



SADDLEBROOKE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION (SDPA) RULES

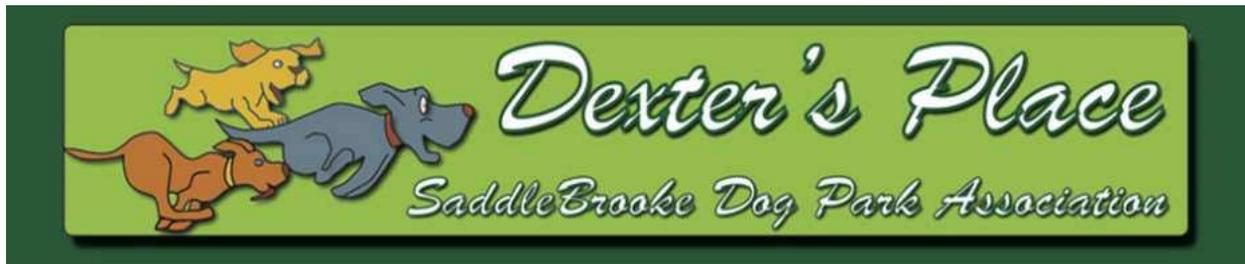
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Use of the park is subject to the following rules:

1. All activity inside the park is “at your own risk” and the members, Board of Directors, and officers of the SaddleBrooke Dog Park Association will be held harmless for pet injury, injury to any person(s) or loss of property.
2. The park is restricted to SDPA members and their guests only.
3. Rules also apply to guests.
4. Park hours are dawn to dusk.
5. All dogs entering the park must show evidence of current rabies vaccination.
6. Limit 3 dogs per handler.
7. Accompany your dog(s) at all times.
8. Do NOT keep your dog leashed while inside the park.
9. Clean up after your dog and use the receptacles provided.
10. No puppies younger than 4 months are allowed in the park.
11. Children under 8 years old are not allowed in the park.
12. Food, human and dog, is strictly prohibited in the park.
13. Do NOT bring any personal dog toys into the park.
14. Dogs in heat are NOT allowed in the park.
15. Sick or injured dogs are NOT allowed in the park.
16. Aggressive dogs must be leashed and removed immediately.
17. The handler must deal with excessive barking immediately or the dog must be removed from the park.
18. Please report any violations of the rules to the SDPA Board and give a verbal warning to the dog handler.

Failure to comply with the SaddleBrooke Dog Park Association Rules may result in suspension of privileges up to and including revocation of membership. Thank you for your cooperation

SaddleBrooke Dog Park Association Board of Directors



Saddlebrooke Dog Park Etiquette

Building a Culture of Responsible Dog Ownership in a Dog Park

1. **Legalities & Culture:** Dog Owners/Handlers are fully responsible for any actions of their dog no matter the circumstance. It is the law and also the policy that insurance agencies follow. Safe Dog Park culture requires dog owners to have clear visibility and voice control/command over their dog(s) at all times.
2. **Dog Park Purpose:** Dog Parks are for the exercise and/or socialization of canines. While it is tempting to utilize dog park time for people socialization, it often leaves the canines unattended. By keeping one's eyes on the dog(s), owners/handlers can better anticipate unacceptable behavior in the dog before it escalates, be watchful for fecal matter clean-up, and keep the dog from rushing the gate when a new dog enters.
3. **Unacceptable Behavior:** If there is any indication on either your dog's part or that of another dog, that aggressive action is being contemplated by either animal, it is up to the owners to separate and control the dogs and "defuse" the situation. If your dog is the aggressor, REMOVE it from the park ASAP.
4. **Prime Time:** This is the time of day when the dog park is highly occupied. The majority of incidents have occurred during prime time which leads to the need for greater diligence with regard to items 1-3 above. In addition, being mindful of dogs that do not interact well with your dog and collaborating scheduling with the other owner/handler might work in the best interest of both canines.
5. **Arrival at the Park/Entrance:** Owner awareness on the ramp or path to the park, and the de-leashing area are essential to dog safety. This includes one dog owner/handler on the ramp or pathway, and in the de-leashing area, at a time. Be sure that the gates are latched shut before and after. When in the park, help remind others to latch the gates as they come and go.
6. **Park Entry Preparation:** Check your dog's attitude before entering the park. If the dog is not in control when on the end of a leash, one-on-one, in a calm state of mind, the dog is probably not going to respond well in a high energy situation. Set your dog up for a successful interaction with other canines before entering the park.
7. **Supportive Culture:** Help other members with observed behaviors in their dogs that may lead to issues. Some members may not see or understand the behavior. If someone is trying to be helpful, accept the comments with grace, as he or she is working to support park safety for all dogs and handlers.