

December 4, 2025

**2026 Dog Licenses**

Residents in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) who own dogs over six (6) months old must obtain an annual dog license per Animal Control and Licensing Bylaw No. 939 if they live in the following electoral areas:

- Electoral Area E (Nanoose)
- Electoral Area G (Englishman River, San Pareil, French Creek, Little Qualicum, Dashwood)
- Electoral Area H (Bowser, Qualicum Bay, Deep Bay)

Dog licenses are voluntary but not required in electoral areas A, B, C or F.

The benefits of having a current dog license include:

- Quick Reunions: A dog license helps Coastal Animal Control return lost dogs to their owners faster.
- Proof of Ownership: Your license serves as official identification for your pet.
- Avoid Shelter Stays: If your dog's home is known, they may not need to be taken to the shelter, saving you impound fees and stress on your pet.
- Support Community Services: Licensing helps fund animal control and shelter operations, including caring for stray and abandoned dogs, park patrols and investigations.

Dog license fees are as follows:

- For each spayed or neutered dog: \$15
- For each unspayed or unneutered dog: \$25

Dog licenses paid for between December 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026, receive a \$5 discount. Dog licenses may be purchased or renewed at the RDN administration office at 6300 Hammond Bay Road, Nanaimo, at Oceanside Place Arena, 830 West Island Highway, Parksville or at the Salish Sea Market at #110 – 6996 West Island Hwy, Bowser. Residents may also purchase or renew their dog licenses by calling the RDN Finance Department toll-free at 1-877-607-4111.


Further information on dog licenses and animal control is available at [rdn.bc.ca/bylaw-animal-control](https://rdn.bc.ca/bylaw-animal-control).

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**For more information, please contact:**

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