



# PITTSYLVANIA

COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## PARKS AND RECREATION



# DOG PARK RULES

This park is dedicated to fun and exercise activities with your dog and was made possible by generous donations from the citizens of Pittsylvania County and the Chatham Rotary Club. Dogs may run off-leash, under voice control, within the confines of the fenced area. There is a Small Dog area for dogs under 40lbs and there is a Large Dog area for dogs 40lbs and over. Take a minute to review the rules of the park below and enjoy!

## HOW TO ENTER THE DOG PARK

- Do not open the outside gate if the inside gate is open. Be patient.
- Remove your dog's leash inside the double-gated holding pen. Leashed dogs may feel threatened when greeted by off-leash dogs. Enter the Park, close the gate and move your dog away from the entrance.
- Please do not leave any gate open.

## RULES OF THE DOG PARK

1. Park closes at dusk.
2. No dogs without people, no people without dogs.
3. This park is for dogs only. No other pets are permitted.
4. All gates must be closed upon entering and exiting the facility.
5. The off-leash area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
6. Dogs must be properly vaccinated and healthy, free of contagious conditions, diseases and parasites.
7. Dogs under 40lbs must play on the small dog side of the park.
8. Dogs 40lbs and over can play on the large dog side of the park.
9. Puppies younger than 6 months are not permitted for their own and other dogs' protection.
10. No more than 2 dogs per handler.
11. Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
12. Male dogs over 1 year old must be neutered.
13. All dogs must remain on leash while entering and exiting the Dog Park.
14. Handlers must remove any pinch, prong or spiked collars before entering.
15. Handlers must be within fence, visual sight and voice control of their dogs at all times.
16. Handlers must have possession of dog leash at all times.
17. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
18. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16.
19. Children under the age of 9 are not permitted into the park.
20. No strollers, bicycles or chairs are allowed in the off-leash area. Wheelchairs are allowed.
21. All dog waste must be disposed of properly using the dog waste stations and bags in each area.
22. Professional dog trainers/handlers are not permitted to use the facility for instruction.
23. Discourage barking and digging. If your dog digs a hole, fill it in.
24. Watch for signs of aggression. Aggressive and uncontrollable dogs are not permitted. If a dog becomes aggressive or uncontrollable, the dog must leave the park immediately.
25. No food – human or dog – of any kind.
26. Handlers waive liability for any injury or damage caused by dogs and are solely liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog.

## IF A FIGHT OCCURS

- Never reach your hands into the middle of a dog fight, you may get bitten.
- Distract the dogs and divert their attention. A blast of water from a water bottle, a loud whistle or a pocket air horn may work.
- If your dog is not in the fight, make sure he does not join in.
- If a fight occurs, control your dog and remove him to a neutral area.
- Maintain a cool head. Getting upset and yelling will only add to the frenzy.
- When warranted, exchange contact information with the other dog owners. If you can not because you must attend to your dog, designate someone else to get information.

**IN AN EMERGENCY  
CALL 911**