



## **PIP 2020 CAMPGROUND DOG POLICY**

**NEW THIS YEAR** – you will be required to register your dog when you check in at the campground. You will receive a special collar for your dog that will indicate that your dog has been registered. The collar will include your name, phone number and campsite assignment.

This policy is being implemented to aid in the adherence to our NO LOOSE DOG policy. Each year we experience an increase in loose dogs. Loose dogs are NEVER allowed anywhere within Ft. Tuthill County Park and that includes the campgrounds. Dealing with loose dogs and chasing down owners of loose dogs, who tend to be unhappy when asked to secure their dog, takes a toll on our volunteers and the campground management team. Last year, many of our volunteers were forced to extend their shifts and miss the music in the amphitheater (which is the main reason we are here) to secure loose dogs and find their owners.

We are very concerned with the safety of your dog. The year-round campground management company has shared horror stories of their experiences during the summer season, they have seen serious injury to dogs, and even dog fights “to the death” have occurred to dogs in the campground. This is not an exaggeration! The safety of our campers, children and yes, your dog is our utmost concern.

Please adhere to and cooperate with our dog policy. If you feel our policy is too restrictive and you just can't go along with it, please leave your dog at home. If you are asked to secure your dog, don't argue with our staff or your fellow campers. If things don't go well this year, we will be forced to change our policy and discontinue allowing dogs in the festival campgrounds.

### **Our current policy continues to be:**

If you must bring your pet, they are allowed in the campground, but **MUST BE ON A LEASH AND UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES – NO EXCEPTIONS**. Leaving pets unattended in the campground is prohibited. If your pet is found to be running loose in the campground you will be asked to vacate your campsite with no refund. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP YOUR PET'S WASTE**. Please respect the environment and your fellow campers by cleaning up after your pet; failure to do so will result in your removal from the campground.