

Countryside Veterinary Dog Park Rules:

The Countryside Veterinary Dog Park Dog allows dogs to socialize and have fun. The park rules are in place for the safety and well-being of owners and dogs. Owners are responsible for their dogs at all times. No dog should be left unattended. Owners must be present with leash/leashes in hand and within voice distance of their dogs at all times.

This is a user-pay park. To gain access you must lease an annual electronic pass-key from the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority (HAPRA) located at 1661 N. Latson Rd., Howell, MI. Contact: (517) 546 0693. Daily passes are not issued.

1. All dogs must have up-to-date vaccinations prior to entering the dog park. Owners should keep a current copy of shot records on them or readily available if needed. Current vaccines include rabies, distemper and bordetella.
2. All dogs must have a current Michigan dog license to enter the park. The license tag must be worn on the dog's collar while in the park. Licenses can be purchased at Livingston County Animal Control, Livingston County Treasurer, select cities or townships throughout Livingston County.
3. Female dogs in heat may not enter this park.
4. Puppies must be 4 months of age and must have current vaccines including rabies, distemper and bordetella.
5. Dogs must be on a leash until inside the park. Dogs should be taken off the leash or harness immediately after entering the park.
6. All dogs entering the park must have a collar on at all times. Pronged, pinch, choke, spike, head collars or harnesses are prohibited in the park.
7. People food is prohibited in the park.
8. Children's toys are not permitted in the park.
9. Dog food, treats or toys are not permitted in the park. Food, toys, and treats can prompt aggression between dogs.
10. Children under the age-of 5 are not permitted in the park. Children ages 5 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult.
11. Owners must clean up after their dogs. Scoop the poop immediately and place in waste receptacle. Poop bags are available in the paddock area. Owners must stop their dogs from digging holes and must fill in any holes.
12. No more than 2 dogs per adult handler are permitted.
13. No glass containers allowed in the park. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park.
14. No smoking or vaping in the park.
15. Countryside Veterinary Dog Park hours are dawn to dusk. (Winter hours may be adjusted to allow evening use.)
16. Canine and human visitors enter at their own risk.
17. Aggressive dogs will not be allowed to remain in the park. Any dog that demonstrates signs of aggression towards a human or another dog must be removed from the premises.
18. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injury or loss caused by their dogs.
19. Patrons at the dog park are responsible for their own personal belongings. There is no lost and found and HAPRA is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged belongings.
20. Bicycles, skateboards, motorized vehicles, strollers, etc. are not allowed in the park.
21. The park is for dogs only.
22. To maintain a safe and healthy environment for all dogs, these dog park rules must be followed. Dog park privileges will be suspended if owners do not follow park rules.

In case of emergency dial 911.

Countryside Veterinary Dog Park Waiver & Release:

PLEASE REVIEW THIS FORM CAREFULLY AND BE AWARE THAT IN CONSIDERATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY DOG PARK, YOU WILL BE EXPRESSLY ASSUMING THE RISK OF, AND LEGAL LIABILITY FOR, AND WILL BE WAIVING AND RELEASING ALL CLAIMS FOR INJURIES, DAMAGES, OR LOSS WHICH YOU AND/OR YOUR DOG MAY SUSTAIN AS A RESULT OF USING COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY DOG PARK.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to use with my dog(s) the dog park ("Park") owned and operated by the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present within the Park necessarily involves a risk of injury to me, any persons that accompany me, other people using the Park, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that these risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume that responsibility knowingly and voluntarily. I acknowledge that Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority have provided me with a copy of the Dog Park Rules and Safety Tips, information on the use of dog parks, and an online video for my viewing. When this Waiver and Release refers to "my dog," it includes me whether or not I am the legal owner of the dog, since I am the person responsible for the dog while using the Park.

I understand that the application/license system is not established to guarantee that dogs in the Park are safe or healthy. I also understand that dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death, to the dog, its owner/handler, other persons, or other animals. I further understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behavior or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and that not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. I agree to assume the risk of any injury to me, any individuals (including children) that accompany me to the Park, and my dog(s). I understand that this risk may result from fierce, aggressive, vicious and dangerous dogs which may be present in the Park.

I further understand and assume the risk that all dogs in the Park may not have been vaccinated for bordetella, distemper, parvovirus, or rabies, all of which could result in injury to me, any individuals (including children) accompanying me, and my dog(s). I also understand that there are certain inherent risks, including the propensity of a dog to behave in a dangerous way. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: the inexperience or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons, or other animals; dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences; plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects that may be present; and wild animals, such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Park, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s); slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I knowingly and voluntarily accept responsibility for all of these risks in exchange for the privilege of using the Park.

It is my understanding that no agents or employees of Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority or Livingston County will supervise the park at any time and I therefore expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Park. In signing this Waiver and Release, I fully release and discharge Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Livingston County, its employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Livingston County from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action, whether present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my use or intended use of the Park. I fully and forever release and discharge Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Livingston County, its employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of Countryside Veterinary Dog Park from any and all negligent acts or omissions with regard to the Park and intend to be legally bound by this Release. I assume sole responsibility for, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Livingston County, its employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority and Livingston County for any damages for bodily injury, death, or damage, or loss to property, including legal and expert witness fees.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE, UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT. I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF COUNTRYSIDE VETERINARY DOG PARK RULES AND SAFETY TIPS, INFORMATION ON THE USE OF DOG PARKS, THE ONLINE VIDEO REGARDING DOG PARK USE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH USING THE DOG PARK. IN SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY GIVE UP THE RIGHT TO SUE HOWELL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY AND LIVINGSTON COUNTY RELATED TO MY USE OF THE DOG PARK.