

Dog Control By-law Summary

Dog Registration:

- If you live in Antigonish, and you own a dog, you need to register it with the Town's Bylaw Enforcement Office.
- This rule doesn't apply if your dog is a service dog, as determined by the Animal Control Officer.
- To register your dog, you must give the Animal Control Officer:
 - The registration fee (check the Municipal User Fees Policy for the amount).
 - Your name, address, phone number.
 - Your dog's name, description (breed, color, age), and any other info the Animal Control Officer needs.
- Once registered, your dog is good for its entire life.
- The Animal Control Officer keeps a record of all registered dogs, issues a tag for each dog, and records important details.

Dog Tag

- Your dog must always wear a collar with the tag provided by the Town during registration.
- If the tag is lost, let the Town know immediately. There might be a fee to replace it.

Dog Control and Pound

- The Animal Control Officer enforces these rules.
- After regular hours, the Officer only responds to emergency calls.
- The Officer collects pound fees, manages the pound, keeps it clean, feeds impounded dogs, and maintains records.
- The Officer can enter private property to catch a loose dog.
- The Council can partner with others for enforcement.

Owners' Responsibilities

As a dog owner, you must:

- Register your dog and keep the tag on.
- Prevent your dog from running loose, disturbing neighbors, being aggressive, damaging property, or not picking up after it.

Impounding

- The Officer can impound a dog for various reasons.

- If your dog is impounded, the Officer will try to contact you.
- You can reclaim your dog by proving ownership, paying fees, and, if not registered, registering it.

Destroying

- The Officer can destroy a dog if it's deemed dangerous, rabid, or if capturing it is difficult.
- Unclaimed dogs after 72 hours may be given to a new owner or euthanized at a vet clinic.