BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND OTHER VISITORS

Having a community dog park is a privilege! Be respectful of the people who live near the park. It takes cooperation and action from all users to ensure the park's continued success.

- Discourage excessive barking.
- Stop your dog from digging; fill in all holes.
  Holes destroy grass coverage and create hazards that can lead to leg or other injuries for humans and dogs.
- Clean up after your pet both inside and outside the park.
  Feces can spread disease and foster insects in addition to its unpleasant smell.
- Keep dog leashed when not in the fenced-in area.
- Dogs are not to swim off-leash in ponds.
- Do not park on private property or block driveways.

Pets must be leashed when not in the marked off-leash areas.

Want to be a friend of the dog park in Breck Community Park?
Volunteer to ensure the dog park remains an asset to the community through Grove City Tomorrow. Contact Candice Bollinger at 614-875-1707 or Ted Berry at 614-309-0332.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- **Emergency**
  911
- **Dog Bites**
  Franklin County Public Health
  614-525-3160
- **Unattended Dogs**
  Franklin County Animal Care & Control
  614-525-3400
- **Non-emergency Issues & Dangerous Animals**
  Grove City Police
  614-277-1710

The success of this park depends on self-policing and the good manners of users.

- ***Address potential problems before they escalate.***
- ***Avoid angry confrontation: leave and visit a different time.***
- ***Report dangerous situations and vandalism to Grove City Police or the Parks and Recreation Department.***

BRECK
COMMUNITY PARK

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS
Rules & Etiquette

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PARK RULES

- Unless otherwise specified, all City of Grove City ordinances pertaining to city parks apply (Chapter 903).
- Park hours: dawn to dusk
- Park visitors use the park at their own risk.
- No glass. Dispose of all trash and excrement in approved containers.

RULES FOR THE OFF-LEASH AREAS

- Use the areas designated for your dog's size:
  - **Large Dog Area:** 35 pounds and larger
  - **Small Dog Area:** 34 pounds and smaller
- Keep off-leash area gates closed.
- No pets other than dogs.
- No smoking.
- Do not bring in human food, dog treats or favorite toys.
  Food can trigger competitiveness and aggression in dogs as can a toy your dog is very fond of. Balls or other generic toys are fine, but use your best judgment based on your dog's personality.

ENTERING & EXITING OFF-LEASH AREAS

- Each area has a double-gate system to ensure secure entry/exit of dogs. Make sure the vestibule area is free from other dogs before entering.
- Enter: Go into the vestibule, closing the gate behind you. Remove leash from dog. Open gate into off-leash area, allowing dog to enter area. Secure gate behind you after going in.
- Exit: Enter the vestibule only after it is free of other dogs; secure gate behind you. Fasten the leash to your dog. Leave the vestibule with your leashed dog, securing the fence behind you.

FOR DETAILS ON OFF-LEASH AREA RULES AND LAWS PERTAINING TO PETS AND CITY PARKS VISIT
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Dogs in off-leash areas often run, jump and play in groups without regard for their surroundings. A collision with a running dog can cause injury, especially to children or smaller dogs.
PLEASE PAY ATTENTION AND BE AWARE OF ACTIVITY AROUND YOU.

HUMAN REQUIREMENTS

- **Age 18:** minimum age to handle a dog. Handlers are legally responsible for the actions of dogs under their control.
- **Ages 13-17:** must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Ages 12 and younger:** not allowed in off-leash area. Children can be injured by running or playing dogs and may have difficulty anticipating canine behaviors or understanding how their actions affect dogs.

HANDLER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maximum two dogs per handler.
- Keep your dog in sight and under control at all times; carry a leash with you.
- Clean up your dog's excrement IMMEDIATELY; bags are provided.
- Understand you are liable for your dog's actions.
- Be prepared to leave if your dog acts aggressively or anxiously (e.g. growls, snarls, suddenly stiffens, bites, snaps, raises hair on back, puts ears sideways or back).

Maximum of two dogs per handler in off-leash area.

DOG REQUIREMENTS

Dogs must be licensed, healthy & vaccinated.

- Licensed, healthy and current on vaccinations
  If your dog is coughing, sneezing, has discharge or diarrhea, is lethargic or otherwise ill, or has parasites (e.g. fleas), avoid the park to prevent the spread of disease.
- Spayed or neutered
  In the wild, the strongest male dogs attract females for breeding. This translates into higher aggression in intact dogs who may challenge and fight dogs even when none of the other gender are present.

Watch for signs of aggression or anxiety in your own and other dogs. Avoid conflicts between animals by reacting quickly. Trust your instincts: if you are uncomfortable, remove yourself and your dog from the situation.

- A minimum of 4 months old
  Younger dogs lack mature immune systems and have not yet received all needed vaccinations.
- On a leash when not in the off-leash area
- Acting without aggression
  Watch for signs in your dogs and others such as: has rigid body, stares, growls/barks deeply, bares teeth, lunges or snaps/nips. Trust your instincts: if you are uncomfortable, remove yourself and your dog from the situation.
- Free of the following collar types: chain, choke, prong and electronic
  These collars can cause injury to the dogs wearing them or to other dogs during normal play.
- Unless otherwise specified, all City of Grove City ordinances pertaining to animals apply (see Chapter 505)