Let’s maintain the PRIVILEGE of walking our dogs off-leash at Willard Beach and Hinckley Park. Keep these areas clean, safe and fun for all by being responsible dog owners and obeying South Portland’s DOG ORDINANCES:

- **Dogs are allowed on Willard Beach:**
  - May 1 to September 30 from 7 - 9 am and 7 - 9 pm.
  - October 1 to April 30 from 6 am - 9 pm.

- **Dogs are allowed at Hinckley Park from 6 am - 9 pm.**

- **Keep your dog under VOICE CONTROL OR ON LEASH:** Don’t let your dog approach people without their consent.

- **Always carry a leash and leash your dog when:**
  - Walking from the parking lot to the off-leash area.
  - Passing the Willard Beach playground.
  - Your dog is not under immediate voice control.
  - Walking on public walkways, sidewalks, on the Greenbelt walkway and in parking lots.

- **Be alert and ready to leash your dog when:**
  - The beach or park is crowded.
  - Children are playing.
  - When approaching or passing a leashed dog.
  - Picnickers or sunbathers are nearby.
  - It’s high tide, to keep them out of the dune grass.
  - There are unsteady beach walkers.

- **Pick up after your dog:** Bring your own bags and spare bags for other dog walkers! Trash containers are located at the beach and park entrances.

- **Be considerate of beachfront and park neighbors:** Don’t let your dog bark incessantly and keep your voices down.

- **You can be fined up to $500 for violations and can be banned from the beach or park after multiple violations.**
  
  (Find the ordinance at [www.southportland.org/Code of Ordinance, Animal and Fowl](http://www.southportland.org/Code%20of%20Ordinance,%20Animal%20and%20Fowl)).

DO YOUR PART to keep Willard Beach and Hinckley Park open to off-leash access. To learn more about the South Portland Dog Owners Group:

https://tinyurl.com/sopodog

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