

ESC Gathering - Dog Etiquette and Safety

Please refer to the following rules in order that everyone has a fun and safe gathering experience.

Everyone is responsible for picking up after their dog/s and for their dog/s behavior.

Leash On until your dog is oriented. Have a leash with you at all times.

Food and treats should be given “in private” (away from other dogs).

Reactive Dogs

dogs that bark, lunge, grab, mount, get over-excited in new situations, or resource guard food or people

- Must be on leash at all times.
- Keep your dog at a safe distance from off-leash dogs. Be ready to be in charge – if an off-leash dog is approaching tell the off-leash dog what to do. Call for help if you need it.
- You can walk your dog on the drive-way, around the property boundary, and down to the pond.
- You can use an X-pen for your dog or crate them.
- Ask for direction to the designated fenced area where your dog can have some off-leash time away from other dogs and under your supervision.

Shy and fearful dogs

- Keep your dog on leash until you know how your dog will react. Remember that your dog’s reaction may change with different dogs, and as your dog gets excited or tired.
- Be ready to be in charge - don’t leave the decisions to your dog.
- Prevent off-leash dogs from getting into your dog’s space. Tell the off-leash dog what to do.
- If you have any doubt about your dog’s reactions follow the rules for Reactive Dogs.

Flight risk, and dogs with uncertain recall

- Must be on leash at all times.
- If your dog is socially adept and fine with being approached by off-leash dogs you are free to walk anywhere on the property with your on-leash dog.

Sociable dogs with reliable recall

- Must be on-leash within any of the buildings – house, garage, barn etc.
- Can be off-leash in the farmyard.
- You should know where your dog is and they should check in with you regularly.
- Recall must be reliable enough to allow you to call your dog away from: vehicles; the driveway; on-leash dogs; and to prevent them going by themselves into buildings.
- Should be monitored for poop pick-up and to ensure that marking is appropriate.
- Can play off-leash with balls or Frisbees provided you take them away from where people and dogs are gathered.

If you need a specific parking spot for mobility access, or because your dog will be in your vehicle and you need to be able to keep watch, please let Carolyn, Alison, or Shezan know when you arrive.

Most of all, have FUN!