But my dog listens! Does he/she still need a leash?

Yes! A leash protects your dog from accidents like becoming lost, injured, involved in a bite or being hit by a car.

*Lots of people are afraid of dogs even friendly ones. Some fear being knocked over or bitten. *Never* assume people want to meet your dog!

*Many dogs, even the most obedient, chase and threaten wild life. It's a natural instinct! Dogs can become aroused visually, by a scent or noise and may scare birds or other wildlife away from their nesting, feeding, and resting sites.

*Wildlife may bite or transmit disease to your dog, and your dog may digest poisonous plants. On a leash your dog is less likely to encounter these dangers.

Best reason to leash your best friend:





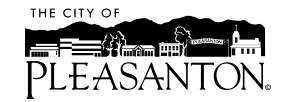
Important Numbers:

East County Animal Shelter: 4595 Gleason Dr, Dublin (925) 803-7040

> Sage Emergency Vet: 7121 Amador Plaza, Dublin (925) 574-7243

Vet Care Emergency Center: 7660 Amador Valley, Dublin (925) 556-1234

Animal Poison Control Center: ASPCA (888) 426-4435



Pleasanton Animal Services

Leash Law



Pleasanton Police Department

(925) 931-5100

Pleasanton Municipal Codes

7.16.010 Dogs at Large-Unlawful:

A. Except as permitted in this section and Section 13.08.080 of this code, it shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog to permit such dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to be at large.

B. Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a dog from being used without leash to herd, guard, gather, or otherwise work domestic animals or fowl in or upon a public or private place with the consent of the person in charge of the place so long as the dog is controlled by the dog's owner, and so long as the dog does not wrongfully harm or damage or threaten to harm or damage any person or public or private property.

7.04.020 Definitions:

C. "At large" means a dog that:

1. Is on or in any public property; or

2. Is on or in any private property other than that of the owner of the dog unless the person in charge of the private property has consented to the dog being on such private property; and

3. Is not securely restrained by a substantial leash, not to exceed six feet if the leash is nonretractable or 30 feet in length if the leash is retractable; or

4. Is securely restrained as provided in subsection (C)(3) of this section but is not physically controlled by the owner of the dog.



7.36.030 Canine defecation— Removal thereof

"The Pooper Scooper Law"

Any owner of any dog shall have the duty to remove immediately any feces left by such dog on any public place and to dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner.



Courtesy Cites:

A Courtesy Citation is issued to a dog owner to advise them of a code violation in order to gain compliance & cooperation. A record of the Courtesy Cite is kept on file at the Police Department. No fine is assessed when issued. A Courtesy Cite is typically the first step taken by Animal Services to help educate the dog owner of a violation. (This step is not required, an Administrative Citation can be issued without any prior Courtesy Citations)

Administrative Cites: (1.12.010 Infractions)

An Administrative Citation requires the dog owner to pay a fine for the violation. The owner/responsible may request their case be heard by a hearing officer.

> 1st Offence : \$100.00 2nd Offence: \$200.00 3rd Offence: \$500.00 4th & Subsequent Offences: \$750.00

Muirwood Dog Park:

Any dog, except a "dangerous dog" as defined in this section, <u>may be at large in the designated</u> <u>dog exercise area</u> of Muirwood Community Park provided:

1. The dog is under the control of a person in charge of the dog. For the purposes of this section, a dog is under the control of a person when the person is aware of the dog's conduct, and the dog immediately and directly returns to the person when called;

2. The owner of the dog shall have a leash for the dog in the owner's possession; and

3. The number of dogs shall not exceed three per person in charge of the dogs. The person in charge of the dog shall remove immediately any feces left by the dog in the dog exercise area and dispose of such feces. (reference: 13.08.080)

*Note: Outside the fence of the designated dog park & in all other city parks your dog is required to be on leash.

