

# Why the Leash?

## Dog Friendly Pismo Beach

We love when our canine companions are able to roam freely.  
Please see the guidelines below to help keep everyone safe.



### GUIDELINES TO KEEP EVERYBODY 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.



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## COMMON SENSE 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 leave your dog in your car!** Your dog can overheat and die!
- **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.
- **Avoid Fireworks and Loud Events.** Pets can get frightened and run away. Make sure your companion is properly tagged, microchipped, and possibly even wearing a GPS collar.

## IMPORTANT PISMO BEACH SERVICES

Pismo Beach's Dog Friendly Hotels  
Veterinary Emergency Services  
Pismo Beach Veterinary Clinic  
Central Coast Pet Hospital and Emergency  
PETS Hospital  
VCA South County Animal Hospital

Animal Hospital of San Luis Obispo  
Pet Supplies  
Maddie Mae's Pet Pantry  
CDs Pet Emporium  
Lemos Feed & Pet Supply  
Tails San Luis Obispo



### DOG FRIENDLY

Pismo Beach offers many welcoming lodging choices. We'd all love for our canine companions to roam freely!