



Town of Orchid

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Off-Leash Dog License Application

Regulations Pertaining to Dogs on the Beach

Within Orchid, on-leash dogs are allowed on the beach from sunrise to sunset provided the leash is not extended more than 8 feet in length and is commercially manufactured to restrain a dog of the relevant size and/or weight. No license is required for dogs kept on a leash extending 8 feet or less.

Dogs are allowed on the beach off-leash or on a leash extended beyond 8 feet during daily hours of **sunrise to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to sunset**, if the caretaker:

- has a Town license that remains current and valid and has attached a corresponding dog tag issued by the Town to the dog's collar/harness; and
- maintains visual contact with the dog; and,
- keeps the dog within sixty (60) feet; and,
- has in possession a leash that can be maintained at 8 feet or less each dog and leashes dog(s) during any interaction with an employee or agent of the Town.

The following regulations apply to the caretakers of *all* dogs on the beach:

- Caretakers may have no more than 2 dogs in their care on the beach; and,
- Caretakers must carry appropriate bags or a "pooper scooper" or other such device for the purpose of picking up their dog's fecal matter, which shall not be disposed of in trash receptacles provided on the beach by private entities. The leaving of fecal matter on the beach, even if covered over by sand, is a violation of the law; and,
- Caretakers must keep their dog(s) off the dunes, this includes the dune slope; and,
- Caretakers must keep their dog(s) from disturbing sea turtle nests; and,
- Caretakers must carry a valid form of identification with them; and,
- Caretakers must ensure that their dogs are not a public nuisance or a danger to persons, dogs or wildlife. Examples:
 - The dog has bitten, attacked, or inflicted severe injury on a human being.
 - The dog has severely injured or killed another animal.
 - The dog has, when unprovoked, chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons.
 - The dog barked in an excessive or continuous manner, provided that such actions are attested to in a sworn statement by one or more persons.
 - The caretaker has failed to pick up and dispose of a dog's fecal matter from the beach or public right of way.
 - The dog has walked or climbed on the beach dunes, including the slope, or has disturbed a sea turtle nest.

Applicant's initials: _____

About the License

This application must be completed in full for each dog for which a license is desired.

The application must be accompanied by proof of current rabies vaccination via submittal of a veterinarian's certificate or valid Indian River County animal license which includes:

- expiration date of rabies vaccination; and,
- the name and breed(s) of the dog.

Proof must be kept up to date! If a dog's rabies vaccination expires during the license year, the owner must supply the Town with up-to-date documentation of the new vaccination to keep the license valid.

Each license is valid from its issuance to the end of the Town's fiscal year, September 30. The fee is not prorated. Each license is specific to a particular dog and is not transferable. Multiple licenses can be obtained by an owner of multiple dogs.

The initial license application fee is \$50, the renewal fee for subsequent applications for the same dog is \$20 if the license is in good standing on the date of expiration. The fee for replacement of a lost or damaged dog tag is \$20.

A valid Town-issued dog tag must be worn on the dog's collar or harness when on the beach off-leash or on a leash extended more than 8 feet.

Information about the denial, revocation, or suspension of a license, right to appeal and penalties for violations is available at <https://www.townoforchid.com/dogregs>.

Owner Information

Owner Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Dog Information

Name: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____

Weight: _____ Primary Color(s): _____

Was this dog ever the unprovoked aggressor in a biting or fighting incident? Yes No

Veterinarian: _____

Submit this application with a copy of proof of current rabies vaccination. This may be a veterinarian's certificate or valid Indian River County animal license.

Notarized signature required on next page. Town staff can assist at Town Hall.

Dog Owner's Affidavit

I certify that I am the owner of the dog named in this application and that the foregoing representations are accurate, and that the supplemental documents provided are authentic and regard the dog named in this application. I further affirm that I have carefully read and fully understood the regulations pertaining to dogs on the beach in Orchid and that I will fully comply with those regulations. I further accept full responsibility for the actions of my dog, even when it is in the care of another.

Owner's Signature

State of _____

County of _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of _____ physical presence

or _____ online notarization, this _____ day of _____ 20____

by _____, who is _____ personally known to me OR

produced identification: _____

NOTARY SEAL:

Notary Signature

<p style="text-align: center;">Application Approved by Town Administration</p> <p>Approval:_____ License Number:_____ Issue Date:_____</p>
