



## BOARD OF OVERSEERS

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### Dogs Control Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide regulations in addition to those contained in Title 7, M.R.S.A. with respect to controlling dogs on Bustins Island.

1. Dog owners are responsible for the behavior of their dogs.
2. All dogs must wear a current license tag.
3. Dogs are not permitted to be at large. At large means a lack of restraint, confinement, or control.
  - a. A dog is “at large” when it is off its owner’s or keeper’s premises, without a leash, and without a person in control of the dog
  - b. A dog running, wandering, roving and rambling at will, when it is beyond control or call and is acting on his own initiative, and under such circumstances wherein there is no connection, physical or sympathetic between the dog and the master is “at large”.
  - c. A dog loose, leading or following the person in charge, more than thirty feet away and/or not within sight so that the person is not able to exercise full control over the dog, is also “at large.”
4. Dog owners are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of feces left by their dog on property other than their own.
5. On the BIVC ferry, docks, floats and runways, dogs must be on a leash held by a person capable of restraining the dog.
6. Dogs that have been reported to an Overseer, the Superintendent or other authorized agent of the BIVC to have disturbed the peace and safety of the Island may be required to be restrained at all times.

Examples of disturbances include:

  - a. Dogs engaging in fights with other dogs.
  - b. Dogs harassing or intimidating people.
  - c. Dogs molesting or damaging property, including trash.

The first reported incident determined by the Board of Overseers to have merit, may result in a written order from the Board of Overseers that the dog must be restrained at all times. A second reported incident that is found to have merit may result in an order to remove the dog from the island.

7. Dogs that bite or knock down or otherwise injure a person on Bustins Island or on the BIVC ferry must be restrained on the owner's property immediately and, unless otherwise instructed by an Overseer, the Superintendent or other authorized agent of the BIVC, may not leave the owner's property except to be removed from the island.
8. An Overseer, the Superintendent or other authorized agent of the BIVC will require that a dog that bites, knocks down or otherwise injures a person must be removed from the island on the first available transport at the owner's expense. First available transport means on the next scheduled ferry or on a ferry special, private boat or hired boat but in any case the same day.
9. Dog owners who violate any part of this policy may be required to remove their dog from the island and may be subject to the same fines as a violation of the BIVC By-Laws.
10. Dogs that have been removed from the island at the direction of an Overseer, the Superintendent or other authorized agent of the BIVC for any reason can be allowed to return only by permission of the Board of Overseers.
11. Property owners are responsible for the dogs of their guests and renters per this policy.