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Conservation Authority**

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Enforcement Blitz to take place at local Conservation Areas

Kingston – Over the next few weeks there will be an increased enforcement presence at Conservation Areas owned by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA).

“There have been an increasing number of complaints from the public about off leash dogs on our properties,” said CRCA Biologist/Lands Lead Tom Beaubiah. “All pets must be on a leash and stay on marked trails at all times when they are on our properties. We have asked our enforcement staff to focus on off-leash dogs for the next several weeks.”

All Conservation Areas have regulations in place which include provisions to protect the environment as well as the visitors to these natural areas.

“We encourage people to enjoy our Areas but they have to follow the rules,” added Mr. Beaubiah. “Not everyone is comfortable when a dog comes running at them. They can also chase and disturb wildlife, spread invasive species and damage sensitive habitat.”

Most Conservation Areas were purchased to protect natural wildlife habitat as well as providing public access to the outdoors. Conservation Authorities try to balance public use with protection to the natural environment.

Enforcement Officers will be enforcing the leash regulations on CRCA properties. Dog owners with off-leash dogs will receive a \$75 ticket.

The enforcement blitz may be repeated without further notice to the public.

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