

DID YOU KNOW?

Sicamous HAS AN ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW



WHY IS THERE AN ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW?

Animal Control Bylaw No. 1013, 2022 provides standards for animal control and protection within the District. The new comprehensive bylaw was adopted in April 2022, replacing *Dog Control Bylaw No. 228, 1997*. This bylaw is meant to promote quality of life, civic responsibility, and positive relationships between neighbours in the municipality.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- All pets must wear an identification tag with the name and contact information of their owner.
- Animals must not be left unattended in vehicles between April 30th and October 1st of each year.
- Owners must ensure their pets do not create a nuisance. Animals may not disturb the peace, quiet, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of individuals in their immediate vicinity.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Does the Animal Control Bylaw regulate cats?

Yes, the new Bylaw regulates the care and control of **all pets**. It is the responsibility of owners to ensure their pets do not create a nuisance for neighbours.

Is there a limit to the number of household pets you may have?

Yes, there is a limit of three (3) dogs per household unless there is a licenced animal-related business located on the premise. This includes retail pet stores, veterinary clinics, animal shelters, kennels, and animal-breeding businesses.

Are dogs allowed to be off leash in public areas within the community?

Dogs must always be on a leash unless they are on their owners' property or within designated off-leash areas within the District, such as the Sicamous Dog Park (1450 Sicamous Solsqua Rd). When in public areas, dogs must be on leash, and they are not allowed to travel beyond the paved pathways.

Are there instances where an animal may be seized by the Bylaw Enforcement Officer?

Yes, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may seize an animal that is at large or is deemed to be a "dangerous dog". The definition of a "dangerous dog" is outlined within the bylaw.

Can animal owners be fined?

Yes, animal owners may be fined for offences outlined within the *Animal Control Bylaw No. 1013, 2022*. See the full list of fines by visiting the Bylaws & Bylaw Enforcement webpage on www.sicamous.ca.

How do I make a bylaw complaint regarding animals?

Complete the complaint form [online](#) or in person at Municipal Hall. If possible, please provide the address of the owner and a picture of the animal. This allows Bylaw Enforcement to confirm the identity of the animal in question.

Where can I find more information about District Bylaws?

Please visit the Bylaws & Bylaw Enforcement webpage on www.sicamous.ca. You may also contact the District Bylaw Enforcement Officer John Moore at 250-836-2477 or bylaw@sicamous.ca.