

Dog Friendly City: Phase 1 Actions



Theme 1: PEOPLE

PEOPLE: Covers the importance of communicating and educating the public on how people and dogs can share parks, trails, streets and open spaces. Under the two topics of expectations and involvement, the Actions include signage, responsible dog ownership expectations, and public feedback opportunities.

EXPECTATIONS

PRIORITY

1	▶ Develop a comprehensive City-wide communication plan for dog-related information.	1
2	▶ Establish clear, consistent, and easy to read signage standards and ensure signage is located at all main access points to parks, sports fields, trails, and leash-optional areas.	1
3	▶ Continue to develop the 'Responsible Dog Ownership' as a guide for people and dogs in the city.	1
4	▶ Provide educational programming and opportunities to the public to improve safety and mitigate conflict.	3

INVOLVEMENT

PRIORITY

5	▶ Continue to engage the public on site specific projects to understand local opportunities and challenges.	2
6	▶ Provide a range of opportunities for the public to provide feedback on dog-related programs, amenities, and facilities.	3
7	▶ Consider developing a dog owner stewardship program for leash-optional areas.	3



Theme 2: MANAGEMENT

MANAGEMENT: covers the City's role in managing the safety of people and dogs in the City. Under the topics of regulations, enforcement, maintenance and mitigation, the Actions cover major items including the bylaw, licensing compliance, 'Education First' approach, waste management, and the impact of dogs on wildlife and the environment.

REGULATIONS

PRIORITY

8	▶ Continue to ensure the bylaw is consistent, enforceable, and relevant.	1
9	▶ Work with the District of North Vancouver to align dog related bylaws to the greatest extent possible.	2
10	▶ Implement strategies to increase dog licensing compliance.	1
11	▶ Develop bylaw and licensing requirements for commercial dog walkers.	2
12	▶ Continue to educate the public on the benefits of licensing for dog safety and how the fees support City services for dogs.	2

ENFORCEMENT

13	▶ Continue to develop and promote the 'Education First' approach in mitigating issues with the public.	1
14	▶ Provide more resources and specialized training for enforcement.	1

MAINTENANCE

15	▶ Continue to expand the red bin and 'Poo Fairy' program.	2
16	▶ Develop maintenance standards for leash-optional areas for the safety of dogs and people.	2

MITIGATION

17	▶ Continue to minimize impacts on wildlife and the environment.	1
18	▶ Continue to increase public knowledge about the impacts of dogs on wildlife and the environment.	1



Theme 3: PLANNING

PLANNING: Covers how the City can best plan to meet the pressures of a growing urban dog population in the City, together with other municipalities and organizations. Under the topics of access and connectivity, the Actions include providing new leash-optional areas, dog amenities on private property and contribute to a North Shore network of dog friendly spaces.

ACCESS

PRIORITY

19	▶ Ensure the increasing dog population is considered in all future planning and policies across all relevant City departments	1
20	▶ Continue to identify new opportunities for leash-optional areas in underserved areas.	1
21	▶ Consider allowing leash-optional uses during designated hours in underutilized open spaces.	1
22	▶ Continue to use pop-up dog parks and temporary installations in key areas until permanent solutions can be provided.	2
23	▶ Encourage private developers to provide dog amenities on private property.	1

CONNECTIVITY

24	▶ Increase connectivity by developing a continuous on-leash network that links to leash-optional areas.	1
25	▶ Consider developing a coordinated dog network with the District of North Vancouver.	3



Theme 4: DESIGN

DESIGN: Covers the elements and features of dog amenities, including leash-optional areas, for the safety of both people and dogs. The Actions cover major items including a leash-optional area typology, amenities and features, accessibility considerations, and dog friendly boulevard typologies.

PRIORITY

26	▶ Provide a range of leash-optional types that work within the City's limited parks and open spaces.	1
27	▶ Design leash-optional areas to follow best practices for the safety of both people and dogs.	1
28	▶ Include universally accessible features where possible given space constraints.	1
29	▶ Design, prototype and evaluate a set of boulevard typologies to find a more dog friendly and maintenance efficient boulevard.	1

