Critical Habitat Area: Dogs are prohibited year-round in critical habitat areas located on each end of the island.

Dog Use Area: Dogs are allowed off-leash year-round in the designated dog use area between the eastern boundary of the Beach Club and the Ocean Course pedestrian access.

Remainder of the Beach | Seasonal Dog Leash Area:
- March 16 – October 31 - Dogs mush be leashed at all times even in the ocean.
- November 1 – March 15 - Dogs are allowed to be off-leash from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Pets must be leashed from 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Off-leash stipulations: Owners must remain with their pet, have the pet under control, and have in their possession a leash in the event that there is a need to leash their pet, or if requested by other beachgoers or by Beach Patrol. Electronic leashes are prohibited.

Ordinances are enforced by Beach Patrol (call or text 843-518-2880) and Code Enforcement officers (24-hour hotline 843-259-2137).

Questions? Call 843-768-9166
Map of Kiawah Island showing the location of critical habitat areas and pet restraint requirements.