

# Town of Saltcoats

OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

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**Public Notice**

**Dog Attacks**

**September 15, 2023**

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In light of the recent dog attacks in town, we would like to remind pet owners that you are 100% responsible for your pets behaviour and actions. You need to be responsible to ensure your dog(s) remain under your control and supervision.

Please remember to keep your dogs leashed or tied up if they are not in a secure enclosure.

Our dog bylaw has a fine schedule and these fines will be issued for breach of the bylaw. The bylaws can be found on the town website.

Offence Under	Offence	Amount
Section 2(a)	Unlicensed Dog	\$100.00
Section 2(d)	Dog not wearing license	\$25.00
Section 3	Dog at large	\$100.00
Section 5	Permitting a Dog to become a nuisance by barking	\$150.00
Section 12(a)	Defecation – on property other than owner or keeper without removing it	\$100.00
Section 12(b)	Defecation – Allowing animal feces to accumulate on property	\$100.00
Section 4	Fail to keep female dog in heat housed securely	\$200.00

For dangerous dogs, which can be breed specific or any dog that attacks (or as defined in the dangerous dog bylaw), you will be fined according to the dangerous dog bylaw.

- Any owner found guilty of an infraction of this bylaw shall be liable to a penalty of \$350.00 per occurrence, and should a person who harbours a “dangerous dog” not remove the dog by a given date; an additional penalty of \$50.00 per day shall be applied to the original \$350.00 penalty.

Town Council is in the process of making the commitment to retain legal counsel to help enforce these fines. Convictions and unpaid fines will be processed through the provincial court system.

If you or your pet is attacked by another animal, please report the incident to the Town Office with as much detail as possible. In the case of an emergency, contact the RCMP.

***For example, if your dog is loose (at large), attacks and is not registered, you can be looking at a fine of \$550.00.***

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