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Nature Sanctuary Society
(WNSS)
1772 Millstream Rd. Victoria, BC

On-site Domestic Pet Policy

Pets are not allowed on site — this is for the protection of the local and endangered plant communities, bird and animal species that visit and live here.

As humans it is our responsibility to protect the rights of nature which has no human voice to express its own needs.

♥ Thanks for your care and understanding. ♥

For your knowledge

People and their dogs disturb wildlife.

Impacts include:

- 1. Physical and temporal displacement** – The presence of dogs causes wildlife to move away, temporarily or permanently reducing the amount of available habitat in which to feed, breed and rest. Animals become less active during the day to avoid dog interactions. Furthermore, the scent of dogs repels wildlife, and the effects remain after the dogs are gone.
- 2. Disturbance and stress response** – Animals are alarmed and cease their routine activities. This increases the amount of energy they use, while simultaneously reducing their opportunities to feed. Repeated stress causes long-term impacts on wildlife including reduced reproduction and growth, suppressed immune system and increased vulnerability to disease and parasites.
- 3. Indirect and direct mortality** – Dogs transmit diseases (such as canine distemper and rabies) to and from wildlife. Loose dogs kill wildlife.
- 4. Human disease and water quality impacts** – Dog waste pollutes water and transmits harmful parasites and diseases to people.

Excerpts from.....

Impacts of dogs on wildlife and water quality: A literature review by *Lori Hennings, Senior Natural Resource Scientist, Portland, 2016*

https://www.protectnatureto.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Impacts-of-dogs-on-wildlife-Factsheet_PNTO_Oct_-2019.pdf

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