



LSLIB Dog Control Policy - Adopted by Chief and Council Motion on April 26/17

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

To ensure that on reserve dog owners take responsibility for the control and care of their dog(s).

2. DEFINITIONS

Cruelty:

Includes muzzling or confining a dog for 24 hours or more, not feeding and watering a dog for 24 hours or more, striking or beating a dog with intent to injure or severely punishing the dog.

Neglect:

Includes depriving a dog of food and water for more than 24 hours, not exercising the animal more than twice a day, the dog showing signs of malnutrition (ribs showing), the dog showing signs of bad health, lack of clean and dry bedding, chains and not being tethered on a tether which is long enough for the dog to be able to keep away from its own and other dogs' feces.

3. COMMUNITY DOG LICENSE

- a) All dogs over the age of three (3) months must be registered through the Band Administration Office and each dog must be registered individually.
- b) Therefore, the Band will issue a license to the license applicant at a cost of \$5.00 per license for dogs that are spayed or neutered, and \$10 per licence for dogs that are not spayed or neutered. This license must be attached to the dog's collar and worn by the dog at all times.
- c) If a dog has already been registered through another organization, the owner must nevertheless obtain an LSLIB dog licence if the dog resides on LSLIB reserve land.
- d) A dog license purchased will be valid for one calendar year from the date of purchase.
- e) A dog license can be purchased from the Band Administration Office.
- f) The person whose name appears on the registration form shall be deemed the owner of the dog and therefore assumes all responsibilities of that dog.

4. WARNINGS

All dogs must be contained by a pen or on a leash if the place of residence is not fenced off. Failure to do so will result in:

- a) A written warning to the licensed dog owner;

- b) After the second warning, the Band will dispose of that dog at a cost to the owner.
- c) For dogs not licensed and creating a community nuisance, they may be immediately disposed of at a cost to the owner, if the owner is known.

5. DOG ATTACKS IN GENERAL

Any dog in a public place or on a private property not belonging to the pet's owner, regardless of whether it is on a leash or not, will be penalized if the dog attacks anyone and proof of that attack can be obtained, be it through reports of dog bites or by more than one witness, i.e. that dog shall be destroyed by the Band at a cost to the owner.

6. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THEIR DOG ON THEIR PRIVATE PROPERTY

- a) Dog owners have the responsibility to ensure that their dog(s) do not attack anyone that comes to visit or anyone else carrying out their business that requires them to be on the owner's private property. The owner must ensure the safety of others at all times.
- b) Any proven reports of a dog attack will result in the dog involved being destroyed at a cost to the owner.
- c) Where a dog is kept as a guard dog, for reasons of protection of the owner's property, the owner must meet the following conditions:
 - i) The owner must have the dog leashed, contain the dog within a pen or have his property securely fenced; and
 - ii) The owner must post warning signs stating that there is a dog on the premises and that the dog is dangerous.

7. CRUELTY TO DOGS

- a) All reports will be investigated. Reasonable indication of cruelty or abuse will result in a written warning.
- b) Any indications of cruelty, abuse or abandonment following the written warning will result in removal of the dog by the Band at a cost to the owner.

8. COMPLAINTS

Persons needing to file a complaint about a dog's behavior or about cruelty of a dog owner toward a dog must submit a written complaint using the LSLIB Dog Complaint Form found on page 3 below. To limit uncertainty about the facts of the complaint it is highly desirable to identify witnesses on this form.

LSLIB Dog Complaint Form

1. Name of complainant (print name): _____

2. Name of dog owner (if known): _____

3. Name(s) of witness(es):

4. Description of dog: _____

5. Date of incident: _____

6. Complainant's description of incident:

7. Dog owner's description of incident:

8. Action taken: _____

9. Administrator's signature: _____ Date: _____

Complainant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Dog owner's signature: _____ Date: _____