

People, Dogs & Parks

Promoting Responsible
Dog Ownership



Pet Licensing

It's a requirement for all cats and dogs to be licensed in the City of Toronto.

To license your pets on-line, please visit:
toronto.ca/animal_services/licensing



For more information about the City of Toronto's People, Dogs & Parks Strategy, Off-leash Policy and Commercial Dog Walker Policy, please visit: toronto.ca/parks/dogs



Call **3-1-1**

Off-Leash vs. On-Leash Areas

The City of Toronto requires all dogs to remain on leashes in all parks, green spaces or waterfront areas except in designated off-leash areas.

- Dogs must remain on leash while walking to, entering or exiting an off-leash area.
- It is the dog owner or walker's responsibility to ensure that dogs are under full supervision and control while using designated off-leash areas.

For a list of Toronto's off-leash areas visit:
toronto.ca/parks/dogs



Dogs excluded from the use of off-leash areas:

1. Female dogs in heat;
2. Any dog that must be muzzled or leashed in accordance with a notice issued under Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 349 Animals or the Dog Owners' Liability Act (DOLA) or an order issued under DOLA;
3. Dogs not licensed in the City of Toronto or the municipality in which the dog resides.

Interaction with Other Dogs

Interaction is an important part of a dog's socialization. It is imperative, however, that owners are aware of their dog's behaviour and remove their dog if aggressive or inappropriate behaviour is detected.



Stoop and Scoop

Help keep your dog healthy and the city cleaner by picking up after your dog. All dog owners in the City of Toronto are required to pick up and remove dog waste from public grounds. Please put your dog's waste in the bin provided or take it home for your green bin.

Commercial Dog Walkers

Dog walkers wishing to walk four to six dogs in the City's parks, green spaces or waterfront areas are required to purchase a Commercial Dog Walker's Permit from one of the Customer Service counters located in civic centres and at Toronto City Hall.

For information on how to obtain a permit, please visit: toronto.ca/parks/dogs

