



POLICY REGARDING DOGS AT THE NORDIC CENTRE

PURPOSE

The Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club (Club) implements this policy regarding dogs at the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre to:

- promote responsible use of ski club facilities by skiers with dogs;
- reduce the potential for incidents involving dogs on ski club facilities;
- identify areas where dogs are permitted and the conditions of use; and,
- outline the Club's response to complaints regarding dog behavior.

POLICY

Skiing with dogs at the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre is allowed and encouraged under the following conditions:

Areas of permissible use

- Skiers are permitted to have one or two dogs at the lower parking lot, on Pooch Paradise, Hound Heaven, Wild Dog and the connecting trails from the lower parking lot to the dog trails.
- Dogs are not permitted to be at the upper parking lot, on the trails connecting the lower and upper parking lots or on other ski trails at the Nordic Centre.

Responsibility of skiers with dogs

- Skiers must be in control of their dog(s) and will be fully responsible for any incident involving their dog(s).
- Skiers must keep their dog under close control in the parking lot, through the underpass and on the connecting trails to Pooch Paradise and Hound Heaven. "Close control" means on leash unless the owner is able to keep the dog close and not bothering other skiers, recognizing that some skiers may be afraid of dogs.
- Skiers with dogs must ski in the direction posted. One-way dog traffic is designed to reduce confrontations.
- Skiers with dogs must remove their dog's waste from trails; either bag it or flip unbagged waste into the bush.

Complaints

- The Club encourages skiers to respectfully point out to dog owners any incidents of non-compliance with this policy.
- Anyone who has a complaint of serious non-compliance or aggressive dog behavior should report the incident as soon as practical to any member of the Club's board of directors.
- The Club's directors will consider all complaints and may take any of the following actions depending on the seriousness of the incident:
 - The Club may withdraw the dog's privilege to be on the dog trails.
 - The Club may withdraw the dog owner's privilege to have any dog on the trails.
 - Other actions appropriate to the incident.

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