

# ABBIE'S GUIDE

A DOG'S LIFE IN WEST VANCOUVER

## CONTACT US

If you have questions related to dogs, or if you have found or lost a dog, please contact the Bylaw & Licensing Department:

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call us: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; 7 days a week

visit us: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday

[westvancouver.ca/dogs](http://westvancouver.ca/dogs)

GIVE A DOG A HOME  
CONSIDER ADOPTION **BCSPCA**

Adopting a dog can change both its life and yours. Visit the West Vancouver branch of the SPCA at 1020 Marine Drive, or online at: [spca.bc.ca/branches/west-vancouver](http://spca.bc.ca/branches/west-vancouver).

## DOG LICENCES



Dogs over six months old need to wear a West Van dog tag. The licence needs to be renewed each January. Buy your dog a tag from the Bylaw & Licensing Department, West Van SPCA, or West Vancouver and Gleneagles Community Centres. Licences that are renewed early, will receive a significant discount. Spayed or neutered dogs will receive an additional discount (*a veterinary report or other proof is required the first time*).



*Most importantly you'll have peace of mind knowing your pup can be found more easily if it goes off exploring on its own!*

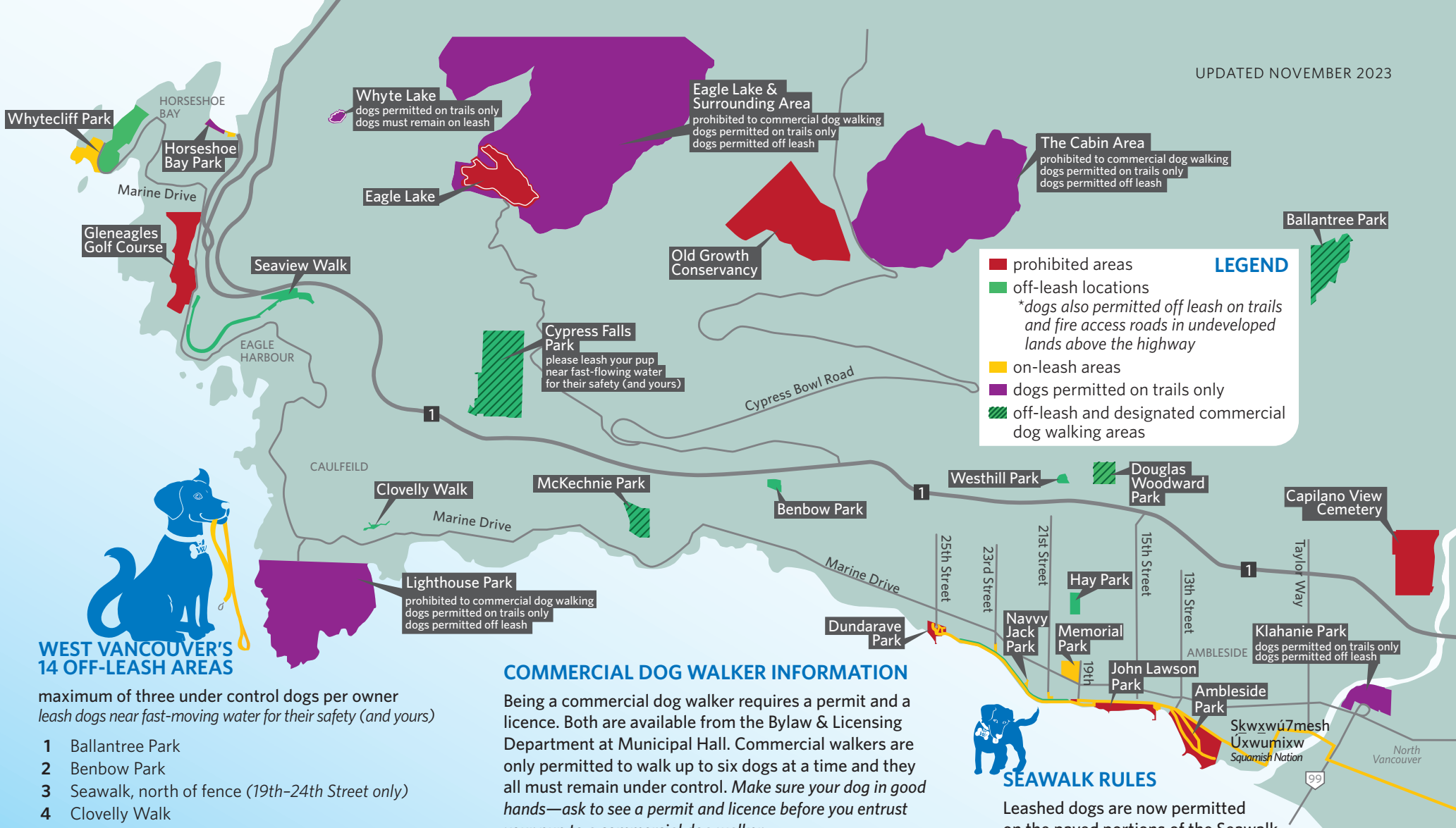
- » If you're new to town and have a licence from any other BC municipality, you can get a West Vancouver licence for \$10 from municipal hall.
- » If you lose your licence tag, you can get a replacement tag at Municipal Hall for \$10.

## INFRACTIONS & MINIMUM FINES

There are bylaws in place so everyone, dog-lover or not, can enjoy our community. When bylaws aren't obeyed there may be a fine. Below are the rules and information you need to know in order to be a good dog owner.

- › failure to remove animal droppings \$150
- › dog not licensed \$150
- › dog without tag \$50
- › animal at large \$150
- › dog in prohibited area \$150
- › dog not under control in off-leash area \$100
- › dangerous animal at large \$500
- › dangerous animal not muzzled \$500
- › aggressive dog harassing/pursuing human \$500
- › animal injuring a person or pet \$500
- › barking dog \$100
- › keeping more than three dogs \$500
- › walking more than three dogs \$100
- › commercial walking of more than six dogs \$200
- › animal left inside vehicle \$150
- › animal untethered outside the passenger compartment of a vehicle \$150

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## WEST VANCOUVER'S 14 OFF-LEASH AREAS

maximum of three under control dogs per owner  
leash dogs near fast-moving water for their safety (and yours)

- 1 Ballantree Park
- 2 Benbow Park
- 3 Seawalk, north of fence (19th–24th Street only)
- 4 Clovelly Walk
- 5 Cypress Falls Park (leash dogs near fast-moving water)
- 6 Douglas Woodward Park
- 7 Hay Park
- 8 Klahanie Park (trails only)
- 9 Lighthouse Park (trails only)
- 10 walking trails and fire access roads in the undeveloped public lands north of the highway (with exceptions, please see map)
- 11 McKechnie Park
- 12 Seaview Walk
- 13 Westhill Park
- 14 Whytecliff Park (east of Marine Drive)



## COMMERCIAL DOG WALKER INFORMATION

Being a commercial dog walker requires a permit and a licence. Both are available from the Bylaw & Licensing Department at Municipal Hall. Commercial walkers are only permitted to walk up to six dogs at a time and they all must remain under control. *Make sure your dog in good hands—ask to see a permit and licence before you entrust your pup to a commercial dog walker.*

Areas for commercial walking include:

- 1 Ballantree Park
- 2 Cypress Falls Park
- 3 Douglas Woodward Park
- 4 Klahanie Park (trails only)
- 5 McKechnie Park
- 6 trails and fire access roads in undeveloped public lands north of the highway, with the exception of the Cabin Area as shown in Schedule C1 of the Bylaw (restricted area includes: West Lake Road, Hollyburn Ridge Cabin Area Fire Access Road, and the Grand National Trail)



## SEAWALK RULES

Leashed dogs are now permitted on the paved portions of the Seawalk from Dundarave through Ambleside Park.

They can frolic off-leash in the fenced dog path between 19th and 24th Street. Off-leash dogs must stay behind the fence. Re-leash your pups at 24th and 19th Streets. Dogs are not permitted on gravel paths, on the grass, in playgrounds, on piers, or on beaches along the Seawalk.

Please pick up after your pet and dispose of their waste in the bins provided.

Visit [westvancouver.ca/leash](http://westvancouver.ca/leash) for more details.