



Happy Tails Dog Park- Membership Guidelines

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By signing this contract, you, the Buyer(s) have purchased for your dog(s) a membership to the Windsor/Essex County Humane Society (WECHS) Happy Tails Dog Park. Buyer(s) agree that the membership fee is non-refundable unless WECHS determines grounds for a prorated refund. Buyer(s) agree that the membership is not transferrable to another dog owner. The membership also cannot be transferred to another dog owned by the Buyer(s) unless approved by WECHS.

1. Dogs Must:

- Have a current park membership. Families and dogs without membership cards will be asked to leave the park.
- Demonstrate appropriate social interaction; dogs displaying aggressive behaviour must be leashed and removed from the park immediately.
- Demonstrate appropriate and friendly interaction with all human members of the park. Aggressive dogs must be leashed and removed from the park immediately.
- Not be sick, in heat or have obvious external parasites or they will not be allowed in the park.
- Be at least 5 months of age, have completed a full regimen of vaccines including Bordatella. Vaccine certificates are required on an annual basis. Flea and tick prevention is highly recommended for dogs utilizing the park
- Be spayed or neutered. Exceptions may be granted on a case by case basis by the WECHS (e.g. for dogs not altered due to medical reasons).
- Be leashed when outside of the park.
- Be supervised at all times.

2. Owners Must:

- Be over 18 years old to be alone in the dog park with their dog.
- Only let themselves and their dog into the park. If someone is coming behind you to enter please ask them to wait until you get into the park.
- Pick up and dispose of your own dog's waste in the appropriate containers, fill in any holes that your dog digs and report and damage that your dog does to the Humane Society staff.
- Carry a leash for each dog in your care.
- Ensure that gates are closed securely when entering the park, and that the park is locked upon leaving. WECHS does not recommend parents to bring their children to the park. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to enter the park and are never to be more than 10 feet from their adult. Parents must have both their child(ren) and their dog under control at all times. When children are in the park they must not run, yell, climb, or chase any dogs at any time. Children must ask if they are allowed to pet a dog in the park other than their own.
- Accept responsibility for any damage or injuries caused by your dog.

- Remain in the park and supervise your dog(s) at all times, keeping them in view and under verbal control at all times.
- Remove all pinch/prong or choke collars when dogs are playing in the park to prevent injury. Electronic collars are not allowed in the park.
- Clean up after their dog with bags of your own supply. Garbage containers are provided for disposal. If you see someone walking away from a mess that their dog created please draw it to their attention so that they are able to clean it up.
- Report any aggressive behaviour.
- If aggressive behaviour is observed, take immediate action: move your dog to another area of the park, leave the park, or do whatever you need to do to prevent the behaviour from reoccurring. Please report this behaviour to the Humane Society staff.
- Stop their dogs from digging and are responsible for filling any hole their dog creates.
- Monitor rough play to ensure that all parties involved are comfortable with the situation. Rough play and chasing are not acceptable if it is not consensual.
- Notify WECHS staff if a dog or a person is injured in any way while on the premises.
- If you notice wild animals in the park, leave them alone and move your dog to another area of the park.
- Treats are allowed for your own dog only. Please do not provide treats/food to other dogs in the park. If the treats are becoming a problem for other dogs in the park you may be asked to remove them from the park.
- Food is not allowed in the dog park. Smoking and alcohol are not permitted in the park. Only water or other non alcoholic beverages are allowed in plastic containers. There is no glass allowed in the park at all.
- Skateboards, rollerblades, heellies, bikes and other such items are not allowed in the park.
- Comply with ALL park rules.

Membership Fees, Days & Hours of Operation

The dog park is open 7 days a week (weather permitting). The Windsor/Essex County Humane Society is open Saturday to Tuesday 8am to 6pm and Wednesday to Friday 8am to 8pm. Paying park members may use the park at any time, including hours when the WECHS is not open. **Our Dog Enrichment Volunteers use the park seven days a week 8am-11am, Saturday to Tuesday 3pm-6pm and Wednesday to Friday 5pm-8pm. If possible it is best for you to utilize the park outside of those hours.**

The park is not monitored on a constant basis by staff or volunteers; however, if an issue arises where a staff member is called to the park (animal behaviour, non-member use, etc.), some monitoring may be temporarily in place. After hours, the Humane Society can still be contacted by calling (519)966-5751.

The park may be closed periodically for special events. When this occurs WECHS will give as much notice as possible to park members via signage at the park or email contact with members. PLEASE provide valid e-mail addresses on all forms.

The park may be closed due to inclement weather (severe storms or extreme wind), when temperatures are harmful to dogs and their humans (over 35°C or under -10°C), or if conditions in the park are unsafe.

Only dogs that are members of the park will be admitted to the park. You must bring your membership card with you when bringing your dog(s) to the park. A WECHS staff member could ask to see your membership card at any time and we reserve the right to ask anyone without their membership card to leave the park. Memberships are not transferrable to other dogs in the family, or to other families.

Yearly passes can be purchased for \$150.00 per year at our front desk. A membership card will be issued with the combination to the park lock. Monthly passes can be purchased for \$15.00 per month. A membership card will be issued with the combination to the park lock. Locks could be changed at any time and only those with valid park memberships will be notified of the change.

Day passes can be purchased for \$5.00 per day from our front desk. A card will be given to anyone purchasing a day pass and you may be asked to show your day pass at any time. A staff member will unlock the park for those who purchase a day pass.

WECHS reserves the right to deny any membership, cancel any membership, deny any dog entry to the park, or remove any dog from the park at any time for any reason.