

Pet Policy

Camp Pugwash



The Pugwash Campgrounds (situated on the Gulf Shore Road) continues to be the place Maritime members love to come and enjoy family as well as the many youth and adult programs. It is normal to want to bring along pets to the camp as they are part of the family however their presence continues to create challenges for the smooth operations of the camp.

The Camp Committee, Conference Administration and the Conference Board of Directors have all raised serious concerns about the challenges pets have created for the Camp; however, have come just short of saying all pets are to be banned from the camp. This is not the direction we want to go; however, unless families take more of a control of their pets that decision will be seriously considered. The issue is not about whether or not pets are loved, but about safety, privacy, hygiene, responsibility, and cleanliness.

You may not have felt there is an issue as your pet has been looked after. Unfortunately, there are some who are making it difficult for the rest. How should leadership respond when?

1. Pets do their droppings, and the deposit is left for children to walk in,
2. Pets are taken into the washroom and given a bath,
3. Pets are left on a leash outside cabins howling because of loneliness,
4. Pets are allowed to run loose and have confrontations with other pets,
5. Pet stories come out of the local hospital after they treat campers for dog bites,
6. Pets are guided by small children unable to control them,
7. Pets are brought on the campground as though the camp was a kennel,
8. There is more that could be added to the list, but I think you have the picture.

It is the decision of the Camp Committee, Conference Administration and Board of Directors that effective immediately the following guidelines will be enforced regarding pets on the Pugwash campgrounds:

1. Pets are the responsibility of the owners,
2. Pets are to always be on a leash when outside the cabin, trailer, tent etc.,
3. Pets are not to be left tied outside if the owner is absent from the area,
4. Pet owners are responsible for the noise of their pets and are to bring them under control or remove them from the campgrounds,
5. Pets are to be on a leash if taken for a walk and it is encouraged that that walk should not be among the campers on the campground but off campus,
6. Pet droppings are to be picked up immediately using a plastic bag, on and off campus,
7. Pets are not to be taken into the washroom including the family and handicap washrooms and definitely not into a shower or tub,
8. Pets are not to be brought into the cafeteria**
9. Pets should be walked by those who would be able to control them if they became disturbed,
10. **Blind campers and their guide dogs would naturally have some exceptions to these rules.

Consequences: The response to violation of any one of the “Pet Rules” or the spirit of these rules may range from a verbal or written warning, to being asked to take the pet off the campgrounds.

The Camp Leadership regrets that some have made it difficult for the rest and regrets as well that our response may upset you; however, you are asked to reflect on the larger picture and see this issue as a safety, privacy, hygiene, responsibility, and cleanliness issue.

Stricter Policy for Dogs/Pets—There is now a charge of \$26.00 per pet (tent/trailer/cabin) for pet registration.