

### NON-CONSERVATION PET USE POLICY

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Allegheny Land Trust (ALT) understands that pets are a part of the family and enjoy open spaces as much as any other ALT green space user. Pets are largely permitted on ALT's lands. Where posted, pets may be prohibited on green spaces where conflicts with environmental education programming, air and water quality, or wildlife habitat are a concern. ALT reserves the right to deny any pet owner from frequenting an ALT land. Check the rules and regulations of green spaces prior to your visit, and find these rules posted on blue signs at trailheads.

### WHERE PETS ARE PERMITTED ON-LEASH THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY:

- 1. Pets must be on a leash and under control of the owner at all times. Keeping your pet on a leash keeps people, other pets, and wildlife safe while enjoying green spaces.
- 2. Bringing a leashed pet to a site requires a commitment to remove all feces. Please pack a pick up bag scoop your pet waste, and pack the waste out. Uncontained pet waste is a significant contributor to water quality pollution and poses a health hazard including for young children who utilize our properties for environmental educational programming.
- 3. No more than two pets per person are allowed at any one time and owners must carry a leash at all times for each dog. All pet care businesses are required to follow all rules. A pack of dogs overseen by one individual is not permitted.
- 4. All pets visiting ALT sites must be licensed and current on all shots, including rabies.
- 5. Do not allow your pet to dig holes, chase wildlife, damage plants, or destroy habitat on the property.
- 6. Pet owners accept all liability for any injury caused to any person or to another pet when on ALT property.

### **EXCEPTIONS**

# EXCEPTION 1. WINGFIEND PINES CONSERVATION AREA:

No dogs or other pets are permitted at Wingfield Pines Conservation Area. This wetland green space hosts a unique ecosystem, serves as a vital wildlife habitat, and is visited by hundreds of environmental education program attendees each year, including children. Therefore, permitting pets does not align with ALT's conservation and environmental education objectives for this green space.

# **EXCEPTION 2. SEWICKLEY HUNT EVENTS:**

Green spaces permitted as a horseback-riding location for the Sewickley Hunt (Audubon Greenway, Fern Hollow Greenway, Hunt Road, Linbrook Woodlands, etc.) allow for off-leash hound dogs during Sewickley Hunt events only.

