

403-8 Dogs on Beaches, Recreation Areas and Dog Parks.

B. Dog Park

1. The Town of Barnstable, its staff, officers, officials, employees and volunteers are not responsible for personal injury to the people or animals using the park. Users of this dog park do so at their own risk and are solely responsible for injuries and/or damage caused by their actions and their animals, or to their persons or to their animals by other users or animals.
2. These regulations are applicable to the Barnstable Dog Park as described and shown on plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office and posted at the site.
3. The Dog Park is open 7 days a week sunrise to sunset.
4. No parking for activities allowed other than directly connected with the Dog Park.
5. Dogs must have current vaccinations and be licensed as required by law and free of communicable diseases.
6. Dogs must wear a collar at all times affixed with a current license tag.
7. Dogs exhibiting aggressive, intimidating or dangerous behavior must be leashed and removed from the Dog Park immediately.
8. Excessive barking must be restrained.
9. Female dogs in heat shall not use the Dog Park.
10. No other animals besides dogs are allowed within the Dog Park.
11. Alcohol, smoking or E-cigarettes are not allowed at the Dog Park.
12. No commercial activities or solicitation allowed without prior permission.
13. No littering or disposal of household trash is allowed.
14. Dogs must be leashed before entering and after leaving any fenced area.
15. All gates must be closed at all times except when entering and exiting.

Owners/handlers:

16. Must be at least 16 years of age. Any person under 16 must be supervised by a responsible adult.
17. Must closely supervise and control their dog within the Park at all times.
18. Must stop dog from digging and fill in all holes dug in the pea stone.
19. Must have no more than three dogs under the supervision of any one person.
20. Must immediately pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.

Within the fenced areas:

21. No children 10 or under are permitted.
22. No dogs under the age of three months are permitted.
23. To avoid injury, prong, pinch or spiked collars are not allowed with the exception of the designated training area.
24. Training treats and dog toys are not allowed with the exception of the designated training area.
25. Food/beverages, glass containers, strollers, bicycles and children's toys are prohibited

Penalties, suspensions and fines:

26. Dog Park patrons are expected to be courteous and cooperative with other Park users, staff and volunteers. Aggressive or abusive behavior may result in loss of privileges.
27. The Director of Natural Resources reserves the right to suspend or revoke Dog Park access to a dog as a result of problematic behavior and/or due to irresponsible pet ownership. Problem behavior can include, but is not limited to, aggression such as attacking, drawing blood, threatening, bullying and bothering dogs and people.
28. Any person who is issued a suspension or revocation notice will be provided the opportunity for a hearing with the Director of the Marine and Environmental Affairs Department. Any person desiring such a hearing must submit a written request for said hearing postmarked within five business days of the effective date of the suspension. An appeal of the Director of the Marine and Environmental Affairs' decision may be filed with the Office of the Town Manager within five days of issuance of said decision.
29. The Town of Barnstable has the authority to close the Dog Park if it believes to be in the public's best interest because of safety and/or health reasons, abuse of privileges, adverse weather conditions, maintenance work, or any other condition the Town believes warrants a closure.
30. The penalty for violation of this section, in addition to any other penalties herein or otherwise by law, shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each violation.