



# New Albany Dog Park

Park rules to keep me & my human(s) safe!



The 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 any 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 county/community in which they live, or if the county 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 dog 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 less than 30 pounds. No large dogs are allowed in the small dog area. If small dog owners are comfortable letting their small dog 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 insure the safety off all dogs, please make certain 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 the 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 key 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 the New Albany Parks & Recreation Department at 812-949-5448 or via email to [parks@cityofnewalbany.com](mailto:parks@cityofnewalbany.com).

**In case of emergency, please call 911.**