

# RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UPPER TOWNSHIP DOG PARK

THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WERE FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PURSUANT TO UPPER TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 8-5.4A.3. AND ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IS A VIOLATION OF SAID CHAPTER OF THE UPPER TOWNSHIP CODE.

1. All dogs utilizing the park must be registered with the Township of Upper, County of Cape May, New Jersey, prior to use of the park. In the event of any violation, park privileges are immediately revoked and violators are subject to fine as provided in Chapter 8 of the Upper Township Code. **Park passes are not transferrable between dogs or owners.**
2. Dogs are permitted to utilize the park unleashed. The handler and owner of the dog assumes all liability for damages suffered by anyone who is bitten or otherwise injured by the dog while utilizing the park. Individuals will also assume all liability for damages suffered by anyone as a result of any dog said individual allows into the park.
3. Leashes are to be removed only in the designated “unleashed area” and in the manner described in these rules and regulations explaining the appropriate method of entering and exiting the dog park.
4. Dogs must be supervised by persons 18 years of age or older at all times.
5. No unattended dog is permitted in the park at any time.
6. No handler or owner may bring more than two dogs at any one time into the park.
7. All handlers and owners must accompany and monitor their dogs closely at all times. All handlers must have a leash available and leash the dog at any time such control of the dog is necessary.
8. No children under the age of 18 years of age are permitted in the park unless accompanied by an adult with legal authority over such child.
9. All handlers must clean up after their dogs and themselves. Handlers must repair all holes and other damage caused by their dogs.
10. Aggressive dogs are prohibited in the park. Park passes will be revoked for aggressive dogs.
11. Dogs that are in heat or are ill are prohibited in the park. Handlers and owners are required to monitor their dogs for these reasons at all times and are responsible in the event of any violation.
12. All dogs utilizing the park must be properly licensed and immunized.
13. Puppies over six months of age must have full immunizations to utilize the park.

14. There shall be no smoking, alcohol use or food permitted in the park at any time. Glass containers are prohibited in the park.
15. Professional dog trainers are not permitted to utilize the park for training purposes without the prior written permission of the Township of Upper.
16. Owners and handlers are strictly liable for all actions of their dogs. Owners and handlers must maintain control of their dogs at all times.
17. Owners and handlers are prohibited from leaving their dog unattended in the park.
18. Owners and handlers must remove any waste of their dog immediately and dispose of it properly.
19. Any dog which becomes unruly, rough or out of control must be leashed and removed from the park immediately.
20. All children under 18 years of age must be properly supervised by a parent or authorized adult and not interfere with other dogs or individuals at the park.
21. Owners and handlers must comply with the following procedures in entering and exiting the dog park:
  - Upper Township Dog Park is divided into two separate fenced-in areas providing maximum safety for dogs. When entering and exiting the gates must be closed securely behind the handler and his or her dog. Open gates are not permitted.
  - The park is entered and exited through a double gate vestibule. The vestibules are designed with two gates to provide maximum control of the dog and other dogs when entering or exiting the area. When the vestibule is in use you must wait until it is empty before entering the vestibule area.
  - Only one gate at a time may be opened so that the vestibule is a secure “doglock”. After closing the outer gate, and the vestibule is secure, the dog’s leash may be removed. At that time the behavior of the dogs already in the off-leash area should be observed. If the behavior is friendly, the inner gate may be opened and the dog may be allowed to enter the off-leash area. Handlers of dogs already in the off-leash area must control their dogs so that others may enter the area safely without conflict.
  - The dog park contains a service gate. This gate is for access for maintenance and Township personnel only and may not be used by handlers or their dogs. These gates do not provide control of dogs necessary while entering or exiting the park.

### ***How to Enter the Dog Park***

- Before the outer gate is opened, check to be sure that the inner gate is properly closed and that no other dogs are in the area.
- Open the outer gate and enter the vestibule with the dog on-leash.

- Close the outer main gate as you enter and confirm it is properly secured.
- Remove the dog's leash. Having your dog on-leash when confronting an off-leash dog can be a recipe for trouble—your dog may feel vulnerable and fearful, as well as the need to protect you. Tugging on a leash puts your dog at a disadvantage with other dogs. It is restrained but placed in a chest-out, raised up aggressive pose that can cause the off-leash dog to feel threatened by the overall situation.
- Before you open the inner gate, check to be sure that the inner gate area is not congested with excited dogs waiting to pounce on your pup or trying to get out as you enter.
- Pay close attention to the receptions from the dogs already in the park area—is it favorable or not? If the dogs are not friendly get the attention of the owners of the dogs and ask them to control their dogs away from the entry area so that you and your dog can enter safely.
- Open the inner gate and enter the off-leash area with the dog.
- Close the inner gate properly and move your dog away from the entrance area.

***How to Exit the Dog Park***

- Before the inner gate is opened, check to be sure that the outer gate is properly closed and that other dogs are not trying to leave with you.
- Open the inner gate and enter into the vestibule area with your dog.
- Close the inner gate and insure that the latch is secured so that the gate is closed properly.
- Put the leash securely on your dog.
- Open the outer gate and exit from the vestibule with your dog on leash closing the outer gate securely as you exit.

22. The following forms are hereby adopted as part of these rules and regulations and must be fully completed and approved by the Township Clerk prior to the issuance of a dog park pass:

- Application Form.
- Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability and Waiver Form.