

# Doylestown Township Dog Park Definitions and Rules

## INTRODUCTION and DEFINITIONS

These Rules and Regulations have been put in place for the safety of dog park members and their dogs. To ensure safe and enjoyable times for all, members are expected to adhere to all Doylestown Dog Park Rules and Regulations as well as Doylestown Township Park System Rules and Regulations (Chapter 119 Parks and Recreation Areas – Ord. 266) at all times.

*The Doylestown Dog Park is a facility for members, their guests and registered dogs only, requiring a valid key fob to enter. Admitting non-members is strictly prohibited.*

### The Doylestown Dog Park consists of:

- The on-leash entry Pavilion
- The off-leash Large Dog Area, which must be used (only) by dogs above 30 lbs.
- The off-leash Small Dog Area, which must be used (only) by dogs 29 lbs. or less.

### Key Fob Entry:

- Member access is by key fob.
- Key fobs are non-transferable and may be used only by members to whom they are issued.
- Providing access to others is prohibited.
- Key fobs remain the property of Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation and may be recalled or deactivated (at any time). (Are these 3 words needed?)
- A key fob, lost or not operating properly, must be reported to the Doylestown Township office at 425 Wells Road, 215-348-9915, during business hours.

### A Dog Park Member in good standing is defined as:

- an adult 18 years or older
- with a Doylestown Dog Park registered dog or dogs
- having attended a Doylestown Dog Park Orientation
- completed and signed Doylestown Dog Park membership forms
- is current with Doylestown Dog Park fees.
- in possession of an activated Doylestown Dog Park key fob.

### A Registered Dog is defined as:

- 6 months or older
- if male, neutered or if female, not in season.
- Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Department has received.
  - verification, in writing, of a current county dog license
  - record of current required vaccinations

### A Dog Park Guest is defined as:

- an individual 14 years or older
- accompanied by a member, who accepts full and complete responsibility for the actions of the guest.
- No more than 2 guests are permitted per member.
- Guest dogs are not permitted.
- No one under 14 years of age is permitted past the main entry gate.

### Dogs must be well behaved at all times. Prohibited dogs include:

- Dogs who have received a Pennsylvania Dog Law citation for aggressive behavior.
- Dogs that are overly aggressive/domineering/bullying dogs, overly submissive dogs or un-socialized dogs
- Dogs with a communicable disease are prohibited until cleared by a veterinarian.

### Acceptable Conduct is defined as:

- A member who maintains control of the dog at all times.
- A member who immediately intercedes and corrects misbehavior of their dog.
- A member who removes their dog from the park immediately upon any misconduct.
- A dog that is socialized, plays well with others and does NOT target and/or bully other dogs (aggression is not appropriate or acceptable at any time may result in loss of membership)

## Dog Rules and Regulations

1. The Doylestown Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk. No admittance is allowed if the dog park is closed. (The dog park may be closed from time to time for maintenance.)
2. The dog park is for members, guests, and registered dogs only. Providing access to others is prohibited.
3. All dogs must be registered. Un-neutered males and females in season are prohibited at all times.
4. Use of the dog park is done so at your own risk. Members are solely responsible for their own dogs and/or guests and assume full and complete liability for damages to any person, dog or facility caused by the members, their dogs and/or guests while using the dog park.
5. Members must park in designated parking areas only. Parking on the service road leading to the dog park is restricted to vehicles displaying valid license and/or dash placard or those with authorized township approval.
6. Members must ensure that gates securely close after entering or exiting any part of the dog park. Providing access to others is prohibited.
7. You (and your dog) must clear the entry area so as to allow another dog to enter (without interference). Entry into the dog park (main pavilion and designated off-leash area) can occur only after all dogs have cleared the entry area.
8. No one under 14 years of age is permitted past the main pavilion entry gate. Juveniles aged 14-17 years must be accompanied by an adult member. No more than 2 guests are permitted per member. No guest dogs are permitted.
9. No more than 2 dogs per individual member are permitted in the dog park at one time. Dogs weighing 29 lbs. or less must use the small dog area. Dogs weighing more than 30 lbs. must use the large dog area. Dogs in each area must be accompanied by a member.
10. No members or dogs are permitted in the section other than designated (for the dog's weight), or in the closed Rotation area.
11. Dogs must remain leashed at all times except when in their designated off-leash area. This includes the main pavilion and all of Turk Park.
12. Members must accompany and monitor dogs closely. Members are required to remain near and have their dogs under command/control at all times while in the (dog) park (and all of Turk Park).
13. Smoking, alcohol, food (human or dog treats) and glass containers are prohibited in the dog park.
14. Only toys you are willing to share with other dogs or leave at the dog park are permitted. (Katelyn's wording)
15. Members are required to immediately clean up after their dogs. All fecal waste must be bagged and disposed of properly in the marked receptacles. This rule extends to all of Turk Park as a standing park system rule.
16. Members must immediately leash their dogs and exit the dog park if their dogs are acting aggressively or fearfully towards people or other dogs.
17. Members are responsible to ensure their dogs do not dig or cause other damage to dog park (grass), plants, trees or property.
18. Prong, pinch, choke or spike collars and harnesses are not permitted in off-leash areas as they pose safety risks to dogs and people.
19. Solicitation and/or private use of the dog park such as instruction, training, events, etc. are prohibited without a permit from Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation Department.
20. Any and all incidents requiring medical attention must be reported as required by law. For all emergencies, including a person bitten and requiring medical attention, dial 911. I think this rule, whichever version is used, has legal implications and should be reviewed by a lawyer.)

Dog Park Rules and Regulations are subject to modification without notice as deemed necessary for the safety and well-being of people and dogs.

*Failure to comply with current Dog Park Rules and Regulations, disregard for established dog park etiquette and/or disregard of any request/direction by Township staff may result in (disciplinary protocol including) warning and/or suspension and/or revocation of membership.*