

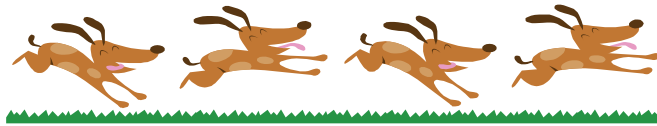
Licensing Your Dog

You may obtain, in person or by mail, a dog license from the City Clerk's Office, at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue. The office provides dog licenses Monday-Wednesday, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM-7:00 PM, and Friday 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon.

If you come to City Hall, bring evidence of the dog's most recent rabies vaccine, and evidence that the dog has been spayed or neutered, if applicable.

If you prefer, you can go to the City's website to obtain complete instructions, along with a form to mail in with your check. Go to www.somervillema.gov, under "Quick Link" click on "Forms and Applications," then scroll down until you come to "Dog License" in the City Clerk's Office section.

The fee is \$30.00, or \$20.00 if the dog has been spayed or neutered.



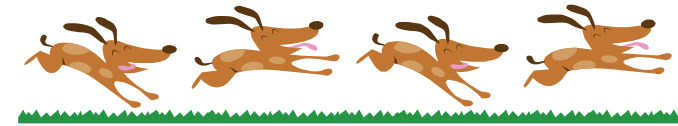
Off-Leash Recreational Areas in Somerville

The City has designated four **Off-Leash Recreational Areas (OLRAs)**:

- Nunziato Field (Summer St. at Putnam St.)
- Ed Leathers Park (limit 5 dogs at a time))
- 0 New Washington St.
- Lincoln Park

OLRAs are subject to the following Regulations, which are needed for the safe and lawful enjoyment of Somerville's open space by everyone:

- Dogs must be LEASHED when ENTERING and EXITING the area.
- No access from 10:00 PM until 8:00 AM.
- No aggressive dogs.
- No excessive barking.
- Dog owners **MUST** have a leash in hand at all times.
- Dogs must **NEVER** be left unattended.
- Owners **MUST** have their dog in view and under physical and/or vocal control.
- Owners are **LEGALLY** and **FINANCIALLY** responsible for their dogs' actions.
- Owners must **PICK UP** all feces and immediately dispose of them in a trash receptacle.
- **Each person is LIMITED to 3 dogs.**
- Dogs in heat are **NOT** allowed.
- Dogs **MUST** be at least 4 months old.
- Dogs **MUST** wear a collar with a valid **LICENSE** and be current with all vaccinations.
- Violators of these rules are subject to **REMOVAL** from the area and/or **FINES**.



Dog-Friendly Parks in Somerville*

The City has designated Nine Dog-Friendly Parks:

- Bailey Park
- Community Path (including Seven Hills Park)
- Osgood Park
- Palmacci Park
- Perry Park
- Nathan Tufts (Powder House) Park
- Prospect Hill Park
- Quincy Street Lot
- Somerville Junction Park

In addition, the State has designated Four Dog-Friendly Parks in Somerville:

- Dilboy Field
- Draw 7 Park
- Foss Park
- Mystic River Reservation

Dog-Friendly Parks are subject to the following Regulations, which are needed for the safe and lawful enjoyment of Somerville's open space by everyone:

- Dogs must be **LEASHED AT ALL TIMES**.
- Owners must **PICK UP** all feces and immediately dispose of them in a trash receptacle.
- All other park rules apply.

**For park locations and additional information call 311.*

Animal Control Office

The Somerville Animal Control Office was established under M.G.L. Ch. 140, Secs. 136 - 174. The Office is responsible for:

Responding to all calls about sick, injured or dangerous animals.

Enforcing ordinances regarding animals including cruelty to animals, abandoned or loose animals and animals in city parks.

Quarantining animals that have bitten or been bitten, filing mandated bite reports and following through with any necessary prosecution.

Maintaining the city kennel (unclaimed dogs are required to be held for 10 days), and a viable adoption program.



The City has established two revolving funds to receive donations: one for OLRAs and one for the Animal Shelter. To donate to the OLRAs, send a check payable to "Somerville Unleashed" to the Communications Dept., 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, 02143. To support the Animal Shelter, send a check payable to "Somerville Animal Control" to the Police Dept., 220 Washington Street, Somerville, 02143. For more information, or to join the Somerville Dog Owners Task Force, contact Carlene Campbell, 617-625-6600 ext 2615 or ccampbell@somervillema.gov.

Please be advised of the following state laws and municipal ordinances relating to dogs:

All dogs over the age of 6 months must be licensed by the City Clerk's Office, and licenses must be renewed each year in January (M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 137).

All dogs must be vaccinated against rabies (M.G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 145B).

All dogs must be leashed at all times within the city except in posted Off-Leash Recreational Areas (City Ord. 3-34).

No dogs are allowed in schoolyards and churchyards. (City Ord. 3-32).

No dogs are allowed in city parks at which "No Dogs Allowed" signs are posted (City Ord. 12-51).

All dog owners must pick up after their dogs at all times (City Ord. 3-38).

All dog owners must follow all Off-Leash Recreational Area regulations (City Ord. 3-34).

Each offense is subject to a \$50.00 fine.

Animal Control Office

Email

animalcontrol@somervillema.gov

Address

Public Safety Building
220 Washington St.
Somerville, MA 02143



Or call/email 311 (outside the city 617-666-3311)

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN SOMERVILLE

Open for details on Off Leash
Recreational Areas and
Dog-Friendly Parks

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