

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE



BE HONEST

Is the dog park a good fit for your pup? It is not for: the unvaccinated, infirm, unwell, females in heat, or dogs with aggressive tendencies (towards people or dogs).



PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR DOG

While it's great to chat with other people, stay focussed on what your dog is doing. Monitor his body language to ensure he's having a good time.



CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Bring extra bags and pick up what someone else might have left behind.



PRACTICE POLITE MANNERS

Teach your dog how to enter the park calmly, and prevent him/her from mobbing the arriving dogs or jumping up on people.



KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL

If he's not responsive, he may be over aroused and in need of a break. Work on your dog's recall - and reward for a job well done by sending him/her back out to play with his friends.



BREAK UP A FIGHT SAFELY

Be ready to intervene if necessary. Don't get between dogs with your body. Do use coats, water, backpacks or trash can lids to separate dogs.