

Walk Your Dog in the Memorial Day Parade  
Sunday, May 29, 2011

**Meet at 1:20 in the shade at (approx.) 55 Putnam Street**  
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Leashed dogs (no retractable leads please) that are licensed and that enjoy the company of other dogs are welcome! If you have more than one dog, bring a friend! One dog per person, please.

**somldog does not lead the parade!**

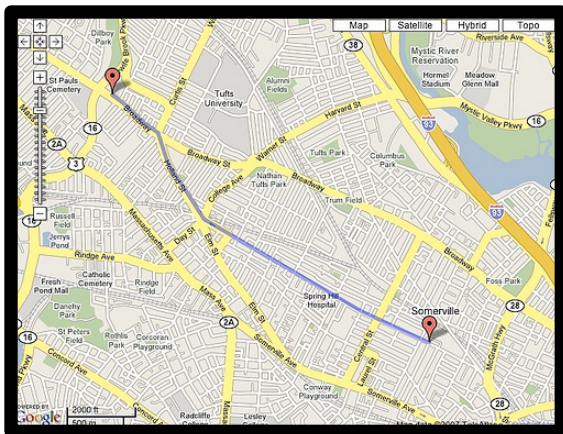
We are in the fourth division along with other community groups and marching bands. Each division takes about fifteen minutes to get underway. We should be underway by 1:45, but we need to be in our place in queue on Putnam street when our division begins to move into place on Highland Avenue to begin the parade.



**Follow us on Twitter!**

Follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/somldog](http://www.twitter.com/somldog)) to receive updates on Parade Day, including where we will queue up, when each of the divisions ahead of us is setting off, and where we are along the parade route!

**Join us along the parade route!**



The parade route is 2.25 miles. We want a good showing of Somerville dog owners when we pass the grandstand at the end of the route, so consider filing in with us behind our banner along the route. *Note: You will hear cannons and guns if you are watching the parade go by. There will be cannons and guns in the first, second and fifth divisions. There are no cannons or guns in our division, so we are not exposed to these noises in the Parade.*

**Getting to the Parade**

Walkers are responsible for their own transportation to and from the parade. There will be **NO PARKING** at City Hall on the day of the parade. Consider parking your vehicle at Dilboyl Field and then taking public transportation back home in the morning before the Parade. *Note: some bus routes are affected by the parade.*

**Suggested Donation**

For every person who walks with us in the Parade, somldog donates \$5 to the City of Somerville's Memorial Day Fund. We appreciate your donation of \$5!

**promoting responsible dog ownership, safe and legal options for off-leash recreation and open space for all in Somerville, MA.**

## **In the Parade**

### Be Healthy!

1. Drink lots of water.
2. Make sure your dog drinks enough water.
3. If your dog has diarrhea or vomits, there is a risk of dehydration, and you must take her or him out of the parade.
4. If you or your dog is tired, overheated or otherwise uncomfortable, please pull out of the parade and take care of yourself and/or your dog.
5. You may want to wear sunblock.

*Note: It can be very warm: There's a lot less shade when you're walking in the street than on the sidewalk, and the asphalt of the street is a lot warmer underfoot (and paw) than the concrete sidewalk.*

### Be Responsible!

1. Clean up after your dog.
2. Do not allow your dog to jump up on, hump, or otherwise antagonize spectators, other dogs, or parade participants.
3. Do not allow your dog to greet any spectator unless that person has asked to meet your dog.

### Be Outgoing!

1. Smile and wave to the spectators!
2. Tricks are encouraged!
3. Be careful not bunch up behind the som|dog banner so that spectators can read the banner and then enjoy looking at our dogs!
4. If a spectator asks to meet your dog, you may let your dog greet her or him. You do not have to let your dog greet spectators if you prefer.
5. The Mayor and the Aldermen watch the parade from a grandstand at the end of the route: be sure to wave to them!

### Take turns carrying the som|dog banner!

1. Center the banner in the street (using the painted lines in the street as a guideline if where available).
2. Carry the banner at a 90° angle to the street.
3. Stay in step with the other person carrying the banner.