

1501:46-3-06

**Animal leash requirement.**

- (A) It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any person who is the owner or handler of any animal to refuse or fail to keep such animal on a leash in hand and under control at all times while such animal is within any area administered by the division except as allowed in rule 1501:46-9-10 of the Administrative Code or except as authorized in paragraphs (C), (D), and (E) of this rule. Said leash ~~shall~~ is not to exceed six feet in length from hand to animal.
- (B) Any animal found at large may be seized and disposed of as provided by law or ordinance covering disposal of stray animals on highways or public property then in effect in the territory in which the area administered by the division is located wherein such stray animal was seized.
- (C) Tenants of the division, who lease realty or structures on areas administered by the division are permitted to keep pets on these premises provided such pets are adequately confined by fence, cage, leash, or other confinement so as not to run at large in other areas of the lands and waters administered by the division nor to interfere with the safety or well being of visitors to such areas.
- (D) ~~Trained-~~ Use of a leash is not mandatory for hunting dogs under the control of a hunter in a designated public hunting area provided for in Chapter 1501:46-15 of the Administrative Code ~~shall not require leashes~~ while hunting during lawful hours and seasons established by statute, rule, or order.
- (E) The chief may designate "dog exercise" areas at state parks. ~~Dogs-~~ Use of a leash is not mandatory for any dog under the control of ~~their-~~ it's owner or handler in the designated dog exercise area ~~shall not be required to be on a leash~~.

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