



**DOG EXERCISE AREA
GREEN PARK
251 BICKERSTAFF WAY**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The owner/custodian of the dog(s) entering the Dog Park is responsible to abide by these rules. Please take time to read and understand them completely.

THE DOG EXERCISE AREA (DOG PARK) IS FOR THE USE OF CITY OF GAITHERSBURG RESIDENTS AND THEIR LICENSED DOGS, DOG EXERCISE AREA MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ONLY.

**THIS AREA IS NOT SUPERVISED.
OWNERS ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS AT ALL TIMES.
THE CITY ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR CONDUCT OF
DOGS OR THEIR OWNERS.**

- All dogs must be accompanied by responsible owners/custodians who are physically able to exercise effective restraint of the dog(s), if necessary, and who will restrain their dogs if necessary and in compliance with these Rules and Regulations. Owners/custodians must remain in the Dog Park with their dogs and must keep their dogs in sight and under their control at all times.
- Please observe the Dog Park hours of operation, which are 7:00 a.m. until sunset daily. No person shall use the facility other than during the City's designated hours of usage.
- Owners/Custodians may have no more than two (2) dogs in the Dog Park at any one time.
- Owners/Custodians must immediately leash and remove from the Dog Park any dog showing aggression towards people or other dogs. Dogs with a known history of aggressive or dangerous behavior and/or dogs that have been deemed "Potentially Dangerous" or "Dangerous" by any State, County or City municipality are prohibited and are not permitted to enter the Dog Park.
- Any dog barking continuously or uncontrollably must be removed from the Dog Park.
- No female dogs "in estrus" (in heat) are permitted in the Dog Park at any time.
- Any dog with a transmissible, communicable disease may not enter the Dog Park.
- All dogs entering the Dog Park must be currently licensed in their home jurisdiction and must be currently vaccinated against the rabies virus. City of Gaithersburg residents must display on their dog a pet license tag and a current rabies tag when using the facility. Nonresident members must display on their dog a current Dog Exercise Area Membership tag and a rabies tag while using the facility. Guest dogs must display a current pet license from their home jurisdiction and a current rabies tag when using the facility.

- Puppies using the Dog Park must be four (4) months of age or older.
- Dogs must be immediately leashed and restrained when advised to do so by a City staff member, and any person and their dog must leave the Dog Park when ordered to do so by a City staff member.
- No person shall falsely obtain a City pet license for another individual to use the facility or commit any act that grants access to the facility for a dog that would not be permitted to enter the facility under the provisions of Sec. 15A-18.
- Eating and smoking are not permitted inside the Dog Park. No dog food treats or toys from home, except tennis balls, are permitted in the Dog Park.
- No bare feet are permitted in the Dog Park.
- Owners/Custodians shall carry a leash at all times, and dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the Dog Park. "Spiked" dog collars are not permitted inside the Dog Park.
- Owners/Custodians are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and shall be held responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- Owners/Custodians are responsible for securely closing and latching all gates as they enter or exit the Dog Park.
- Owners/Custodians must pick up and properly dispose of their dog's feces. Disposal bags are provided for this purpose.
- Dogs must not be allowed to dig. Any holes created by a dog shall be immediately corrected and filled by the dog's owner/custodian.
- Children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who will be accountable for the behavior and wellbeing of the child. Children should be discouraged from approaching or playing with unfamiliar dogs.
- Owners/Custodians are not permitted to groom or bathe their dogs inside the Dog Park.
- Professional dog services such as training, behavior modification and grooming are prohibited inside the Dog Park and in its parking lot.
- Anyone found in violation of these Dog Park Rules and Regulations is subject to removal, including the removal of the dog from the Dog Park and/or issuance of a \$100 citation per violation. Violators may also have their Dog Park Membership revoked, and may be banned permanently from using the Dog Park.

PLEASE CALL 301-258-6343 TO REPORT ANY OBSERVED VIOLATIONS