

BYLAWS, REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION

Responsible dog owners know and comply with all laws and regulations, including all municipal, provincial and federal bylaws, regulations and legislations. This includes laws in effect in cities that might be on a travel or vacation itinerary. Ignorance of or disagreement with any law is no excuse. Failure to abide by all laws can be very costly, e.g. stiff fines, a jail term or both. Certain violations can cost a dog it's life.

For ease of reference, here are links to various municipal bylaws, provincial regulations and federal legislation. Dog owners with breeds such as Staffordshire Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Italian Mastiffs, Presa Canarios, Fila Brasileiros, Argentinian Dogos and dogs resembling these breeds should be particularly alert to breed specific legislation.

All dog owners should review [You, Your Dog and the Law: Protecting Yourself, and Your Dog!](#), an information brochure written and published by Green & Vespry Law Offices. Dog owners requiring legal assistance are welcome to contact Terry Green of Green & Vespry Law Offices, 200-190 O'Connor Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 2R3, Telephone 613.560.6565.

Links are also provided for legislation pertaining to cruelty to animals and blind persons and guide dogs.

Be a responsible dog owner. Know the law!

MUNICIPAL BYLAWS		
City	Link	
	HTML	PDF
Arnprior, Ontario	Bylaw	
Belleville, Ontario		Bylaw
Brampton, Ontario		Bylaw
Brantford, Ontario		Bylaw
Brockville, Ontario		Bylaw
Calgary, Alberta		Bylaw
Edmonton, Alberta		Bylaw
Fredericton, New Brunswick		Bylaw
Gatineau, Quebec	Bylaw	
Guelph, Ontario		Bylaw
Halifax, Nova Scotia		Bylaw
Hawkesbury, Ontario		Bylaw
Kingston, Ontario		Bylaw
Igloolik, Nunavut		Bylaw
Kirkland Lake, Ontario	Bylaw	
Kitchener Waterloo		Bylaw
Lakeshore, Ontario		Bylaw
London, Ontario		Bylaw
Midland, Ontario		Bylaw
Mount Royal (Montreal), Quebec		Bylaw
Niagara Falls, Ontario		Bylaw

North Bay, Ontario		Bylaw
North Grenville, Ontario		Bylaw
Ottawa, Ontario	Bylaw	Bylaw
Pembroke, Ontario		Bylaw
Petrolia, Ontario	Bylaw	
Powassan, Ontario		Bylaw
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island		Bylaw
Coquitlam, British Columbia		Bylaw
Red Deer, Alberta		Bylaw
Regina, Saskatchewan	Bylaw	
Russell Township, Ontario	Bylaw	
Saint John, New Brunswick		Bylaw
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario		Bylaw
Sherbrooke, Quebec (see Règlments municipaux, Chapitre 10)		Bylaw
Smith Falls, Ontario		Bylaw
St. John's, Newfoundland	Bylaw	
St. Laurent (Montreal) Quebec		Bylaw
Sudbury, Ontario		Bylaw
Thunder Bay, Ontario	Bylaw	
Toronto, Ontario		Bylaw
Vaughan, Ontario		Bylaw
Vancouver, British Columbia	Bylaw	
Victoria, British Columbia	Bylaw	
Whitehorse, Yukon		Bylaw
Windsor, Ontario		Bylaw
Winnipeg, Manitoba	Bylaw	
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories		Bylaw

Note: Many municipalities have breed specific legislation and regulations that pertain to a number of different breeds and breed crosses. The Province of Ontario has A province-wide ban on certain breeds, which supersedes Ontario municipal bylaws with breed specific clauses, unless the municipal bylaws are stronger. Dog owners who are contemplating travelling with their dog(s) should check all bylaws in locations on their itinerary before commencing any trip.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS		
Province	Link	
	HTML	PDF
Alberta	Alberta Dangerous Dog Act	
	Animal Protection Act	
	Blind Persons' Rights Act	
British Columbia	Additional Powers and Limits on Powers	
	Prevention to Cruelty to Animals Act	
Manitoba	The Animal Care Act	
New Brunswick	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act	
Newfoundland and Labrador	Animal Protection Act	An Act Respecting the Keeping of Dogs
	Blind Persons' Rights Act	
Northwest Territory		
Nova Scotia	Blind Persons' Rights Act	
	Animal Cruelty Prevention Act	
Nunavut		The Dog Act
Ontario	Animals for Research Act	Animals for Research Act
	Blind Person's Rights Act	Dog Owners' Liability Act
	Dog Owners' Liability Act	
	Ontario Tenant Protection Act	
	Ontario Works Act - Guide Dog Allowance	
	Pit Bull Regulations	Pit Bull Regulations
	Ontario Society for the Prevention to Cruelty of Animals Act	
Prince Edward Island		Dog Act
		Animal Health and Protection Act
Saskatchewan	Dangerous Dogs - Questions & Answers	Animal Health and Protection Act
		The Dangerous Dogs Control (Northern Saskatchewan)
		The Urban Municipality Act, 1984
Quebec	Animal Health Protection Act	
Yukon Territories	Animal Protection Act	

FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS		
Canada	Link	
	HTML	PDF
Access Laws for Guide Dog Users	Access Laws for Guide Dog Users	
Animal Pedigree Act	Animal Pedigree Act	
National Capital Commission Animal Regulations	NCC Animal Regulations	
	NCC Animal Regulations - Background and Summary	
	NCC Offences and Set Fines	
National Parks Domestic Animal Regulations	National Parks Domestic Animal Regulations	

Note: The National Capital Commission Animal Regulations, Offences and Set Fines apply only on National Capital Commission lands that are located in the National Capital Region of Ottawa, Ontario and Gatineau, Quebec.

National Parks Domestic Animal Regulations apply in all National Parks, see [Canada's National Parks](#).

Links for more legislation information

[Alliance for Equality for Blind Canadians](#)

[American Staffordshire Club of Canada](#)

[Canadian Federation of Humane Societies](#)

[Dog Legislation Council of Canada](#)

[Dog Watch](#)

[Good Pooch](#)

[National Association of Guide Dog Users](#)