

Pet Friendly Virginia Beach

Summer: Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend

- Dogs are allowed on the Boardwalk between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times.
- Human companions are required to clean-up after their pet.
- Dogs are still prohibited on the sandy beach and in the water in the Resort Area (between Rudee Loop and 42nd Street).
- Dogs are permitted on the sandy beaches north of 42nd Street and south of Rudee Loop (Croatan and Sandbridge) before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m., provided they are leashed or under the control of their owner if unleashed.
- Service animals are exempt from these prohibitions under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Fall, Winter Spring: After Labor Day and before Memorial Day Weekend

- Pets are welcome to enjoy the public beaches and Boardwalk at any time.
- Pets must be on a leash on the Boardwalk.
- Dogs may be off leash on the beach.
- For the safety of all beachgoers, canine and human alike, please supervise your pet carefully when off leash and only unleash on the sand with reliable voice command and recall.

Pet Safety Information

"HOT" Sand & Pavement: Yes, even on warm days, sand and pavement can get extremely HOT. Please know that HOT sand and pavement can be HOT enough to cause pain, discomfort and even burn your dogs paws. Remember, dogs paws are made of skin just like your feet. It only takes 60 seconds to burn the pads on your dogs paws.

Water: Also in the heat make sure your pet gets plenty of fresh cool water to stay hydrated. Try not to let pets drink ocean water or any salt water.

Vehicles: Never leave your pet in your vehicle in warm or HOT weather or extremely COLD weather. Don't always depend on your vehicle's a/c or heat or rolled down windows for their safety.

