



INFORMATION ON BILL 132

CHANGES TO DOG OWNERS' LIABILITY ACT ([DOLA](#))

The DOLA covers all dog breeds but has specific regulations for owners of pit bulls.

On August 29th, 2005, changes to the DOLA came into effect. Owners of pit bull-type dogs are required to leash, muzzle and sterilize their dog(s).

The definition of a "pit bull" includes:

- Pit Bull terrier;
- Staffordshire bull terrier;
- American Staffordshire terrier;
- American pit bull terrier; and
- any dog that has the appearance and physical characteristics substantially similar to the dogs listed above.

Following is information provided to assist in understanding the legislation and does not constitute legal advice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2. Does my pit bull have to be muzzled and leashed?

Yes, when a pit bull is off the owner's property, it must be muzzled and leashed (maximum leash length 1.8 metres).



3. What happens if any dog attacks or bites a domestic animal or person?

Contact Animal Control immediately at **1-855-642-8696** or **1-855-898-8605**, whether your dog has bitten or you are calling on behalf of the person or animal that has been bitten. An officer will assist you in understanding your rights and responsibilities as well as legal actions and/or recommendations that may be undertaken against the owner of the dog.

5. Do I have to register my dog?

Yes, all dogs within the municipality must be [licensed](#).

6. Who do I call if I want to complain about a dog?

Contact Animal Control at **1-855-642-8696** or **1-855-898-8605**.

**For further information contact
Customer Service
905-640-1900 or 1-855-642-TOWN (8696)**