Leash Law

Sec. 10.01.200 (Mission Viejo) Sec. 10-1-45 (Laguna Niguel)
Sec. 6.04.010 (Aliso Viejo) Sec. 13-08.010 (Laguna Hills)
Sec. 5.12.200 (Rancho Santa Margarita)

a) No person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall cause or permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such dog to be upon any private property unless such dog is restrained thereon by a fence, wall, substantial chain, leash not exceeding six feet in length, other appropriate physical restraint, or is under the charge of a person competent to exercise care, custody, and control over such dog.

b) No person owning or having charge, care, custody, or control of any dog shall cause or permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such dog to be upon any public property unless such dog be restrained by a substantial chain, or leash not exceeding six feet in length, and is under the charge of a person competent to exercise care, custody, and control over such dog, unless the owner or operator of such public property grants written permission for such dog to be on such property without such chain or leash.

- A leash is a great safety device, protecting your pet from traffic and unrestrained wild animals.
- It’s a great “Good Neighbor Policy” that prevents your dog from trespassing on your neighbor’s property during your walks. It also prevents your dog from jumping on children or adults you may encounter.
- It prevents you from being separated from your pet.
- One of the most common causes for dog rattlesnake bites is dogs off leash on walks or trails.
- It’s a great way to be your dog’s best friend, rewarding your dog and you with fresh air, exercise and companionship.

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