

Thursday, April 15, 2021  
**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**



**BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**Welland, ON** – City of Welland and the Niagara SPCA & Humane Society is reminding all dog owners to please be responsible by leashing your dog(s) when out in public, including City parks – unless in designated leash-free zones. As dog owners, set a good example by being courteous and abiding by the City of Welland Dog Control and Licensing By-law. This includes leashing, licensing and picking up after your dog. This will also help make your community a cleaner and safer place to walk, cycle and play in. Check your city's bylaw for the maximum leash lengths.

A leash helps keep your dog safe from:

- running away and getting lost
- wandering into traffic
- confrontations with wildlife (e.g., coyotes) and unfriendly dogs
- approaching dead or diseased wildlife
- eating things such as poison, animal feces or drinking from contaminated puddles

A leash also benefits you, your dog and the community by:

- preventing your dog from scaring or jumping on children, biting other people or pets
- preventing lawsuits, fines ranging from \$150 to upwards of \$610, or vet bills from injuries that could occur

In the event of a dog attack, please contact the Niagara SPCA and Humane Society's Animal Service Department at 905-735-1552 extension 3.

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