

POLICIES

3000.32 DOG MANAGEMENT ON PARK PROPERTY

(policy approved September 12, 2006 – amended July 1, 2014)

The Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation has established goals and policies to accommodate recreational opportunities for dog owners and their pets on municipal park property within the framework of the Board's Mission Statement.

All Metro Parks will be "dog friendly" subject to Park Board rules, regulations, and policies. It is the responsibility of dog owners and custodians of dogs to ensure that they are in compliance with these conditions when they visit and enjoy Metro Parks and Greenways with their pets.

I. The use of Metro Park property and facilities by dog owners, custodians of dogs, and their pets will be subject to the Department's "core service" conditions that promote safety and quality of recreational experiences for all Nashville residents and visitors who share park resources. The intent of related Park Board policies is to make safety the highest priority in providing dog management on park property. The primary goals of dog management on park property are:

- A. Strict compliance with the leash law
- B. Strict compliance with regulation regarding removal of dog waste

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR METRO DOG PARKS

- A. "VISITOR RESPONSIBILITIES" will be posted at all Metro Dog Parks.
- B. Use of the dog park will be at the user's risk.

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- C. Disposal of dog waste, in the provided trash receptacles, is required.
- D. Dogs must be wearing current rabies and identification tags at all times.
- E. Dogs must be leashed before entering and leaving the fenced area.
- F. Dogs that become aggressive must be leashed and removed from the park immediately. Users are legally responsible for injuries inflicted by their dog. Metro Parks reserves the right to impose limitations, including restricting access to the Metro Parks, for any aggressive dog and its handler.
- G. Park users must have a leash on hand for each dog at all times.
- H. For safety reasons, children under the age of 10 years are prohibited from entering the fenced area of the dog park. All minors must be supervised by an adult.
- I. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:
 - 1. Any dog that exhibits or has a history of aggressive behavior
 - 2. Female dogs in heat

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I. The following are not permitted in Metro Dog Parks:

3. Puppies under four months of age
4. Dogs without handler supervision
5. Dog food, human food or glass containers
6. Spiked collars
7. More than two dogs per handler
8. Dog grooming

J. The designated use of the Metro Dog Parks will be for individual dog handlers and their pets. Organized activities and events such as shows, competitions, pet adoptions, organized training and fundraisers are prohibited.