

# *Fox Park Dog Park User Guide*

The Fox Park Dog Park (FPDP) is sponsored by the Fox Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) and follows the guidelines set in St. Louis City Revised Code 10.04.220 C available at:

[library.municode.com/mo/st.\\_louis/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](http://library.municode.com/mo/st._louis/codes/code_of_ordinances)

Application at: [www.foxparkstl.org/neighborhood-association/dog-park/](http://www.foxparkstl.org/neighborhood-association/dog-park/)

Contact the FPNA Dog Park Chair at [dogpark@foxparkstl.org](mailto:dogpark@foxparkstl.org)

## Intended Use

Our dog park prioritizes the canine experience, as it should! The rules in this User Guide ensure FPNA provides a safe space for your pup to burn off energy and get their daily exercise, protects the humans within the dog park, and operates FPDP within the City's guidelines.

## Qualifying for Membership

- Dogs must be at least 4 months old
- Dogs must have proof of current veterinarian administered vaccine (Rabies & Bordetella) and current photo with each human member as part of the application
- FPNA Dog Park application, including annual membership fee, must be approved by the FPNA Dog Park Chair
- Children must be at least 10 years old to enter the FPDP

## Definitions

- **Owner:** Any adult member who is accompanying a dog member inside the dog park will be considered the "owner" for the sake of legal responsibility during that visit.
- **Household:** Each base membership is considered a "household unit." Humans and dogs being registered must live in this household to qualify as part of a household.
- **Pet Sitter:** An adult who is given the responsibility to care for a member's dog while the owner is unavailable. A signed waiver must be submitted before bringing in member dog(s). Non-member dogs may not be brought into the dog park.
- **Trespasser:** In compliance with City Ordinances 66595 and 57335, anyone entering FPDP facilities without a current membership is considered a trespasser and FPNA has the responsibility to report such trespassing to authorities for further action.

## Rules

Membership status is subject to review by the FPNA Board in the event of a written complaint regarding either an owner's or dog's behavior or repeated disregard for the dog park rules. All members are encouraged to question visitors, or speak up regarding people who are not respecting the dog park.

Should you have concerns about membership, security, or incidents, send an email to the FPNA Dog Park Chair at [dogpark@foxparkstl.org](mailto:dogpark@foxparkstl.org) or fill out a "Report an Incident" Google form at <https://www.foxparkstl.org/neighborhood-association/dog-park/>

1. **Hours:** 6am to 10pm (per St. Louis City official park hours)
2. **Membership:** Only members who have signed the Fox Park Dog Park Waiver and Release of Liability electronic document included with the FPNA application will be allowed to bring dogs into the dog park – and such dogs must be registered through the FPNA application process and have a current membership. Members may bring a human guest with them – but the member assumes responsibility and liability for guest(s) while inside the dog park. Members may not bring canine guests into the dog park – ever.
3. **Use the dog park at your own risk.** Owners are legally and financially responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dog. FPNA, FPDP and the City of St. Louis are not responsible for injuries to humans or dogs. See the FPDP Waiver and Release of Liability form, available at <https://www.foxparkstl.org/neighborhood-association/dog-park/>.
4. **No children under age 10 are allowed inside the dog park.** Children aged 10 –14 must be accompanied by an adult. Member dogs may, or may not, have experience being around children; being child-friendly is not a requirement for dog membership and experiences will vary.
5. **Waste:** Dog owners must pick up their dog's waste and dispose of it in a proper waste container.
6. **Digging:** Dog owners must stop their dog from digging and must fill any holes caused by their dogs.
7. **Collars:** Dogs must wear a buckle, snap or Martingale-style (nylon or leather) collar. Choke, prong, pinch, spiked, loose-fitting collars are not permitted
8. **Leashes:** Dog owners must have the dog's leash in their possession at all times. If a situation arises in which the dog must be leashed and taken out of the fenced area, the owner is ready to take immediate action. Retractable "Flexie" leashes are not permitted.
9. **Control:** All dogs must be under visual and voice control by owners; excessive barking is not permitted, and uncontrollable dogs must be removed. Having a bad day? Go home, come back later. Dog **humping** is not permitted. Dogs shall not be left unattended.
10. **Capacity:** No member may bring more than three dogs into the dog park at any one time. No more than 100 dogs may be on FPDP grounds at any given time (unless a FPNA sanctioned event).
11. **Gates & Equipment:** All gates must be closed. DO NOT hold the gate open for other people. Members must follow guidelines for dog pool, hose, and other resource use, as directed by emails and/or signage, per season, as needs arise.
12. **Courtesy:** Be respectful of other member's wishes; if your dog is creating angst for a member dog or human, adjust the behavior or leave.

13. **Resources:** Do not take supplies or resources from the grounds, including, not limited to first aid, toys, tools, lawn equipment, etc.
14. **Trainers:** Professional dog trainers may **not** use the facilities in the conduct of their business; however, FPNA may from time to time bring trainers to a sanctioned FPNA event.
15. The following are **not permitted** in the fenced area:
  1. Dogs under 4 months old
  2. Female dogs in estrus (heat)
  3. Sick or injured dogs or dogs with external parasites
  4. Aggressive, uncontrollable dogs
  5. Bicycles, roller blades or skates, skateboards, strollers, or any other wheeled or motorized devices (unless used as a mobility device)
  6. Children under 10 years old
  7. Glass of any kind
  8. Alcoholic beverages and smoking
  9. Food (human or canine)
  10. Unsolicited sales activity of any kind
  11. Firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind
  12. No breed discrimination
16. Additional **actions not permitted** inside the dog park:
  1. Run, wave arms, shout, scream, or cause unnecessary excitement which may antagonize the dogs
  2. Sit, stand, climb on or over the fence, trees, water station, pools or agility equipment
  3. Excessive noise and profanities should be kept to a minimum since the dog park is located adjacent to the children's playground

Fox Park Dog Park is a self-directed dog playground with no day-to-day management or supervision. In order to have a dog park facility that is relatively safe, clean, and fun – it's necessary for every FPDP member to adhere to the dog park rules and to help enforce the rules by monitoring the premises and reporting issues that cannot be handled easily as they arise. This is a collective effort and success depends on you, the members.

Members who fail to comply with FPNA/FPDP rules or fail to comply with directives from the FPNA Board regarding outcome from complaints or incident reports may have their membership either temporarily or permanently revoked.

In the event of any emergency, call 911.

For safety concerns anywhere in Fox Park call the City of St. Louis Park Rangers at (314) 289-5330.