

# **Dog Policy**

## **Policy and Purpose**

It is the policy of the Native Village of Port Lions to promote health, wellbeing and safety of our membership, visitors, and community.

The Native Village of Port Lions must provide a safe and healthy environment for all Tribal members, employees, customers, contracted workers, volunteers, and visitors. Dogs are known to cause:

#### 1. Fear

a. Your cute dog can be a nightmare for another person. It could be because of a trauma or unfamiliarity with the animal. The fear could even cause a heart attack or panic attacks. Dogs can have a bad habit of jumping on people which can be fearful to others.

# 2. Allergies

a. Many people are allergic to dogs. Their smell, dander, or hair can cause itching in their eyes, followed by swelling. Or it could instigate sneezing, rashes, or coughing. Or it can cause shortness of breath or even a severe asthma attack.

## 3. Safety Risk

a. A dog can bite another person if they feel threatened, out of fear, protecting their territory, or if they feel provoked. Neither a person nor a dog may be at fault if someone is bitten. It is in their nature and best to avoid the chance altogether.

## **Procedures**

- 1. Dogs are not permitted on any Native Village of Port Lions property.
  - a. In all areas within the buildings owned by the Native Village of Port Lions
  - b. On all property maintained by the Native Village of Port Lions, whether owned or leased and parking lots.
  - c. In all transportation equipment or vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the Native Village of Port Lions
- 2. Signs stating that dogs are not permitted will be predominantly posted on all property owned by the Native Village of Port Lions.

#### **Exceptions**

- 1. Service dogs do not apply to this policy.
- 2. Rental agreements that state a dog is allowed in the rental with a proper pet deposit and clear guidelines on the expectations the Native Village of Port Lions requires for a dog to be on that specific property.