

TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

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<u>Dog Park Rules/ Regulations</u> <u>Dog Park Hours: Open dawn to dusk.</u> <u>Please enjoy the park responsibly; use it at your own risk</u>

The Town reserves the right to amend these rules and regulations at any time.

- Park is intended for the exclusive use of owners/handlers and dogs; no other animal shall be allowed on premises.
- Limit 3 dogs per owner/handler.
- Dogs must be licensed and wear current rabies and license tags on a collar or harness at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed entering and exiting the Park.
- Owners/handlers must remain inside fenced area, monitor dog's behavior and keep possession of leash at all times.
- Owners/handlers must be in verbal control of their dogs at all times.
- Owners/handlers must pick up and dispose of dog waste immediately. Owners/handlers must have in their possession an adequate number of bags, or other appropriate device, for removal of their dogs' waste.
- No digging is allowed. Owners/handlers must fill in holes dug by their dogs.
- Small dog area limited to dogs less than 25 pounds. It is recommended that small dogs remain in small dog area.
- Unless invited, do not allow dogs, even if friendly, to approach other dogs or people, who may not desire such contact. Keep dogs under effective control at all times and make sure they do not engage in aggressive behavior. Dogs that become rough or unruly, or exhibit aggressive behavior towards people, other dogs or wildlife, must be leashed and leave the Park immediately.
- Children under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- All bites are to be reported to the Animal Inspector immediately at 508-366-3060
- Park is subject to closure due to inclement weather or for maintenance.
- Failure to adhere to these rules may result in removal and/or exclusion from the dog park and/or applicable fines.
- Any person who enters or remains in the Park outside of the posted hours, after being asked to leave by a park steward, or after being banned by the Town Manager, shall be considered a trespasser and they may be subject to arrest by a Westborough Police Officer in accordance with MGL Chapter 266, Section 120.

NOT ALLOWED

- Human food, dog food and dog treats
- Dogs determined to be a "dangerous dog" pursuant to MGL, Chapter 140, Section 157
- Dogs with contagious conditions, diseases or parasites or other sicknesses
- Dogs in heat
- Dogs under 4 months or that have not been vaccinated as required by applicable law
- Prong or spike collar
- Glass containers, alcohol, or smoking

Owners are legally responsible for injury or property destruction caused by their dog per MGL Chapter 140, Section 155. The Town of Westborough does not bear any liability for any injury, illness, or damage caused by any dog or their owner. Park use is at your own risk. The Town is not responsible for lost or stolen items and injury or damage arising from use of a dog park.