



DRUMHELLER

ADMINISTRATION POLICY



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OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

THE PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY IS TO:

Set forth guidelines for the operations and maintenance of the off-leash dog parks by Town of Drumheller employees.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The provision of off-leash dog parks for use by the public encourages healthy lifestyles and responsible pet ownership. By providing locations for off-leash activities the Town of Drumheller is providing a public service to the dog owning public and the general public. Provision of these areas removes off leash animals to restricted areas and away from the general public.

DEFINITIONS:

Dog: A domestic canine of either sex over the age of 90 days.

Humane Society: The Drumheller and District Humane Society or another similar society or corporate entity that rescues, cares for and arranges fostering and adoption of animals.

Infectious Condition: Means any sickness, disease or affliction of a contagious nature affecting an animal and liable to be passed onto other animals and/or humans.

In Season: The period of time in which a female dog is in a state of sexual receptivity.

Leash: A device, strap or tether intended to control the dog to whom it is attached and is securely attached to the dog by a collar, choke collar, body harness or halter.

License: A license issued pursuant to the Town of Drumheller Bylaw.

Owner: A person or body corporate:

- a) who is the licensed owner of the animal; or
 - b) to whom a dog license tag was issued in accordance with this Bylaw; or
 - c) who has legal title to the animal; or
 - d) who has lawful charge or custody of the animal either temporarily or permanently;
- or

- e) a person who claims and receives the animal from the custody of an animal control officer, the Drumheller and District Humane Society, animal control shelter or other Town designated facility to keep and care for lost, found or stray animals; or
- f) who harbors the animal or allows the animal to remain on his or her premises

Park: A public space controlled by the Town and set aside as a place to be used by the public for rest, recreation, exercise, pleasure, amusement and enjoyment and includes: playgrounds, sports fields, natural areas, pathways, park roadways, and trails but does not include golf courses or cemeteries.

Vicious Dog: Any dog, whatever its age, whether on public or private property, that has:

- a) bitten or chased a human or other animal, or
- b) attempted to bite a human or has otherwise displayed, threatened or created by its behavior the reasonable apprehension of a threat to a person, or
- c) been previously determined to be a Dangerous Dog under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

Locations of Off-Leash Dog Parks:

- 1. The Town of Drumheller Off-Leash Dog Park (s) are located at :
 - a. Newcastle Beach Recreation Area, south east corner.

Hours of Operation:

- 1. The hours of operation Off-Leash Dog Park shall be:
 - a. weekdays 7:00 am to 10:00 pm
 - b. weekends 9:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Design:

- 1. The perimeter fence of the Off-Leash Dog Park shall be:
 - a. 2 inch x 9 gauge x 60 inch Standard Galvanized fabric;
 - b. Corner posts – 2 7/8 inch x 8 feet, x 0.125 H.D. galvanized pipe;
 - c. Line Posts – 2 3/8 inch x 7 feet x 0.038 H.D. Galvanized posts Centre to Centre;
 - d. Top Rail – 1 7/8 inch 0.038 galvanized tubing;
 - e. Caps for all posts;
 - f. Access gates – industrial gates – 40 inch OP x 5 feet high FFH. SGL. Swing IND. Gate with spring closure;
 - g. Connector gate – industrial gate – 48 inch OP x 5 feet high FFH. SGL. Swing IND. Gate with spring closure;
- 2. Guideline signage shall be posted at the entrance(s) to the Off-Leash Dog Park. Sign shall be a minimum of 11 inches by 17 inches.
- 3. Sufficient lighting to ensure safe walking and use of the Off-Leash Dog Park.

4. A garbage can shall be located at the entrance(s) of the Off-Leash Dog Park.
5. A dispenser for bags for the collection of dog defecation shall be located at the entrance(s) of the Off-Leash Dog Park.

Operations and Maintenance:

1. The perimeter fence of the Off-Leash Dog Park shall be repaired within two (2) working days of a hole or opening being reported to or discovered by Town staff.
2. The Off-Leash Dog Park lighting shall be repaired within two (2) working days of a failure being reported to or discovered by Town staff.
3. The Off-Leash Dog Park garbage cans will be checked and emptied once per day by Town staff.
4. The Off-Leash Dog Park Dispenser for bags for collection of dog defecation shall be checked daily and refilled if necessary by Town staff.

GUIDELINES:

The Guidelines for use of the Off-Leash Dog Park shall be as indicated in Appendix A: Guideline Signage.

PROHIBITED USES:

1. The Off-Leash Park shall not be used for organized or professional animal training.
2. The Off-Leash Park shall not be used for kenneling or housing of animals.

DISCLAIMER:

1. Nothing in this policy is intended to over rule or modify Town of Drumheller Bylaw No. 06.13 Responsible Pet Ownership.

Adopted by Chief Administrative Officer

Date: June 6/19



Darryl Drohomerski

APPENDIX A: OFF-LEASH DOG PARK GUIDELINES SIGNAGE



TOWN OF DRUMHELLER DOG PARK USER GUIDELINES

1. By entering the Town of Drumheller Dog Park you are acknowledging and agreeing to abide by the rules set out below.
2. No Dogs without People, No People without Dogs.
3. No Dog in season, suffering from an Infectious Condition or Vicious Dog shall be present in the off leash dog park.
4. Anyone entering the Town of Drumheller Dog Park does so at their own risk. The Town of Drumheller is not responsible for the safety of persons and/or dogs while in the Park, and shall not be liable to anyone for injuries or damage suffered by any person or dog while in the Drumheller Dog Park.
5. All dogs shall wear a visible current dog license or identification tag.
6. Dogs are the only "animal" permitted in the Drumheller Dog Park.
7. Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting outside of the fenced area of the Drumheller Dog Park.
8. Dog defecation must be picked up and disposed of by the handler in the receptacles provided.
9. Handlers must be present, with a leash for each dog, and in view of their dog(s) and be physically capable of being in control of their dogs at all times.
10. Handlers must remove or muzzle dogs displaying aggressive tendencies. Handlers will be responsible for any injuries caused by the dog(s) under their control.
11. Be realistic about your dogs personality, social behavior, temperament and acceptance of other dogs and people.
12. Do not play fetch while other dogs are nearby as this can create aggression.
13. Spiked, prong or pinch collars are prohibited.
14. Other than dog treats, do not bring food into the park.
15. No glass containers permitted.
16. Handlers are limited to a maximum of two dogs.
17. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

This park is for the enjoyment of people and their canine pets. Please be considerate of other dog owners and their dogs.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT, CALL BY-LAW
ENFORCEMENT AT 403-823-1363, TOWN OF
DRUMHELLER AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY LINE
403-823-2512 OR 911**

For Non-Urgent issues please email info@dinosaurvalley.com

**OPERATIONAL HOURS WEEKDAYS 7:00AM TO 10:00 PM
& WEEKENDS 9:00 AM TO 10:00 PM**