



Regional District of Central Okanagan
Bylaw Enforcement – Dog Control
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DANGEROUS DOGS BYLAW INFORMATION FOR OWNERS

Under the Regional District of Central Okanagan Dog Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 366, the following sections apply to “Dangerous Dog”.

In Section 2 (c) the definition for “*Dangerous Dog*” means any dog that has been the subject of an owner’s conviction of an offence against subsection 17.3 or 17.4 of this bylaw.

- Subsection 17.3: An owner shall control his dog to ensure that the dog shall not kill or without provocation, seriously injure a person.
- Subsection 17.4: An owner shall control his dog to ensure that the dog shall not, without provocation, while in a public place or while on private property, other than property occupied by the person responsible for the dog, kill or seriously injure a companion animal or a domestic animal.
- **Subsection 17.1: The owner of every *dangerous dog* shall, when such dog is outside of its owner’s building premises and not kept within a closed vehicle, keep the dog on a *short leash* controlled and effectively muzzled, or keep the *dangerous dog* within a locked enclosure.**
 - In Section 2 (g), “*Enclosure*” means a structure at least 1.83 meters in height by 1.2 meters wide by 4 meters long, having a concrete or asphalt floor, wire or steel mesh sides (or equivalent construction), designed and built to prevent the entry of young children or the escape of the dog.
 - In Section 2 (bb), “*Short Leash*” means a leash with fixed total length of 2 meters or less.
- Subsection 32.1: For *dangerous dogs* an impoundment fee of \$ 500.00 for the first impoundment, \$ 2,000.00 for the second impoundment, and \$ 3,000.00 for the third and increasing \$ 1,000.00 more for each subsequent impoundment plus applicable license fees and an additional \$50.00 fee if the dog is not currently correctly licensed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT SECTION 707.1 (DANGEROUS DOGS SECTION)

On August 30, 2000 new legislation came into force in British Columbia that will allow quick action to be taken to protect people and animals from dangerous dogs. A dangerous dog under this legislation is one that has killed or seriously injured, or is likely to kill or seriously injure a person or a domestic animal. When an incident concerning a dog occurs, an animal control officer will assess each case on an individual basis. If the officer believes the dog is dangerous and the owner of the dog refuses to give the dog up to the authorities, the officer may obtain a warrant to seize the dog from private property. Once a dog has been seized, it will be impounded pending a provincial court order of destruction.

PART VI Section 49 – RIGHT OF ENTRY Be advised that the Dog Control officer is hereby authorized to enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property within the Regional District of Central Okanagan subject to any of the regulations of this bylaw, in order to ascertain whether such regulations are being obeyed.

Should you require a further explanation regarding this correspondence, please contact the Bylaw Enforcement Dog Control Office, Monday to Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at 860-9322.