Pets

Pets are an important part of the family, here is some basic information for pets in the Newport County area including beaches, veterinarians and dog parks.

Brenton Point State Park – Newport, RI
• Located on Ocean Drive in Newport, Brenton Point features Narragansett Bay meeting the Atlantic Ocean with breathtaking views.
• There are spots for picnicking, hiking, and grassy areas to run around or relax with your pet.
• Due to the windy conditions, there is a lot of kite flying, so be wary of stray kites.

Downtown/ Restaurants
*There are around 25 restaurants in the area that offer pet-friendly seating at their outdoor tables.*

O’Brien’s Pub – Newport, RI
• Located on Thames St, this local pub offers a spacious patio with plenty of room for humans and dogs alike.
• They offer a “Doggie Delite Menu” with several different options, milk bone cookie desserts, and bowls of cold water for the dogs.

Pour Judgement – Newport, RI
• This busy Broadway bar and hangout offers two dog-friendly tables in the summer.
• Since pet-friendly seating is limited, call ahead to ensure availability.

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Veterinarians
U.S. Army Newport Veterinary Treatment Facility – NAVSTA Newport, RI
• This is an extension of the Army Veterinary Clinic on Subase New London and is open two days a week.
• This office handles routine immunizations for dogs, cats, and other small animals and diagnostic tests.
• Surgeries, advanced care, and other procedures are done at the office in New London, but occasionally a vet will come up to Newport if needed, by appointment only.
• Located in building 1255 on Whipple St, in the MWR Leisure Bay Coffee Shoppe building
• To schedule an appointment or for a complete list of services provided, please call the Subase: (860) 694-4291.
• This facility is for military personnel only; DoD Civilians are not eligible.

U.S. Army Veterinary Treatment Facility – Subase New London, Groton, CT
• The full service veterinary facility, open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
• Should your pet require more service than the Newport location can support, the Subase New London facility will take care of you and your four-legged friend.
• By appointment only, to schedule, call (860) 694-4291.

Civilian Veterinarians – Rhode Island
• Should you have a medical emergency for your pet, there are several civilian veterinary hospitals and clinics in the area. Some of the civilian clinics offer military discounts. Some of the local options are listed here:
  • Newport Animal Hospital, Middletown, Newport, and Jamestown locations: (401) 849-3400
  • Mount Hope Animal Hospital, Portsmouth (401) 683-3743
  • Portsmouth Veterinary Clinic, Portsmouth (401) 683-0803
  • North Kingston Animal Hospital, North Kingston (401) 295-9777
  • Wickford Veterinary Clinic, North Kingston (401) 295-9739
• Ocean State Veterinary Specialists offers 24-hour emergency services for Southern New England. They are located in East Greenwich. (401) 866-6787

Beaches
Many of us love to run and splash around at the beach with our dogs, but there are some restrictions for the local area. Dogs are not permitted on beaches at state parks or on almost all public beaches in the peak summer season. Other local information is below.

Easton’s Beach (First Beach) – Newport, RI
• Dogs are permitted from October 1 until Memorial Day Weekend, permitting they are on a leash.
• Dogs are not permitted at any time from Memorial Day Weekend through September 30.
• Trash bins are available, but pet waste bags are not provided.
• No horses allowed at any time.

Sachuest Beach (Second Beach) & Third Beach – Middletown, RI
• Dogs are permitted October 1 through April 30 from sunrise to sunset, as long as they are leashed.
• During Peak season of May 1 through September 30, leashed dogs are permitted from 5-7:45 a.m.
• Pet waste bags are not provided at either beach.

Parks
Most state parks and campgrounds are pet friendly (limited to dogs and cats), with a few exceptions.

Fort Adams State Park – Newport, RI
• Although there is no off-leash area for dogs, there is plenty of walking and green grass to run around.
• There are some access points to the water for a quick dip with the dogs, but be wary of fishing lines

South Kingstown Dog Park – South Kingstown, RI
• Off-leash dog park featuring grassy terrain, trees, a few rocks, and some seating for the humans
• Separate section for smaller dogs, if you don’t want them around the bigger dogs
• Pet waste bags provided, and nearby indoor restrooms and water fountain for humans