

HORIZONS HAPPY HOUNDS DOG PARK

Rules and Regulations

Dog Park Hours of Operation: 7:00 AM until sunset daily

- 1) No animals other than dogs may be brought into the fenced area.
- 2) Dogs shall have on a collar with ID and display dog license and rabies vaccination at all times while in the park.
- 3) All dogs must be leashed until safely inside and returned to a leash prior to exiting. Owners must have one leash per dog at all times.
- 4) Dog owners must remain in the fenced area while their dogs are using the dog park. Owners must be in view of their dogs with voice control at all times.
- 5) Dog owners must be age 18 or older to be allowed in dog park area unsupervised. Children accompanying dog owners must be strictly supervised by an adult and be at least 12 years old to be allowed inside. Spectators should remain outside the fenced area.
- 6) Aggressive dogs and female dogs in heat are not allowed. Owners must immediately leash and remove dogs from the dog park at the first sign of aggressive, hostile or combative behavior. Any dog found to have bitten another dog/person will lose all dog privileges.
- 7) Pick up poop. Scoop your dogs' poop and dispose of it in the containers provided.
- 8) While small, bite-sized training treats are permitted, food in bowls, long-lasting chews, or glass containers are not permitted.
- 9) Smoking and eating are not allowed inside the "dog park." Cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting and unhealthy for dogs. Wrappers and other litter can be eaten by dogs and cause a choking or digestion hazard which can be life threatening!
- 10) Sick or injured dogs are not allowed. Owners of dogs with a known sickness/injury or displaying sick or injured behavior will be required to remove their dog immediately.
- 11) Each adult may have a maximum of 2 dogs at a time in the park.
- 12) Puppies less than four (4) months old are not permitted.
- 13) North Carolina State Law requires that all dog bites be reported to the Animal Control Office at 703-2490. In addition, owners are required to assist in the investigation of incidents of aggression or biting by providing appropriate identification and information to the Police, Parks & Recreation Department officials, and to other dog owners who are involved with the incident under investigation. Failure to provide assistance and identification as requested will result in immediate revocation of all dog park privileges. Owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their dog and are fully responsible for their dog's actions.
- 14) Owners are responsible for any injury or damage caused by your dog. Prevent injuries by supervising your dog at all times. Never leave your dog unattended. If your dog inflicts an injury, please give your name and telephone number to the other dog owner before leaving. You are at all times solely responsible for your dog's behavior and any damage your dog may cause.
- 15) Owners must fill all holes dug by their dog(s).
- 16) All dogs and owners use the dog park at their own risk. Neither Forsyth County nor Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department shall be liable for any property, physical, or pet damage

or injury occurring within the off-leash area. In addition, by using the dog park you are accepting the responsibility for the actions of your dog(s) and yourself.

- 17) Strollers, bicycles, tricycles, big-wheels, wagons, roller-blades, etc. are not permitted in the dog park, except wheelchairs used by people with physical challenges.
- 18) Wear shoes at all times.
- 19) No attendant will be on duty.
- 20) Owners who fail to abide by rules and regulations are subject to loss of park privileges.
- 21) Remove choke, spike, pinch, prong, or collars that may injury other dogs BEFORE play is allowed.
- 22) The off-leash dog area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed. These areas are designated for canine activities. It is not intended for any other purpose.

Basic Etiquette, Guidelines and Tips for Use of the Dog Park

- 1) Keep walking or playing – this helps keep the off-leash area "neutral" territory for all.
- 2) Keep your dog on leash until you enter the off-leash areas, and carry a leash on you for each dog at all times while in the park.
- 3) Dogs shall be under your visual contact and voice control at all times; stay within close range of your dog.
- 4) Be aware that dogs have different play styles. Talk to your veterinarian, talk to other park users and educate yourself on dog behavior.
- 5) Ensure each gate closes behind you before you enter the next one.
- 6) Fill in any holes your dog digs or make appropriate repairs to disturbed areas.
- 7) Do not bring a dog with a known history of biting or fighting.
- 8) Leave the park in better condition and cleaner than you found it.

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