

City of North Richland Hills Dog Park Rules

The following rules govern the use and enjoyment of the dog park and are adopted pursuant to City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances Article I, Sections 62-13 and 62-14 respectively. **Violators of these rules are subject to suspension or removal from the dog park, and criminal citation punishable by a fine up to \$500.**

1. All persons or owners (“Users”) that enter this Dog Park do so at their own risk. The City of North Richland Hills shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential injury or damage to any User or any dog. All Users will be legally responsible for their dog(s) and any injury or damage caused by the User or their dogs.
2. The dog park shall be open every day, except Wednesday, from 7:00 a.m. until dusk, unless closed due to inclement weather conditions, dangerous conditions, or other maintenance requirements by order of the director of parks and recreation or his designee. The park shall be closed every Wednesday for general maintenance from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
3. It is a violation to enter the park outside the posted hours. All violators will be subject to a fine of up to \$500.00 as provided in Section 1-13 of the Code of Ordinances.
4. Dogs must display current identification tags and must be healthy, parasite free, and properly vaccinated, as required by Chapter 14 in the Code of Ordinances. If requested by an animal services officer, owners must provide proof of current vaccination and registration information.
5. In the event of dog bite or injury, the owners must exchange current identification tag information, addresses, phone numbers, and any other information that may be helpful in locating the dog(s). If the dog bite involves a human, the incident must be reported immediately in accordance with Texas law by calling the city animal services division or the police department.
6. No animals other than dogs are permitted in the dog park.
7. No puppies under four months of age are allowed in the dog park.
8. A maximum of three dogs per owner are permitted in the dog park at any one time.
9. Dogs must remain leashed until clearing double-gated holding areas when entering or leaving the dog park and must be off-leash once inside of the dog park.
10. Dog handlers or owners must be at least 14 years of age or older.
11. Children under the age of 14 years are prohibited from entering the dog park without adult supervision.

12. Children are not allowed to run with or chase dogs in the dog park.
13. Only dogs weighing 36 pounds or less, or frail or elderly dogs are allowed in the area designated for small dogs; however, the remainder of the dog park is open to dogs of all sizes, including dogs weighing 36 pounds or less. For purposes of this section, a frail or elderly dog means a dog with physical mobility issues, vision or hearing problems or other health issues that may hinder the dog from protecting itself around other large, active dogs.
14. Dogs that are aggressive are not allowed in the dog park. For purposes of this section, aggressive means to pose a threat of harm to another individual or dog involving snarling, growling, snapping, biting, barking or lunging.
15. Dogs that are aggressive, in heat, sick, or those dogs that engage in Excessive Barking as defined by Chapter 62 of the Code of Ordinances, will be directed to leave the park.
16. Owners are required to pick-up and dispose of their dog's feces both inside and outside of the dog park.
17. No carriages, bicycles, skate boards, scooters, skates, roller blades, sport activities, children's toys, wading pools, or any motorized vehicles are allowed in the dog park, unless necessary by reason of handicap or disability.
18. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, food, glass containers, or dog treats are allowed in the dog park.
19. Digging is not allowed in the dog park. Owners must repair any damage caused by digging. If the owner fails to repair any damage caused by digging, the city may assess any damages and costs of repair against the owner.
20. Dog grooming is not permitted in the dog park.
21. Owners must remain in the park and keep their dog in voice range and sight control at all times.
22. Spiked, prong, choke, or pinch collars are not allowed in the dog park.
23. Owners must wear shoes at all times in the dog park.
24. Balls and plastic discs are the only toys allowed in the dog park; no other dog toys are allowed.
25. No commercial use of the dog park is allowed, including dog training classes, solicitations and/or advertisements except by approval of the parks and recreation director.

26. Violators of these Dog Park Rules may be subject to citation and fine up to \$500, removal and/or suspension from the dog park, by the city manager or his designee, the director of parks and recreation or his designee, any animal services officer, or any North Richland Hills police officer.

27. Any dog designated, declared, or found to be a "dangerous dog" or "dangerous animal" in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, under state law, or under the ordinances of any governmental entity in this state is not allowed in the dog park.

28. All other general park rules and city ordinances must be obeyed while using the dog park.

Approved by City Manager:

Mark Hindman

Date: _____

For a complete listing of Chapter 62 - Parks and Recreation Code of Ordinances go to:

https://library.municode.com/tx/north_richland_hills/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_CH62PARE