

Warren County Dog Park Etiquette

These guidelines will help to make the park a safer, more enjoyable place for all.

- Leave your dog's favorite toy at home since many dogs are possessive and may try to defend it at the park.
- Minimize barking. It incites other dogs to bark and increases intensity levels.
- When entering or leaving the off-leash area, do not enter the double-gated transition area if there is already someone in that area. This will eliminate the possibility of both gates being open at the same time.
- Quickly move away from the entrance area as you enter. That will help disperse the group of dogs that will come over to welcome your dog to the park. Move away from the fence so that your dog will not feel cornered or threatened. This will lessen the problem caused when several off leash dogs, already in the park, come running over to greet the new arrival, perhaps overwhelming the arriving dog.
- Remove dogs that play too rough. Dogs often wrestle and "play bite" for fun. This is normal, acceptable behavior. But there is a fine line between play and aggressive behavior. Dogs that bare their teeth, bite to injure, growl loudly, pin others to the ground relentlessly, or mount other dogs non-stop should be removed from the park.
- If your dog's play makes other dog owners uncomfortable, go to another area of the park or return at another time.
- Children have a tendency to scream and run when excited which can trigger a dog's prey drive or natural instinct to chase. For this reason and for the safety of your children, we do not allow small children and infants in the dog park.
- Close monitoring of your dog will contribute to a fun and rewarding experience for your dog and you. Remember to read and observe the posted rules.
- Help enforce the rules of the park. Do not rely on others to keep the park safe and clean. It is everyone's responsibility who uses the park.