

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, 2012-OCT-11, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

CHAIR: COMMISSIONER IAN THORPE

1. CALL THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

(Motion required to adopt the agenda.)

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Notes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2012-JUN-14, at 5:05 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. *Pgs.*
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(Motion required to adopt the meeting notes of 2012-JUN-05 as circulated)

5. PRESENTATIONS:

NONE.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) **Request for Ban of Training Collars in Dog Off-Leash Parks.** *Pgs.*
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At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission meeting held on 2012-SEP-19, a delegation appeared before Commission requesting that Commission support the ban of training collars in dog off-leash parks.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission heard from a number of supporters of a ban or bylaw that would make it mandatory to remove training collars in dog off-leash parks. Some of the supporters wished for an outright ban or bylaw in all dog off-leash parks; whereas, others felt that it should be applied to contained dog off-leash parks only.

Commission determined by motion that they would refer the matter to the Parks Committee for review and report back to Commission.

The delegation request from Ms. Judy Rozsas to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission is attached for information.

Delegations: (10 minutes)

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1. Ms. Judy Rozsas, 2229 Northfield Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 3C3,
requesting a ban on training collars in enclosed off-leash dog parks.

(Motion required to receive the Delegation.)

Correspondence:

NONE.

7. **REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES:**

NONE.

8. **STAFF REPORTS:**

NONE.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (not related to a Report to the Parks Committee)

NONE.

10. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

11. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

(Motion required if there is other business.)

12. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NONE.

13. **QUESTION PERIOD:**

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

*(Motion required to adjourn with next meeting to be held, if required, on
Thursday, 2012-NOV-08, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park
Complex Conference Room.)*

**NOTES OF THE REGULAR PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BOWEN PARK COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM,
ON THURSDAY, 2012-JUN-14, COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Commissioner Ian Thorpe, Chair

Members: Commissioner Diana Johnstone
Commissioner Donald Rinald (arrived at 5:09 p.m.)
Commissioner Graham Savage
Commissioner Maureen Young

Staff: Jeff Ritchie R. Tweed, Recording

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS: (None.)

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MEETING NOTES:

- (a) Notes of the Regular Parks Committee Meeting held Thursday, 2012-MAY-10, at 5:04 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room.

It was moved and seconded that the Meeting Notes be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DELEGATIONS:

It was moved and seconded that the Delegations be permitted to address the Parks Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

- (a) Mr. Michael & Mrs. Corinne Besler, Segway Victoria BC presenting their proposal for a pilot project offering Segway PT Tours in Nanaimo's Parks and Trails.

Mrs. Besler advised that the segways are battery powered and can charge in a regular household outlet. When they are out on site, they use a generator in the transport trailer. In the future, they hope to power the units with solar power. The costs charged for using the segways are 10 minutes for \$10, with tour costs at \$49 per hour or \$79 for two hours. Tours would commonly be one to two hours in length. At this time there is no family rate. Tour groups would have a maximum of five riders. Next year they will be outfitted with a communications set to advise riders of points of interest along the tour. In the interim, they will use walkie-talkies between guides. Currently, Segway tours are offered in Kamloops through the company, "Unique Adventures". Segway Victoria, BC is currently in discussions with the City of Victoria with regard to possible approval of segway tours in that City. The transport trailer would be set up as a base in available City of Nanaimo parks parking lots and the training and tours would take place from there – it is difficult to set up off-site training as they would then need to move the units to the tour start and are not legally able to ride on or cross the roads and any exemptions would probably have to be

through the motor vehicle body in British Columbia. The current parks bylaw permits electric bikes and has the flexibility to regulate and permit segways on the trail, including E&N and the parkway trail. Bylaw services cautions that there should be a sign to dismount to cross streets and crosswalks. 44 of the U.S. states permit them by law. Ideally, they would like to set up and use the Bowen Park lower parking lot on Wall Street and tour from there. The truck, trailer and training area would require an area approximately 20' X 20'. Should this venture be approved, the business would have two waivers – liability and code of conduct waiver - with their customers and the City would have a license of use agreement which would require \$5M general liability insurance as well as a city of Nanaimo business license. If riders don't follow the rules, their tour is over. Trail etiquette is used when meeting other users on the trails. Segway tour guides have the group slow down and pull over. Segway Incorporated recommends that the minimum age limit of riders be 16 years of age. Some tours allow riders of 10 years of age and up. No doubling is allowed and no babies can be carried. The tours are always guided therefore always supervised. If people are not accustomed to prolonged standing they do need to take breaks and breaks are built in to the tour. As the company does not currently employ anyone (all are family members) they do not have WCB coverage. Segway Victoria, BC would also like to provide these tours to the cruise ship passengers; however, as no location has been secured they are restricted as to where they can operate. The company is looking to provide a viewing experience along the way – making Bowen Park ideal and they hope, in the future, to have interpreters along the tour – for example where the totem poles have been laid down. The units are manufactured in New Hampshire. The model that is being proposed is equipped with bigger tires and is mean for rougher terrain and trails and can travel over chip, gravel, uneven terrain, and have a 30% gradient tolerance. Four sensor pads react to the weight – which is why there is a minimum weight restriction. They can be pushed without a motor. Each wheel operates independently. Some noise was built into it for safety.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT: (None.)
7. REPORTS OF PROJECT COMMITTEES: (None.)
8. STAFF REPORTS (action):

(a) **Segway Tours within Nanaimo's Parks and Trails Network.**

Staff's Recommendation: That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve piloting segway tours within Nanaimo's Parks and Trails network.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Discussion: Overall, the Committee felt that they are a great idea; however, they seem expensive for the public to rent for tours. The company also sells the units for approximately \$8,000.00. There is a benefit to tourism in getting more people out in the parks. There are a lot of hurdles for them to cross. Bowen Park offers the greatest ease of access with the advantage of the lower parking lot on Wall Street and they do not need to drive on or cross public roadways to tour the Park. Parks, Recreation and Culture charges a user fee to youth groups and non-profits to use facilities – as an example, the hot dog vendor at Long Lake would be charged about \$100/month. Approval could be for a pilot at a comparative nominal rate with success determined and then a monthly amount determined based on the results of the project. The Committee Chair had researched on

line and was disappointed to see, in more than one place, comments that tours had been confirmed in Nanaimo and were being offered at both Bowen Park and Beban Park

A friendly amendment was made to the motion to read,

"That the Parks Committee recommend that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission approve piloting segway tours within Nanaimo's Parks and Trails network, specifically restricted to Bowen Park, with the provision of a current business plan, and written guidelines stipulating rider age limit as 16 or older, for the period 2012-JUL-01 to 2012-DEC-31." The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

9. STAFF REPORTS (information only): (None.)

10. CORRESPONDENCE: (Action) (None.)

CORRESPONDENCE: (Information) (None.)

11. NOTICE OF MOTION:

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None.)

14. QUESTION PERIOD: (No questions.)

15. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:17 p.m. that the meeting adjourn, with the next meeting of the Parks Committee to be held, if required, on Thursday, 2012-JUL-12, commencing at 5:00 p.m., in the Bowen Park Complex Conference Room. The motion carried unanimously.

Jan W. Thorpe

Commissioner Jan Thorpe, Chair
Parks Committee

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Jeffrey W Ritchie

Jeff Ritchie
Senior Manager, Parks & Civic Facilities

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:

R. Harding

R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Culture



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMISSION

REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

ON 2012 - SEPT - 19th
year month day

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NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION: JUDY ROZSAS
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PHONE: 250-729-8186 FAX: _____
NAME OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: _____

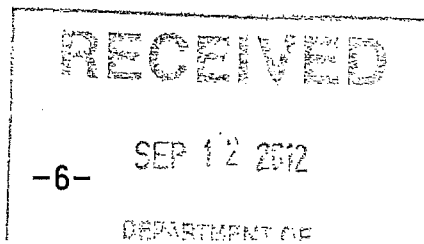
DETAILS OF PRESENTATION

- My introduction + Submission (10 min).
- Speakers - Animal Control - William Mitchell
 - Dog n Suds - Bonnie Russell
 - Miss Behaviour - Kathy Reilly
 - K9 Training & Rehab - Rebecca Preston (Cyndie Courtea)
- * - Possibly SPCA & Nanaimo Kennel Club
- Conclusion (3-5 min)
- approx 45 min for speakers + presentation (26 pages submitted)

PLEASE NOTE

- **Electronic presentations** must be provided on a CD or by e-mail no later than 9:00 a.m. the day of the Meeting.
- Please submit a written copy of your presentation to the Recording Secretary either at, or prior to, the Meeting.
- * • **Multiple speakers** on a single issue or topic shall be given 5 minutes each to make their presentations as per Section 18.6 of the Council Procedure Bylaw. *

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To: Members of the City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation Commission

As an experienced, licensed professional dog trainer in the City of Nanaimo I would like to lend my support to Judy Rozsas' submission.

Training collars are for training. Period.

I have employed a number of different types of collars over the past 15 years of my professional training. I ALWAYS counsel people to use them only during training sessions, to never leave a dog unattended with a training collar on, and to never allow two dogs to play with any type of training collar on. Even if supervised, the dogs teeth can become entangled in the chain of the collar and panic ensues. When dogs are feeling panic, it is very difficult to get them to settle so that a human can intervene and disengage them. Even the most highly trained dog will become deaf to any command when it is in a panicked state.

Dogs will engage in some primal play at times, mouthing one anothers necks in mock "kill" mode, this is when the collars can get tangled in the teeth and jaws.

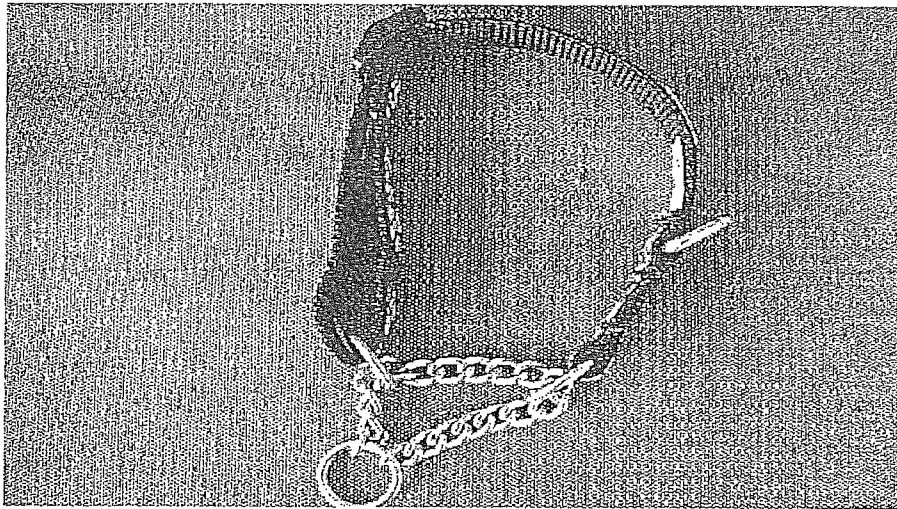
I have seen a dog get his own front foot entangled in a Martingale collar and turn panicky. I have seen a dog get his Martingale collar twisted and caught between the boards on a sundeck. I heard from another trainer, a story of two dogs who became entangled in a choke collar, crashed through a fence in panic and both struck and killed by a passing truck. These useful tools can turn deadly if used in the wrong circumstance. Dogs immediately resist any type of pull on their neck or teeth and do not have the cognition to slacken the hold and release the tension. I would suggest that it would take more than one human being and sometimes more than two to hold two dogs and untangle the collar. The fact that a dog will turn aggressive through fright will also endanger the person coming to save him.

Any of the above situations can easily be prevented by imposing a dog park rule

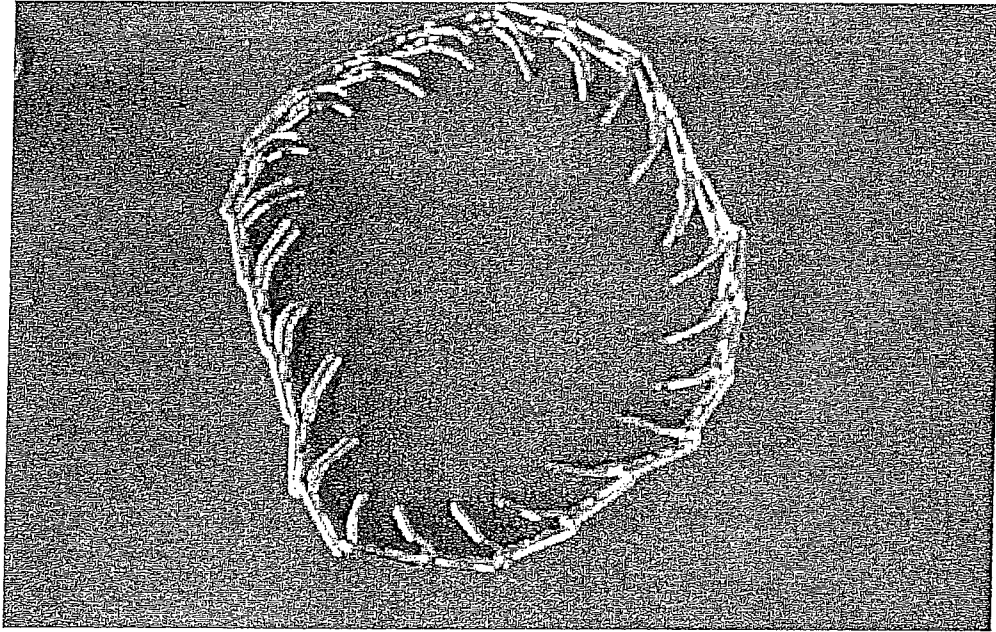
REMOVE ANY TRAINING COLLARS AT THE GATE, including:



FULL CHOKE CHAIN



HALF CHOKE (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS MARTINGALE)



PRONG OR PINCH COLLAR

I have not heard of any non-compliance with the current rules to remove any leashes so I do not foresee there being a problem with getting responsible dog owners to comply with the additional rule to remove the above collars.

Please consider this application seriously and I do hope you decide to impose a by-law to assist the enforcement people in their efforts to ensure that dog parks in the City of Nanaimo are safe for all our canine friends.










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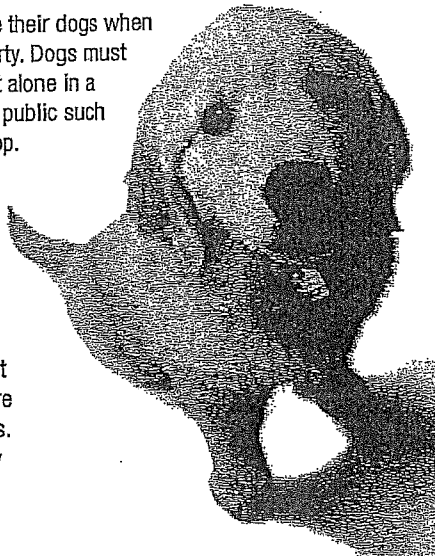
Kathy Reilly

Calgary's Dog and Cat Bylaws

Calgary's bylaws are in place to encourage a community where pets, their owners and neighbours can all live in safety and harmony.

Throughout Calgary

-  Dogs and cats cannot be "at large." Dogs that are out without their owners or not under control are "at large." Cats must be confined to their owner's property or they are considered "at large."
\$100 Penalty
-  Dogs must be on leash at all times unless within a securely fenced yard or in a designated off-leash area. Visible signs are posted in all designated off-leash areas.
\$100 Penalty
-  At three months of age, all dogs and cats must be licensed.
\$250 Penalty
-  A dog must wear its licence when off the owner's property. A properly licensed cat will have a licence and may wear the tag, have a microchip or tattoo.
\$75 Penalty
-  Dogs are prohibited at all times in the following areas: school grounds, playgrounds, sports fields, golf courses, cemeteries and wading or swimming areas.
\$100 Penalty
-  When dogs are taken off their property, their owners must carry a "suitable means" for picking up the pet's feces.
\$250 Penalty
-  Owners must supervise their dogs when tethered on their property. Dogs must not be tethered and left alone in a place accessible to the public such as a store or coffee shop.
\$100 Penalty
-  Dogs and cats must not be a nuisance by barking, howling or scattering garbage.
\$100 Penalty
-  Dogs and cats must not chase, threaten or injure people or other animals.
\$200 - \$1,500 Penalty



In Vehicles

- Leaving dogs and cats in vehicles is prohibited if weather conditions (too hot or cold) jeopardize the animal's safety. Pets must also be provided with suitable ventilation.

\$100 Penalty

- Dogs in the back of pickup trucks must be enclosed in a trailer, in a truck bed covered by a topper, in a secured ventilated kennel, or securely tethered in the back of the truck. They are not to be standing on bare metal.

\$500 Penalty

In Parks

- All parks in Calgary are considered "on leash," unless otherwise indicated with appropriate signage.

\$100 Penalty

- Off-leash does not mean "out of control." Dogs must be under control at all times in designated off-leash areas. This means dogs must remain within the owner's sight and come when called.

\$100 Penalty

- All parking lots are "on leash," even in off-leash areas.

\$100 Penalty

- Dogs are not allowed to enter or swim in any body of water within a park.

\$100 Penalty

- Dogs are not allowed in or on the Glenmore Reservoir.

\$350 Penalty

On Pathways

- Calgary's pathways are "on leash" for dogs, even in off-leash areas.

\$100 Penalty

- Leash length must not exceed two metres.

\$75 Penalty

- Dogs and owners must stay on the right-hand side, unless passing someone travelling in the same direction.

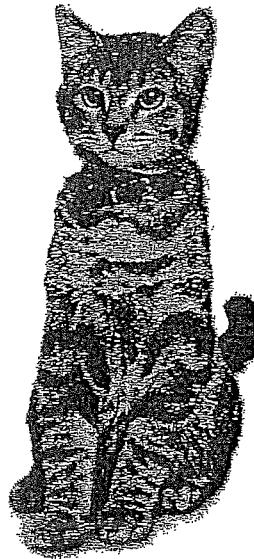
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- Dogs must not interfere with, obstruct, or chase other pathway users.

\$75 Penalty

- No cycling, in-line skating or skateboarding with a leashed dog.

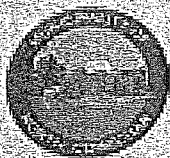
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Contact Information calgary.ca/bylawscalgary.ca/parks



Welcome to the Somenos Creek Dog Park

Please follow this standard of etiquette for this park

- Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to park use.
- Scoop up the poop! Baggie station is available on-site. Please use designated doggie doo trash cans for disposal.
- Dog owners must remain in the fenced area with their dog(s).
- Leash your dog prior to entering and upon leaving the dog park.
- Owners must remove dogs at first signs of aggression.
- For safety reasons, children must be at least 10 years old and supervised by an adult to use the park. Dog handlers must be 5 years of age or older.
- No more than two dogs per person on any one visit.
- Dogs in heat are prohibited from using the park.
- Dogs must display current licenses on their collars.
- Choke, prong, pinch and spike collars must be removed inside park area.
- Dogs that have been cited for being a "dangerous or aggressive dog" are prohibited.
- All significant incidents and injuries must be reported to the Municipal Dog Pound by calling 748-3395.

Be advised that this dog park is unsupervised. The use of the dog park is at your own risk. Dog owners are responsible for, and liable with respect to, the actions of their dogs and any damage or injury to person or property caused by same.

Hours of Operation: 7:30 am to dusk everyday except Wednesday
Wednesday 11:00 am to dusk
Wednesday park closed 8:00 am-11:00 am for Maintenance.

District of North Cowichan 746-3100



CHRIS BUSH/THE NEWS BULLETIN

Judy Rozsas shows off injuries she suffered while trying to free her dog Angel from the choke collar she and another dog became entangled in while playing at the Beban off-leash dog park. Rozsas is now advocating for a ban on the collars after her dog passed out from strangulation in the mishap.

Dog owner choked up over chain

Resident launching campaign to have choke collars banned

BY TOBY GORMAN
THE NEWS BULLETIN

A Nanaimo resident wants to see choke chains, designed to control and train dogs, banned from dog parks after a horrific experience that almost killed her Rottweiler and injured another dog.

Judy Rozsas and her 18-month-old rotti, Angel, were leaving the Beban dog park July 8 when one of Angel's friends, a young great Pyrenees, arrived.

They decided to re-enter the park for a few extra minutes of playtime.

Within a minute, both dogs were panicked, struggling violently with each other and shrieking in pain.

"I usually take the choke chain collar off in the park, but because this was just going to be a couple of minutes of play I second-guessed it," said Rozsas. "Then they got locked up while playing. I heard what sounded like a vicious fight and I turned and could tell they weren't fighting. Instantly I knew it was the chain and I began to yell."

The Pyrenees got its teeth stuck in the chain and struggled to release itself by twisting. With each twist, the chain wrapped tighter and tighter around Angel's throat.

In less than a minute, the Rottweiler's eyes rolled back into its head, unconscious as her playmate dragged her. Rozsas tried to separate them and during the struggle was inadvertently bitten in the hand.

She could end up losing the tip of her finger.

◆ See 'DOG OWNER' /5

Dog owner 'in mission-mode' after incident

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With the Pyrenees pinned to prevent further movement, Rozsas doesn't remember exactly what happened next, but at some point a Good Samaritan entered the fray and separated the dogs.

"I'm calling him my hero," said Rozsas. "I guess he had a chance to untwist Angel, unwrap her from the chain. That gave him some slack in the chain to slide it off the other dog's mouth."

Upon seeing Angel choked out, Rozsas felt certain she was going to have to call her husband to pick up the dog's body.

"I watched my dog dying in front of me and based on other situations like this when choke chains are involved, the dog dying is typical," she said. Both dogs made a full recovery, but Rozsas wants other dog owners who use choke chains to be aware of the danger.

Bonnie Russell, floor supervisor at Dog n'

Suds dog daycare in Nanaimo, said she is aware of several instances where choke chains inadvertently killed dogs. Dog n' Suds has a no-choke chain policy for its customers.

"Choke chains can be quite dangerous even if the dog is by itself," said Russell. "It can easily get hung up on something and choke itself to death and I've heard of several different incidents of this happening."

Choke chains are designed as a training tool to get dogs to respond to commands. Unsupervised, the loops in the chain as well as the larger rings at the ends pose a danger.

Russell added there are safer, more effective devices on the market to train dogs, but if choke chains are used, they should not be left on a dog unsupervised and should be used with caution.

"I think a bylaw would be awesome, or at least some kind of

education campaign," she said.

Joan Havers, who uses a flat collar on her dog Jackson, had a similar experience at Beban dog park. Jackson was playing with a friend who got twisted up in his collar, causing the Lab-shepherd to asphyxiate.

"His eyes rolled back in his head, it was terrifying," said Havers, adding Jackson also recovered from his ordeal. "Fortunately

it was a quick-release collar and we got them like this should be out there. I'm told this is rare, but is it rare only because they aren't reported and these incidents are happening more often? Who knows?"

Jeff Ritchie, Nanaimo's senior manager for parks, said Angel's experience is the first he is aware of at a designated dog park in the city, and

that implementing a bylaw banning choke chains would be difficult, but not out of the question.

"At this point we're not considering any restrictions at our dog parks and the reason for that is we just don't have that kind of control," said Ritchie. "I'm not sure how we would even enforce it. If it's as dangerous as it appears to be, I would think a governing body or dog association, whatever

that might be, would be the source for banning these collars, if it is in fact a problem."

If choke chains were banned in municipal dog parks, people would still be free to use them everywhere else, he said, adding he will investigate further.

Rozsas said she will work toward a ban on choke chain collars in Nanaimo dog parks and wants to launch a public-awareness campaign to alert dog owners

of the dangers.

"I'm in mission-mode to make sure that I do what I can to get the [dogs'] voices heard. They can't tell us they don't want to wear these things so I'm going to be their voice," she said. "If Angel could tell her friends to not let her owners put these chains on them she would, so I'm going to be her voice and I'm not going to shut up until I get it done."

reporter@nanamobulletin.com

Lack of proper dog etiquette riles responsible pet owners

STAFF REPORTER

Dog-owner etiquette is a rising concern for residents and city staff members, as off-leash dog park use enters its summer peak period.

Two recent incidents involving pooches have added to worries that Nanaimo dog owners need to be more responsible with their pets.

The Coastal Animal Service annually records a seasonal increase in the number of dogs and their owners in off-leash areas across Nanaimo in the summer.

A large pit bull killed a small papillon dog at the Invermere dog beach July 7 and the idea to ban choke collars at the Beban Park off-leash area is being encouraged by the Nanaimo branch of the B.C. SPCA after Judy Rozsas' dog Angel nearly died after becoming entangled with another animal.

"You're only supposed to be here with two dogs and many come with multiples," said Nicole Wiet about the Beban Park off-leash area.

Wiet is the daughter-in-law of Jennifer Bokarek, whose dog Simba was killed at the Invermere beach.

In response to the increased demand for off-leash areas, officials have expanded the number of parks in the city.

Nanaimo has 11 off-leash dog areas located around the city, with a new pilot project opening at Northfield information park in the coming months.

"Dog off-leash doesn't mean dog out of control, owners still have to have control over their animals," said city spokesman



Inattentive dog owners at unleashed dog parks irritate responsible pooch owners in Nanaimo. [KRISTA BRYCE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER]

Richard Harding.

With more people going outside during the summer months, the Coastal Animal Services is also reporting a rise in aggressive dog incidents at the off-leash areas.

In June, the centre responded to 13 aggressive dog incidents; they have already seen 16 in July.

Beban Park sees the majority of incidents due to the number of dogs being more concentrated in a smaller space than at places like Colliery Dam.

"You can't just go to the off-leash dog park and let your dog loose then stand and talk and have coffee," said Sue Hughes, office manager for the service.

The service responds to all aggressive dog incidents in Nanaimo and helps dole out punishment as well.

The problem, Hughes says, is that owners see their friendly dog and assume everybody wants to interact with it.

Instead, it can scare other dogs and cause them to lash out.

While children and families are encouraged to bring their pets to dog parks, they can cause problems.

"We have concerns over kids running loose in the parks," said Jeff Ritchie, senior manager of parks.

In an effort to combat inattentive dog owners, the service launched a series of educational seminars at the start of July on what they called "petiquette" or dog-owner etiquette.

They hold the sessions on Thursday afternoons, with no set location, and try to educate owners on how to read their dog's body language to better respond to aggressive situations.

The sessions are just one attempt to turn around the bad habits of irresponsible dog owners.

But, according to the SPCA's Leon Davis, owners should better research the breed of dog they are purchasing and make sure they are getting one that is right for their lifestyle.



Dog parks no place to use training collars

To the Editor,

Re: Dog owner choked up over chain, July 14

Several years ago we lost a beautiful loving Rhodesian Ridgeback in just such an accident in a Parksville dog park.

She was wearing a Martindale training collar which got entangled with another dog.

We are still traumatized about this and agree there should be no collars in the dog park.

Helen and Ron Embree
Nanaimo

R.I.P.

BY TERESA MYRFIELD

In Nanaimo, we have our dogs on a leash and collar when out walking with them.

Some types of collars, like buckle collars or quick release collars, are designed to fit fairly snugly to the dog's neck, other types like choke chains and martingales are designed to fit more loosely and only be tighter when there is tension on the leash.

While dog collars are often essential pieces of dog equipment for safety, all types of collars can harm dogs if precautions are not followed.

Each year, many dogs die from accidents involving their collar getting snagged on a fence, a crate, a kennel, another dog's mouth or paw, or something like a tree or furniture while off-leash.

In such an accident, even if the owner is right nearby, it may not be possible to untangle the dog in time to prevent strangulation.

We at the Nanaimo Kennel Club suggest you follow these safety tips:

- ◆ Remove your dog's collar when it is home alone, in the backyard, in the back of your vehicle, in a crate or in a kennel.

- ◆ Never tie your dog up on a raised deck, balcony, or table nor tie them up in the back of an open vehicle by their collar. If the dog falls over the side, the dog can hang itself.

- ◆ Use collars such as chokes, prongs, martingales only when the dog is on leash. Remove this type of collar when you unclip the leash.

- ◆ Fit a quick release

snap collar or buckle collar so that it snugly fits the dog with only two fingers of space between collar and neck. This helps reduce the chance of either the dog slipping out of the collar and running loose or the dog getting the collar caught on something or someone.

If you are going to take your leash off your dog so that it can play with another dog in a safe, enclosed area like an off-leash dog park or your backyard or inside your house:

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- ◆ Consider taking the collar off until

it is time the leave the off-leash area.

- ◆ Do not ever leave a choke, prong, or martingale collar on your dog. It is very easy for a paw or mouth to get caught in these types of collars and difficult to untangle them on time for the dog to survive.

If you cannot have your dog with no collar in an off-leash situation, use a snugly fitting quick release type collar that you can quickly remove in an emergency or better yet, use a breakaway collar.

Breakaway collars act like a regular collar when the leash is attached (to two D rings) but when a leash is not attached, the breakaway mechanism is allowed to release the collar if there is twisting or specific tension on the collar.

Your dog will love you for following these safety tips.

◆
Teresa Myrfield
is head trainer for obedience with the Nanaimo Kennel Club.

JULY 25, 2012

Hello, my name is Judy Rozsas and I have a Rottweiler named, Angel, who is 19 months old. Some of you may have read about an incident we had at Beban off-leash Dog Park on July 8th 2012 involving a 'choke' chain collar. I nearly lost Angel and my finger when her and her playmate got tangled up in the collar and she was being strangled. This incident is what is motivating me to work towards have this type of collar and other training devices being banned in the play area of **ENCLOSED** off-leash dog parks in Nanaimo BC. I am NOT asking that they be banned neither from being sold nor in ALL off-leash dog parks, just **ENCLOSED** ones which currently there is only one (1), Beban Park. The proposed Northfield Rd site will also be enclosed. My goal is to have a safe environment for the dogs to meet and play and ultimately go home uninjured and ALIVE...

I have drafted up a petition for signatures to be collected to support this ban. If you feel these types of collars should be banned from **enclosed** off-leash dog parks, Please add your name to the opposite page..

Sincerely, Judy & Angel

Judy Rozsas

PS. The reason for the postal code is so your information can remain private and park users can be determined by them..

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DOUGLAS SCHUK	V9S 3CB		IT'S ABOUT TIME!
BARB WREGGITT	V9S-2W2		It's about time!!
Malcolm Thorne	V9S-2W2		
DAVE MURRAY	V9T 1E9		
Jeff M. Puz	V9T 0L6		Sorry this is signed to you.
Keeran Sims	V9T 5X1		
ANDREA LONG	V9X 1X4		
Sharon Paauw	V9T 4V6		
Nicole Z. Zuckerman	V9T 4H8		Good for you!
Jonathan Bugler	V9S 2R5		good idea
Jim Duffy	V9S 0R5		
Christina Meneiro	V9T 0W9		about time!
Sarah Brink	V9X 1P7		!!
Chris Boikav	V9T-1H2		Great idea!!
Kara Bohling	V9S 2W2		AWSOME
Kirsty Macpherson	V9T 2L6		
MIKE MILLINGTON	V9V 1M7		Cool idea
Sean Reilly	T0R3V4		
ENNIS DEZELL	V9R0E2		Needed
RICK SMITH	V9X 1G4		NEXT TO PASS
EDIE CARTWRIGHT	V9T 254		Need to pass a law!
JAMIE COLOB.	V9T 5M6		
Sheila Robinson	V9R0E2		needed.
JOAN HAVERS	V9T 2X4		we need this please!
Sophie Limer	V9T 6B2		needed!
Kim PREVOST	T9V 5Y1		
Stewart Jackson	T9V 5Y1		
Jonathan Chapman	V9S 3V1		
Andrea Gonske	V9R 4E2		Great idea!
Leah Robinson	V9S 3V4		Needed
Sally Farde	V9T 1K7		great idea!
R. McFARLANE	V9V 1H6		
Bill Forde	V9T 1K7		
F. McFARLANE	V9V 1H6		
G. McFARLANE	V0R2H0		

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Tyler Haines	V9R 5P9	Tyler Haines	GOOD IDEA.
Lindsay McLeod	V9R 3T2	Lindsay McLeod	Needed.
Jean Fisher	VICTORIA	Jean Fisher	Needed
JACOB STAV	V4T5V1	Jacob Stav	
Shay Carter	V9T3H6	Shay Carter	"
Cam McGeorge	V9T 3H6	Cam McGeorge	
David Brown	V9G 1B2	David Brown	excellent idea
Jim Cairns	V7V 1A5	Jim Cairns	" "
Michelle Greene	V9T 4G8	Michelle Greene	
BEU CONWAY	V9S 5J8	Beu Conway	GREAT IDEA
Sam Conway	V9S 5J8	Sam Conway	" "
Erwin Gass	V9R 6E8	Erwin Gass	ABOUT TIME.
Mike Vandekamp	V9T 1P3	Mike Vandekamp	Great.
Karrie Parker	V9S-3C3	Karrie Parker	Awesome!!
Tom Dowell	V9T 1A8	Tom Dowell	Agree
KATHY RITCHIE	V9T 3R1	Kathy Ritchie	Great Idea / Cons. help
Bedene Stump	V9T 3R5	Bedene Stump	Needed.
Bruce Tennant	V9S 5S7	Bruce Tennant	" "
Delly Bastik	V9G 1K2	Delly Bastik	Please!!
STAN MARRIOTT	V9X 1A8	Stan Marriott	Please!!
Neil Clark	V9S-5N1	Neil Clark	Great Idea
BARB NELSON	V9T-4A5	Barb Nelson	GREAT IDEA
ARLENE SCHUR	VOR 2G0	Arlene Schur	" "
Don E. Schur	VOR 2G0	Don E. Schur	
Ashley Lajeunesse	V9S 4K5	Ashley Lajeunesse	Thank you for doing this!
Ashley Reid	V9X 1K3	Ashley Reid	
WANDA JONSEN	VOR 2H0	Wanda Jonsen	Great idea
Maria Corona	V9S 2T3	Maria Corona	Good Idea
Paige Whitfield	V9R 6R9	Paige Whitfield	Excellent Idea!
Jim Parker	V9S 1U2	Jim Parker	"
Carla Fransen	V9S 2A1	Carla Fransen	
W. FRANSEN	V9S 2A1	W. Fransen	
M. MARTIN	V9A-3R6	M. Martin	GREAT IDEA.
D. Douglas	V9R 1C6	D. Douglas	Needed
M. BARTON	V4VOA1	M. Barton	"

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Lynn Kropinak	V9V 1W4	L. Kropinak	
Sharon Ahokas	355 VOR 2H0	S. Ahokas	
Nicole Kaurwell	V9R 6W6	Nicole Kaurwell	
Jane Hudson	V9T 1J2	J. Hudson	
Jen Turner	V9S 4X6	Jen Turner	
Julie McQuilley	V9S 2S6	Julie McQuilley	
Nancy Craig	V9S 1P8	Nancy Craig	
Kim Ross	V9T 0A7	Kim Ross	
Marilyn Fisher	V9S 5N9	M. Fisher	
Lindsay Folland	Nanaimo	Lindsay Folland	
Jill Folland	V9R 1W4	Jill Folland	
Melanie Fulla	V9G 1N4	Melanie Fulla	
Sha Mahz	V9R 2J7	Sha Mahz	
Jawanna Taylor	V9R 4L5	Jawanna Taylor	
Joyce Kherges	V9T 1L5	Joyce Kherges	
Dawn Little	V9V 1E6	Dawn Little	
Joanne Blackert	V9T 6G9	J. Blackert	
Mary Ross	V9S 146	M. Ross	
Judy Matheson	V9T 6K3	Judy Matheson	BARNEY
Lawrence Gunn	V9T 257	Lawrence Gunn	
Linda Mackay	V9S 2Y3	Linda Mackay	
Dyan Schultz	V9R 4H8	Dyan M. Schultz	
Heather Bingham	V9S 454	Heather Bingham	
Dale Schelz	V9R 447	Dale Schelz	
Driganna Medeiros	Nanaimo	Driganna Medeiros	
Andrew Griffiths	V9T 1J8	Andrew Griffiths	
CAROL LAMBERT	V9X 1J6	Carol Lambert	
Hannah Akey	V9R 4L3	Hannah Akey	
Jill Cross	V9R 0A9	Jill Cross	
Jawanna Herring	V9S 3N6	Jawanna Herring	
Cheri Henderson	VOR 2H0	Cheri Henderson	
Susan Kropnik	V9S 4Q3	Susan Kropnik	
Peter Hertzberg	V9R 5E8	Peter Hertzberg	
JOANNE GALLOWAY	V9V 1P7	J. Galloway	
ELIZABETH BYERS	V9V 1A2	E.A. Byers	

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KEVIN BOURGEOIS	V9R 2A5	K Bourgeois	
Michelle Watson	V9S 2V4	M. Watson	Keep the good work up.
Wendy Vesper	V9R 6W8	Wendy Vesper	
PAT LOWE	V9S 5P4	Pat Lowe	
LESLIE MORRISON	V9T 4E6	Leslie Morrison	Great Idea!!
Pat Lowe	V9T 3L6	Pat Lowe	
Nicole Hlenstein	V8P 3K6	Nicole Hlenstein	No choke collar at all time. Train the dog properly so you don't need a choke collar.
Sandy Milton	V9R 6V4	Sandy Milton	It's about Time
Ana Serpa	V9T 5G3	Ana Serpa	Great IDEA
V. Hensah	V9R 6T5	V. Hensah	happened to my dog - had to bring vet in to put offending dog to sleep to take chairs apart Ban-bones
D. Wolsey			Very good idea
Baren Monson	V9R 6H4	Baren Monson	good idea
Chene Dorey	V9R-3P9	Chene Dorey	
Shelley Wilkins	V9T 1B4	Shelley Wilkins	good luck!
Micalla Wallace	V9T 1G4	Micalla Wallace	
Ada HANCOCK	V9T 6B9	Ada HANCOCK	
Amy Manly	V9R 6X3	Amy Manly	
Rah Gamble	V9T 3R7	Rah Gamble	
Mary Hunter	V9R 3J4	Mary Hunter	
Nedley	V9T 3P8	Nedley	
B. BARNED BARNED	V9T 1V8	B. BARNED	good luck keep track
Kylee Lemmon	V9T 0A8	Kylee Lemmon	
Sharon Stein	V9T 5A6	Sharon Stein	
Andrew Zoutman	V9S 5J8	Andrew Zoutman	Good idea, I agree 100%.
V. KNIGHT	V9S 1H5	V. KNIGHT	
G. Wade	V9S 2T7	G. Wade	GREAT IDEA

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Larry McWobb	V9R 6H9	<i>Comer on</i>	
Sorena Slave	VOR 2H0	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Lyn Railing	V9T 6J5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Margaret White	V9T 6K1	<i>[Signature]</i>	
JANET MARTIN	V9T 0A4	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Booth Ewire	V9T 5N5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Angela	V9V 1H5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
C. KULIASA	V9T 0C7	<i>[Signature]</i>	
K. Kuliasa	V9T 0C7	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Roberta Sorenk	V9S 1B1	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Cindy Schenk	V9S 1B6	<i>[Signature]</i>	
CHRISTINE WATT	VOR 2H0	<i>[Signature]</i>	
PATRICIA HEALY	V9N 1G5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
MARGARET TRENN	V9G 2B7	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Sara Craven	V9P 9E9	<i>[Signature]</i>	
BRIAN FORSTEN	V9H 3V3	<i>[Signature]</i>	
TRENNY FULLA	V9T 2H2	<i>[Signature]</i>	
CAROL WHITE	V9T 2H2	<i>[Signature]</i>	
KEN McVAY	V9T 2X4	<i>[Signature]</i>	
PAUL BARRMAN	V9R 5T6	<i>[Signature]</i>	
RACHAL KRUSTO	V9V 1N8	<i>[Signature]</i>	
JENNIFER WORTH	" "	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Gieta White	V9T 4L3	<i>[Signature]</i>	
DI SCOTT	V9T 6G5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Dorlee Ingram	V9R 3N5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
LEONARD I'ERZEL	V9R 3L5	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Lon Northbrook	V9N 2P0	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Emma McKelvy	V9N 2P0	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Kathy Blackstaffe	V9X 1E9	<i>[Signature]</i>	
M. RESIDE	VOR 2H0	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Linda Mayo	V9T 3N1	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Darla Neave	V9R 3H2	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Lorraine MacLachlan	V9E 2A4	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Desiree Cull	V9T 1K9	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Angela Phelous	VOR 2H0	<i>[Signature]</i>	



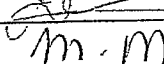
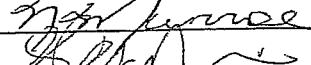
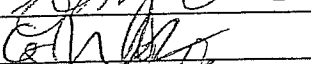
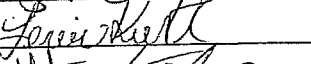
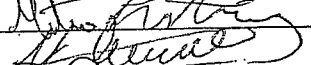
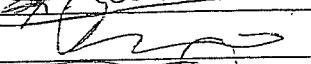

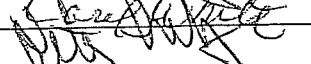
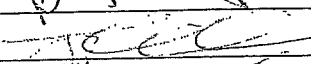
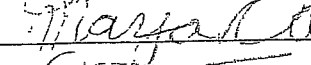
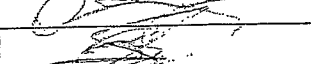
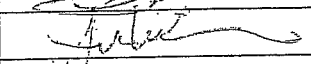
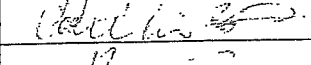
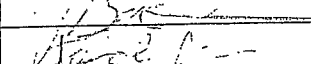
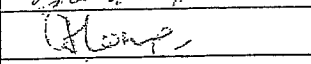
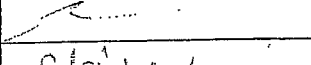
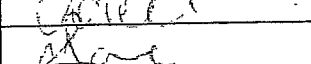
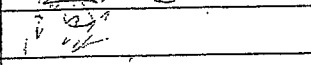
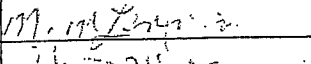
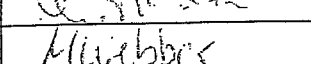
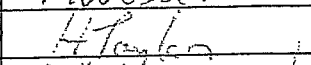
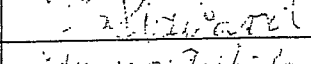
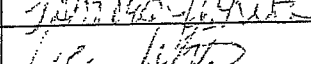
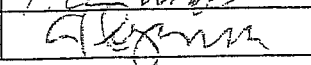



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Algie Cynn	V9-Ruston	Algie Cynn	great idea
Raul Mearns	V9R 2A5	Raul Mearns	
Roberta Hulse	V9R 1C6	Roberta Hulse	agreed
D Kershaw	V9V 1H8	D Kershaw	
Sarah Withers	V9T 6M6	Sarah Withers	great idea
Russell Trickett	V9R 1M7	Russell Trickett	great
Ewen Darcy	V9R 2X9	Ewen Darcy	great idea
Lena Holmes	V9T 1E4	Lena Holmes	good idea!!
Lesley Stuffed	TST SR2	Lesley Stuffed	
STEVE LESAGE	V9L 5R9	STEVE LESAGE	* CLOTH MARTINBALE
Sarah Mearns	V9R 5R1	Sarah Mearns	supported
Jeremy martens	V9R 5R1	Jeremy martens	(+1)
Ana WOLTON	V9W 7X7	Ana WOLTON	
Kim Walton	V9W 2X7	Kim Walton	
WALTER COUTTS	VOR 2H6	WALTER COUTTS	
Colleen Caplick	V9X 1H3	Colleen Caplick	
Gerhard Schreffler	V9R 5K9	Gerhard Schreffler	Great idea
Shea Schreffler	V9R 0B8	Shea Schreffler	Better to be safe
Richelle Johnston	49R 4J9	Richelle Johnston	"
Wade moul	49R 4J9	Wade moul	Good idea
Elaine FIFORD	V9T 5J6	Elaine FIFORD	
Julie unique Hines	V9M 1H6	Julie unique Hines	
Brian FIFORD	V9T 5J6	Brian FIFORD	
Marie FIFORD	V9U 1T9	Marie FIFORD	
Carol Blackford	V9U 1T1	Carol Blackford	
Dawn N. Kierklus	V9T 5X1	Dawn N. Kierklus	dogs w/ choke collar shouldn't be here
LINDA T. NEWBOLD	V9R 5R1	LINDA T. NEWBOLD	
ANNE H. HULSE	V9R 5R1	ANNE H. HULSE	
LANGLAM HULSE	V9N 6A4	LANGLAM HULSE	
A. P. WILKINSON	V9N 6A4	A. P. WILKINSON	
D. J. GIERSEN	V9T 6T2	D. J. GIERSEN	
J. F. LUND	V9S 3X4	J. F. LUND	
(Deiner)	V9T 2H2	(Deiner)	
S. Duxbury	V9R 2W2	S. Duxbury	
T. J. CULS	V9L 5R5	T. J. CULS	

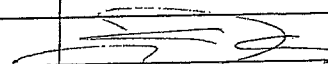
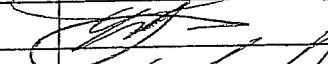
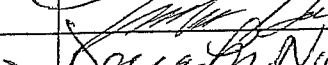
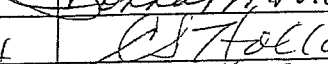

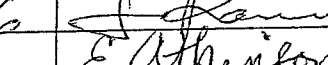
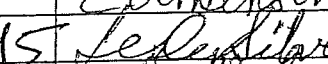
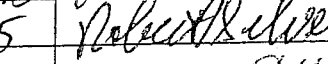
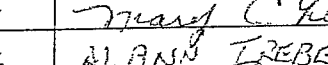
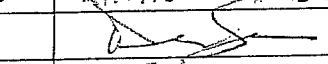
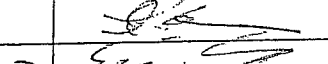



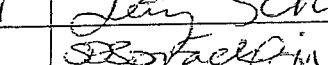
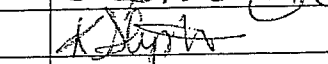
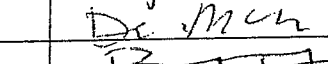
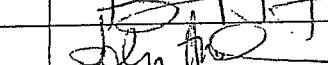
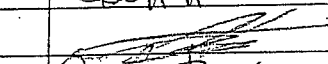

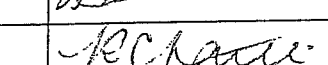
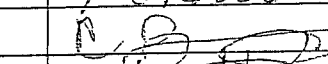
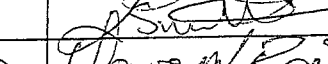
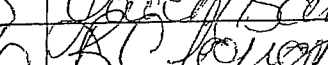
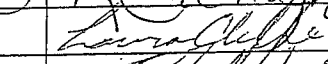
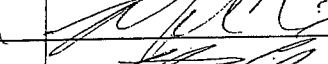
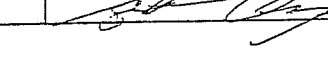



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Doriana Duxbury	V9R 2W2		
Kristel Lomar	V9R 6K2		
Jacob Laleunesse	V9S 4K5		
Melissa Murr	V9S 2S2	M. Murr	
Nikki Monroe	V9R 1G1		
Shayne McKessie	V9B-1E8		
Cory Michalewuk	V9K-1W7		
Jessica Smith	V9W 5W4		
Mateo Fosterling	V9W 5W4		
Katerina Gamith	V9T 3T6		Good Idea!
Heather Ling	V9S 2N2		
Amanda Boroski	V9S 4G8		Good JOB!!
GAROL WHITE	V9T 2H2		!!
PETER CARTER	V9K 1Y8		amazing
BRIAN ALDEN	V9S 1R6		
Maya P.A.N	V9S 1R6		
WILLIAM DAWSON	V9R-6T2		
Bregh STOUTS	V9R-1R6		
Jennifer Carrother	V9D-8C5		Great!
Carlin Botolan	V9T 5M9		
Julie Botolan	V9T 5M9		
Jacob Pez	V9S 3A5		
Carl Thores	V9S 2M4		
Mr. Sam Poon	V9S 2A6		
Cathy Howell	V9S 3M7		
Nikita Lowe	V9S 3M1		
Cliff Binton	V9T 1S7		
Margaret McLean	V9R 4Y3	M. McLean	
Alan McLean	V9R 4Y3		GET IT DONE!!
Megan Webber	V9S 4V9	Mwebber	
Holly Tacke	V9S 4V9		
Bonnie Hawari	V9R 5M1		
Timara White	V9R 4Y4		
Ben White	V9R 4Y4		
Amber Ingram	V9R 4H6		

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S. Dobinsky	V9E 2H1		
LANCE DALY	V9O A6		
Amanda Daly	"		
Dana Nicholls	V9S 4R7		
J. J. Helling	V9T 4S4		
Ilse Helling	V9T 4S4		
LIM RANNEY	V9P 2G6		
Elizabeth Atkinson	V9P 2G6		
Lesley Silverberg	V9T 6M5		
Robert Silverberg	V9T 6M5		
Mary C. Heald	V9T 3T8		
M. J. Trebert	V9T 2S4		
Doug Jones	V9T 4K9		
SYLVIA ANDRE	V9Z 1K9		
ERIE McLENN	V9R 3Z3		
ANITA PRINCE	V9K 1X3		
Richard Harack	V9S 4K5		
LUCY KARAKOVA	V9T 6C2		
JERRY SCHUR	V9T-5A9		
Stephanie Spracklin	V9T 3R6		
Karen Stephens	V9T SW6		
Don McBurn	V9S PPS		
Brenda Higgins	V9G 1B7		
JOHN ANDERSON	V9G 7C2		
Bill MacGowan	V9T 5P9		
Jacque Ratuse	V9R 2G0		
Paul Wright	V9P 7G5		
RUTH CHATEL	V9S 2W3		
Cathy Burns	V9S 2M6		
Lisa Smith	V9X 1B5		
Lauren Batten	V9S 2K6		
Kobby Clough	V9S 2K6		
Laura Cliffe	V9X 1J4		
Joseph Lim	V9T 4S9		
Steve Alexander	V9T 2H2		

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SANDRA RAUSCH	V9T 6P7	Sandra Rausch	
Thomas Warden	V9R 4H1	Thomas Warden	
Chelsea Lamb	V9T 6L7	Chelsea Lamb	
Ryan Smith	V9T 6L7	Ryan Smith	
Tina Hain	V9X 1E7	Tina Hain	
Sarah Terrick	V9T 4N3	Sarah Terrick	
Richard Terrick	V9T 4N3	Richard Terrick	
S M CARTLIER	V9T 6J2	S M Cartlier	
C M CARTLIER	V9T 6J2	C M Cartlier	
T. OLAFSON	V9S 7C3	T. Olafson	
S. Teixeira	V9T 4K5	S. Teixeira	
PAUL	V9S 3M7	Paul	
T. Tomson	V9T 5M2	T. Tomson	
Heather Sheswind	V9T 5X5	Heather Sheswind	
Elizabeth Smith	V9R 2H5	Elizabeth Smith	
Devin	V9T 5N3	Devin	
Travis Frazm	Secret	Travis Frazm	
Berni MacLennan	V9L 5T7	Berni MacLennan	
R. Smith	V9T 1R8	R. Smith	
Robert Shonora	V9T 1R8	Robert Shonora	
Jordan Sheswind	"	Jordan Sheswind	
Heather Sheswind	V9T 5X5	Heather Sheswind	
Steve Toen	VOR 1X2	Steve Toen	
Jacqui Deard	VOR 1X2	Jacqui Deard	
PETE OGD	VOR 2U9	Pete Ogd	
CAROL HARRIS	V9T 5N2	Carol Harris	
RHONDA WILLIAMS	V9S 1R7	Rhonda Williams	
CAROL MADDOCK	V9S 1C8	Carol Maddock	
SUSAN MCCHESE	V9G 1B1	Susan McCheese	
ALAN PRICKINS	V9T 4M8	Alan Prickins	
Amanda Killen	V9G 1R1	Amanda Killen	Get it done
Ryan Vermiere	V9G 1R4	Ryan Vermiere	
Sandi Malcolm	V9T 6P7	Sandi Malcolm	
Jennifer Duns	V9X 1C8	Jennifer Duns	
Sandra McEachern	V9T 3N5	Sandra McEachern	Excellent Idea!

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NANAIMO K9

Training and Rehabilitation



To : Members of the City of Nanaimo Parks and Recreation Commission

As the owner and head trainer of Nanaimo K9 Training and Rehabilitation we understand the importance of correction collars and use them often in our training programs. We are certainly not against them as a correction tool and we are not writing this letter to ban correction tools all together as they save the lives of dogs each day when they are used appropriately. We are writing this letter to bring awareness about the dangers of leaving your dog with a correction collar on when alone, inside crates and inside dog Parks. Correction collars like prong collars, martingale collars, gentle leaders (haltis) and chain collars (choke) have no place left on a dog in a dog park, on a dog inside of a crate or left on a dog without supervision. If the collar becomes caught on something the dog is unable to free themselves because they are designed to synch tighter when pulled. If two dogs become locked together during play or an altercation this could be a very deadly situation. We 100% support the ban of correction collars left on dogs while in the dog park or when unsupervised.

Thank you
Rebecca Preston
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(250) 591-5856
<http://www.nanaimok9.ca>

To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing this letter in support of the ban on "training collars" at enclosed dog off leash parks.

The purpose of an enclosed park is to ensure safety and security so that dogs that wouldn't normally be off leash now have the chance to do so. While I am in support of that, I am not in support of allowing people to come to the dog park with little education on what their dog is wearing around their neck and how that could affect their dog, other dogs and other people.

Sadly, what happened to Judy is not even the worst I have seen. Years ago I witnessed 2 dogs playing at a dog park, one with a regular collar and one wearing a pinch collar. The dogs played like most do, with their mouths and around the neck, shoulders and legs. I watched the dog with the regular collar get his lip stuck in the pinch collar of the other dog, and when he started to yelp, the other dog turned quickly. This caused the pinch collar to tear the skin around the dog's mouth, resulting in a large cut that needed stitches.

That accident was ONE HUNDRED PERCENT avoidable. Not only do I feel as though these collars should never be used on a dog for training, I certainly agree that they should not be allowed at all dog parks, enclosed or not. I stopped taking my dogs to dog parks years ago, and it is not something that I encourage my students to do for the same reason of safety for the dogs.

I believe that the most important thing that should come from this meeting is the education we can give to dog owners. I suggest a large sign be posted on the entrances to the dog park so that owners can see pictures of the collars, the pictures of Judy's injury and some information telling people about this proposal.

We are in this to better the dog's life and encourage owners to take a step. Should this ban be passed, I would likely start heading back to the dog park, as I am sure many others would do too. For the safety of dogs AND people, I hope you consider this proposal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Robyn Andexser
Owner, Best Paw Forward Dog Training
www.bestpaw.ca
250.729.3900



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REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION

ON 2012 - OCT - 11th
year month day

NAME OF PERSON MAKING PRESENTATION: JUDY ROZAS
ADDRESS: 2229 Northfield Rd Nanaimo BC V9S 3C3
PHONE: 250-729-8186 FAX: _____
NAME OF APPLICANT IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: _____

DETAILS OF PRESENTATION:

I would like to submit further information in addition to what was presented to the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission. On my original submission papers I could not stress enough my goal was for ENCLOSED off-leash dog parks. This again was written on the top of each signature page of the petition. While I understand that other speakers gave their input that evening on the topic I wish to re-iterate to you that my reason for applying to

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(see attached page)

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- **Multiple speakers** on a single issue or topic shall be given 5 minutes each to make their presentations as per Section 18.6 of the Council Procedure Bylaw.

COMMISSION SECRETARY
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JUDY ROZSAS - Delegation Request for OCT 11, 2012

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be a delegate on behalf of myself and other
Berkon dog park users, was for a ban on training
collars in off-leash dog parks that are ENCLOSED.

Sincerely

Judy Rozsas