



Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw

What's in a name?

Over the past few years, many of our biggest success stories related to dealing with problematic dog behaviour, have happened when owners take responsibility for the less desirable actions of their dogs and voluntarily make changes to ensure that these negative behaviours are not repeated.

When dog owners act responsibly to ensure that their dogs are not running at large, barking excessively, or involved in threatening behaviours, everyone wins – including the dogs!

We felt it appropriate to have the bylaw name reflect our focus on encouraging voluntary responsible ownership of dogs in the Foothills Area.



More tools in the Toolbox - Public Safety Focus

We have designed the Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw to also provide peace officers the proper authority and tools to effectively respond to complaints from the community about dogs engaging in negative or threatening behaviours.

New tools include seizure authority for dogs involved in biting/attacking incidents. Owners could also be asked to surrender a dog in these situations for the purposes of ensuring public safety or completing behavioural assessments.

The new Bylaw also provides the ability to place conditions on how a dog, involved in negative, nuisance or threatening behaviours must be kept, in order to ensure our community is safe and enjoyable for all.





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Plain Language - Clarity

This new Bylaw has been drafted in a manner that more clearly classifies and defines negative, nuisance and threatening behaviours that are not permitted, so that dog owners, residents, peace officers and the Courts can better understand and apply this legislation.

Negative Behaviours include, but are not limited to:

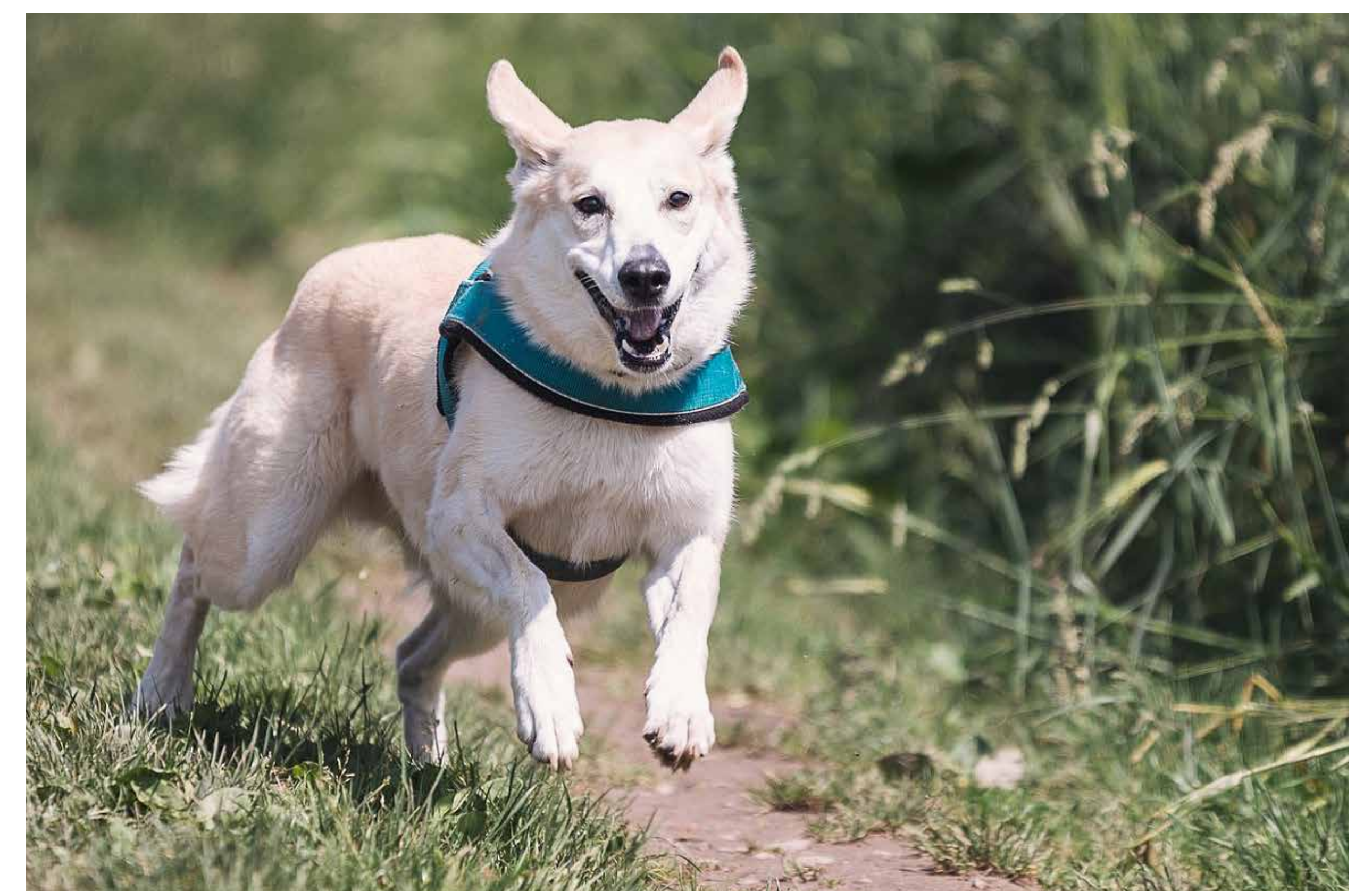
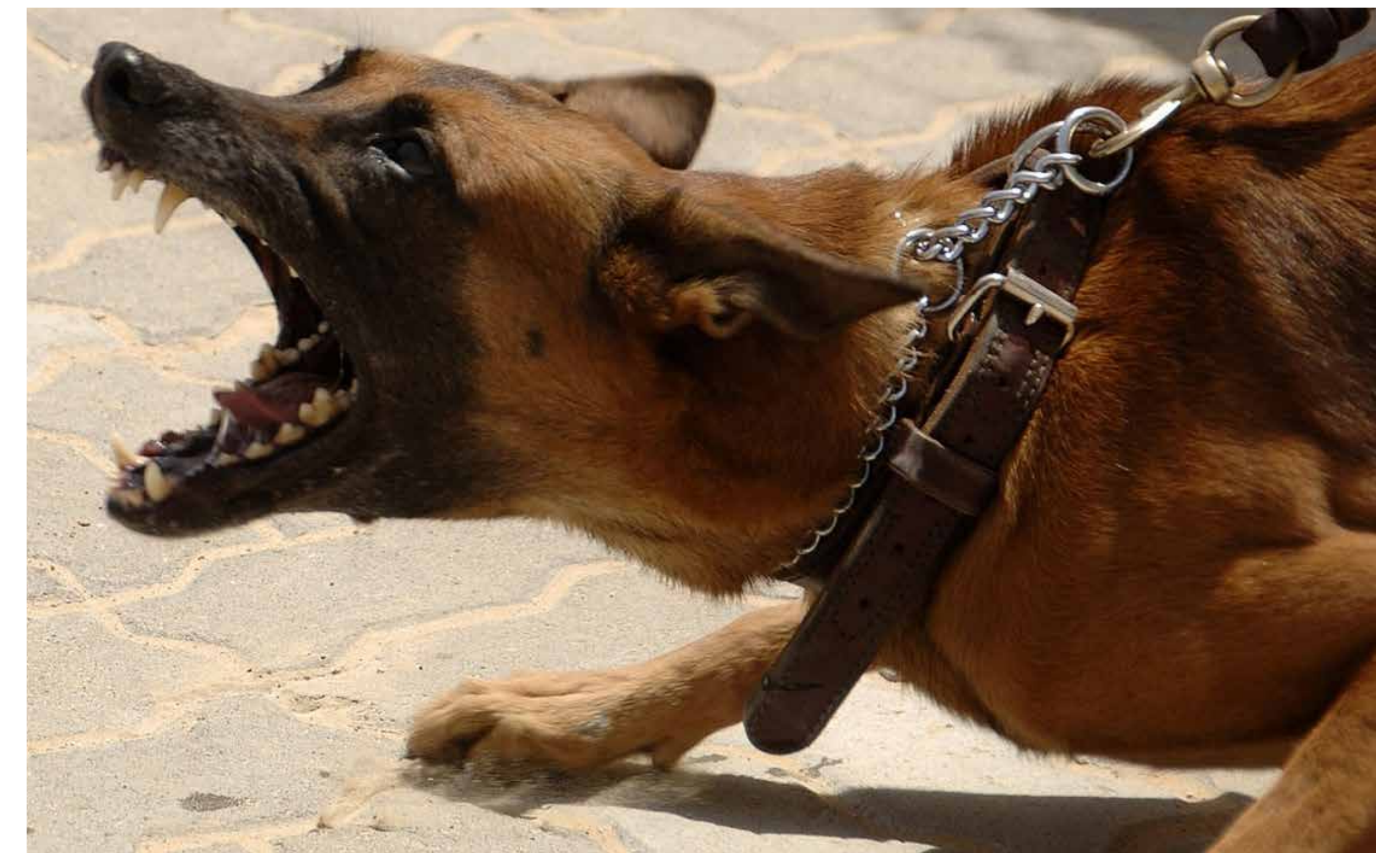
- Dogs running at large,
- Leaving dogs unattended improperly.

Nuisance Behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to remove excrement,
- Excessive barking/noise,
- Scattering garbage.

Threatening Behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- Chasing other animals, wildlife, livestock,
- Threatening a person by growling, lunging, snarling, chasing,
- Biting incidents,
- Attacking incidents,
- Causing death of another animal.



**Picking up after YOUR DOG
IS SIMPLE AND RESPONSIBLE**

