# More about Dogs Too Many Considered Family

#### **SVT Dog Policy**

- Dogs are required to be under control at all times.
   "Control" is defined by the dog being within the owner's sight and hearing at all times and being trained to come immediately when called.
- Dogs must be restrained by leash immediately when encountering others, with or without dogs.
- Maximum of three dogs per person.
- Dogs not allowed in ponds, waterway, or wetlands.
- Dog owners must clean-up after dogs
- Dogs are not allowed to harass wildlife of any kind.
- Dogs must stay on paths at all times.

#### Educational

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!

#### **Americorps Outreach**

- 2015-16
  - Dog Waste Brochure & Outreach
  - Added Doggy bag waste station
- 2017
  - Poop flag project
  - More outreach
- 2018
  - More outreach and new brochure in the making

### Dog Poop Flag Project





# Creating a Consistent Message & Coordination

Metrowest Working Group & Beyond

Google "Web Page" to share resources

Developing a comprehensive Brochure

More outreach & "Eduforcement"

Working with Dog Community – Dog Trust Land?

## Let's Talk Dogs



