

WELCOME
RIVERDALE PARK DOG PARK
XXXX 51st Avenue, Riverdale Park, MD 20737

Information

- For more information about registering your dog to use the Riverdale Dog Park, visit [provide URL].
- In cooperation with M-NCPPC, the Riverdale Dog Park is managed by the Town of Riverdale Park. If you wish to report a maintenance issue, contact Town of Riverdale Park at 301-XXX-XXXX.
- **In case of emergency, contact Park Police at 301-459-3232 or Non emergency at 301-459-9088**

RULES

In the interest of human and dog safety and maintenance of a positive environment, patrons are expected to obey and help enforce the following rules. Patrons are expected to interact with fellow park users to create a positive atmosphere for all types of dogs.

General

- Park users assume all risks related to use of the dog park.
- Owners/custodians of a dog are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal at all times.
- Hours of operation are dawn to dusk.
- Patrons are expected to keep the park free of litter. Please dispose of litter in the trashcans provided.
- All park users are prohibited from defacing or destroying park amenities.
- Violators of these rules are subject to removal from the park.
- October through April the drinking fountain will be turned off and users are responsible for providing their own water and bowl. No glass containers of any kind are allowed in the park.

Small Dog Area

- The Small Dog Area is a place for smaller and more timid dogs to play without being overwhelmed by larger dogs. Use of this area is at the discretion of dog owners, as size (“small”) and temperament (“timid”) are

subject to interpretation. Small and/or timid dogs have priority in the Small Dog Area at all times. Other park users are allowed to use the Small Dog Area if it is not in use. Example of acceptable use include new dog introductions, dogs new to a dog park setting, etc. However, small and/or timid dogs have priority to use the Small Dog Area at all times. Small dogs are not excluded from the main dog park, and can use either space as their comfort allows.

Behavior

- Gates must be closed immediately after entering or exiting park.
- Dogs must be kept leashed until inside the park lobby.
- When a dog enters the park, owners/custodians should control their dogs to allow access to the newcomer.
- Do not keep your dog on leash inside park unless there is a good reason (e.g., you just had to separate 2 dogs, or/and you are leading your dog out).
- Dogs must be under control and in sight of owner/custodian at all times.
- Leaving dogs unattended is prohibited.
- Park users are responsible for picking up their dog's feces. Plastic bags and trashcans are provided for your use.
- Dogs that are exhibiting unacceptable behavior—including but not limited to fighting, excessive barking, or other aggressive behavior—are to be immediately removed from the park. Owners are expected to intervene if their dog is involved in behaviors considered unacceptable by other park users.
- Owners/custodians are legally responsible for the actions of their dogs.
- A person may not conduct dog training classes for a fee without a permit from Town of Riverdale Park and as required by state, federal, and local laws.
- No smoking in park.

Dogs

- Each owner/handler is limited to the number of dogs that they can safely handle, maximum 3 dogs.
- Puppies under 4 months of age are not allowed in the park at any time.
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the park at any time.
- Sick dogs, or injured dogs with fresh wounds, are not allowed in the park at any time.
- Owners/custodians of unaltered dogs (not spayed or neutered) should disclose this to other patrons upon entry as a courtesy for other park users, since some dogs may react negatively to unspayed or unneutered dogs.

- Dogs must possess current licenses and be up-to-date on all vaccinations, with current tags displayed on collar as required by their jurisdiction.
- Vicious animals are prohibited from the dog park. (PG Co. Subtitle 3-136)
- All food—human or animal (including treats, bones and edible toys)—is prohibited in the park at all times.
- Leashes, pinch collars, or choke chains must be removed in the lobby area before dogs enter the park.

Children

- Children under 8 years of age are not allowed in the dog park. Children 8-16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents or guardians must supervise their children at all times, and unsupervised children shall not be allowed in the park.
- Children are not allowed to run with or chase after dogs in the dog park.

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