



Help keep our facilities clean and pick-up after your pooch! Our #1 complaint from residents is the amount of animal waste that is left on Town trails and fields. The Town of Cumberland's Animal Control Ordinance (Chapter 17) States:

*"It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, possesses, controls, or keeps a dog to fail to promptly remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog."*

Any person who violates this statute is subject to a civil penalty between \$50-\$250 for their first offense.

Please use the waste bags located at the entrances of the trailheads and dispose of them properly in the waste bins.

## Meet Our Animal Control Officer



Bobby Silcott has been a certified Animal Control Officer since 2006. His main responsibility is enforcing State of Maine Animal Welfare Laws Title 7, as well as local ordinance. He's an animal lover, advocate, and has a real passion for protecting our voiceless creatures, small and large. He approaches his job from an educational point of view, although he will issue a summons, if the situation requires such. We all want our animals to enjoy the vast dog friendly areas we have in town, while avoiding conflict. Ultimately, we are responsible for our pets' behavior.

For domestic animal concerns, contact Bobby Silcott on our non-emergency number, 829-6391.



For wild animal concerns, please contact the Maine Game Warden Service at 207-287-8000.

## DOGS IN CUMBERLAND



Welcome to Cumberland! We hope you enjoy all of the public recreational facilities throughout our community. We ask that you please take 5 minutes to read through this brochure to make sure you are complying with our Town Ordinance, are helping us to keep our facilities clean, and maintaining an enjoyable environment for all of those who recreate at them. For a list of all our public properties, please visit:

[www.cumberlandmaine.com/parks](http://www.cumberlandmaine.com/parks)

For park related questions, please contact our Public Services Department at 829-2220. For questions pertaining to dogs at our facilities, please contact our Animal Control Officer, Bobby Silcott, at 829-6391.

# Animal Control Ordinance

The Town of Cumberland's Animal Control Ordinance, Chapter 17, **requires that all animals be kept under control of their owner/keeper (O/K) at all times** so they will not injure person or other animals, damage property, or create a public health threat or nuisance. Under control, as defined below, means that the animal's proper and safe activity is directed by the owner/keeper.

**Voice Control** means the dog returns immediately to and remains by the side of the owner/keeper in response to the owner/keepers verbal command, whistle, or hand signal.

A **Leash** is a handheld device which can be used to restrain a companion animal if the companion animal fails to respond to voice commands. In cases where a leash is required by law or ordinance or by order of a law enforcement office, the owner or responsible party will be required to use a leash of 15ft or less.

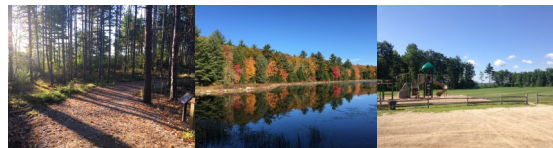
To read the entire Town Ordinance, please scan the code below with a **QR Reader** or visit: <https://www.ecode360.com/14888147>



## Park Rules

<b>Broad Cove</b>	Leash Only (Foreside Rd to 67 Beach Dr) Prohibited from 67 Beach Drive to water
<b>Knight's Pond</b>	O/K Control
<b>Rines Forest</b>	O/K Control
<b>Town Forest</b>	Leash Only
<b>Twin Brook (Greely)</b>	O/K control.*
<b>Twin Brook (Tuttle)</b>	O/K control. Prohibited during XC ski season.*
<b>Val Halla</b>	Leash Only on paved pathways (3/1-12/1) O/K Control (12/2-2/28)
<b>West Cumberland Athletic Complex</b>	Leash Only

*\* No dogs allowed during posted organized activities. Posted events will consist of signs at entrances & notice 24 hours prior on the Town Website.*



# Dog Licenses & Rabies Shots



All dogs 6 months and older **must** have a license. Dog licensing has been an important part of combating the spread of rabies. The fee that you pay goes toward helping fund our animal control program and the state animal welfare program. The tag your dog wears also helps to identify your dog in the case that it gets lost.

In order to obtain a license for your dog, the owner must present a current State of Maine Rabies Certificate obtained from a veterinarian. All dog licenses must be renewed every year by December 31st.

Complete your dog's registration in your Town Office or online (*between October 15th-January 31st*) at:

[https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog\\_license/index.pl](https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl)

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 829-5559.