

3. I have attached and provided a valid and current Rabies Vaccination Certificate for the referenced dog(s). I understand it is my responsibility to provide rabies vaccination updates to the Town.

_____ (APPLICANT INITIALS)

4. The referenced dog (or dogs) has never viciously attacked or bitten a person or other animal. I understand that if this dog ever viciously attacks or bites a person or other animal the Town of Sullivan’s Island reserves the right to revoke or deny a license.

_____ (APPLICANT INITIALS)

5. As the owner of the dog(s) referenced herein, I have liability insurance in the form of a homeowners’ policy, renters’ policy or condominium policy in the event of an attack or accident while the dog is in the jurisdiction of the Town of Sullivan’s Island. (Note: The Town reserves the right to request a copy of the liability insurance certificate prior to issuing the license.)

Insurance Carrier: _____ Insurance Agent: _____

_____ (APPLICANT INITIALS)

6. I have received a copy of the current Town of Sullivan’s Island Dog Ordinance and am aware of the hours dogs are allowed on the beach and other regulations, including my responsibility to pick up and properly dispose of my dog’s waste.

_____ (APPLICANT INITIALS)

7. **Optional.** I have attached a copy of the referenced dog’s American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizenship certificate (*). I am committed to responsible dog ownership.

_____ (APPLICANT INITIALS)

I, _____, do hereby under oath accept full responsibility for the actions of my animal. I depose and say that the foregoing representations, information and documentation provided herein are true, correct and complete.

Signature of owner of dog

Date

FOR OFFICIAL NOTARY USE ONLY

Sworn and Subscribed before me

On this ____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public
Commission Expires: _____

Notary
Seal

Town Of Sullivan's Island



Dog Ordinance Beach Hours

Summer

May 1st – September 30th

Off leash: 5:00am - 10:00am

No Dogs: 10:00am - 6:00pm

On Leash: 6:00pm - 5:00am

Winter

October 1st – April 30th

Off Leash: 5:00am - Noon

On Leash: Noon - 5:00am

Article II. Dogs.¹

Sec 3-5. Dog pound and dog control personnel.

The Sullivan's Island Police Department is authorized to establish and maintain a dog pound for the Town of Sullivan's Island, for the purpose of holding for redemption and/or quarantining dogs, and may employ such personnel with the advice and consent of the Town Council as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this article, including but not limited to a full or part-time dog catcher. Funds to operate the pound and employ necessary personnel may be provided in the yearly budget ordinance under the Police Department. (5-19-80)

Sec. 3-6. Quarantine of dogs and release therefrom.

For the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Town of Sullivan's Island, the personnel employed to operate and enforce this article shall pick up and quarantine any dog running at large off the property owned, rented, or otherwise controlled by the owner or keeper of the dog, unless the dog is lawfully on the front beach area (RC-1) as provided in Sec. 3-8A. To obtain release of his dog, an owner or keeper must satisfy the dog pound employees, or the Town Clerk or the Chief of Police that the dog is currently permitted/badged and inoculated against rabies and, in addition, pay a quarantine fee of \$50.00. The owner or keeper shall further be subject to the penalties and fines as stated in Section 3-8. (5-19-80) (12-21-10)

Sec. 3-7. Dog permits and badges required.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person, resident or visitor, to own, keep, harbor, or allow a dog within the limits of the Town of Sullivan's Island, or exercise, walk, or allow a dog on public properties without a written permit/badge from the Town Clerk. (2-15-05)
- B. Before issuing a permit required by Sec. 3-7 A. above, the Town Clerk shall require the applicant to file with him a certificate in writing signed by a licensed veterinarian that the dog designated in the permit has been vaccinated against rabies within one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the application. Each permit shall be valid for the calendar year commencing January 1 of each year, and no longer.
- C. The Town Clerk shall annually provide a sufficient number of metal badges suitable for dogs to be fastened to the animal's collar, numbered from one upwards, and stamped "Dog Permit" and year of issue. This badge and the written permission required in Sec. 3-7 A shall be delivered to the person owning, keeping, or harboring the dog upon the payment of the sum of \$25.00 for residents of the Town and \$35.00 for non-residents of the Town of Sullivan's Island. (11-16-04) (11-17-09)
- D. With submittal of an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizenship Certificate at the time of application, applicant shall receive a \$2.00 discount off the applicable annual fee for each certified dog. (11-17-09)

The name and address of each party to whom such permit and badge have been issued shall be kept on file in the Town office for the purpose of identification in case such badges would at any time be lost,

¹ For state law as to rabies control generally, see SC Code 1976, SS44-1-8 and 47-5-210.

stolen or otherwise misappropriated. Violations of this section shall be prosecuted in the same manner as those violations listed in Sec. 3-8 of this article. (5-19-80)

Sec. 3-8. Offenses by dogs or owners and penalties.

It shall be unlawful within the Town of Sullivan's Island for any dog owner/keeper or other person with custody and control of a dog to:

- A. Allow his dog to run at large off the property owned, rented or controlled by him or allow his dog to run at large at any time with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Dog owner/keeper or other person with custody and control may allow his/her dog to run at large on the beach area and RC-1 from 5:00 AM to 10:00 AM May 1 through September 30 and from 5:00AM to 12:00 Noon October 1 through April 30; this would not include walkways or access paths and owner/keeper or other person must have a leash in hand not to exceed 10 feet in length. (11-16-04) (12-12-05) (11-17-09)
 - 2. No dogs may be allowed on the beach area, RC-1, adjacent waters, beach paths or access points from 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM from May 1 through September 30. (11-16-04) (12-20-05) (11-17-09)
 - 3. Dog owner/keeper or other person with custody and control may allow his/her dog on the beach, beach paths, RC-1 and adjacent water if the dog is attached to a leash, which is in the owner's hands, and is never longer from 6:00 PM to 5:00 AM from May 1 through September 30 and from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 AM from October 1 through April 30. Dogs on leash as described here are also permitted on the beach, beach paths, RC-1 and adjacent water when dogs are permitted to be off-leash in those locations. (11-16-04) (12-20-05) (11-17-09)
- B. Keep a vicious or unruly dog unless restrained by a fence, chain or other means so that such dog cannot reach persons not on land owned, leased or controlled by him. A "vicious dog" shall be construed to mean any dog evidencing an abnormal inclination to attack persons or animals without provocation.
- C. Allow a female dog to run at large during estrus or the heat period.
- D. Release or take out of quarantine without proper authority any dog, or resist the Town of Sullivan's Island pound personnel or police officers engaging in the capture and quarantine of a dog.
- E. Keep a dog or dogs which bark habitually or continuously so as to constitute an annoyance to the neighborhood.
- F. Bring or keep within the Town of Sullivan's Island any dog which has not been inoculated against rabies within the recognized period of immunity for such inoculations.
- G. Wrongfully remove the badge from a dog registered as required in Sec. 3-7 of this article.
- H. Own, keep, harbor, or allow a dog within the Town of Sullivan's Island without a written permit/badge from the Town Clerk as provided in Section 3-7 above. (2-15-05) (5-19-80)

I. Keep within the Town of Sullivan's Island any dog found by the Municipal Judge to have bitten any person without justification.

J. Allow a dog to disturb nesting sea turtles, turtle nests or turtle hatchlings. (1-27-92)

K. Allow a dog to enter a designated critical habitat area unless the signs marking the critical habitat area permit pets, and unless the dog has a chain, substantial thong or lease attached which is in the hand of some responsible person. (1-27-92)

L. The owner/keeper or other person with custody and control of a dog shall immediately collect, remove and dispose of all excrement deposited by such animal on any beach, public property, street, right-of-way, sidewalk, public way, playground, or upon private property owned by others. The owner or custodian shall place the excrement in a plastic bag or other suitable container and deposit the collection in an approved waste receptacle. The owner/keeper, other person, or custodian shall have in hand at all times a plastic bag or suitable container. (6-15-04)

Any person who violated any of the provisions of this article shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, to be imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days in jail. The Municipal Judge shall have authority to hear cases made as a result of alleged violations of this article. (7-15-86; 9-23-97)

Sec. 3-9. Impounded dogs and disposition thereof.

Employees of the pound or Police Department shall notify the owner of any quarantined dog when such owner can be determined from tags or other sources of information.

After any dog has been quarantined for a period of forty-eight (48) hours, and is unclaimed by its owner, the pound employees or the Police Department may turn such dog over to the Humane Society, ASPCA, County Dog pound, or any other animal shelter. Complete records shall be kept by pound employees, police officials, or the Town Clerk as to the disposition of impounded animals. (5-19-80)

The Town of Sullivan's Island Says: Scoop It, Please!

*Picking up after your dog helps protect
our region's health and water quality.*



When left behind, dog waste does not just disintegrate. It runs into our waterways during rainstorms - the equivalent to *dumping raw sewage in our beach water.*

Dog waste gets in the water....so what?

- While much water pollution comes from specific outlets like industry, development, and landfills, **dog waste is a source YOU can help control.**
- It is a primary source for coliform bacteria, viruses, and internal parasites.
- The top pollutant in SC waterways is fecal coliform bacteria.
- These contaminants cause roundworm or hookworm infections, Giardia, and Salmonella.

Make it a habit to clean up after your dog every time. Having dogs on the beach is a special **privilege** for which we don't want others to pay the price.

By the Numbers

- Almost **1/2 the U.S. families own a dog**, and many dog owners admit to not picking up the waste – yet even a small dog can have an impact.
- **Sullivan's Island sold over 1,500 dog licenses last year.** On a pretty weekend morning there can be **as many as 400 dogs on the beach at once.**
- The bacteria in **one day's waste from one large dog** could possibly **close 15 acres of shellfish beds** depending on proximity.
- Barrier island beaches carry waste to sea in water flowing over or just below the surface of the sand.
- Dog waste contributes to nearly 30% of our water pollution.
- Our Goal – Having **100% of dog owners pick up** after their dogs. *OVER*

Doggie DO's:

- ✓ Pick up after your dog.

- ✓ Carry bags with you and tie them shut when used and throw them into a trash receptacle.
- ✓ **IF** you use flushable or no bags, and **IF** you are on a sewer system, dog waste can go in the toilet.

Doggie DO NOT: Use dog waste as fertilizer or in compost. It can burn or discolor the grass, and compost does not heat up enough to kill any pathogens.

WHAT ELSE POLLUTES THE WATER? Lawn fertilizers and pesticides, runoff from driveways and streets containing motor oil or gas commonly ends up in creeks, marshes, and ocean water.

For more information on healthy waters, visit <http://coastalconservationleague.org/nonpoint-source-pollution/>

DON'T FORGET: Dogs must be licensed every year to visit Sullivan's Island. For more information, contact the Town of Sullivan's Island or view www.sullivanisland-sc.com



COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE'S MISSION is to protect the natural environment of the South Carolina coastal plain and to enhance the quality of our life of our communities by working with individuals, businesses and government to ensure balanced solutions.

Cleaning up after your pet is a great start to promoting water quality.

If you are interested in doing more for water quality or other environmental issues in the Lowcountry, please visit our web site:

www.coastalconservationleague.org

or contact project manager Katie Zimmerman at (843) 725-1292 or KatieZ@scccl.org

"Nature and Community in Balance"

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