



Sustainability + Land Architecture

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RE: Stamford Dog Park Rules - DRAFT

For Signage to be displayed at Public Dog Parks.

Red text are notes associated with reasoning, or a question for City.

City of Stamford
Parks and Recreation

Dog Park Rules

The city of Stamford shall not be responsible for and shall have no liability for the act or omission of individuals or their animals that utilize the Dog Park.
You are liable for any injury or damage caused by your animal. **For review by City Attorney.**

HOURS DAWN TO DUSK

- Use Park at your own risk.
- All dogs must have valid license and up to date rabies vaccination.
- Licenses and rabies tags must be displayed on the dog's collar / harness.
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered.
- Dogs must be accompanied by their owner / custodians at all times. Dogs must be under voice control and in sight of the owner / custodian at all times.
- Keep your dog on it's leash until you are fully within the dog park. Leash your dog before existing the dog park. Be prepared to leash your dog upon any sign of aggressive behavior.
- Dogs within park shall remain unleashed. Leashed dogs must leave park.
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with leash readily available.
- Limit 3 dogs per adult per visit.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY, and dispose of waste properly, using the appropriate waste receptacles..
- Any spray water feature is designed to serve dogs only. Children are not allowed. **At Scofield, we are looking to provide an opportunity if a resident wants to bring a sprinkler.**
- Water is potable, sourced from Aquarian Water Company. **Because Scofield resident mentioned to me this could be concern due to landfill.**

- Admission to the dog park is limited to those accompanied by an adult and closely supervised at all times. **Following may be redundant.**
- Dog handlers must be at least 18 years of age. **See next. What is best age??**
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and closely supervised at all times. **See above – I have seen as low as 12, as high as 16.**
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted. Owners must remove their dogs on the first sign of aggression toward other dogs or people.
- Dogs must be discouraged from excessive or constant barking – Owner must control or remove their dogs.

PROHIBITED:

- Children under 5 years of age.
- Human & dog food/treats, rawhide chews.
- Alcohol.
- Smoking
- Glass containers
- Female Dogs in heat **Redundant for rule above.**
- Sick dogs
- Aggressive dogs
- Pinch, choker, pronged or spiked collars.
- Puppies (under 4 months)
- Private dog training lessons. Training by Parks and Recreational Personnel only. **Maybe worked in a manner to foster organizing training sessions?**

Who does someone contact if there is issue. How is Cell service? What if 911 is necessary. General Contact Number? Dog Park Web Page? This can come later and posted on sign board.

STAMFORD DOG PARK RULES

ENTRANCE TO DOG PARK IS AT YOUR OWN RISK

For everyone's enjoyment, please respect the following rules:

1. A maximum of 2 dogs per handler are allowed in the park.
2. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste.
3. Current rabies vaccinations and license tags are required.
4. Dogs must be leashed upon entry and exit to the dog park; handlers must keep their leashes handy.
5. No food of any kind is allowed in the dog park to avoid food aggression.
6. Females in heat or puppies under 4 months old shall not use the park.
7. Small dog park is reserved for dogs under 25 lbs., timid or elderly dogs.
8. Handlers are responsible and liable for their dog's actions and must remain in the dog park with their dogs.
9. Aggressive dogs must be removed from park.
10. Only bring dog toys you can donate to the dog park.
11. No bicycles, carriages, strollers or sports activities are allowed in the dog park.
12. **Children under 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The dog park is not an appropriate place for small children.**
13. Please report any complaints or suggestions to www.stamforddogpark.com on contact page.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR DOG PARK SAFE AND CLEAN!

Stamford Parks and Recreation Commission