

FPCC Dog Park Rules

- **Do not bring prong/metal collars:** Wearing prong collars at off leash dog park when dogs are playing rough, can cause broken teeth/jaws, broken paws/legs. Entanglement of collars can cause harm to pets.
- **Leashed dogs are not allowed:** Leashes can become a tripping hazard as pets start to play. Additionally, some pets may already feel fear/anxiety in a new environment. Keeping them on a leash may cause more insecurity because they know they *cannot* escape if they need to, and can trigger fights, instead of avoiding them.
- **Children** must be closely supervised while in OLDAs.
- **Water bowls / Toys:** To avoid the spread of communicable diseases, it is *highly recommended* that members do not share toys & water bowls while at OLDAs.
- **Scoop the Poop!** Pick up after your dog(s). Parasites and bacteria can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you're putting other people's pets at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. **Although poop bags are provided, they may not always be available, be sure to bring your own.*
- **OLDA Dog Maximum:** FPCC allows a max of (3) three dogs per member. Members with more than three dogs may be cited or banned from OLDAs.
- **Full list of Rules/Regulations:** [Click here.](#)

Safety & Aggressive Dogs

Aggressive Dogs: In cases of aggressive dog situations, best practice is to (1) try to talk with the owner of aggressive dog to deescalate; (2) If owner is not cooperative and the problem is serious, report to Forest Preserves police at 708.771.1000 – provide detailed descriptions, dates, times, photos (if any). ***For emergencies call 911.***

If you are the owner of a dog that may have injured another dog or person at the park:

- After dogs are safely separated, best practice is to contact the other owner (when possible), ask whether owner and dog are ok, and where appropriate, offer to pay for any damage caused (if any). Apologies or expressions of concern go a long way to promote a civil atmosphere at the park.
- If you have an incident, this does not mean your dog's off leash permit can or should be revoked. Situations are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.