

**>> COURTESY SAFETY REMINDER <<
ALL DOG OWNERS**

Please, for the safety of all dogs and people- keep your dog on a leash whenever outdoors. It doesn't matter if your dog is nice. Loose dogs pose a risk not only to themselves, but to others.

Any dog can bite and for a variety of reasons. Most dog bites happen as a reaction to something. You may not see the signs in the moment, but your dog may be over stimulated, overheated, stressed, scared, startled, or enjoying and guarding their food or a toy or maybe they just want to be left alone. Most dog bites occur during everyday activities and while interacting with familiar dogs. Giving your dog a controlled environment keeps him/her safe as well as others who may not want to interact with your dog or those dog loving folks who will assume your dog wants their attention.

Summer months bring more people and pets to our community and unfortunately the number of dog bite cases is rising. Additionally, wildlife is more active this time of year and several species are susceptible to rabies, disease and parasites that can be transmitted to your pet and family. If your dog is free roaming, he/she may have an interaction with wildlife and could sustain serious injury. It is important to keep your dog's rabies vaccination current. By having your dog licensed every year it will ensure your dogs rabies vaccination stays current, as it is the only requirement. Aside from it being the law, leashing and licensing protects people and pets.

Let's all have a safe and fun Summer! Love them, leash them and License them!

