

DOG FRIENDLY RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP & TRAVEL

WHY THE LEASH?

We love when our canine companions are able to roam freely, but in many instances it is best for our dogs to enjoy outings with us while they are on their leash. The guidelines below help keep everyone safe:

- **California Coastal Commission:** "No unleashed dogs...please prevent harassment of shorebirds by abiding by local leash laws."
- **Pismo Dog Leash Law:** Dogs must be leashed and held by a capable person. Dogs are permitted on the beach but must be leashed at all times. Dogs are **not permitted** on the Pismo Pier.
- **Clean up After Your Dog:** Pet owners must clean up after their dogs. If left behind, your dog's waste negatively affects the environment.
- **Leashes Keep Your Dog Safe:** Injuries caused by unleashed animals can be avoided.
- **Create A Welcoming Environment for All:** Put yourself in the place of other visitors and their pets when out and about by leashing your dog.
- **Share the Trail:** Be considerate of others including walkers, children, hikers, joggers, cyclists, horses, and wildlife.
- **Unleashed Dogs Can Encounter Dangerous Wildlife:** When unleashed, dogs can come into contact with wildlife, such as rattlesnakes, bears, and cougars with tragic consequences and can negatively impact the flora and fauna and disturb birds and chicks.

Common Sense Safe Canine Travel Tips

- ❖ **Provide plenty of water, shade, and rest:** Overheating leads to heatstroke and death! Watch for heavy panting, dry or bright gums, thick drool, vomiting, diarrhea, and wobbly legs.
- ❖ **Never EVER leave your dog in your car!** Your dog can overheat and die quickly!
- ❖ **Walk pets when it's cooler** in early mornings or evenings. Touch the ground with your own foot or hand before allowing your dog to walk on hot surfaces.
- ❖ **If your dog needs cooling down**, wet its paw pads and stomach first with cool water.
- ❖ **Proper Parasite Control** from your vet is imperative. Flea and tick bites can cause discomfort and sometimes disease.
- ❖ **Stay up to date on vaccinations**, and check to see if the area you are traveling in has any specific vaccines recommended to keep your pet healthy.
- ❖ **Consider a doggy life vest** if having fun on the water.