

Domestic Animals

New Rules About Pets



**National Capital Commission
Animal Regulations**

In effect May 2002

The National Capital Commission (NCC) manages federal lands in the region, including Gatineau Park, the Greenbelt, urban parks, the parkways and the recreational pathways. To protect the Capital's important natural resources, and to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, the NCC has developed new regulations for pets on these lands.

Please follow the rules, and help make NCC lands enjoyable for everyone.



Leashed Pets Allowed

You and your leashed pet are welcome at most NCC sites, including urban parks, recreational pathways, parkway corridor lands, some Gatineau Park trails and most Greenbelt trails.

In these areas, your pet must be restrained with a leash or harness held firmly by a person or tied securely to something the animal cannot move. The length of the leash or harness cannot exceed two metres.



Off-Leash Pets Allowed

You can let your pet run free on more than 88 hectares of designated land.

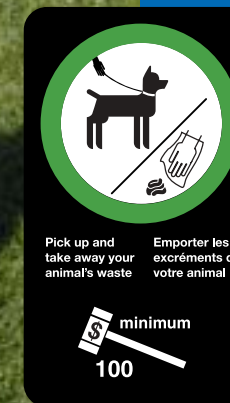
In off-leash areas, you must have your pet under control at all times. A pet that is under control will follow a voice command or hand signal from the person in charge of it.



No Pets Allowed

With the exception of service dogs, pets are not allowed at the following NCC sites:

- environmentally sensitive areas
- some Gatineau Park trails (indicated by signage)
- beaches and surrounding areas
- some Greenbelt trails (indicated by signage)
- the Rideau Canal Skateway
- campgrounds
- food concession areas and outdoor restaurants
- picnic areas
- play structure areas
- cross-country ski trails, and
- areas in which organized events are being held.



Fines

The new *National Capital Commission Animal Regulations* are now in effect. New signs have been installed on NCC lands to inform the public. Fines for disobeying the regulations range from \$100 to \$500. Your cooperation will help ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone who uses NCC lands.

Your Clean-up Responsibilities

You are responsible for picking up after your pet. We ask you not to dispose of your animal's waste in the on-site garbage bins, but to take it away with you. As proper environmental practices recommend animal waste be processed at a sewage treatment plant, we suggest you bring it home and flush it.

Your Pet and Water

To protect public health and the environment, pets are not allowed to:

- drink, get on or get into fountains (ornamental or drinking), or
- get into any permanent body of water next to NCC land (you must keep your pet at least three metres from the shoreline).

Additional Rules

- You are allowed to have up to two domestic animals on NCC land at any one time.
- Do not let your pet damage property.
- Take measures to make sure your pet does not bite, attack, chase or injure any person or animal.
- Do not leave your pet unattended in a vehicle when the weather is very hot or cold.
- Do not ski, in-line skate or ride a bicycle when you are looking after your pet.

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