RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY

Animals Law Sections 44 40 & 46

44. A dog shall be regarded as being dangerously out of control on any occasion on which there are grounds for reasonable apprehension that it will injure any person or another domestic animal, whether or not it does so, …….not include references to any case in which the dog is being used for lawful purposes by a constable, a public officer or a security guard in uniform while carrying out his duties.

40. If a dog is dangerously out of control in a public place, the owner and, if different, the person for the time being in charge of the dog, commits an offense.

46. A person who suffers any ferocious dog to be at large or who sets on or urges any dog to attack, worry or put in fear any person or domestic or protected animal commits an offence…..

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF A DOG ATTACK:

If you are the dog owner:

- Accept responsibility - you are responsible for any cost related to your animal causing injury to any person outside your property, as well as any damage to any property, not being your own property.
- Share your contact information with the victim of your dog attack.
- Co-operate with the police and DOA officers and provide whatever information they may ask of you.
- Take steps to ensure that this issue does not repeat itself.

IF YOU ARE ATTACKED:

- Call the police or 9-1-1 and make a formal complaint.
- If you were bitten, ensure that you see a doctor for treatment. Animal bites are easily infected.
- Provide a statement to the police stating the date, time, location, description of animal, description of injury, with pictures if possible. Any hospital or medical records attesting to the injury are also useful.
- Try to calmly and rationally establish dialogue with the owner of the animal, if known. If you cannot civilly come to a decision about liability, then a police investigation will be launched into the matter and both parties will be required to appear in court.

WHOM TO CONTACT:

For more information on your responsibilities as a dog owner and answers to question on animal welfare.

Or

To report cases of straying dogs or possible animal welfare, issues.

Contact the **Department of Agriculture** at **947-3090**, email **agriculture@gov.ky** or visit the DOA's website **www.doa.gov.ky** and click the link 'Report Animal Cruelty' **(reportanimalcruelty@gov.ky)**.

To report dog attacks or dogs dangerously out of control:

Contact 9-1-1 or the **Royal Cayman Islands Police Service**:

• George Town Police Station	949-4222
• Bodden Town Police Station	947-2220
• West Bay Police Station	949-3999
• Cayman Brac Police Station	948-0331
• Little Cayman Police Station	948-0100

Reports on possible animal welfare issues or dogs dangerously out of control can also be made anonymously to Cayman Crime Stoppers via phone 800-TIPS or the website **www.crimestopper.ky.**



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CAYMAN is a wonderful place to have a dog, with plenty of options for walks and dog-friendly activities. However, as a dog owner you have important responsibilities for your animal's welfare and control, as described in this brochure. The Department of Agriculture (DOA) and The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) are here to support you in meeting your responsibilities, but are also charged with investigating dog attacks or incidents of neglect when they occur. First and foremost we want dog owners to be informed about what is expected of them, and invite anyone with any questions to contact the **Dept. of Agriculture** at **947-3090,** email **agriculture@gov.ky** or visit the website **www.doa.gov.ky**

RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR DOG'S WELFARE

Ensure the health and welfare of your dog by following the 'Five Freedoms' Guide:

1. **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst:**
   By providing ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.

2. **Freedom from Discomfort:**
   By providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

3. **Freedom from Pain, Injury and Disease:**
   By prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

4. **Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour:**
   By providing sufficient space, proper facilities and companionship of animals of its own kind (or that of its handler).

5. **Freedom from Fear and Distress:**
   By ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR LICENSING:

Animals Law Sections 24 & 26

24. A person shall not keep a dog over the age of four months unless he holds a dog license for the dog.

26. Every person keeping a dog shall ensure that such dog while in any highway or other public place is on a lead and is wearing a collar with an identification tag bearing license number attached thereto.

Dog licenses can be obtained from the Department of Agriculture (DOA) at no cost.

It is good practice to also have your dog microchipped as this and the license will help you be reunited with your dog should it get lost or be impounded.



RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING YOUR DOG

Animals Law Sections 26, 36, 47 & 43

26. Every person keeping a dog shall ensure that such dog while in any highway or other public place is on a lead.

36. A person who, having the possession or ownership of an animal, permits it to stray on the highway commits an offense…

47. A constable may seize and detain any dog found in a highway or place of public resort which he has reason to believe is a stray and, if the owner can be traced, shall give notice of seizure to the said owner to whom the dog shall be restored upon such owner paying all expenses incurred by its detention.

When not being exercised on a lead, dogs should be kept confined to the owner's property, either by:

A fenced property - ensure that your fence is high and secure enough so that the animal cannot escape unto the roadway.

- Suitably tethered – ensuring that it is in a way that is not a danger to the animal, but ensures that persons on the road way are not affected by the animal.
- Suitably sized kennel and secure enclosure



SIZE OF DOG	SLEEPING AREA	RUN
Small (under 15 pounds)	2 feet x 2 feet	2.5 feet x 5 feet (12.5 square feet)
Medium (16-44 pounds)	2.5 feet x 3 feet	4 feet x 10 feet (40 square feet)
Large (45-88 pounds)	3 feet x 5 feet	5 feet x 15 feet (75 square feet)

Dogs in enclosures or tethered must be exercised regularly.

Remember to always clean up after your dog

43. If a dog defecates at any time on any public place and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the public place forthwith, that person commits an offense.



