

Unleashed IDP Park Rules

- No other animals may be brought into the facility or the exterior parks.
- All dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the park and in any area of the facility except the off-leash parks.
- All dogs must have current vaccinations and should be healthy and free from contagious disease, parasites, fleas and ticks.
- Dogs must be in view of and within voice control of their handler / owner at all times.
- Pinch, choker chains and spiked collars must be removed from dogs prior to entering the dog park.
- Dog owners/handlers must carry a leash with them at all times while in the park.
- **Dog owners/handlers are responsible for picking up and disposing of their dogs' waste.**
- Dogs in heat are prohibited.
- Dogs showing any signs of aggression must be leashed and immediately removed from the park. Non compliance will result in mandatory removal by Unleashed IDP and is at the sole discretion of Unleashed staff.
- Dogs under 4 months of age are prohibited for their own safety.
- All dogs must be under the control of an adult and there is a limit of 3 dogs per adult in the park at any one time. Please see us with any special needs.
- While small, bite size training treats are permitted, glass containers, food in bowls, and long lasting chews are not allowed. Human food is not allowed in the indoor park.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- No outside chairs or loungers are allowed in the indoor park.
- No shoes with cleats, or heels with any type of point, such as women's stiletto heels, are allowed on the park grass to protect the turf system.
- Owners / handlers must promptly respond to **any** requests to call or control their dog(s).
- **Children can easily be run over or knocked down by running or playful dogs. Children should be watched carefully and should never be out of arm's reach. Children should never carry food, drinks or toys in the park.**

I have read and understand the above and agree to adhere to all Unleashed IDP rules.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Date

Safety tips and information for dog park users

Welcome to Unleashed Indoor Dog Parks! We hope that during your time here you and your dog make friends with others who have discovered the benefits of supervised, safe, off-leash canine play. Please observe these tips to fully enjoy the park.

Know your dog. Not all dogs like meeting new dogs. If your dog has not regularly interacted with other dogs, find out how he will react before forcing him to meet lots of unfamiliar dogs. You may want to get the help of a friend that owns a dog that is known to be “dog friendly”. Introduce the dogs on neutral territory off leash. Walk around to encourage the dogs to explore the environment and each other. You should get a pretty good idea of how your dog will react to new dogs.

The **first visit** can be a little stressful for both you and your dog so **keep it short and happy**. Choose a time when the park will not be busy or crowded. Weekdays evenings, weekends and holidays are busy times. If things go well, gradually work your way up to longer visits. Do not rush this process. If your dog has a bad day at the park, do not hesitate to leave and come back at another time.

Your dog should wear a **flat buckle collar** while in the park and you should **carry a leash** at all times.

Some **apparel that your dog wears can be dangerous** while in the dog park. Wrestling dogs have been known to catch their teeth in their play buddies prong, choke and pinch collars, leading to tragedy. When jaws or teeth get tangled they can injure or even strangle a dog. Neck scarves or body harnesses also might become a hazard if a play partner decides this is a handle to drag your dog around with.

Observe the posted rules. Complaints about you and your dog threaten the success of the dog park. You may be asked to leave.

Leashes should be used when entering and leaving the park, but remember to unleash your dog once you enter the park. **Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs can be an explosive situation.** Leashed dogs cannot display normal doggie greetings and may feel trapped and unable to get away from an unfamiliar dog that approaches too quickly. The dog may also be protective of his owner in this situation. If the dog is free to move about and interact, a more natural greeting is allowed. Leashed dogs and their owners often display body language and behavior that is threatening to the free dogs and may provoke them to counter defend. Also being involved with your dog and keeping him away from the gate entrance can help prevent unwanted behaviors.

Keep walking! This park was designed to encourage you and your dog to be active. Walking defuses defensive behaviors and keeps the area a neutral territory; this means your dog is more likely to pass by another dog with just a sniff rather than a stare down.

If you must sit for long periods of time and you frequent the park often, it will help to **sit in different locations** throughout the park during each visit so that your dog does not become territorial or protective of that area.

Be aware that **dogs have different play styles**. Educate yourself about dog behaviors and be honest and objective about your dog. Every dog has its limits, which in no way makes him a bad dog or you a bad owner. Always respect another dog owners wishes if they are not comfortable with how your dog is interacting with theirs. Behavior that concerns some dog owners may simply be a rambunctious play style or the start of something more serious. Simply move to another part of the park and give the dogs a time out from each other. Leash up and **leave if your dog is acting in an aggressive manner** or having a bad day.

PLEASE, carefully consider whether you want to bring a child into the park. This is a park built for dogs and some can act unpredictably with children. Dogs that are not familiar with children may chase them or treat them like they do their canine buddies. Unleashed large dogs sometimes play rambunctiously. **Children can easily be run over or knocked down** by running or playful dogs. Small children should never carry food, drinks or toys in the park.

Please do not give treats to other dogs without permission of the owner. Some dogs can have allergic reactions to specific ingredients, could snap quickly at the food offered, or act aggressively if food is given in crowded circumstances. Know how your dog acts when you have food with you and refrain from giving your dog treats if it will create problems with the other dogs. Do not bring human food for yourself to the dog park.

Bringing in toys or balls that your dog is not willing to share might cause a fight. **Dogs are often possessive about their favorite toys** and will fight to keep other dogs away from them. If you want to throw a ball or toy for your dog and it begins to create a problem with other dogs, put the toy away or move to a vacant area of the park. Keep in mind that when the park is busy, you might not be able to let your dog play with toys.

Shoes that have spikes, cleats, or a sole or heel with any type of a point is not allowed on the park grass. Unleashed Indoor Dog Park has unique state of the art K-9 grass that filters water and waste. Certain shoes are not appropriate to wear on the grass due to safety reasons for you and to avoid damage to the grass and filtering system. Your personal lawn chairs and loungers are not allowed for this same reason. Please **plan to wear or bring appropriate shoes for your visit.** We understand situations arise; if you have forgotten appropriate shoes or if Unleashed Indoor Dog Parks deems your shoes are not suitable, we may be able to provide alternate footwear for you.

Unleashed Indoor Dog Parks strives to make this an enjoyable experience for all who visit us. There will be trained dog handlers in all park areas to ensure safety rules are followed. We encourage you to visit with the handlers and inquire about any questions or concerns you may have. It's been our dream and it's a privilege to provide quality services for you and your dog.

THANK YOU!