



PET CARE FAQ

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Question:	Answer:
Are there veterinarians in Yellowknife?	Yes, there are currently four veterinarians in Yellowknife; two veterinary clinics and one mobile clinic.
Is pet care difficult to secure?	There have been times, over the past year, when some or all clinics were not taking on new clients. This was mostly due to staff shortages and staff burn out.
Are all pet medical services offered in Yellowknife?	No, some testing and procedures must be performed down south.
Are there after hours emergency pet care?	At times, there is no after hours veterinary emergency care available. This may be due to staffing issues or the veterinarians being out of town.
What do I do if my pet has an emergency health issue?	<p>There is a triage service available to assess emergency issues and determine options pet parents should take.</p> <p>It is not unheard of for pet parents to be given direction to drive south for emergency pet care or to wait until their pet clinic opens during their regular hours.</p>
Is veterinary care expensive?	Yes, pet care in general is very expensive. This is not only true for veterinary care but also for boarding and some grooming services.
Are there limitations in specific pet supplies?	<p>It depends on the brands you are used to using. You may want to reach out to local pet supply stores to check if they stock the brand you are used to.</p> <p>Purchasing specialized pet food via Amazon or other suppliers is an option that may be more cost effective.</p>



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Is it difficult to secure pet care for while I'm away?	<p>At times it may be difficult to book a pet sitter or a kennel for your pet. Plan months ahead of time and have a back up plan in case your first plan falls through.</p> <p>There are a number of options available to you, outside of kennelling, Contact the MFRC for information.</p>
Are there dog parks in town?	There is a dog park behind the Ruth Inch Memorial Pool.
Can I walk my dog off leash?	<p>Yes, there are several off leash areas in town.</p> <p>The City of Yellowknife offers information on “off-leash dog areas”: https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/off-leash-dog-areas.aspx</p>
Should I be concerned about wildlife?	<p>Yes, you should always be vigilant with your pets. It is very common to see fox in town. Bears occasionally make an appearance as well.</p> <p>It is advisable to keep a close eye on cats and other small pets.</p>
Should I be concerned about Yellowknife flora (a.k.a. outside grasses and plants)?	Yes, Yellowknife grass is different from down south, and some species are harmful to pets – such as Foxtail grass, grass Awns and others. You can seek additional information from your vet.