Extendible leads are popular because they allow dog and owners freedom to move at slightly different paces. But that flexibility can sometimes be a nuisance, or even a hazard, if your dog is not under your control.

In areas frequented by walkers, bicyclists, and joggers (such as public parks or greenways) keep your dog within a 6-foot range at all times! Some cities and towns restrict the length of leads for dogs. Check local ordinances to make sure you’re in compliance. And remember, keeping your dog under your control in public will ensure its safety and the safety of passersby.

For more information about responsible dog ownership, visit the American Kennel Club web site www.akc.org