



# Dog Park Rules & Recommendations

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As dog parks increase in popularity, it is important to remember the following rules and recommendations to keep the experience will be enjoyable for everyone:

## Rules:

- 🐾 Dog owners are legally and financially liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog(s). *Wis. Stat. Ann. 174.02 (1)*.
- 🐾 All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated. Dogs are required to wear a visible, municipal license, and I.D. tag. *Wis. Stat. Ann. 95.21 (2)*.
- 🐾 A Daily or Annual Park Dog Permit is required. *D.C. Ord.53.02 (2)*
- 🐾 Aggressive dogs are prohibited from the park. Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be removed from the park immediately.
- 🐾 Dog waste must be cleaned up and placed in the proper receptacle by the owner/handler. *This is essential to the ongoing success of the dog park.*
- 🐾 The owner/handler must be in control of their dog(s) at all times. The dog must be within view and under voice control of the owner/handler.
- 🐾 Female dogs in season (heat) are not allowed in a dog park.
- 🐾 Dogs must be leashed with a 6-foot static lease when entering and leaving off-leash areas. The owner/handler must have a leash in their possession at all times.

## Recommendations:

- 🐾 Limit food and treats brought into a dog park as it may attract other dogs.
- 🐾 Throwing balls or other dog toys may lead to possession aggression.
- 🐾 Make sure your dog is healthy. It is possible for your dog to pass on an infection or parasite to other dogs. Sharing water can also lead to disease transmission.
- 🐾 Children should be supervised when in the dog park.
- 🐾 A dog park is not the place to work on behavioral problems with your dog.
- 🐾 Do not bring more dogs than you can effectively restrain. It is recommended that you bring no more than 3 dogs at one time.
- 🐾 You are responsible for all actions of your dog. You must remain in the dog area with your dog at all times.
- 🐾 Do not allow your dog to be in contact with wild animals.
- 🐾 It is not acceptable to dump pet waste from offsite at the dog park.