

# Pet Etiquette for Acadia

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Owning a pet in Acadia comes with responsibilities. Please read this and know what is expected from each dog/cat owner. 100% compliance is expected, and your signature confirms your consent.

## Scoop Your Poop!

**Every Single Time.** Dispose of it in **your own trash receptacle.**

Dog waste contains bacteria and parasites that can be harmful to humans and other pets. Just pick it up and dispose of it in your own trashcan. **Every. Single. Time.**

## Use a Leash

Your dog/cat should ALWAYS be under your control. An electronic leash is acceptable, but your dog/cat should still be within sight to call back quickly, and you should have a physical leash so that when people approach you can leash your pet. This is for you and your dog's safety, as well as the safety of others. Not everyone wants to be approached by your pet. Children should only walk dogs that they have complete control over.

## Nuisance Barking

Nuisance barking is different for different people, but if your dog is barking and you sense it MIGHT be too much, then it probably is. As the owner, it's up to you to address your dog's behavior and make efforts to control it. Allowing your dog to bark incessantly is rude to your neighbors. Bring the dog in or investigate what the trouble might be. We live in a neighborhood with many diversions, so please remove your dog from its trigger. Your neighbors will thank you. You might consider a bark collar if your dog's barking warrants it.

## Pet Friendly Areas

All trails are pet friendly. Your dog must be leashed or e-collared and in control on the trails. Cassie's Run, our dog park, is always available. Please check with dog owners before joining their dogs in the dog park. Always pick up your dog's poop and take it home with you. Bags are available at Cassie's Run. It is okay to use the undeveloped areas and fields, including the park at the kayak/Riverhouse area, to allow your dog to run, but always pay attention to your dog. These areas are along the trails, but do not include the amenity areas which are foreclosed to pets (see the NO PETS ALLOWED areas section.)

## **“No Pets Allowed” Areas**

No pets are allowed on the soccer field, the Pavilion/playground, and the Village Mews greenspace areas. Pets should never be in the pool area and nor should they be in the tennis/pickleball court areas. These areas are for humans only.

## **Do Not Approach Others Unless Invited**

Never let your dog greet another person or pet without asking first. And never let your dog off-leash to run up to strangers or their leashed pets.

## **Respect Others Property**

When walking your dog in the residential areas, please keep your dog on the sidewalk or designated paths. Please stay off people’s lawns. Also, try to keep them from urinating on mailboxes, garbage cans, car tires, etc.

## **Pay Attention to Your Pet**

When you are with your pet, always focus your attention on your pet. Put down your phone and keep an eye on what your dog is doing and what they are getting into. This way you aren’t missing your dog pooping and you’re aware of people or other pets approaching so you can leash your pet.

## **Cats**

Cats in Acadia should not be roaming free. They cause similar problems as dogs, but they also kill birds and spray people’s outdoor furniture. Please keep your cat inside or in your own yard.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the “Pet Etiquette for Acadia”

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to abide by the “Pet Etiquette for Acadia”

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree to help promote and enforce the “Pet Etiquette for Acadia”

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pet names: \_\_\_\_\_

