

Paula Kusack

Subject: FW: Formal Request to Enact Bylaw Prohibiting Intact Male Dogs in Off-Leash Parks

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Dear Mayor's Nathan Pachal and Eric Woodward

I am writing to you both and all the others as a responsible dog owner and concerned resident of Langley Municipality to formally request that Council consider amending our local animal control bylaws to prohibit intact (unneutered) male dogs from accessing any designated municipal off-leash dog parks.

Off-leash parks are vital community amenities, intended to be safe and stress-free environments for dogs and their owners to socialize and exercise responsibly. However, intact male dogs can pose significant challenges in these shared spaces:

They may display increased dominance or aggression toward other dogs, resulting in conflicts and potential injuries.

They may attempt to mate with spayed or intact females, which can cause stress for other dogs and owners and lead to unwanted altercations.

The presence of intact males can make off-leash parks unsafe or uncomfortable for owners who comply with spay/neuter best practices.

To promote public safety, responsible pet ownership, and the peaceful enjoyment of our off-leash parks, I respectfully request that Council enact a bylaw clearly prohibiting intact male dogs from entering any municipal off-leash park or designated dog area.

I also recommend that this bylaw be supported by:

Clear signage at all off-leash park entrances indicating that intact male dogs are not permitted.

A meaningful fine of up to \$1,000 for non-compliance to ensure the bylaw is effective and enforceable.

This measure would encourage responsible spaying and neutering practices, reduce the risk of conflict and accidental breeding, and help maintain safe, family-friendly public spaces for all residents.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter and urge Council to consult with local animal control officers, responsible dog owners, and community groups to develop and implement this bylaw as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 22 (1) [REDACTED] or Email:

22 (1) [REDACTED] if I can provide any further information or speak to this proposal at a Council meeting.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the well-being of our community.

SPCA

The mission of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) is protecting vulnerable animals and mobilizing communities so animals and people thrive together.

****“If a dog is peacefully playing and socializing in an off-leash park and is unexpectedly attacked by another dog — especially an intact male — or if a sweet, friendly intact dog is attacked because its owners chose not to have it neutered, should this not be considered preventable harm and a failure of responsible pet ownership?*

*While this may not meet the strict legal definition of ‘animal cruelty,’ it is still needless suffering for the innocent dog and owner, and entirely avoidable if proper bylaws are in place to prevent known risk factors — such as allowing intact males in shared off-leash spaces.”***

Sincerely,

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