



# Why we do not let dogs off leash

Occasionally we get calls from prospective clients asking if we will let their dog off leash, or take them on a group walk. Since 2000 the answer has been no, and will continue to be no, and here's why.

- As soon as the leash is unhooked from the collar we are no longer in control. We need control to make sure your dog stays safe and healthy.
- Your dog may have the best recall in the world for YOU, but distractions like squirrels, birds, other dogs, or a great smell may stop them from listening to us.
- Often animals, especially dogs will go and look for their "master"
- Stranger Danger – sadly dog theft is on the rise. Your dog running towards a stranger with tempting treats while we try to watch other dogs is a situation we would never want to put your beloved dog in.
- Wildlife – forests and trails are great. We love them and take our pooch there. But we are careful he doesn't run too deeply into the forest in case of a run in with coyotes, fox, raccoons, etc. It is hard to track several dogs at once all running in different directions.
- Often in a group walk, one dog requires more attention than the others. We want to make sure your pup ALWAYS gets 100% of our attention. They deserve it.
- Even though all the dogs get along when they initially meet, you just never know when one of the pack is having a bad day putting the other dogs on the group walk at risk

**At York Professional Pet Sitting and Dog Walking, we want to make sure your dog has an enjoyable walk, our undivided attention, and comes home safe and happy.**

