



Why should you licence your dog?

Licence Fees

Every dog living within the city limits over the age of 12 months must be licenced by the City of Castlegar. Please visit City Hall to obtain or renew dog licences.

Type of Dog Licence	Fee
Spayed or Neutered	\$25
Not Spayed or Neutered	\$75
Aggressive*	\$100
Vicious*	\$200
Dangerous*	\$500
Kennel	\$55
Transfer current valid licence from another British Columbia local government	\$10
Replacement Licence Tag	\$5
Guide, RCMP or Service Dogs	Exempt

* Please refer to Animal Control and Licencing Bylaw 1342 for definitions

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Dog Licences

Keeping your pet safe

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Licensing your pet is an important part of responsible pet ownership. Your licence fee directly benefits you and your pet, while encouraging an animal friendly community through public education and enforcement.

Licence Benefits

Reuniting Missing Dogs with Their Families

Licence Tags

The most directly beneficial part of getting your dog licenced, is that your dog's tag will give you the best chance of being reunited with your pet in the event they are missing.

Dogs can get lost any number of ways from running from thunder and lightning, natural disasters, fireworks, unintentional door or gate opening or even theft. A dog licence tag will give you the best chance of finding them.

Proof of Ownership

If your dog isn't licenced to your name, your lost dog could end up in a shelter, and you won't have any way to prove that it belongs to you. You may have to try and adopt your dog back, but there still is no guarantee that your dog will be returned.

It is possible the dog could be adopted by another family, or even worse not adopted at all. Sadly in some cases animals are put down when a home cannot be found for them. In the event your dog goes missing, a dog licence and tag are the best tools you can have to ensure your dog is returned.



Funding to Animal Services

An Animal Friendly Community

With these fees local BCSPCA provides shelters that house and care for rescued animals. Fees also pay for pet adoption programs, public education, and for the database that allows pets to be reunited with their owners.

Pet Licensing is the Law

You Could Face Fines or Penalties

Cost of a licence is not an onerous one. A spayed or neutered dog licence is just \$25 a year and it avoids the risk of a hefty fine later on.

The City of Castlegar Bylaw 1342 states all dog owners who reside in Castlegar are required to purchase a licence and register their dog(s) that are over the age of 12 months old.