

City of Campbell River

301 St. Ann's Road,
Campbell River, BC V9W 4C7

Att: Mayor and City Council

Strathcona Regional District

301-990 Cedar Street
Campbell River, BC V9W 7Z8

Att: Board & Committees

**Re: Animal Control Bylaw Amendment Request
9/25/19**

I respectfully request for an animal control bylaw amendment go on a council agenda for review.

There is no justification for leaving an animal chained up alone outdoors, vulnerable and at risk: not for a lifetime in favorable weather, not for an hour in the freezing cold. We need to ban unattended dog tethering and give our pets the protection they deserve.

A blanket ban on unattended dog tethering for any length of time and under any and all-weather conditions would arm animal protection agencies with a more straightforward and enforceable way to protect animal welfare. Such a law would mean efforts once spent monitoring lengths of time dogs spent chained up alone could be focused elsewhere.

SPCA Five Freedom Act;

Five Freedoms: A concept first developed in 1965 by The Brambell Committee, formed by the UK government to examine the conditions on commercial farms. Now internationally recognized, the Five Freedoms are considered applicable to all animals.

The BC SPCA's Five Freedoms (adapted from the original list) are:

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst;
2. Freedom from pain, injury and disease;
3. Freedom from distress;
4. Freedom from discomfort;
5. Freedom to express behaviors that promote well-being.

Links to inform and qualify no tethering should be implemented; unchainyourdog.org or dogsdeservebetter.org

Continuously chained dogs are so lonely and frustrated, their only outlet is to bark. Being chained 24/7, a dog does not receive adequate exercise and the lack of mobility is aggravating, so that pent up energy surfaces with barking.

Chained dogs are a public nuisance, notorious for barking, crying, whining. We have endured this from our neighbor's dog Miss Naya. She is a short coat, 3-legged red dog who is left chained and barking in all kinds of weather, rain, snow, heat... to all hours of the day and night, on 3 occasions 3 am. I must work and the sleep disruption and anxiety from her distress is unimaginable.

I have a record of dozens of calls to Coastal Animal Services who are not able to act on her behalf, BCSPCA Animal Cruelty Hotline, Campbell River SPCA due to the current nonexistent by-law.

Would you be so kind and pass this through the system,

Thank You for your consideration, Cynthia Rutledge, 156 Mariwood Road, Campbell River, BC V9H 1K9