



## Q4 Membership Survey - Questions & Responses - **Animal Control**

### **Q. Where do we find the bylaws for Seabird dogs?**

A. Members can request for a copy of all land laws and the Lands Department will provide a copy to them. Once the members only section is up and running the laws will be posted there.

### **Q. Why have a dog law when there is no enforcement?**

A. Seabird did have an agreement for Animal enforcement measures. The FVRD is not accepting nations, until after COVID, possibly next year. Seabird is on the list to enter into an agreement with FVRD for enforcement.

### **Q. Can there be a fine put in place for repeat offenders after a third complaint about an off-leash/unrestrained dog?**

#### **PART 6. DOG AND CAT CONTROL**

##### **Prohibitions**

- 6.1 Subject to any permissions or exemptions for Dog Daycare or Dog Grooming facilities as set out in Seabird zoning, business license or other laws, no Owner of a Dog shall permit or allow the Dog to howl or bark:
- (a) such that the howling or barking unreasonably disturbs persons in the neighbourhood or vicinity;
  - (b) in an outdoor area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.; or,
  - (c) in an outdoor area for a period of 15 consecutive minutes or more at any time.

- 6.2 No Owner of a Dog or Cat shall permit or allow the Dog or Cat to:
- (a) trespass on private property;
  - (b) be on private land where the Dog or Cat is not contained, either by a fence and gate, a tether, an Enclosure, or other effective containment mechanism, unless the Dog or Cat is under the immediate control of a competent person;
  - (c) be in a Public Place unless the Dog or Cat is kept on a leash or tether not exceeding three meters in length and is under the immediate control of a competent person; or
  - (d) be in a place that is designated as a No Dog or No Cat area or zone by a Seabird law or Council Resolution.

##### **Offences and Penalties**

- 8.11 Every person who violates any provision of this Law, or who allows or permits any act or thing to be done in violation of any provision of this Law, or who neglects to or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this Law, is guilty of an offence against this Law and each day that a violation continues to exist is deemed to be a separate offence against the Law.
- 8.12 Every person who commits an offence against this Law shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).
- 8.13 Despite subsection 8.12, the fines and penalties set out in the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* [RSBC 1996] Chapter 372, apply to any person convicted of cruelty to animals under this Law or that Act.



# Seabird Island

P.O. Box 650 | 2895 Chowat Rd. | Agassiz, BC | V0M 1A2

Phone: 604-796-2177 | Fax: 604-796-3729

[www.seabirdisland.ca](http://www.seabirdisland.ca)

## Q4 Membership Survey - Questions & Responses - **Animal Control**

### **Q. Why isn't the SPCA allowed on Seabird?**

A. The SPCA will come on-reserve to assist with animal welfare issues.

Animal welfare cases can be reported to the BC SPCA Provincial Call Centre: 1-855-622-7722

### **Q. Seabird kennel to house dogs and on third warning the dog gets surrendered to SPCA to find better homes? Pay a fee to get them back or surrender them.**

A. This is a good suggestion for long-term goals. For immediate demands, accessing the FVRD's services would be the best solution but this will not occur until their freeze on new signatories is lifted.

### **Q. Why does housing say to report dog issues to them but then nothing ever gets done?**

A. Housing graciously took this function over for a short period of time to keep the work moving. Their mandate does not include Animal Control and Management.

### **Q. Can the dog laws please be enforced - I am afraid to go for walks - Dogs biting people - We might have a mauled kid on our hands in the future - They go to the bathroom everywhere and chase cars - They get ran over - They are looking for food**

A. Animal welfare cases can be reported to the BC SPCA Provincial Call Centre: 1-855-622-7722.

Aggressive and dangerous dogs can be reported to the Lands Department. Seabird Island's Dog Licensing and Animal Management Law s.6.5, states, "The CAO or their designate has the authority under this Law to designate a Dog as an Aggressive Dog or a Dangerous Dog."

### **Q. Do people pay a damage deposit to own a dog?**

A. Housing rentals could include an extra deposit for animals in band rentals. If there is an issue with damage on units from animals, this would be beneficial, but some may find it to be a hardship. The Housing Department would need to look at this.