

PROTECT YOUR DOG!



10 Reasons Why Using A Leash Is A "Doggone" No-Brainer



1. You could lose your dog. Dogs are easily spooked and might run away.

2. They could be injured or killed by another dog or wild animal, such as coyotes. There's no guarantee other dogs are friendly.

3. They could run into traffic.

4. They might frighten other people. Not everyone loves dogs.

5. They could cause an accident. They could run in front of bikes or skaters.

6. They could harm wildlife.

Canadian geese are protected by law.

7. They could be poisoned. You can't control what they eat off the ground.

8. It's harder to pick up their poop. You might not see them "go."

9. Leashes build relationships. It's easier to bond with your dog.

10. Off leash is illegal. The fine in San Ramon is \$100 for the first violation. Fines increase with multiple violations.

The San Ramon Police Department has received numerous complaints about dogs off leash and running free in City Parks. Dogs must be kept on a leash and under your control at all times (City of San Ramon Municipal Code B5-27). The first violation is a \$100 fine, the second is \$200 and a maximum of \$550 per additional violations within the same calendar year. If you wish to let your dog run free, please visit one of these San Ramon Dog Parks with off-leash areas: Bark and Ride, Del Mar Dog Park, Memorial Park or the Tassajara Ridge Staging Area.

*These 10 Great Reasons are courtesy of the Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter.