

# DOG PARKS

## GUIDELINES & ETIQUETTE



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, be mindful of proper dog etiquette when visiting. Please follow these guidelines and etiquette to ensure the dog park is a fun and enjoyable place for everyone.

### HOURS OF USE: 7AM TO DUSK.

- Enjoy the Dog Park at your own risk.
- Participants must have a Villages Resident or Guest ID along with a photo ID and be 13 years of age or older
- Guests under the age of 19 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Proper attire is required.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering & exiting the Dog Park. Dog owners must have a leash with them at all times.
- Close all gates to the Dog Park after entering or exiting.
- Dog owners must stay inside the fenced area and keep their dog within view and under supervision at all times—never leave them unattended.
- Limit phone calls, emails, and app use to stay focused on your dog.
- 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.
- Dogs must be removed from the Dog Park at the first sign of aggression. Failure to do so will be brought to the attention of the Recreation & Parks Department and the county animal control.

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- Dog owners or handlers are solely responsible for any injuries caused by dog(s) under their control.
- Only dogs that are spayed or neutered are allowed in the park.
- Dogs must wear current license tags and have up to date vaccinations.
- No more than 3 dogs are allowed per person on any one visit.
- Always clean up after your dog. Bag stations and trash cans are provided.
- 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.
- Always observe all the rules posted at each Dog Park.
- Dog parks are safely fenced play areas designed for both large and small dogs to run freely and socialize. Please use the designated area that best fits your dog's size.
- If you see anything that needs attention please contact the Recreation Center that has oversight of the specific Dog Park.
- Personal items such as balls, toys, bowls or other items may not be left or stored at dog parks.

For the public safety and enjoyment of others, the Recreation & Parks Department reserves the right to restrict access to Dog Parks to individuals and/or dogs due to violations of these guidelines and the Recreation Code of Conduct.

#### RECREATION NUMBERS FOR EACH PARK:

**Atlas Canine Recreation Park:** 352-674-8400 (*Lake*)

**Brinson-Perry Dog Park:** 352-750-2488 (*Sumter*)

**Dudley Canine Park:** 352-674-8460 (*Sumter*)

**Homestead Dog Park:** 352-674-1971 (*Lake*)

**Mulberry Grove Dog Park:** 352-259-6040 (*Marion*)

**Paradise Dog Park:** 352-753-0637 (*Lake*)

**Sophie Doodles Canine Park:** 352-674-1841 (*Sumter*)

**Richmond Canine Park:** 352-674-1926 (*Sumter*)

**Rupert Canine Park:** 352-674-8455 (*Sumter*)

*In our efforts to keep the recreation facilities in optimal conditions, the Dog Park opening time is delayed weekly. Signs will be posted.*

#### ANIMAL CONTROL:

**Lake County:** 352-343-9688

**Marion County:** 352-671-8700

**Sumter County:** 352-689-4400

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