DID YOU KNOW?

DOGS, PARKS, AND SATISFACTION LEVELS IN KITCHENER



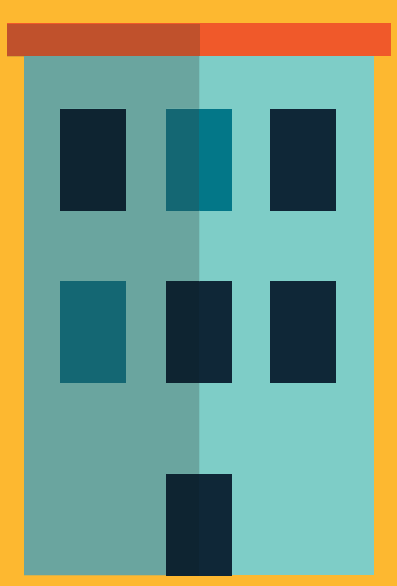


12%

About 12% of dogs in Kitchener are licensed?

41%

On average, 41% of Canadian households own at least 1 dog?



Therefore, about

41,000



households in Kitchener own at least 1 dog!



of respondents currently visit Kitchener parks and trails to walk and/or exercise their dog



of residents would like dog-friendly trails and/or area's for off-leash dogs



of respondents are satisfied with existing City dog park facilities as a user

There are more dogs in Kitchener Households than there are Children!

36,355

Approximate Total of Kids (15 and under) in Kitchener currently

15,000

Assumed Approximate of Kids (5 and under) in Kitchener currently

Existing City facilities comparison:

4

Existing Dog Parks in Kitchener currently

148

Existing Parks with Playgrounds in Kitchener

DO YOU KNOW?

What's Happening in Other Cities



The City of Calgary Off-Leash Ambassador program offers free in-park training on dog recall?

The City of Hamilton doesn't put dog off-leash areas along multi-use trails (e.g. trails used by walkers and runners, cyclists and others).

In Denver, the city posts a green sign at off-leash areas if users are doing a good job of picking up dog waste and a yellow sign if there are problems with dog waste piling up. A red sign shows that the site is closed to off-leash use because there has been an ongoing problem with dog waste.

The City of Calgary offers free training classes for dog owners, and runs educational programs to teach people about the importance of picking up dog waste.

In Calgary, 90 per cent of dogs are licensed and the city funds most dog-related programs with dog license revenues.

Salt Lake County aims for neighbourhood dog off-leash areas to serve residents within 3 km; community dog off-leash areas to serve residents within 8 km; and for regional dog off-leash areas to serve the entire county.





The City of Vancouver has a strategy for sharing parks for People, Parks, and Dogs?

Several municipalities have separate off-leash areas for small, shy or senior dogs to provide a place for these dogs away from larger or higher energy dogs.

The District of North Vancouver is well-known for using funny and creative park signage to educate users about off-leash bylaws and etiquette. Humorous messaging is valued by dog owners and can help encourage people to follow the rules.

Off-leash areas in the City of Burnaby are required to be set back 30 metres from any bank of fresh water bodies, like ponds, streams and lakes.

To reduce potential conflicts between dogs and people, the City of Surrey requires off-leash areas to be located away from sports fields, school grounds, playgrounds, residential areas and environmentally-sensitive areas.

Citizens for Off-Leash Areas is a Seattle-based group that partnered with the city to help manage off-leash areas. Volunteers help with site planning, education initiatives, monitoring, fundraising and site clean-up.