

SEMINOLE COUNTY LEASH LAW

Sec. 20.17. - Animals at-large prohibited; custody and confinement authorized.

- (a) It is unlawful for any animal owner to allow, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care and control, the owner's animals to run at-large upon public property, unless the owner of such public property expressly authorizes such activity, or upon private property of others, including common areas of condominiums, cluster homes, planned unit developments, and community associations, without the consent of all affected owners, unless such private property owners authorize such activity by express consent.
- (b) All dogs must be under restraint by a leash when being walked off the dog owner's property. There is a rebuttable presumption that a dog is not under restraint or within the owner's direct control when the leash length exceeds eight (8) feet and in the presence of a domestic animal or person. Service animals are exempt from this part, Section 2017(b).
- (c) When any domestic animal is found at-large anywhere within the County, whether licensed or otherwise and whether owned or otherwise, such animal may be taken into custody by the Animal Control Official or other law enforcement officer to be impounded at the animal shelter and disposed as provided in Section 20.37 of this Code.
- (d) Seminole County is not liable for any injury of an animal that may occur while any Animal Control Official or employee or other law enforcement officer is trying to capture, transport, load, or unload any animal found at-large in violation of this Part. In the event an animal is injured, the Animal Control Official shall file a written report of the circumstances with the Chief Administrator for the Office of Emergency Management within one working day of such incident.

