



BOARD OF OVERSEERS

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Dogs Policy

1. Dog owners are responsible for the behavior of their dogs.
2. All dogs must wear a current license tag.
3. Any time that a dog is on Bustins Island the dog must be under the control of a person who is responsible for the dog. Control is defined as:
 - a. Dog is on a leash OR
 - b. Dog is in the immediate presence and under the control of a responsible person who can manage the dog's conduct.
 - c. The responsible person must be able to quickly restrain the dog if necessary.
 - d. If the responsible person is not in the immediate presence or is not able to completely restrain the dog, then the dog is NOT in control.
4. On the BIVC ferry, docks, floats and runways dogs must be on a leash.
5. Dogs that disturb the peace and safety of the Island must be restrained. Examples of disturbances includes:
 - a. Dogs running free not under owner's control.
 - b. Dogs engaging in fights with other dogs.
 - c. Dogs harassing or intimidating people.
 - d. Dogs molesting or damaging property, including trash.
 - e. Dogs that by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping disturb the peace.
6. Dog owners are responsible for the removal and proper disposal of feces left by their dog on property other than their own.
7. Dogs that bite 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 a person 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 will be required to remove their dog from the island and will be subject to the same fines as 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 may only be allowed to return by permission of the Board of Overseers.
11. Property owners are responsible for the dogs of their guests and renters per this policy.