for dogs and their owners

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**FORT ST. JOHN**

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# Be a good dog owner in Fort St. John

The Fort St. John Animal Control Bylaw No. 2556, 2021 outlines the rules, regulations and responsibilities for responsible pet ownership.

## Licensing

- All dogs over the age of three months must be licensed
- Dog licenses can be conveniently acquired online via Docupet. To license your dog, please visit [www.fortstjohn.DocuPet.com](http://www.fortstjohn.DocuPet.com). Alternatively, you can also stop by City Hall, where reception will assist you in the Docupet licensing process.

## Leashing and running-at-large

- Dogs must not be allowed to run at large
- Dogs must be leashed when in public (except for designated off-leash areas)
- Dog on any school ground, playground, park or sports field where Dogs are expressly prohibited

## Nuisance dogs

- Keep your dog from being a nuisance (barking, chasing people/bikes/cars/other animals)

## #1 reason to license your dogs

A licence tag helps our Bylaw Department or the local animal shelter connect you with your lost dog! Statistically, dogs that are licensed spend less time in the shelter before returning to their families.

## Pick up after your dog

- Pick up and dispose of dog waste from any public or private property

## Number of dogs

- You are allowed to have a maximum of three (3) dogs per household

## Responsible guardianship

- Do not let your dog bite
- Owners must provide food and water, and a clean, sanitary shelter for their dog
- Ensure your dog does not cause damage to property or other animals

## Aggressive and biting dogs

- *Aggressive Dogs*, defined under Section 49 of the Community Charter as having displayed behaviour such as aggressively pursuing growling, snarling or lunging, or potential to injure a person or animal
- A *Biting Dog* has bitten a person or another animal
- These terms allow bylaw officers to respond appropriately to individual situations

***A dog's behaviour is the responsibility of the owner.***

# Schedule of Fees

## Licence Fees

All Dogs	\$20
Replacement tag	\$5
Aggressive and Biting Dog Tag	\$100

## Bylaw Infractions

Unlicensed dog	\$200
Failure to affix licence	\$200
Keep more than 3 dogs	\$200
Dog at large	\$200
Dog damaging property	\$200
Unleashed dog	\$200
Failure to confine a dog in heat	\$200
Failure to remove feces	\$200
Dog on school ground or playground	\$200
Failure to provide basic care	\$200
Failure to provide shelter	\$200
Unlawful confinement of animal	\$200
Animal tied or tethered	\$200
Keep prohibited animal	\$200

## Aggressive and Biting Dogs

Failure to licence aggressive/biting dog	\$400
Failure to microchip aggressive/biting dog	\$400
Permit aggressive/biting dog to bite	\$400
Failure to confine an aggressive/biting dog	\$400
Failure to leash an aggressive/biting dog	\$400
Failure to muzzle a biting dog	\$400
Failure to confine a biting dog	\$400
Failure to post signage	\$400
Failure to prevent an attack	\$400



The Animal Control Bylaw also outlines regulations around prohibited animals (such as exotic animals), aggressive & biting dogs, standards of basic care, enforcement and seizures.