

DOG PARKS

GUIDELINES & ETIQUETTE



For most dog owners, going to the dog park is a fun way to let your dog get exercise while socializing with other dogs. In order to keep The Villages Dog Parks fun for all visitors, be mindful of proper dog etiquette when visiting. Please follow these guidelines and etiquette to ensure the dog park is a fun and enjoyable place for everyone.

HOURS OF USE: 7AM TO DUSK.

- Enjoy the Dog Park at your own risk.
- All participants must have a Villages resident or Guest ID & Photo ID and be at least 13 years of age or older.
- Guests under 19 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 19 years of age or older.
- Proper attire is required.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering & exiting the Dog Park. Dog owners must have a leash with them at all times.
- Close all gates to the Dog Park after entering or exiting.
- Dog owners must be inside the fenced area and within the view of their dogs at all times. Never leave your dog unattended and always keep your attention on your dog.
- Phone calls, emails and smart phone games or apps should be kept to a minimum so you remain focused on your dog.
- Don't scold or touch someone else's dog. You wouldn't want them to do that to your dog.

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- Be friendly with other dog owners. It's more enjoyable if everyone is nice to each other.
- Dogs must be removed from the Dog Park at the first sign of aggression. Failure to do so will be brought to the attention of the Recreation & Parks Department.
- Dog owners or handlers are solely responsible for any injuries caused by dog(s) under their control.
- Only dogs that are spayed or neutered are allowed in the park.
- Dogs must wear current license tags and have up to date vaccinations.
- No more than 3 dogs are allowed per person on any one visit.
- Always clean up after your dog. Bag stations and trash cans are provided.
- Responsible parties must prevent dogs from digging within the Dog Parks and immediately refill any holes caused by their dog.
- If you see trash, debris or anything else that's out of place, pick it up or put it back where it belongs so none of the visitors or dogs get injured.
- Always observe all the rules posted at each Dog Park.
- Dog parks are fenced in play areas for both large and small dogs designed for dogs to run freely and socialize with other dogs. Please use the suggested designated areas for your sized dog.
- If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Recreation Center that has oversight of the specific Dog Park.

RECREATION NUMBERS FOR EACH PARK:

Atlas Canine Recreation Park: 352-674-8400

Brinson-Perry Dog Park: 352-750-2488

Dudley Canine Park: 352-674-8460

Homestead Dog Park: 352-674-1971

Mulberry Grove Dog Park: 352-259-6040

Paradise Dog Park: 352-753-0637

Richmond Canine Park: 352-674-1926

Rupert Canine Park: 352-674-8455

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