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Changes to Animal Control Services and 2026 Dog Licence Renewals in the District of Summerland

SUMMERLAND –

Animal Control Services

The District of Summerland is making a change to its animal control services starting in 2026, following Council's approval to proceed with a reduced-scope contract with the current animal control provider, resulting in an estimated \$30,000.00 savings to Summerland taxpayers.

The revised contract maintains existing essential services such as daytime call-outs at no charge, 24/7 call outs as requested at a set rate veterinary coverage, and access to trained animal control officers, while removing active patrols that were found to offer limited value. To view the report in which Council considered to come to this change, visit:

<https://summerland.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=2138>.

By continuing with the current animal control provider as a third-party contractor, animal control in Summerland is provided by specialized personnel and reduces liability and cost exposure on behalf of the District associated with in-house service delivery, including veterinary bills, court proceedings, and workplace injury risks. The animal control provider retains full responsibility for animal-related incidents, ensuring professional and specialized response while allowing District staff to focus on other enforcement priorities.

This approach balances fiscal responsibility with community needs and ensures that core animal control services remain in place, while reducing costs and risk to the municipality.

2026 Dog License Renewals

As part of the District's ongoing commitment to responsible pet ownership, 2026 dog licence renewals will be mailed out and are due by January 31, 2026. Payments received after this date will be subject to a \$10 late fee.

All dogs in Summerland must be licensed by the age of six months. Licensing is the most effective way to ensure lost pets are returned to their owners. Unless authorized to operate a kennel, no more than three dogs are permitted per household.

If you did not receive your renewal notice, require a new licence, or no longer require a licence, please contact Municipal Hall at 250-494-6451 or email info@summerland.ca.

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For further information

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