



# NEW ALBANY DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete all portions of this application.
2. Attach a copy of each dog's current rabies vaccination to the application. Distemper, parvo, Bordetella (kennel cough), leptospirosis, and canine influenza vaccinations are strongly recommended, as is flea and heartworm preventative medication.
3. Attach a copy of each dog's license certificate (not the same as rabies certificate), from your community or the New Albany Animal Shelter, to the application.
4. Read all the rules of the dog park and sign the terms and conditions of membership statements attached.
5. New members are to complete an orientation with New Albany Parks and Recreation staff.
6. Pay applicable fees. \$45 for your first dog and \$5 for each additional dog. Fees can be paid in cash (in office only) or with credit/debit card.

**PROCESS FOR MEMBERSHIP:** (Please print legibly and complete the entire application.)

**NEW MEMBERS:** Call 812.949.5448 or email [parks@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:parks@cityofnewalbany.com) to schedule an in-office membership application appointment or to make arrangements to complete the membership process remotely. The entry fob or mobile app that opens the dog park gates and membership tag(s) for your dog(s) is/are issued once the entire membership application process is completed and payment has been received.

**RETURNING MEMBERS:** Submit your completed application, with attached copies of the current rabies vaccination certificate and the current license certificate for each dog, to New Albany Parks and Recreation main office in person or by email to [parks@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:parks@cityofnewalbany.com). Payment of the renewal fee can be made in person by cash or credit/debit card or online by credit/debit card. The new membership tag(s) for your dog(s) is/are issued after payment has been received.

Name(s) of Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Owner(s) DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

	Name	Breed/Color/Markings/Coat Type	Weight	Age	License #
Dog #1					
Dog #2					
Dog #3					
Dog #4					
Dog #5					
Dog #6					

**For an additional entry fob or mobile app or any replacement membership tags/entry fobs/mobile apps, please contact New Albany Parks and Recreation main office located at 2043 Silver Street, New Albany, IN.**

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	
ENTRY FOB SERIAL # OR MOBILE APP (CHOOSE 1 ONLY) _____	DATE OF PURCHASE _____
Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #1)	Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #4)
Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #2)	Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #5)
Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #3)	Membership Tag # _____ (Dog #6)

**\*NOTE\* Memberships are valid for 1 year from the date of purchase.**

**Example: If you purchase your membership on April 1, your membership would expire on March 31 of the following year.**

## New Albany Dog Park - Membership Rules and Etiquette

You and your dog(s) are expected to behave with common courtesy and respect for the property as well as for other park users. This is not a supervised facility. By using this dog park, you and anyone who accompanies you enter at your own risk and assume all responsibility and liability for the risks of unleashing your dog(s) in this facility. *We realize that owner socialization is a great added value to the experience, but please remember that the dog owner's first priority is the proper supervision of his/her dog.* You are required to abide by the rules and etiquette at all times while on the premises as described below:

- New Albany Dog Park is **open daily** from **dawn to dusk** for the convenience of our members. New Albany Parks and Recreation does, however, reserve the right to close the dog park at our discretion. On occasion, according to terrain needs, parts of the dog park may be closed to limit damage. **Please pay attention to posted changes and capacity levels.**
- **Entry into the dog park is at the risk of the dog owners/handlers.** Dog owners/handlers are responsible and liable for any damage to property, persons, or other animals caused by their dog(s). If your dog injures another dog or handler, you are **required** to assist in any way needed, and to provide your name and contact information to the injured party or owner/handler of the injured dog. Failure to do so will result in termination of membership.
- **Only 2 dogs are allowed in the Dog Park per owner/handler. Dog owners/handlers with 3 or more dogs on a membership can bring the additional dogs as long as there is an additional adult handler supervising every 2 dogs. Dog handlers must be 18 years of age or older.** All dogs shall be accompanied and supervised by an adult owner/handler with a leash readily available at all times. Dog owners/handlers are to remove their dog(s) **immediately** if signs of continued aggressive behavior is shown.
- **Children under the age of 13 are not allowed in the dog park.** Children between the ages of 13 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **All dogs must remain on leash until they are inside the dog park.** The official New Albany Dog Park membership tag, rabies, and license tags must be displayed on the dog(s)/dog handler at all times or the dog is not to enter the park.
- Choke, pinch, studded and chain collars, as well as gentle leaders, must be removed upon entering the dog park; however, some type of collar/harness must remain on the dog at all times so a dog can easily be retrieved in case of aggressive behavior.
- **Please help to keep our dog park clean for all members to enjoy. Kindly place all litter into the provided trash receptacles.** All owners/handlers must pick up any waste and messes left by their dog(s) to ensure cleanliness and to avoid potential health risks. (DogiPot stations are located throughout the park, so please use them.) Failure to do so may result in the loss of park privileges. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for filling any and all holes dug by their pets.
- **All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination.** Distemper, parvo, Bordetella (kennel cough), leptospirosis, and canine influenza are not required but are strongly recommended, as is flea and heartworm preventative medication. Rabies vaccinations **are required by state law**, but the infectious disease vaccinations are critical in protecting your dog from disease. Follow your veterinarian's recommendation for vaccinations. Failure to do so is at your own risk.
- **All dogs must be licensed through the county/community in which they live, or if the county/community of residence does not require one, then a City of New Albany dog license is required.** The license tag must be visible on the dog or dog handler while in the Dog Park.
- A current rabies tag, license tag, and New Albany Dog Park tag must be worn/displayed for all dogs at all times while in the park.
- **Do not bring a dog into the dark park if . . .**
  - the animal is ill with a viral infection, a bacterial infection, a parasitic infection (worms, fleas, ticks), or with an open wound(s)
  - female dog(s) is(are) in heat
  - a dog is under the age of 6 months, as they usually do not have fully developed immune systems and have not completed a full program of vaccinations
- **Dogs are the only type of animals allowed in the dog park and fenced play areas.** The small dog area is limited to dogs weighing 30 pounds or less. No large dogs are allowed in the small dog area. If small dog owners are comfortable letting their small dog(s) play in the main area, then they may do so.
- **Food (both human and canine) is strictly prohibited in the dog park (includes rawhide chews and bones).** Small treats, toys, and Frisbees are permitted, but may result in aggressive behavior, so use should be closely monitored. Water dishes are permitted, but are subject to removal if left behind.
- **Alcohol, tobacco products, and glass containers are strictly prohibited inside the dog park.**
- **Dogs, owners, and park users creating a disturbance or violating posted rules must immediately leave the dog park** if requested by New Albany Dog Park officials, law enforcement personnel, park personnel, or their designated agent. People refusing to do so will be considered trespassing and police will be called to remove the trespasser. Persistent violation of any dog park rules can result in revocation of park privileges.
- **To ensure the safety of all dogs, please make sure to properly close all gates when entering and exiting the dog park and fenced play areas.** Please be sure to also close the interior gates between the pond and main areas as some owners/handlers do not want their dogs to get wet.
- Please call or email us to make an appointment or make arrangements to process the membership remotely. Memberships can be purchased by appointment at New Albany Parks and Recreation main office. Accommodations can also be made to process memberships remotely.
- For all changes to your New Albany Dog Park membership, such as adding an additional dog, replacing a lost entry fob or a membership tag, etc., please contact New Albany Parks and Recreation main office at 812-949-5448 or via email to [parks@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:parks@cityofnewalbany.com).

If you have any questions or concerns about these rules, please contact New Albany Parks and Recreation at 812-949-5448 or via email to [parks@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:parks@cityofnewalbany.com).

I attest that I am 18 years of age, and that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules.

Owner/Handler Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to New Albany Dog Park Rules are conditions of membership approval, retention, and renewal. Memberships may be revoked for noncompliance.

- I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have read the dog park rules, and that I voluntarily have applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), the dog park operated by New Albany Parks and Recreation in association with New Albany Animal Shelter. I further agree to abide by all rules and regulations pertaining to the dog park as may be designated by the City of New Albany, New Albany Parks and Recreation, and New Albany Animal Shelter.
- I understand that the acts of unleashing my dog(s) or being physically present inside the dog park necessarily and absolutely involves risks of illness, injury, and/or death to me, other people, my dog(s), and other dogs, including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive or dangerous dogs, unpredictable behavior, lack of training, and lack of vaccination, which risks are entirely my own responsibility.
- I understand that no agent or employee of the City of New Albany, New Albany Parks and Recreation, or New Albany Animal Shelter, will supervise the dog park at any time.
- I HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AGREE NOT TO SUE and WAVE any claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, fines, charges, penalties, administrative and judicial proceedings and orders, judgements and all costs and expenses of any kind whatsoever, incurred therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense against the City of New Albany, New Albany Parks and Recreation, and New Albany Animal Shelter and/or their respective agents, officers, and employees for any and all injury, death, illness, damage, or loss of property or person, sustained directly or proximately caused by any negligence of the aforementioned entities in the use or maintenance of the premises at the dog park. I further understand and agree that none of these entities is liable for any loss, damage, or injury of any kind sustained by any human or dog while using the dog park.
- I therefore expressly assume all risks associated with using the dog park, as well as any fixture or equipment located therein. I expressly assume all risks and responsibility for the action(s) of my dog(s) and myself.
- I affirmatively state that there is no medical reason why I and/or my dog(s) should not participate in using the New Albany Dog Park. I understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behaviors or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and I agree to assume the risk of injury to me, any individual accompanying me in the New Albany Dog 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 dog park. I further understand and assume the risk that not all dogs present in the dog park may have received the rabies vaccine as required by law, and that not all dogs using the dog park may be vaccinated for distemper, parvo, Bordetella (kennel cough), leptospirosis, and canine influenza, all of which could result in injury, illness and/or death to me and my dog(s). I understand that I am exposing myself, my dog and my personal property to all manner of injury and/or loss, including death, due to the possibility of the following: dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape through an open gate or over or under fences; chemicals, plants and/or open water sources in the dog park which may be poisonous to dogs; park vegetation, which may have burrs or seeds that could get tangled in or scratch a dog's coat or lodge in a dog's feet, ears and/or eyes; bites and infestations by mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas or other insects that may be present; injury or infection by wild animals that may be present in the park, including but not limited to skunks, opossum, raccoons, snakes, lizards, frogs, badgers, moles, squirrels, stray dogs and/or stray cats.
- By signing this release of liability and using the dog park, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge the City of New Albany, New Albany Parks and Recreation, and New Albany Animal Shelter, their employees and agents, from any and all claims, demands, damages, or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my intended use of the dog park premises, facilities, or equipment.
- I have carefully read and I understand this release of liability, agree with and accept its terms and conditions.
- I have received a copy of the materials outlining rules for membership and usage of the dog park, and I agree to review the rules prior to my first visit to the dog park and abide by these rules.
- I attest that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age; that I have read and understand the foregoing assumption of risk and release of liability, agree with it and intend to be legally bound by its terms.

**Printed Name of Owner/Handler:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Handler Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_