

Tab 4

The Four P's

WARNING SIGNS OF A DOG FIGHT

Posture. A Dog's body language communicates fear, hostility, or submission. Learn to read and respond to body language.

Packing. More than four or five dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Break up the problem by leading your dog to neutral area at least 30 feet away.

Possession. Dogs will protect what is theirs. Remain aware and don't bring treats or toys into the park.

Provoking. If your dog keeps annoying another dog or provoking attention, it's time to leave the park.

WHAT TO DO IF A FIGHT HAPPENS

Never reach your hands into the mix. You make be bitten, even by your own dog.

Distract or divert their attention by a blast of water from a bottle or a loud whistle.

If your dog is not involved, keep him out of the fight and move to a neutral area.

Keep Calm. Yelling only adds to the frenzy.

Minor scuffles between dogs occur frequently; check vaccinations.

If serious fights, clearly aggressive or dangerous behavior by a dog, or a bite to a person occurs, call 9-1-1

Animal Control can be reached at 252-745-3202- leave a message if no answer..

Paw'll come back now!

Contributions

The Town of Oriental

would like to thank the anonymous donor and the Pamlico County Parks and Recreation Department and Animal Control for their ongoing support.

If you are interested in contributing to the Oriental/ Pamlico County Dog Park, please contact Town Hall at 252-249-0555

Sit. Stay.(in Touch)

- Bites and Other Emergencies: 9-1-1
- Animal Control- 252-745-3202, if no answer leave message 24/7
- Park Questions and Comments: 252-249-0555 or manager@townoforiental.com
- Sponsorship/Donations 252-249-0555
- Requests to conduct dog training or other professional events 252-249-0555

How to have a great time at the dog park!

Our Park includes a SMALL dog section and a LARGE dog section.

Please note that your dog should be in the appropriate pen according to his/her SIZE and not personality!

Your Dog...

First, you'll need your dog's rabies vaccine tag displayed on their collar. This is the law in North Carolina (NCGS § 130A-190). If an Animal Control officer approaches you and you do not have a tag, you may face a fine. It is a good idea to use a regular flea and tick and heartworm prevention for your furry friend too. Keep up to date on all recommended vaccinations.

Let's Go!

The Oriental/ Pamlico County Dog Park is located at 130 Straight Rd (behind the fire station) and is open dawn to dusk. Once you are there, keep your dog leashed as you come up the walkway. No more than three dogs per adult, please. Waste bags are provided so please grab one or two; you will need them!

Pay attention to your pup. If your dog is not calm enough to enter or if you wanted to finish your lunch first, please feel free to hang out at our picnic area/ playground.

Make sure to leave any toys or treats behind as they are not permitted in the fenced area.

Come On In!

You'll first go through a gate into the transition area "bullpen". Do not open the gate if there is already a dog in the bullpen. The Bullpen is where you take off your dog's leash. You can leave your leash hanging on the side, if you don't want to carry it. You'll need to remove choke, pinch, shock, and prong collars at this time, as they are not allowed in the park. Some dog behaviorists believe that bringing a dog into a fenced area while still on his or her leash sends a "message" that

Other dogs may see it as an invitation to be aggressive towards your dog. When your dog is calm, you are ready to enter the fenced area. Make sure the area is clear before opening the gate. Ask people to move their dogs away from the entrance to the park so that your dog can enter safely. Once in, move away from entrance and away from other dogs. Space is your best friend in parks. This little bit of extra space can allow your furry friend to meet and greet more safely.

It Always Happens

Birds fly. Fish swim. Dogs use the restroom in the park, even if they went before you left from home. Owners are responsible by law for the cleaning up of any dog waste deposited

Remember that bag you picked up earlier? To use it, put your hand in the bag, put it down over the waste, and close your hand around it. Pull your hand back out, pull the other end of the bag down and tie it closed. Throw the bag away at the waste disposal provided near the entrance to the park.

When you're ready to go, exit the same way you entered, and put on your dog's leash only when you're in the bullpen.

Your Child

This park is for dogs, and not all dogs are child friendly. Kids unintentionally behave in ways that might disturb or annoy dogs. A running, flailing, squealing, or screaming child may attract a dog's attention, or herding dogs may nip at children to corral them.

Even a child who is keeping to himself may be jumped on or pushed down by a well-meaning dog! For these reasons, we do not allow children under 12 in the park. (This includes babies, infants, and toddlers) An adult must accompany all children over 12.

It's For Everyone's Enjoyment

Help us keep the dog park clean and safe. Smoking, alcohol, dogs who are less than four months old, in heat, sick, or aggressive are not permitted at the park. Cooperation between dog owners is expected. Help enforce the rules, and leave the site in a better condition than you found it. Small actions multiplied by thousands of visitors are what will keep our off-leash dog park a success!

Canine Behavior

Be present with your dogs, walk around the park with them, praise them when they behave positively, and monitor their interactions so you can head off trouble. Find a dog or two that your dog takes a liking to and stick with them. Don't allow your dog to dig holes, which can cause injuries to people and dogs. Keep close watch of your dog once inside. If your dog digs a hole, fill it immediately. If you're texting or absorbed in conversation, you won't know if you need to pick up your dog's waste or if your dog becomes aggressive.

Dogs have different play styles. Some owners may be concerned by another dog's rambunctious style, so always respect their wishes if they are not comfortable with how the dogs react to each other. If this happens, simply move to another area for a while.



Town of Oriental/ Pamlico County

Dog Park Registration

Phone: 252-249-0555

If registering more than two dogs per household, please submit a second application.

New Member Renewal Date of Registration _____

Dog Owner Information:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dog Information:

Dog Name: _____ Dog Name: _____

Breed: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____ Male/Female/Altered Color: _____ Male/Female/Altered

Weight: _____ Weight: _____

I have read and understand the Dog Park rules and policies. (initials) _____ (date) _____

I have read and understand the liability waiver on reverse side. (initials) _____ (date) _____

Dog Park Fees: Total Amount Due: _____

Resident 1st Dog \$5 Additional Dog \$5

Non-Resident 1st Dog \$10/year Additional Dog \$10 per additional dog



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Payment Type: _____ RecDesk Payment ID: _____ Taken by: _____ on _____

Dog Tag ID #: _____ Issued on _____

LIABILITY WAIVER

You are solely responsible for supervising your dog(s) and determining whether or not this is an appropriate activity in which to participate. You must understand that you are participating in this activity at your own risk (and risk of your dog(s)). You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog(s) are physically (or temperamentally) fit and/or adequately skilled to use the dog park. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog(s) is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before using the dog park.

WARNING OF RISK

Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog(s) and its owner. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to either the dog(s) or its owner. Dogs are pack animals and when “off leash”, even the best-trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to another patron or dog(s). Other risks include, but are not limited to the inexperience, negligence or irresponsibility of a dog owner; the inability to predict a dog’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals; and actions by the dog(s) due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slipping, falling, premises defects, failure in instruction and or supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dog and outdoor activities. Should you attempt to break up a fight between dogs, you may be attacked and severely mauled by the other dog(s) or even attacked by the other patron. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Town of Oriental to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER & RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use this facility, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and WAIVING and RELEASING all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog(s) might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with presence upon and use of the dog park.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to the dog(s) and its owner in association with participating in dog activities, and I voluntarily agree to abide by all applicable rules and assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of the dog park. I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge the Town of Oriental and Pamlico County including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of this facility or surrounding area. I further agree to INDEMNIFY and hold harmless and defend the Town of Oriental and Pamlico County from and against any and all losses, injuries, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including attorney fees), on account of personal injuries or death to any person or dog(s), or damages to property occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my and my dog’s use of this facility or surrounding area. I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims.

Printed Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Oriental/ Pamlico County Dog Park

Rules and Regulations

1. The dog park will operate on the same hours as our parks, dusk to dawn.
2. The dog park is for use by dogs only.
3. All dogs must be registered with Oriental Town Hall prior to entering the park.
4. Dogs must be healthy, parasite free and displaying proper up to date rabies tags.
5. Female dogs in any stage of heat are not permitted in the dog park.
6. No puppies under the age of 5 months of age are allowed in the dog park. Puppies are not fully vaccinated and are vulnerable to disease and injury.
7. Dogs are to be kept leashed until entering the transition zone (bull pen) of the dog park.
8. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
9. Aggressive dogs are not allowed in the dog park. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior are to be immediately removed from the park. An aggressive dog is defined as any dog that is determined to pose a threat to dogs or people by virtue of a single incident or history of unprovoked acts of aggression against people or animals.
10. No food, treats or toys of any kind are allowed inside the dog park, including people food.
11. No toddlers or small children 6 years and younger are allowed in the dog park. Children under 12 are not allowed in the dog park without adult supervision. Children should not run with the dogs, or chase them.
12. Use of the dog park for unintended use is prohibited.
13. Commercial use of the dog park is not allowed unless previous approval or partnership has been secured with the Town of Oriental.
14. Owner(s) must supervise their dogs closely, and cannot leave the dog park without their dog(s).
15. Users of the dog park assume all risk of injury to themselves, to others and their dogs.

For more information please contact
Town of Oriental at 252-249-0555