



# TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## TO ALL WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

### *RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP*

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#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Pursuant to RSA 466:30-b, the Town of Windham has adopted N.H. State Statute 466:40-a, "Dog Control Law", codified as local ordinance #WIN 2:07:12:78. This statute provides that it is unlawful for any dog to run "at large" except when "accompanied" by the owner or custodian. Accompanied is defined as within sight or sound of the animal. At large is defined as off of the owner's premises and not under the control of any person.

Further, the Town has adopted regulations specific to Town-owned property, #WIN 2:06:21:04, which require among other things, that when using common areas of Town-owned or leased parks or similar non-athletic recreation areas, including the Windham Rail Trail or Griffin Park, your animal must be leashed at all times. This policy also prohibits the presence of any dogs from certain, specified public properties (*see #WIN 2:06:21:04, Section V, A-D*).

As a pet owner, your responsibility is to ensure the protection of your animal from others, as well as ensuring the animal does not pose a danger to other people, animals or property.

#### BEST PRACTICES:

For the protection of your pet and those around, the following recommendations are strongly encouraged:

- Do not leave your dog out side in an unattended manner without a form of control. Common controls include fences (chain or electric) or tying (rope or cable) to ensure the dog does not leave the property while unattended.
- If you are walking with your pet on Town or Public property, the dog should be leashed unless it is herding, hunting or training in accordance with guidelines defined in NH State Statue 466:40-a, or is exempted via #WIN 2:06:21:04, Section VII, A-E.

#### SIGNED:

Windham Board of Selectmen  
Windham Animal Control Officer  
Windham Chief of Police

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*For additional information please visit the Ordinance page of Town Website, found under "Quick Links", and refer to the following under "Public Safety": WIN 2:07:11:76 "Animal Complaint/Investigation Policy"; WIN 2:07:12:78 "Dog Control Law"; and WIN 2:06:21:04 "Regulations: Dogs on Town Property".*