

## **Dog Park Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Is there a fee to use the Dog Park?
  - a. No the Dog Park is free to use by the public, but all dogs must have a valid license and have up-to-date rabies, distemper and bordetella vaccinations.
2. How come children under 8 years old are not allowed in the enclosures?
  - a. For the safety of all users, there may be several animals and larger dogs that are running in the enclosure that may run into smaller children.
3. Why can't I bring treats/food into the Dog Park?
  - a. The Dog Park is for recreation use only and not for training purposes. Bringing food into the Park may attract other animals that could become more aggressive and trigger a fight when food is around.
4. Why must dogs be at least 4 months old to enter the Dog Park?
  - a. Puppies will not be fully immunized until they have completed their full series of vaccinations.
5. Why can't I leash my dog in the Dog Park off leash areas?
  - a. Leashes can cause a tripping hazard, and dogs on a leash may feel more insecure because they can't escape if they need to and may trigger a fight.
6. Why is there a separate area for small dogs?
  - a. Small dogs could be easily hurt by larger dogs during "play", or be mistake for small prey.
7. Why are only flat buckle collars allowed?
  - a. The neck and shoulders are where most dogs aim their play and sharp collars can cause injury.
8. What is considered aggressive play?
  - a. Constant nipping at another dog's neck, pouncing on another animal, or other such behaviors may trigger a fight and is disrespectful to the owner and the animal.
9. Why is it important I keep close supervision on my dog in an enclosed area?
  - a. Dogs know when an owner's attention is directed elsewhere, and may take advantage of this in unwanted behavior. It is up to each person to control their dog's behavior in the Park.
10. Why should I pick up after my dog in the Park?
  - a. Doggie bags are available in the Park and should be used to help eliminate dog waste that can carry parasites, attract flies, and avoid other dogs from rolling in or owners stepping into.