

# DOG ORDINANCE

## IN SOUTH BURLINGTON PARKS



### Which South Burlington parks allow for my dog to be OFF-LEASH?

**Farrell Park, Overlook Park, Jaycee Park, Szymanski Park,** and the **Community Dog Park** allow for your dog to be off-leash but on an "invisible leash" meaning that you must have control of the dog at all times and the dog may not be allowed to trespass on other peoples' property (lawns, gardens, yards, schoolyards or playgrounds, or any other land used or occupied by any other person).

### Which South Burlington parks require that my dog remain ON-LEASH?

Under the "Leash Law" enacted by the City Council, all dog owners MUST have their dog on a leash (6 foot max.) at all times within the boundaries of **Red Rocks Park & trails, Dorset Park including Wheeler Nature Park,** and on the **Recreation Path Network.** Dogs are entirely prohibited at the public beach and in the water at Red Rocks. Owners in violation will be subject to a penalty charge as outlined below.

### Why must my dog be on-leash in these parks and trails?

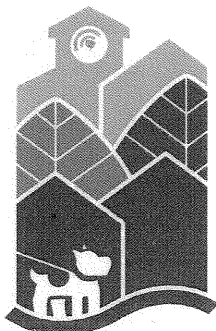
The most important reason is **SAFETY** for all patrons of these active parks and users of the Recreation Path Network. Wheeler Nature Park (across from Dorset Park off Swift St.) and Red Rocks Park are both Natural Areas and dogs need to be leashed and kept to designated trails to protect these ecologically sensitive areas, including wildlife, rare wildflowers, wetlands, nesting, and other plants, flora, and fauna. Any waste not scooped up by dog owners at these sites will pollute the wetlands at Wheeler Nature Park and leach into Lake Champlain within areas of Red Rocks Park. It is a fact that owners will be more likely to pick up after their dog if the dog is on a leash.

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER...

Poop-scoop law in effect at all times!  
Not picking up after your dog will result in a fine.

All dogs that are residents of South Burlington must be licensed under the city and are to wear their registration tag at all times.

**Failure to comply with any of these laws will result in a civil penalty charge, which can be up to \$100 per day for each day the violation continues.**



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