

T H E P O L Y G O N

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For immediate release

The Polygon Gallery presents *Dog Days*, an exhibition that focuses on the relationship between canines and humans through photograph and video works.



Dog Days is a survey of the camera's interactions with our canine companions. Today, dogs figure prominently in visual culture through Instagram feeds, viral videos, and memes, amid other media, yet our photographic obsession with dogs is as old as the camera itself. *Dog Days* features contemporary works, classic images, and vintage photographs from several archives and collections, considering how dogs have shaped, and are shaped by, human society. Together, these pictures reveal how dogs have remained an enduring metaphor and a potent symbol in human history, an integral part of everyday life, and a favourite subject of the camera.

Bring your dog! All dogs on leashes are welcome to visit the exhibition.

Exhibition Tours every Saturday at 2pm.

***Dog Days* is on view June 25 - September 1, 2019 at The Polygon Gallery.**

Private Dog Portrait Sessions

In addition to seeing the exhibition, visitors may also choose to book a private dog portrait session with award-winning Canadian artist Shari Hatt, or a tintype portrait with Vancouver-based artist Geoffrey Wallang. Each of these artists will be available for a limited number of days during the exhibition. Bookings for a portrait session can be made by contacting The Polygon Gallery directly.



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Listing Information

The Polygon Gallery presents *Dog Days*, a photography exhibition of our favourite friends. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Admission is always by donation.

Exhibition Dates: June 25 - September 1, 2019

Venue: The Polygon Gallery, 101 Carrie Cates Court, North Vancouver BC, V7M 3J4

Hours: Open Tues - Sun, 10am - 5pm. Closed Mondays.

Website: thepolygon.ca/exhibition/dog-days/

Social Media

The Polygon Gallery
Facebook: [thepolygongallery](https://www.facebook.com/thepolygongallery)
Twitter: [@_ThePolygon](https://twitter.com/ThePolygon)
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About The Polygon Gallery

Known as Presentation House Gallery for four decades, The Polygon Gallery is considered one of Canada's most internationally acclaimed public art galleries. With a mandate to exhibit and disseminate photography and media art, the Gallery emphasizes contemporary Canadian artists within a context of historical and international art.

Nearly 30 years in the making, The Polygon Gallery's new purpose-built home, which opened its doors on November 18, 2017, is a landmark building situated on North Vancouver's waterfront designed by British Columbia's internationally lauded architectural firm, Patkau Architects, for the presentation of the preminent art form of our age.

Admission is always by donation, courtesy of BMO Financial Group.



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