

YORK WATER DISTRICT/KITTERY WATER DISTRICT

POLICY: Public Water Supply Animal Control Policy

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BOARD APPROVED: May 08, 2013 by YWD. May 09, 2013 by KWD.

Supersedes any previous policy

REVISION DATE:

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to properly protect the natural resources within York Water District & Kittery Water District watersheds to help ensure the ongoing high quality water both utilities supply to our communities. It is the desire and intention of the Districts to gain voluntary compliance by persons responsible for dog(s) while on the District's property. We will work to educate property users through signs, newspaper articles, watershed brochures, District websites and personal interactions with the Resource Protection Manager.

However when a person violates this policy the Resource Protection Manager is authorized to take action to enforce this policy.

Definitions

N/A

Scope

This policy reinforces the Town of York Animal Control Ordinance as approved by York Voters November 2, 2010. It applies to all people or persons utilizing either York Water District or Kittery Water District property.

Responsibility

The decisions regarding interpretation of this policy are the responsibility of the Resource Protection Manager and Superintendents.

Policy

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A HAND HELD LEASH (LEAD, CHAIN OR CORD) AT ALL TIMES

- No electronic leashes.
- Must be on a hand held leash with a length of 15 feet or less and under physical control of the person responsible for the dog's behavior at all times.

HUNTING DOGS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS REGULATION WHILE HUNTING

- Prior written approval for the exemption must be obtained annually from the York or Kittery Water District.
- No off leash training allowed.
- Dog(s) must be in active LEGAL hunting scenario, with properly equipped responsible person.

## REMOVAL OF DOG WASTE IS MANDATORY

- The person responsible for the dog must carry a waste removal bag at all times.
- The person responsible for the dog is also responsible for removing the dog's waste from Districts property.
- The person responsible for the dog is also responsible for the proper disposal of the dog's waste.

## DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN OR ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES:

- BELL MARSH RESERVOIR "KWD"
- BOULTER POND "KWD"
- FOLLY POND "KWD"
- MIDDLE POND "KWD"
- CHASE'S POND "YWD"
- WELCH'S POND "YWD"

### **VIOLATION OF THIS ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY**

When a person violates this policy the Resource Protection Manager or Agent is authorized to take action to enforce the policy.

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense, verbally warn the offender and follow up with a written warning sent by registered mail to their residence.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, issue a summons for the violation(s).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, issue a second summons for the violation(s) and inform them verbally that their privilege to use this property has been revoked/suspended. Follow up with registered letter.
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense, issue a summons for Criminal Trespass.

The District's reserve the right to skip Step 1 and Step 2 when it determines the circumstances warrants such action.

### Complaint Procedure

Any complaints/concerns about this policy should be directed to the Superintendent of either District.