Pets in Parks & Public Places

All pets and animals must be on a leash, cord or chain, not longer than ten feet, held by a person physically able to control the dog, or off leash as long as they are within voice command of their custodian, with the following exceptions:

1) All pets and animals, within 300 feet of any parking area or trailhead, must be on a leash as described in Section 14-121 6.a.
2) All pets and animals that are brought to any scheduled/organized activity or event must be on a leash as described in Section 14-121 6.a.
3) No pets and animals are allowed in designated child play areas.
4) All pets and animals must be on a leash as described in Section 14-121 6.a. April 1 through September 30 at the following areas: Hadlock Community Forest, North Falmouth Community Forest, Suckfish Brook Conservation Area.
5) All pets and animals are prohibited in the River Point Conservation Area.

It is a violation of the Parks & Public Lands Ordinance to allow a pet to disturb, harass or interfere with any town employee or park visitor or to damage any town property or park visitor’s property. Any animal owner whose animal destroys or damages any improved areas such as landscaping, fields, trails or equipment shall be responsible for damage caused by the animal.

It is considered a violation of town ordinance for any person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to fail to dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any improved park, trail, public lands, sidewalk or street. Disposal of dog feces must be off park property or public lands. Filled dog bags should not be disposed of in public port-o-potties. Violations may be subject to fines: A minimum fine of $50 for the first offense, $100 for the second offense and $250 for any subsequent offense.

Be a good neighbor - pick up after your pets.

Dog Owner Responsibility

The Town of Falmouth asks your cooperation to be a responsible pet owner and provide a safe and clean environment for all park and public land users to enjoy.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are issued by the Clerk’s Office, first floor of Falmouth Town Hall. Licenses are issued for one year ending December 31st. License fees are as follows:

*Neutered/Spayed Dog - $6.00
*Unaltered Male of Female - $11.00

According to State of Maine Law, any dog over age 6 months must be licensed by January 1. You must present the following at the time of registration:

*A current Maine rabies certificate
*A neutering certificate if the dog has been altered

Late Fee: Effective February 1st of each year, there will be a late fee of $25.00, plus the $6 or $11 fee mentioned above.

To register your dog online, visit our website at: www.falmouthme.org

For on-line registrations, you will need to have: a credit card, a rabies certificate, your veterinarian’s information, a license/tag number (if a renewal), and a spay or neuter certificate (if your dog has been altered). The online dog licensing service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Dogs are wonderful pets, but when they run loose they endanger wildlife, especially during breeding season. Please keep your dog leashed from April 1 to October 1.

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