



PET CARE FAQ

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| Question: | Answer: |
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| Are there veterinarians in Yellowknife? | <p>Yes, there are currently three veterinarians and two clinics in Yellowknife.</p> <p>Great Slave Animal Hospital: https://www.gsah.ca/</p> <p>Yellowknife Veterinary Clinic: https://yellowknifeveterinaryclinic.com/</p> |
| Is pet care difficult to secure? | <p>There have been periods of time when one or both clinics were not taking new clients. This was mostly due to staff shortages and staff burn out.</p> |
| Are all pet medical services offered in Yellowknife? | <p>No, some testing and procedures must be performed down south.</p> |
| Are there after-hours emergency pet care? | <p>At times, there are no after hours veterinary emergency services available. This may be due to staffing issues or the veterinarians being out of town.</p> |
| What do I do if my pet has an emergency health issue? | <p>If your veterinarian is not available, here is an app, offering in Canada virtual services, you may want to check out:</p> <p>Vetser: https://vetster.com/en-ca</p> |
| Is veterinary care expensive? | <p>Yes, pet care in general is very expensive. This is not only true for veterinary care but also for boarding and some grooming services.</p> |
| 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 using.</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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| Question: | Answer: |
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| Is it difficult to secure pet care 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 backup plan in case your first plan falls through.</p> <p>There are a number of options available to you, outside of kenneling. Contact the MFRC for more information: info.nof60@cfmws.com or 867-873-0700 ext. 6859.</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 here: 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. |