



Dog Park Rules



Sec. 19-8. Regulations for the safe use of designated dog park areas within the city.

(a) **Purpose.** It is the purpose of this section to establish regulations for the safe use of designated dog park areas within the city.

(b) **Hours of operation.** Designated dog park areas are available for use Monday through Sunday from dawn to dusk.

Designated dog park areas will be closed at posted times for maintenance.

(c) **Regulations for use of designated dog park areas.**

(1) Any person entering the park with a dog must be over the age of 18 or accompanied by an adult and must be within arms reach of an adult at all times. Children are not permitted to run, shout, scream, wave their arms or otherwise excite, or antagonize dogs in the exercise area. Individuals shall not approach or pet a dog without the owners permission.

(2) No more than two dogs per person are permitted. No animals other than dogs are permitted.

(3) **License and vaccinations.** All dogs must be at least six months of age to enter dog park. Dogs are required to wear collars and must have current dog tags in place, shots, vaccinations, and be free from contagious diseases.

(4) All dogs entering the park must be spayed or neutered.

(5) Off-leash dogs must be accompanied/supervised by their owners/caretakers and remain inside the fenced areas at all times.

(6) The use of choke, prong, or spike collars are prohibited.

(7) Aggressive dogs are not permitted. If signs of aggression occur, the dog must be leashed and removed from the park immediately. It is the owners/caregiver responsibility for any dog actions, even if the dog was provoked by others. Dogs should be immediately removed from the dog park if it bites or attempts to bite or attack any person or dog.

(8) **Sick, injured, or dogs in heat.** Dogs that are known to be ill, or have been quarantined by a veterinarian or by order of animal control, dogs with either viral (kennel cough, parvo, distemper) or parasitic (worms, ticks, fleas) infection are not allowed in dog park at any time.

(9) Dogs that bark excessively must be quieted or removed from the park.

(10) **Caretakers of dogs must clean up after their dogs and put feces/trash in properly marked disposal containers.**

(11) Water bowls are to be removed from the dog park.

(12) No food or drinks are allowed in the dog park other than small training treats and water.

(13) No smoking allowed.

(14) No littering.

(15) No sports.

(16) No rollerblades, skates, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, chairs, etc. are allowed in the dog park at any time. Exception: wheelchairs are allowed.

(17) No toys or balls allowed.

(18) Commercial/professional/private dog obedience classes and events other than those authorized by the city area prohibited.

(19) Abandoning animals is prohibited. Dogs must always be attended to by the owner/caregiver at all times.

(20) Shoes are required in dog park.

(21) No loitering.

(22) In the event the city designates specific areas of the dog park for dogs of certain sizes, a chaperone will be required for each dog (small, large etc.) and each dog will be required to stay in their specified area with a chaperone. If an adult brings two dogs of different sizes with only one adult present, the dogs will not be allowed in dog park.

(23) Leash-free area is subject to closure without notice for maintenance.

(24) All persons shall comply with instructions of city staff, peace officers, and animal control officers at all times. Violation of this or any other provision of this section shall be grounds for immediate and permanent expulsion from the dog park.

(25) The city reserves the right to refuse patron access.

(Ord. No. 1584, § 1, 10-28-08)