

### Be Careful When You Let Your Dog Off Leash

If you have a dog, I bet you have let your dog off leash. Maybe to play Frisbee or soccer, or maybe just to play fetch. It is great to watch your dog get exercise. But have you ever thought of the unknown perils of letting your dog off leash? Be careful when you let your dog off leash!

First of all a car might hit your dog. Not so long ago, my dog almost got hit by a car. We were on the sidewalk and on the other side of the road there was a road kill. My dog ran toward it. A car seemed to come out of nowhere and my dog was suddenly in danger of death. Luckily, the driver knew what he was doing, and his car screeched to a halt about one and a half feet in front of my own dog, (name of dog) . I know if I let my dog get hit by a car I would never forgive myself. Although it can be a nuisance walk your dog instead of letting him/her off leash, I guarantee you might regret it if your not careful. If a car hit your dog, not only would you miss your dog, but also it would make you even more sad and disgusted to see the gross sight of the scene.

Another reason why you should be careful when you let your dog off leash is because your dog could hurt other dogs, humans, or possibly even harm him/her self. In a field with children, they don't think about their "perfect pets" hurting somebody. If my dog hurt somebody, I would feel terrible and ashamed. How would you feel if your dog bit somebody or another animal? A few months ago, a little, nippy, ferocious dog slashed out from a path and started to assail my own dog, (name of dog). Of course, the dog was off leash, and the owner was some hundred yards behind. There is also a dog who gets

off leash a lot in my near where I live. People used to be worried about the dog biting their children. Luckily, the dog was friendly. What if the dog had bitten small children?

Dogs could also run away if you are not careful. Often when I am walking my own dog, I meet a random dog that I have never met before. The owner is nowhere to be seen, and the dogs are running wild. What if they don't stop running? What would happen if your dog ran away? How would you feel? What would you do? How would your family feel? To back up my point, I will give you an example from my own life.

One time my friend and I were playing at with my dog down at (name of field) field. We were throwing around a tennis ball, so we let (name of dog) (my dog) off leash. He got the tennis ball and went on a path next to the school, and if he kept on going in he right direction, he would make it to my house. But if he made a wrong turn, he was off in his world. Just up ahead, there was a crosswalk, it took us a very long time to catch him. My mother was the one who finally caught him, and that was only because we had called her on my friend's cell phone earlier in the chase.

I'm not trying to say that you shouldn't let your dog off leash. I'm just saying to be careful when you let your dog off leash.