



# Dogs on Conservation Land

**SVT welcomes dog walking at this reservation, however we ask that owners adhere to the posted policy. These policies were established based in part on the information below:**

- Free running dogs can disturb or kill birds and mammals (birds are especially vulnerable during nesting season and deer are especially vulnerable during winter). This can also result in the trampling and damaging of vegetation.
- Dog activity erodes banks and adds sediments to ponds, stream waters, and vernal pools thereby degrading habitat for aquatic species.
- Dog waste pollutes surface waters.
- Dog greeting behavior is unpleasant to some and frightening to others and is a potential safety concern.

Please note the policies and *enjoy your walk!*