

Mokena Community Park District



Registration Packet

**Park 'n Bark Dog Park
10824 La Porte Road, Mokena, IL**

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Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for joining Park 'n Bark Dog Park. We're sure you and your canine companion(s) will enjoy the park!

When you arrive at the park, please choose the run area appropriate for your dog based on its size and weight. Dogs 30 pounds and over should use the large dog area. Please remember that puppies under the age of 4 months are not allowed in either area. Please do not congregate in the entrance area.

Waste bags and receptacles are located in each area. Cleanup after your dog is required immediately, so please utilize them.

You have been given a three digit access code and an ID badge. ID badge must be worn and visible while accessing the dog park. Please do not allow others to enter the park who do not have an access code. This helps us assure that all dogs using the facility are registered and up to date on their vaccinations. If you lose your ID badge, you can obtain a replacement for \$10 at the Administration Center. If your Code does not work, please report it to the Administration Center at (708) 390-2401. Please note: if your dog's vaccinations expire during the membership period, it is your responsibility to fax or forward updated records to the Administration Center. Failure to do so will result in deactivation of your membership code within 30 days of expiration (No refunds).

Re-registration each year is required. Be sure your dog's vaccination records are up to date, and bring them with you. You will not be able to re-register without proof of vaccinations.

Regular maintenance of the grass and landscaped areas by the Park District, including mowing and fertilization, will occur periodically. During those times, the dog park will be closed. We will make every effort to post advance notice.

Please be courteous to other dog owners. Please read the Rules Information Sheet to make the most of your dog park visit. For the safety of all, please do not congregate at the entrance to the park. When entering and exiting, please be sure gates are securely closed behind you. Only open one gate at a time.



Rules and Regulations

- An annual permit is required to use the Dog Park. Proof of current vaccinations is required to purchase a permit. Non-residents may purchase permits, an additional fee will apply. Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable.
 - Annual fee for first dog: \$5 Per Resident family/ \$15 Per non-resident family. Add'l dogs \$5 each
 - Replacement ID cards - \$10 per card for lost or damaged cards
- Owners or other responsible persons must have a valid ID card with them for each dog visiting the dog park.
- Dog Park is open from sunrise to sunset, weather permitting. The park may close periodically for cleaning and maintenance purposes.
- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to and upon leaving the dog park. Gates to the dog park must remain closed except upon entering and exiting. Collars must be worn at all times. No pincher or spiked collars are permitted, as they are dangerous when playing.
- Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs. Owners who fail to clean up after their dogs are subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 and/or revocation of dog park privileges (General Use Ordinance 3.1). Bags and waste bins are available in both areas.
- Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, dewormed, and licensed, and wear a current rabies tag while in the dog park.
- Maximum 2 Dogs per Owner/Handler are allowed in this facility – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Both dogs must be in the same run/area. Dogs may not be left in the dog run area without supervision.
- Owner must keep dogs in view and under control at all times.
- Dogs 30 pounds and over are not allowed in the small dog area.
- Dogs displaying or with a history humping or of aggressive behavior will be banned from the Park. No refunds.
- Children 10 and under are not allowed in the dog run areas.
- Children 11 - 16 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Dog Park, and may not be left unattended.
- Puppies under 4 months old and female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Park.
- No commercial dog training.
- No smoking or glass containers allowed. No food of any kind, including dog treats, rawhides, bones, etc., and no alcohol or soft drinks are allowed. There is running water to fill bowls available at the park.
- No human sports of any kind allowed. This includes but is not limited to: rollerblading, skateboarding, football, baseball, bike riding, frisbee.
- Do not allow anyone without an access card to enter the park. Please report fence jumpers to the Park District.

The Mokena Community Park District reserves the right to suspend or revoke dog park privileges to any member who fails to follow the dog park rules, or where the Park District has determined a dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations, without refund.



Dog Park Etiquette & Precautions

Please educate yourself about the etiquette and rules of the Dog Park, before joining. We take safety at our park very seriously. Familiarizing yourself with these rules and etiquette will help to ensure that you and your dog have a safe and enjoyable time in the dog park.

- Dogs can be rambunctious and unpredictable, and may not respond well to children running or yelling. Because of this, children under 10 are not permitted in the dog park, for their own protection. Children should not handle any dog toys lying around the park, and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog.
- Entering and exiting the dog park is a stressful and exciting event for your dog. Please allow others to enter and exit separately. This will reduce stress and confrontations between dogs as they are entering the play area. Please be sure all gates are securely closed behind you for the safety of all.
- After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around un-leashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, please do't visit the park. **If your dog wears a prong collar, it must be removed so that other dogs do not get caught on it.**
- **Supervise your dog during your entire visit to the park.** When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is. Having a group of dogs greet you at the gate can feel threatening to some dogs, so do't allow your dogs to congregate at the entrance. **Keep your leash with you at all times.**
- Some dogs like to mount – if yours is one of these, immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs, or leave the park.
- Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs can make with each other. **Dogs that remain unruly towards another dog must be removed from the park immediately.**
- If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give your name and phone number to the injured party. **You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others. See Dog Incident Policy.**
- **Pick up your dog's droppings** and any "orphaned" droppings. Bags and receptacles are available. This is your park – help keep it clean and sanitary for all of our dogs.

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Park ‘n Bark Dog Park Dog Incident Policy

Mokena Park District’s Park ‘n Bark Dog Park Rules and Etiquette have been designed to minimize the chances for a dog incident. However, should an incident occur, below is our policy and recommended action:

- Separate and leash dogs.
- Remove dogs to neutral area by main gate.
- Inspect dogs for any injuries.
- Exchange names and phone numbers.
- Get names and phone numbers of any witnesses.
- If required, contact Animal Control.

In the event that Mokena Community Park District is notified, our policy is to release names and telephone numbers of affected parties if necessary.

You are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog.

Mokena Park District reserves the right to suspend or revoke privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette, or where the Park District has determined a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of applicable animal ordinances or regulations.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

**Mokena Community Park District
Administration Center
10925 La Porte Rd., Mokena
(708) 390-2401
Fax: (708) 479-5381**

**Frankfort Township Animal Control
11000 W. Lincoln Hwy., Frankfort
(815) 469-4907**

**Mokena Non-Emergency Police
(708) 479-3911**

**Will County Animal Control
1200 S. Cedar Rd., New Lenox
(815) 462-5633**

Park 'n Bark Dog Park Waiver and Release

WARNING OF RISK

Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper precautions, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. Dogs are pack animals and when "off-leash", even the best trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandable, not all dangers and hazards associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity for any dog to behave in a dangerous way that may result in injury to you, another person, or dog. Other risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, negligence, or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons, or other animals, and actions by the dog due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting, or biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outside activities.

Should you attempt to break up a dog fight or restrain a dog, including but not limited to your dog, you may be attacked and severely mauled by your dog, the other dog, or attacked by another dog's owner/handler. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Mokena Community Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use the Park 'n Bark Dog Park, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of the Park 'n Bark Dog Park and surrounding area.

I recognize and acknowledge that use of the Park 'n Bark Dog Park and the surrounding area for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss, or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs and animals.), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of the severity, extent, or amount that (a) I, my dog or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of the Park 'n Bark Dog Park and surrounding area, or (b) any other person or animals might sustain as a result of my or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or associated with use of this facility or surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) the Mokena Community Park District and its officers, directors, employees and agents and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Mokena Community Park District or its officers, directors, employees or agents from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability, or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of the Park 'n Bark Dog Park and surrounding area.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend (a) the Mokena Community Park District and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Mokena Community Park District or any of its officers, directors, employees, or agents, from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liability, cause of actions, and expenses, (including but not limited to court costs and attorney fees) occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity (including but not limited to the Mokena Community Park District.)

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. IF REGISTERING ONLINE OR VIA FAX, YOUR ONLINE OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHALL SUBSTITUTE AND HAVE THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS AN ORIGINAL FORM SIGNATURE.

Permit Holder's Signature

Date

Permit Holder's Name (Please Print)

