



DOGS ARE WELCOME ON KENNEBUNK BEACHES

The wide, sandy beaches in Kennebunk have always been favorite spots for dogs and their owners – wonderful places for dogs to romp, play and swim. The Kennebunk Dog Advisory Committee exists to monitor the beaches to promote the responsible behavior of pet owners and to support their rights to use the beaches.

The Kennebunk Dog Advisory Committee members and monitors are residents who are dedicated to keeping our beaches safe, clean and friendly for all who want to use them. We monitor the beaches when dogs are allowed on the beach to make sure pet owners support the following:

Kennebunk Dog Ordinance

Dogs are allowed on beaches:

- ✓ The day after Labor Day to June 14th – all day; dogs must be on leash.
- ✓ **June 15th to Labor Day – only before 9AM and after 5PM:**
 - Before 9AM, dogs may be off leash:
 - Dogs must be under voice control.
 - Owners must have a leash in hand at all times.
 - After 5PM, dogs must be on leash:
 - Leashes must be no longer than 6'
 - Leashes cannot be retractable.

Please be especially watchful of your dog when:

- the tide is high
- the beach is crowded
- little children are playing
- another dog is walked on leash
- sleeping sunbathers are nearby
- families are picnicking
- there are unsteady beach walkers

- Owners must pick up after dogs and dispose in proper receptacles.
- Fines...up to \$250

Please be sensitive to early morning noise (barking dogs, car doors slamming, loud conversation) and considerate of nearby residents. Remember many people do not want to be approached by a dog!

We are proud of our beaches. Please share our appreciation of these beautiful natural beaches and ensure our continuing ability to use this wonderful natural resource by being responsible dog owners. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to our Animal Control Officer via email at: rparker@kennebunkmaine.us.