

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, we all need to be mindful of proper dog etiquette when we visit.

Once you and your dog arrive at the Dog Parks, it may be tempting to just stand back and watch all the activity while your dog runs around. Everybody will have a much more rewarding experience if some basic etiquette for visiting the Dog Parks is observed.

Following this etiquette will keep the Dog Parks a better place for all who visit.

- 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.
- Always clean up after your dog. The Villages dog parks all have poop bags so please use them and dispose of them properly.
- 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.
- Keep your dog leashed until you get to the off-leash area. This is not only respectful to other park users, it's much safer for your dog.
- Close all gates to the Dog Park after entering or exiting.
- Don't scold or touch someone else's dog. You wouldn't want them to do that to your dog.
- Be friendly with other dog owners. It's more enjoyable if everyone is nice to each other.
- Always observe all the rules posted at the Dog Park.
- If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Regional Recreation Complex that has oversight of the specific Dog Park.

## THE NUMBERS TO CALL ARE:

Mulberry Grove Dog Park: 352-259-6040

**Paradise Dog Park:** 352-753-0637

Brinson-Perry Dog Park: 352-750-2488

Atlas Canine Recreation Park: 352-674-8400

Dudley Canine Park: 352-674-8460 Rupert Canine Park: 352-674-8455 Homestead Dog Park: 352-674-1971





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