

# Dogs in Middlesex Centre

All dogs in Middlesex Centre require a dog tag. They are offered free-of-charge to residents.

Wearing a dog tag helps ensure we can return your pet if it is lost or injured.

## Lost Tag

Dog tags are issued for the lifetime of your dog. If your dog loses its dog tag, please complete the replacement dog tag form found on the website or call the office. Currently replacement tags are \$10 each, plus applicable mailing fees.

## Changes – Moving or Death of a Pet

Should you move within Middlesex Centre, please email the office so that we may update your dog's address and contact information. Should your dog pass away, please email the office so that we may update our records.

## Dog “Rules” in Middlesex Centre

The Animal Control By-law lays out rules related to keeping dogs in Middlesex Centre. The following are just a few of the common questions about the by-law. Note this list does not in any way replace the full content of the by-law.

**Can I let my dog “off leash”? No. Dogs are not allowed to run-at-large.** This means they need to be on-leash when off your property. The only exception is at designated dog-off-leash-areas (Paws in Parks – see over).

**How many dogs can I have?** Each dwelling unit is allowed to have no more than three (3) dogs.

**What about dog kennels?** There are quite a number of rules related to keeping a dog kennel. Please visit the website if you are interested in operating a kennel.

**What about pit bulls?** Pit bulls are considered vicious dogs, and special rules apply. Please visit the website if you have questions.

**Can I have an exotic pet?** No. Please see the full Animal Control By-law for details.

*Failing to obey the Animal Control By-law may result in fines or penalties.*

## Lost or Stray Dogs and Cats

Middlesex Centre has partnered with Hillside Kennels Animal Control to provide animal care and control services.

Middlesex Centre's animal control by-law prohibits cats and dogs from running at large. It also allows for cats and dogs to be impounded if they are found to be running at large.

Contact Hillside Kennels Animal Control if you encounter a cat or dog running at large or wish to inquire about a lost pet.

Hillside Kennels Animal Control  
786007 Township Rd 6, Innerkip, ON, N0J 1M0  
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# Paws in Parks

Dogs are not allowed to run-at-large anywhere in Middlesex Centre. This means they must be on a leash when off your property, out for a walk or visiting a park.

"Paws in Parks" is designed to provide off-leash access within specific municipal parks to accommodate the needs of dog owners to exercise their pets where they won't be subject to the municipal animal control by-law.

**Dogs can legally run off-leash only in park areas identified through the Paws in Parks program.**

To keep our parks clean and safe for children, dogs must always stay outside of playground and sport field boundaries.

## Which parks and trails offer dog-off-leash-areas?

Paws in Parks operates in Douglas B. Weldon Park in Arva and along the Ilderton Rail Trail. Clearly placed signs within each park will direct you to the off-leash area. If a green off-leash sign is not posted, you must have your dog on a leash at all times.

## Rules for Paws in Parks:

- Make sure your dog is wearing a current dog tag on their collar.
- **Stoop and Scoop!** Pick up after your dog and properly dispose of the waste.
- Keep your dog outside of playground and sport field boundaries.
- Do not allow your dog to dig holes in a municipal park.
- Do not let your dog jump on people.
- Ensure you have control of your dog at all times whether on or off leash.
- Keep your dog on its leash while walking to and from the off-leash areas.



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