

Town of Chesterfield Dog Policy

The Town of Chesterfield recognizes that it is home to a great number of dog owners. The town also recognizes that these residents are accustomed to and enjoy their dogs accompanying these residents as they run town related errands. This often includes bringing their dogs onto town property and into town buildings. In order to accommodate its residents, the town of Chesterfield adopts the following policy:

1. Well behaved, socialized, friendly dogs are welcome on town owned/occupied property/buildings. Any dog showing aggression, fear, discomfort, or excessive barking at any time on town property the dog will no longer be welcome and dog owner will be directed to remove dog from town property immediately. Dog owners are directly responsible for their dog's behavior at all times.
2. All dogs on town owned and/or occupied property and in town owned and/or occupied buildings will have valid rabies certificates on file with the Town Clerks Office or have valid rabies certificates in hand and be in the process of filing said rabies certificate with the Town Clerk. Dogs shall be wearing valid rabies tag on their collar.
3. All dogs on town owned and/or occupied property and in town owned and/or occupied buildings will have valid dog registrations on file with the Town Clerks Office or be in the process of obtaining a valid dog registration from the Town Clerk. Dogs shall be wearing valid registration tag on their collar.
4. All dogs will be on a maximum length (6 foot) non-retractable leash. When inside town buildings owner will keep dog on shortened leash.
5. Dogs not on a leash must be in a secure carrier of some sort or behind closed doors and must remain in carrier or behind closed doors throughout time on town owned/occupied property/buildings.
6. Dog owners will discourage interaction between their dog and any other dog in the area and will be mindful of their dogs' interactions with any humans present. Dogs who jump, sniff crotches, paw, etc. other residents are considered poorly behaved and their owner will be directed to remove the dog from town property.
7. Dogs should be house broken. In the event of an accident owners will immediately attend to and clean all offensive liquids and solids.
8. Selectmen of the Town of Chesterfield may amend this policy at any time without notice.

Approved by Board of Selectmen, August 9, 2017