

# UPPER TOWNSHIP DOG PARK 1700 Mt. Pleasant-Tuckahoe Road P.O. Box 205, Tuckahoe, NJ 08250 (609) 628-2011 Ext. 200

# DOG PARK PASS - ACCESS CARD APPLICATION FORM (\_\_\_\_\_YEAR)

Assigned Access Card #				
License valid January 1 <sup>st</sup> thru December 3 (\$30.00) Yearly Dog Park Pass	1 <sup>st</sup> of the current year.			
(\$10.00) Weekly Dog Park Pass				
(If applicant applies during the year, then	\$2.50 per remaining month	s of the year.)		
Name of Owner:				
Local Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Telephone No.:	Cell Phone No.:	Cell Phone No.:		
Email:				
Permanent Address:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Telephone No.:	Cell Phone No.:	Cell Phone No.:		
Email:				
Owner's Homeowner's Insurance:				
Name of Insurance Company:				
Address of Insurance Company:				
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
Policy No.:				
Amount of Liability Insurance:				

### DOGl

Name of Dog:	Breed:		Weight:	lbs.
Color(s):	Sex:	Spayed/Neutered:	Age:	
License No.:	Expiration	Date:		
Municipality that License was issued from:				
Rabies No.:	Expiration	Date:		
DOG 2				
Name of Dog:	Breed:		Weight:	lbs.
Color(s):	Sex:	Spayed/Neutered:	Age:	
License No.:	Expiration Date:			
Municipality that License was issued from:				
Rabies No.:	Expiration	Date:		

# AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS EACH OWNER MUST EXECUTE AND AN ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER FORM AS ATTACHED HERETO.

# ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER FORM

Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability and Waiver: Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to the established Rules and Regulations of the Dog Park of upper Township, Cape May County, New Jersey are conditions of the "Dog Park Entry Pass" approval, retention and renewal. Passes may be revoked/or noncompliance as may be required.

I do hereby acknowledge and accept that I have voluntarily applied to participate and utilize, with my dog(s), the Upper Township Dog Park located in Upper Township, Cape May County, New Jersey. I fully understand and acknowledge that unleashing my dog and being physically present at the dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other persons, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior and lack of proper training. I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of both the Township of Upper and the Upper Township Dog Park Association to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated for rabies as required, by which could result in injury to a person or a dog. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights; dog bites; theft or unlawful capture; escape over and under the fences; vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed; burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dog's coat, feet, eyes, nose. or ears; mosquitos; spiders; ticks; chiggers; fleas and other insects; and wildlife typically found in a park such as foxes, raccoons, opossums, muskrats; field mice; turtles; etc. I understand that usage of the dog park is self-directed and shall not be directly supervised by an agent or employee of the County of Cape May, Township of Upper, or the Upper Township Dog Park Association. Additionally, I fully assume any and all risks associated with the usage of the dog park, including fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

I verify and assert that all activities conducted at the Upper Township Dog Park shall be in full compliance with all posted CDC and DOH guidelines. I further verify that I shall abide by the State of New Jersey Governor's Executive Order guidelines applicable to outdoor gatherings, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

By signing this release, I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the County of Cape May, the Township of Upper and the Upper Township Dog Park Association, its agents, officers and employees and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damages, expense and liability, including attorney's fees, resulting from my use of the dog park, including death, sickness, injury and disease to any person or dog, or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly from my use of the dog park. I do hereby acknowledge that I have carefully read this release of liability and fully understand, agree with and accept the terms and conditions that have been outlined above. Further, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the rules and regulations and have read them and I understand them for the dog park's use and agree to abide by these rules as set forth in Exhibit B.

I accept and acknowledge personal responsibility and liability for any injury or damage caused as a result of the wrongful or aggressive behavior of my dog, whether the loss occurs as a result of biting, scratching, digging, charging or any other behavior. In addition, I assume all risks of infection, illness, and possible death due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I do hereby waive any and all rights that I may have to institute legal proceedings to recover cost of any kind. I have carefully read this release of liability, and fully understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions as outlined. I hereby do certify that I am over the age of 18 years, sober and of sound mind. I have received and reviewed a copy of the rules and regulations for the dog park's use and agree to abide by these rules.

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

#### Exhibit A

In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic, all attendees at the Upper Township Dog Park must adhere to the following:

- All attendees at the Upper Township Dog Park are required to be six feet apart from other attendees at all times, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, as well as excluding a limited number of individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering.
- There may be no contact between attendees, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, and excluding a limited number of individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering.
- If there are individuals organizing or maintaining the gathering, they should, where applicable, demarcate six feet of spacing in the area of the gathering to demonstrate appropriate spacing for social distancing, such as through the placement of cones, flags, or other markings.
- Any physical items, including equipment, may not be shared by multiple attendees of the same gathering except for immediate family members, caretakers, household members, or romantic partners, unless such physical items are sanitized before and after use by different individuals.
- All individuals at the gathering should wear face coverings at all times where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, in accordance with CDC recommendations, except where doing so would inhibit the individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age.

The requirements contained in Exhibit A are in addition to, and do not supersede, circumvent or cancel, the Rules and Regulations of the Upper Township Dog Park contained in the attached Exhibit B.

# <u>EXHIBIT B</u>

### 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. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS IS A VIOLATION OF SAID 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:

The 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.