Bird Friendly Beaches Have Dogs On Leashes





You can help protect these birds by doing the following:

- •Go around large flocks of birds. Whether they are feeding or resting, these birds need plenty of space. If birds run or fly, you are too close.
- •Obey leash laws. If dogs are allowed to be off leash during certain times or seasons, please keep your dog on a leash when you see flocks of birds on the beach. Never allow your dog(s) to chase birds.
- •Respect closures for wildlife. If areas on the beach are closed to dogs, please respect the closure and take your dog to another section of beach.
- •Clean up after your dog. Not only is it part of being a responsible dog owner, but it also reduces human, dog, and wildlife exposure to additional microbial loads, which can compromise the immune system.
- Lead by example. Practice the above recommendations and help educate other dog owners about how to share the beach with beach dependent birds.



