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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 three local conservation areas owned by the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.

“We have received complaints from conservation area users about loose dogs,” said CRCA General Manager Stephen Knechtel. “Dogs are required to be leashed 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. Knechtel. “Not everyone is comfortable when a dog comes running at them. They can also chase and disturb wildlife that live in our conservation areas.”

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 of conservation areas with protection of the natural environment.

Frontenac Municipal Law Enforcement, who enforces conservation area regulations for the CRCA, will be enforcing the leash regulations at Lemoine Point, Little Cataraqui Creek and Parrott’s Bay Conservation Areas. Dog owners with off-leash dogs in these conservation areas will receive a \$75 ticket.

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

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