

# GOOD DOG GUIDE

## For Pet Guardians



*We welcome you and your dog to this conservation land!*

*Your dog is an important part of your life, and as a responsible pet guardian, you can protect other visitors, plants, and wildlife.*

*Please use your best etiquette on the trail—thank you!*

## Be Kind to Others

- Your dog is great! However, even a friendly dog, unknown and rushing or barking, can be a startling experience for others. Small children and seniors are especially vulnerable and can be traumatized or hurt. Many dogs, especially small ones or puppies, don't like to be jumped on by others.
- Our conservation areas have neighbors and immediate abutters. Unleashed dogs entering their property is an intrusion that can harm children, pets, livestock, or garden plantings.
- **BEST ETIQUETTE:** Keep your dog on leash. This enhances the comfort of our neighbors and other trail users, keeps your pet safe from unsavory edibles, and protects wildlife and plants from being trampled or worse. Ask permission before allowing your dog to greet other dogs.

## Bag That Poop

- Even when it's out of sight in the woods, dog waste is considered a significant source of pollution because it contains **harmful bacteria** (including *E. coli*) that can be washed into our waterways, including streams that feed water sources.
- **BEST ETIQUETTE:** Pack it in, pack it out! Your dog brings it in; you carry it out in a plastic bag. Please take it with you! Leaving bagged poop in the woods creates an unsanitary mess for someone else to clean up.

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# GOOD DOG GUIDE

## For Pets



*Woof! We welcome you and your guardian to this conservation land!*

*Your time outdoors is an important part of your life—and as an obedient pet, you can protect other pets, people, plants, and wildlife.*

*Please use your best “pet-iquette” on the trail—GOOD DOG!*

## Stay Close

- Yesss..! Wildlife sparks an instinct in your brain. However, our forests are homes to birds and other animals. The ground, trees and other plants are where they sleep, eat, and raise their babies. They want to feel safe.
- **BEST “PET-IQUETTE”:** Please don’t crush plants or chase wildlife. Stay attached to your guardian, and **come right away** when called.

## Stay Dry

- Oh boy...water! However, streams aren’t just a place to play—they are homes to small animals and plants.
- **BEST “PET-IQUETTE”:** If your guardian keeps you from entering a vernal pool or stream, don’t insist. There are many other things to sniff and explore. If it’s hot, maybe your guardian will take you home to splash in the kiddie pool!



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