

Roxborough Dog Park Association

Rules and Responsibilities

Membership Agreement

General Rules

- The dog park is accessible for use between dawn and dusk. No member may be in the park outside of those times. Members who are in the park must leave at dusk.
- Key entry is limited to member households only. Do not share access with anyone and do not open gate for anyone.
- Use of the park is at your own risk. You are responsible for your own safety and that of your dog and anyone you allow to enter the Park who is not a member (this includes dog walkers/pet sitters). Do not give your key to anyone who is not a member. This rule is for the safety of members and their dogs.
- All rules and posted signs are important; please adhere to the rules, including the Dog Park hours of operation.
- Show respect for the neighbors and surrounding properties as you access and use the Dog Park.
- The Dog Park has promised the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority and the neighbors that we will pick up the trash outside the park on Mitchell Street. Do your part. If you see some trash, pick it up.
- Each of us is responsible for the success of the Dog Park. If you see another member who is not following the Rules, it is your responsibility to remind the member.
- It's always best for people whose dogs have had issues with each other to try to work out the issue amongst themselves first. If an agreement can not be reached between the two parties **and everyone has put in a good faith effort to resolve the situation**, then it's reasonable to contact the Membership and Member Relations Committee) who will arrange a sit down with the two parties to reach a reasonable compromise/resolution. Please complete an incident report, which is available in the members' only section of the dog park web site (www.roxboroughdogpark.com).

Using the Dog Park

- Per city ordinance, your dog must be on leash in public areas. Bring your dog to the gate on leash, and keep your dog on leash until you have closed the outer gate to the Park and your dog is between the double gates of the dog park. Keep dogs on leashes at all times except in designated "off-leash" area. Dogs who are leashed may feel threatened by free roaming dogs.
- Secure the outer gate upon entering. *NEVER* open the interior gate until the outer gate is secured.
- Do not allow your dog to rush or crowd the gate. If a dog is coming in, call your dog away OR physically move your dog away from the gate. This is an especially-volatile area and many fights can be prevented by adhering to this rule.
- Clean up after your dog immediately. Plastic bags for cleanup purposes are available in metal bins located in two locations in the Park. Bring bags to replenish the supply. If you see poop in the Park that has been overlooked, clean it up!

- All dogs must wear a collar or harness at all times while in the Park. If you use a self-restraining (prong or pinch) collar on your dog, you must remove it and replace it with another collar (buckled collars are strongly recommended rather than choke collars) upon entering the Park to avoid injury to your or other dogs during play.
- No dog may be unattended.
- Dog owners must be in possession of their dog's leash at all times.
- Dog owners must remain in the park and keep their dog in view at all times.
- Owners are responsible for the behavior of their animals.
- Close both gates carefully upon exiting.

Dog Behavior in the Park

- Owners are responsible for any injuries associated with their animals.
- Never leave your dog unattended. All dogs must be supervised and within your view at all times. Remember, the park is for the dogs- socializing is fine as long as it doesn't interfere with you interacting with and keeping a watchful eye on your dog.
- We recommend you call your dog to you from time to time and interact with him/her to maintain control. We also recommend that you get up and move around while you are at the park; this will minimize a dog becoming territorial about a place that you may be sitting.
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the park. Any dog showing signs of aggression must be removed from the premises. If your dog behaves aggressively in any way towards another animal or human, you must remove your dog.
- If your dog behaves aggressively toward another dog, both dogs cannot remain in the Park at that time. If the other owner is not ready to leave, the owner of the aggressor **must** leave the park and return at another time.
- If your dog barks/howls repeatedly while in the Park, and you are unable to quiet it, you must leave the park and return at another time. If the barking is "encouraged" by individuals outside the Park, please ask them to move away.
- Cats that are the neighbors' pets are sometimes in the Park. If you see a cat, leash or hold your dog. Do not allow your dog to chase cats in the Park.
- All dogs must have up to date vaccinations prior to entering the dog park.
- Current rabies and applicable license tags must be affixed to the dogs' collar or harness at all times.
- Puppies under six (6) months of age should not enter the park.
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered.

Human Behavior in the Dog Park

- A member may not bring more than 3 dogs to the Park at one time.

- Owners must fill in any holes made by their dog.
- You must be at least 15 years of age to be in the Park. No infants or small children are permitted.
- Visitors are permitted in the Dog Park only if accompanied by a Dog Park member who assumes all responsibility for the visitor. No “visiting” dogs are allowed.
- ONLY dog walkers & pet sitters who have signed the waiver are permitted to bring canine DOG PARK MEMBER dogs into the park. No other dogs are allowed. Owners, please ensure that your dog walker knows the rules of the park AND knows if your dog has issues with other specific dogs – you are responsible for your dog’s behavior, please make sure your walker has the info he/she needs to do his/her job BEFORE coming into the park.
- No smoking or tobacco product usage is allowed inside the park.
- Do not groom your dog in the dog park. If you find hair from natural shedding please place discarded hair in the trash cans.
- Please limit loud conversation/laughing, which, like barking/howling, could disturb neighbors. Try not raise your voice unless necessary to control your dog.
- Toys and water bowls provided by the Membership of the Park for general use should be left in the Park so that others may enjoy them. Do not bring toys to the park if your dog is going to get possessive/aggressive about them. Do not leave toys in the Park unless you intend to donate them to the Park. Please place toys in the bins when you are finished using them.
- Dog owners must be in possession of their dog’s leash at all times.
- No human or dog food inside the park. This is too much of a trigger for many dogs.

Emergencies

- In case of a medical emergency, emergency telephone numbers are posted in the Park. Dog Park members access to their telephones if it is necessary to call for emergency (police, fire, emergency medical) assistance. If more than one member is present at the time of the emergency, one person should call while others remain in the Park to supervise the dogs.
- Members with cell phones are encouraged to carry them in the Park, particularly if they expect to be alone with their dogs.

By signing I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will adhere to these rules.

Household Member signature _____

Date: _____

