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SPROAT LAKE, BEAVER CREEK, AND CHERRY CREEK ELECTORAL AREAS

ANIMALS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District





Principles of Responsible Dog Ownership

- Provide your dog with identification
- Spay or neuter your pet
- Provide training, socialization, proper diet and medical care.
- Don't allow your pet to become a threat or nuisance. Have control of your pet at all times.

Dog Owner Responsibilities

No owner of a dog shall allow his or her dog to bite, attack, terrorize or endanger a person or a domestic animal.

Wildlife Act

A person commits an offence if the person causes or allows a dog to hunt or pursue wildlife or game.

There are two bylaws within the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) that impact animals.

1) Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek, and Cherry Creek have Noise Control Bylaws. These bylaws restrict noise in Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek, and Cherry Creek with the following noise being prohibited:

The keeping or harbouring of any animal, or other creature whatsoever, which by its frequent calls, cries or other noise disturbs the quiet, peace, rest or enjoyment of the neighbourhood or the comfort or convenience of individuals.

2) Sproat Lake, Beaver Creek, and Cherry Creek have Dangerous Dog Regulation Bylaws. These bylaws restrict owners of dogs from biting, attacking, terrorizing or endangering a person or a domestic animal. This bylaw also gives the ACRD the ability to declare a dog 'dangerous' if it meets the following definition.

"Dangerous Dog" means a dog that:

- Has killed or seriously injured a person,
- An animal control officer has reasonable grounds to believe is likely to kill or seriously injure a person, or
- Has killed or seriously injured a domestic animal, while in public place or while on private property, other than property owned or occupied by the person responsible for the Dog.

Restrictions are placed on dogs that have been declared dangerous.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does the ACRD Regulate Cats?

- No

Are Dog Licences Required?

- Not in the ACRD.

Does the ACRD have a leash bylaw?

- No. Provincial Parks and Regional Parks may have their own leash requirements.

What if a dog defecated on my property or in a public place?

- The ACRD doesn't have a feces removal bylaw, but as a responsible pet owner it is your responsibility to clean-up after your pet.

Complaints

Dangerous Dog or Noise complaints must be made in writing to the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District c/o Bylaw Officer via mail to the following address:

3008 5th Ave, Port Alberni, BC. V9Y 2E3, or

via email at: mailbox@acrd.bc.ca

Include the following info in your complaint:

- Description of dog(s)
- Address where dog resides
- Dog Owner(s) name
- Date and Time of Incident
- Photos of Injury
- Witness Statement(s)
- Medical Reports (vet or doctor)

