



## Arcata City Trails & Dog Etiquette

- ◆ Keeping your dog on a leash isn't just good practice—it's the law. (AMC Sect.10008)
- ◆ While out walking or hiking on trails in the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary, Redwood Park or the Arcata Community Forest, your dog must always be on a sturdy leash under 6 ft. long. Leashes protect dogs from becoming lost and from disturbing sensitive habitat and wildlife.
- ◆ A leashed dog is much easier to control. Unleashed dogs can intimidate other people, their dogs, and frighten wildlife.
- ◆ Carry a plastic bag when walking pets and be sure to pick up after them. Most trails offer pet waste stations with disposable bags and trash receptacles. Please use them.
- ◆ Never toss pet waste into the trees, bushes, streets or gutters.
- ◆ The Arcata Community Forest and Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary provide vital wildlife habitat. Unleashed dogs scare wild animals, interfere with nesting birds and may even injure, or sometimes kill, wildlife.
- ◆ Arcata's public parks are closed between sunset to sunrise (AMC Sect. 10006).

### ***Protect the Environment***

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health & economy. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets and grassy areas is flushed into the nearest waterway every time it rains and ends up in our creeks, bay and ocean.

Pet waste is a health risk to pets, people and wildlife and is full of bacteria that can make pets, people and wildlife sick.

