

Pocopson Dog Park Rules and Regulations [5/14/2020 draft]

1. The dog park opens at sunrise and closes at sunset.
 - a. [Access – Township to open and close or key/card swipe system?]
 - b. Entry to the dog park is solely by lock combination/membership swipe card. All persons who wish to use the dog park must register their dog with the Township to gain access credentials.
 - c. In order to register a dog, a person must complete the applicable form provided by the Township.
 - d. Any person who allows a non-registered dog into the dog park is subject to forfeiture of their access of the dog park and is liable for any damage or injury caused by the non-registered dog.
2. Pets, other than dogs, are not permitted in the dog park.
3. The small dog enclosure is limited to dogs weighing less than 30 pounds.
4. Dogs weighing less than 30 pounds are prohibited from entering the large dog enclosure.
5. Only activities common and customary for playing with, training and exercising dogs are allowed in the dog park. No other uses, including other park uses and commercial uses, are allowed in a dog park.
6. The following dogs are not permitted in a dog park:
 - a. [Note to draft: Any specific breeds excluded, if so, why?].
 - b. Dogs with a known propensity to attack or bite people or other dogs.
 - c. Dogs that acts aggressively towards people or other dogs in the dog park.
 - d. Dogs that are not licensed, vaccinated against rabies, healthy, parasite-free, and over the age of 16 weeks.
 - e. Dogs that are in heat.
 - f. Dogs that are not be spayed and neutered.
7. The following restrictions shall apply to persons within a dog park:
 - a. Any person under the age of [15 years of age] must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). Notwithstanding the foregoing, children [5 years of age or younger] are prohibited from entering the dog park for safety reasons.
 - b. Any person in charge of a dog must be [16 years of age] or older.
 - c. Any one person may not be in charge of more than [two (2) dogs] at a time.
 - d. Any person in charge of a dog must remain in the dog park while their dog is in the dog park.
 - e. Dogs without a collar or harness.
8. Dogs are not permitted in a dog park when the dog park is closed or outside of the posted days and hours of operation for the dog park.
9. A person bringing a dog to a dog park must have a leash available at all times.
10. A dog must be kept on a leash until it is inside the dog park.
11. A dog must be placed on a leash before it may be taken outside of the dog park.
12. Notwithstanding the fact that a dog may be off leash in a dog park, a dog must be under the control and supervision of the person in charge of the dog and must be in view of that person at all times.
13. Excrement must be promptly and completely picked up and properly disposed of by the person or persons who brought or allowed the dog into the dog park.
14. Food is not permitted within dog parks. Training treats are permitted.

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15. Tug toys are prohibited.
16. The person in charge of a dog is responsible for any damage to the dog park caused by the dog.
17. Holes dug by a dog must be filled in and any turf damage must be repaired.
18. Use of the dog park is at your own risk.
19. The person in charge of a dog in the dog park is responsible for any injury to any person or other dog caused by that person's dog.
20. Any person in charge of a dog in a dog park must comply with all posted rules and regulations.
21. Any person engaged in any activity assumes all risks associated with such activity and is liable for any damage or injury caused by said activity.
22. All applicable laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Township of Pocopson must be followed by those utilizing the dog park.
23. Dog trainers may not use the dog park to conduct business unless otherwise permitted by the Township.
24. Dog grooming is not permitted in the dog park.