



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. The Parks Department 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 or handlers. Dog owners or 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, you are **required** to assist any way needed, and to provide your name and contact information to the owner of the injured dog. Failure to do so will result in termination of membership.

Dog owners or handlers shall not have more than 2 dogs in the park at one time. Dog handlers must be 18 years of age or older. Additional dogs can be in the park as long as an additional adult handler supervises. All dogs shall be accompanied and supervised by an adult owner or handler with a leash readily available at all times. Dog owners or handlers are to remove their dog(s) **immediately** if any sign of 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 dog park tag must be displayed on the dog(s) 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 must remain on the dog at all times, with the New Albany Dog Park rabies and license tags affixed.

Please help to keep our dog park clean for all members to enjoy. Kindly place all litter into the provided trash receptacles. All owners or 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 and 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 worn on the collar at all times.

A current rabies tag, license tag and New Albany Dog Park tag must be worn and displayed by all dogs at all times.

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)
- a female dog(s) 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.

Memberships may be purchased at New Albany Parks & Recreation main office, participating local area Feeder's Supply stores, and the NAFC Animal Shelter.

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., must be handled as follows:

- email the New Albany Dog Park officials for authorization
- once authorization is obtained it will be necessary to visit the New Albany Parks & Recreation main office at 2043 Silver Street in New Albany

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.

In case of emergency, please call 911.