



East Rumbrook Park Dog Park Rules



1. Dogs must display a valid license and up-to-date rabies vaccinations.
2. Dog owners are responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
3. Dogs must be leashed when entering/exiting the dog park.
4. At the first sign of aggression, please remove your dog from the dog park.
5. Dogs in heat and puppies under four (4) months are not permitted in the park.
6. Dog owners must immediately clean up after their dog and dispose of waste in the proper receptacles.
7. No more than three (3) dogs per person.
8. For the safety of all dogs, no choke, prong, pinch or spike collars are allowed in the park. If you use these types of collars, please remove them before entering the park.
9. All holes dug must be filled immediately.
10. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers or food (people/animal) allowed in the dog park.
11. An adult must accompany anyone under 15 years of age. Children have a tendency to scream and run when excited, which can trigger a dog's prey drive or natural instinct to chase. For this reason and for the safety of your children, we do not recommend bringing small children and infants into the dog park.
12. Dog owners must be in the park and within view of their dog(s) at all times.
13. Dog owners must keep their leash in hand at all times.
14. Dogs are permitted only in the dog park and on the trail (leashed).
15. The small dog park is designated for dogs 30 lbs. and under.

Infractions of any of these rules can result in temporary or permanent loss of park privileges. Please report any concerns to:

GREENBURGH PARKS & RECREATION at (914) 693-8985 x.106

Please visit our website for additional helpful hints: www.greenburghny.com

HELPFUL HINTS FOR DOG PARK VISITORS

WHEN TO VISIT THE PARK: First time users should consider coming at off-peak times for their initial visit. At times, the park may become quite crowded. If you are not sure how your dog will react to the current conditions, don't put pressure on your dog by forcing it into what it thinks is a threatening situation. Instead, come back at another time when it is less crowded.

LEASHING YOUR DOG: Keep your dog leashed at all times while outside the fenced dog park area. Even if your dog is under perfect voice control, many non-dog people have fears and any dog off-leash outside the fenced area violates the Town's Leash Law. Dogs must be kept on leash until owners/handlers and dog(s) are inside the double-gated transition area. Leashes should be removed while inside the double-gated transition area before releasing your dog into the park. A leashed dog can excite problem dogs into aggression. Dogs can also be more aggressive when leashed due to the loss of control over their environment. They may feel frustrated, anxious or threatened, and since they can't do what they instinctually do (flee or fight) to protect themselves and/or their owners, they do what they can (bark and lunge).

ENTERING THE PARK: Do not enter the double-gated transition area if there is already someone in there. Make sure that the gates are secured in front of and behind you when entering and leaving the park.

INJURIES: If another dog injures your dog, get the name, address and phone number of the other dog's owner/handler and the license and rabies tag number of the dog.

BE RESPONSIBLE: Be a responsible dog owner → if your pet has a contagious condition, STAY AWAY from the dog park until a veterinarian has said that there is no danger to other dogs. For the protection of your dog and all of the other dogs, your dog must maintain current vaccinations.

DOG WASTE BAGS AND RECEPTACLES: Our dog park is equipped with waste receptacles and plenty of bags, so please use them! The complaint most heard from opponents of dog parks is the handling of waste matter and the upkeep of the park. Please clean up after your dog, and while visiting, help pick up any "orphan poop" that someone else might have missed.

CHILDREN IN THE DOG PARK: If you do bring your child to the dog park, please teach them how to behave with animals and what to do in an emergency.

- Not all dogs are child-friendly. Never allow your child to approach or pet a strange dog without the owner's presence and approval.
- Herding dogs may nip at children while attempting to "round them up."
- A running, squealing or screaming child may become a target for many dogs because the child resembles an injured animal or prey.
- Direct eye contact is confrontational to dogs. An interested child may want to stare into a dog's face, but this may provoke a dog unintentionally.
- Never let your child have toys or food in the dog park. A friendly dog might knock your child over in an effort to retrieve a bright ball or cookie.

- All dogs have the potential to bite.
- Children are more susceptible to contracting intestinal worms and other infections from touching wood chips where feces or urine are present. That is one major reason why dogs are not permitted in children's playgrounds and school yards.
- Be sure your children (and you) always wear shoes in the dog park.
- Children can pick up fleas, lice or skin mites from infected dogs.
- Tennis balls may carry disease or contamination.
- When threatened, teach your child to:
 - Never run.
 - Hide their face.
 - Tuck arms and legs into their body.
 - Curl up in a ball, face down on their hands and knees.
 - Be as still and quiet as possible.
 - Wait for help or for the dog to go away.
 - Do not stand.

WHAT TO DO IF A DOG FIGHT OCCURS: A dog fight can be violent and is upsetting to everyone present. It is important to remember that an injured dog may bite anyone nearby. Follow these steps if a fight occurs:

- Remain calm. Even the calmest, most pleasant person may become upset, angry or belligerent if they or their dog is injured in a fight. Emotional behavior is automatic; try to remain calm and as objective as possible.
- Owners/handlers of the dogs involved in the fight should immediately help to break it up.
- Never reach your hands out into the middle of a dog fight. You may get bitten, and often by your own dog.
- Distract the dogs and divert their attention. A blast of water from a water bottle or a loud whistle might work.
- If your dog is not involved in the fight, maintain control of him/her and make sure that he/she does not join in. Remove your dog to a neutral area.
- When warranted, exchange contact information with other dog owners. If you are unable to because you must attend to your dog, designate someone else to get the information. Remember, owners are solely liable for injuries or damage caused by their dogs. This includes injury to another dog or person, no matter how it began.