



## News Release

### 2017 Dog Licences Available December 1

Sechelt, BC— November 28, 2016— Starting December 1, dog owners can renew or purchase their Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) dog licence for 2017. A dog licence helps protect pets by providing an easy-to-identify dog tag and registration with the SCRD. This is one of the easiest ways for the SCRD to reunite a lost dog with their owner.

In 2016 the SCRD moved to a permanent dog tag which means that after you have purchased your dog licence, the tag and tag number will remain allocated to your dog - removing the need to issue a new one each year and reducing waste. For convenience, dog licences can be renewed online at [www.scrd.ca/myscrd](http://www.scrd.ca/myscrd).

Licences can also be purchased and/or renewed at these locations:

- Gibsons & Area Community Centre
- Sechelt Aquatic Centre
- Sunshine Coast Regional District Administration Office

Dog licence invoices have been mailed to pet owners who bought a licence for 2016. Purchase your licence prior to February 1, 2017 and take advantage of reduced fees. Dog owners 65 and older are also eligible for an additional 25% seniors discount.

Dogs found running at large may be impounded and taken to the Sunshine Coast Branch of the BC SPCA located at 4376 Solar Road, off Field Road in Sechelt, where the dog will be cared for until it is collected by its owner. Impoundment fees start at \$60, and for dogs deemed vicious, the fee starts at \$250.

The SCRD provides dog control services in Halfmoon Bay, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone, the mainland of West Howe Sound (Keats Island is the only island that receives the dog control service), and the Sechelt Indian Government District.

If you have any questions or require more information on licence fees or discounts please contact the Sunshine Coast Regional District at 604-885-6800 or visit [www.scrd.ca/Dog-Control](http://www.scrd.ca/Dog-Control).

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