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PETS

- (a)(1) Pets are prohibited from the western edge of the dune line, east to include the boardwalks and the beach. Pets are also prohibited from the Seminole Rest (25 acre) area. In all other areas they must be properly restrained.

Pets were determined to be detrimental to public health and safety. The seashore allowed pets on the beach from 1975 until 1981. During this period, pets were allowed on a leash. In 1981 a total of 181 warnings were given for dogs running loose and a number of incidents were recorded concerning dog fights and dogs biting humans. Pets also interfere with native wildlife on the beach. Due to the confined space on a boardwalk, pets and leashes may impede the flow of traffic. The primary purpose that Seminole Rest was authorized was for protecting and interpreting the archeological and historic resources.