

# CANINE CAMPUS

TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT

**A Joint Effort of the Tinley Park – Park District & Orland Township**

## Registration Packet

The Canine Campus Dog Park is located at 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nielsen Drive.

Register your dog at  
Tinley Park – Park District  
Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center  
8125 West 171<sup>st</sup> Street  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477

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[www.tinleyparkdistrict.org](http://www.tinleyparkdistrict.org)



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### General Information

Welcome and thank you for becoming a member of the Canine Campus. The dog park will be open from dawn to dusk 365 days per year, however, there will be times the park is closed for scheduled maintenance. The 10-acre site at Nielsen Drive and 84th Avenue is a special place for dogs and their owners to exercise, socialize, and just have some doggone fun!

There are three separate fenced areas. One is designated as a small dog area (26 lbs or less), one for large dogs, and one area will be closed to maintain the quality of the turf. The three areas will be rotated to allow the turf in each area to grow in a cycle. Some features include shelters, benches, water fountains (one for dogs and one for people), agility course, waste disposal bags/receptacles, and plenty of open space to run.

Tinley Park's Off-Leash Dog Park is a Membership Facility. The annual dog park pass is good for one year from the date of purchase. All dog park users must pay an annual fee; meet Cook County vaccination, health screening, and licensing requirements; and sign a liability waiver to obtain a dog park pass. A pass must be purchased for each dog you bring to the dog park. Dog Park passes are non-transferable and non-refundable. You will be able to download a dog park registration packet at [tinleyparkdistrict.org](http://tinleyparkdistrict.org) or pick one up at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center. Proof of residency for Tinley Park-Park District residents and Orland Township residents is required to receive the resident rates. You must bring the dog's up to date vaccination records with you to purchase a membership.

You will receive one membership per household regardless of the number of dogs you own. We do limit 3 dogs per household (based on village ordinance 91.15 Number of Dogs Allowed per Household).

**Key Card Access:** With each membership you will receive an access Key Card to enter the park and a membership tag for each dog. The tag must be displayed on the dog's collar at all times while in the park. There is a \$10 fee for replacement of the Key Card and a \$5 fee for replacement of the dog tag. Please do not allow others to enter the park without an access card. The card helps to ensure that all registered dogs are up to date on their vaccinations. When entering and exiting be sure gates are securely closed behind you. It is your responsibility to forward updated vaccination records to the park district via fax, mail, online, or in person. Failure to submit updated records will result in your key card being deactivated within 30 days of the expired vaccination date.

**Key Card Problems:** If your Key Card does not work, please report it to the Tinley Park – Park District 708-342-4200. Possible cause for failure: current shot records have not been submitted.

**Entry Into Park:** For the health and safety of your dog, do not let people into the dog park. Each member must scan their own Key Card to enter. By letting someone enter without scanning, you may be allowing a dog into the park that is not current on their vaccinations.

**Maintenance:** There will be regular maintenance of the grass and landscaping by the park district. This includes, but not limited to mowing and fertilization. During these times the park will be closed. We will try to give advance notice when possible. No herbicides will be used in the dog park. During the winter months the parking lot will be cleared of snow after all other parking lots have been addressed. No snow will be removed from the dog park.

Rules and information is posted at the site. Please be courteous to other dog owners and be sure to read the rules and etiquette information sheets to educate yourself on how to use the park and make the most of your visit.

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## Rules

- 1) You must purchase a membership each year at the Tinley Park - Park District to use Canine Campus Dog Park. Proof of current vaccinations is required to purchase a membership. The Canine Campus is open from dawn until dusk.
- 2) Maximum number of dogs per adult is three and all dogs must remain in the same run area with their owner. Large dogs (26 lbs and above) are not allowed in the small run area. Owners cannot leave their dog(s) in the run areas without supervision.
- 3) Dog must remain leashed until they are inside the small or large run area. No prong or pinch collars are allowed in the run areas; they must be removed for other dogs' safety.
- 4) Children under 10 are not allowed in the small and large dog run areas. Children 10-15 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older and are not to be left unattended in the run areas.
- 5) Dogs must display their current rabies tag.
- 6) Dogs who are unhealthy or in season are not allowed into the park. We recommend keeping your dog on flea and tick treatment during spring, summer and fall. Fall is peak time when fleas become active and are looking for hosts.
- 7) Dogs who exhibit humping or aggressive behavior (including urinating on other animals or people) should be removed immediately from the park to avoid the potential for injury to other dogs or owners. Chronic or habitual offenders and abusers will lose their Canine Campus privileges. Do not allow your dog to run to the gate when a new dog is entering; keep the gate area clear at all times so members can enter and exit without incident.
- 8) Owners must clean up after their dog. Bags and waste receptacles are available throughout the park.
- 9) Puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park.
- 10) No smoking, no glass containers, no food of any kind including dog treats, rawhide, bones, & hooves, and no alcohol or soft drinks of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park. This is to ensure the park stays clean and prevents dogs from begging for food or showing aggressive behavior. There is fountain to fill up containers and bowls at the park.

- 11) No human sports of any kind are allowed in the park (rollerblading, football, baseball, bikes, skateboards, etc.).
- 12) Do not allow anyone into the park that does not have a key card. This is for you and your pet's safety. Encourage visitors to pick up a packet and register to become a member. Report fence jumpers to the police. The police phone number is posted at the park.
- 13) Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dog.
- 14) A handler age 16 or older must be present at all times and is solely responsible for the actions of their dog(s).
- 15) Users of the facility do so at their own risk. Tinley Park – Park District is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by any dog at Canine Campus.
- 16) Failure to comply with the above rules may result in revocation of your park membership.
- 17) Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- 18) *Tinley Park – Park District reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette or where we have determined a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.*



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## 2015 Dog Park Etiquette and Safety Guidelines

Please take the time to read through this and educate yourself about the rules and etiquette. We take safety at the park very seriously. Familiarizing yourself with the rules and etiquette will help you and your pet enjoy your time at the Canine Campus Dog Park.

**Note: For safety reasons, children 10 and under are not allowed in the dog run areas.**

- 1) Dogs can be unpredictable and rambunctious. Some dogs don't respond well to children running by fast with arms flailing and yelling. Because of this, we highly recommend not bringing any children into the dog run areas for their own protection. Children should not handle any dog toys that are lying around in the park and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog.
- 2) Entering and exiting a dog park is a stressful and exciting event for a dog. Please allow others to enter and exit before you do. This will reduce stress and confrontations between dogs as they are entering the play areas. Be sure to securely close all gates behind you for the safety of all.
- 3) After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around un-leashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, don't visit the park. If your dog wears a prong collar, it must be removed so other dogs do not get caught on it.
- 4) Supervise your dog during the entire visit to the park. When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is. Having a group of dogs greet you at the gate can feel threatening to some dogs; don't allow dogs to congregate around the entrance. Keep your leash with you at all times.
- 5) Some dogs like to mount—if yours is one of these, you must immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs, or leave the park.
- 6) Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs can make with each other. Dogs that remain unruly towards another dog must be removed immediately.
- 7) If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give your name and phone number to the injured party. You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others. See Dog Incident Policy.
- 8) **Pick up your dog's droppings** and any "orphaned" droppings; carry extra bags with you. Bags and waste receptacles are available. This is your park; help keep it clean and sanitary for all of our dogs.

*Tinley Park – Park District reserves the right to suspend or revoke membership to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette. Safety first—please be courteous to your fellow Canine Campus members and help keep the park clean, safe and enjoyable for all.*

**Taken directly from the  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS TO THE COOK COUNTY ANIMAL AND RABIES CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**Regulation VIII. Dog Parks and Areas**

**A. Definitions**

Terms not defined in this Regulation VIII shall be defined in Section II of the Cook County Animal and Rabies Control Ordinance.

Dog Park means an enclosed area of land where dogs are permitted to be off leash.

Leash means a cord, rope, strap, or chain which shall be securely fastened to the collar or harness of a dog or other animal and shall be of sufficient strength to keep such dog or other animal under control.

Operator means any Person who owns, operates or provides for use by patrons a Dog Park.

**B. Requirements**

1. No person shall be an Operator of a Dog Park unless such Dog Park is in compliance with this Regulation VIII.
2. A Dog Park must be completely enclosed by a contiguous fence with each entrance designed in such a manner as to secure against accidental opening.
3. There must be prominently displayed at each entrance to a Dog Park a sign that sets forth the Operator's rules for use of the Dog Park by patrons which rules shall not be inconsistent with these regulations.
4. Dogs must be on a Leash when entering into and leaving a Dog Park. They may be taken off a leash while within the Dog Park except as necessary for the safety of the dog or patrons.
5. The Operator must institute a plan (e.g. licensing/permitting and/or use of a key or keycard system) satisfactory to the Administrator for each Dog Park that reasonably ensures that access to the dog park is limited to dogs:
  - a. for whom there is written proof of an examination within the past year for any communicable diseases including an examination of a stool specimen for internal parasites, and current vaccinations or titers if possible for Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Para-influenza, Parvovirus and Bordetella (kennel cough) unless an exemption to this requirement has been granted by the Administrator upon the written recommendation from the Owner's veterinarian; and
  - b. who are in compliance with rabies vaccination requirements of the Illinois Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5); and
  - c. who are currently licensed by the local government where the Dog's Owner lives.
6. The plan required by B (5) above shall be filed in writing with and must be approved by the Administrator prior to the Operator permitting patrons to use a Dog Park after the effective date of these regulations. Once approved by the Administrator, any proposed change in the plan must be approved by the Administrator prior to such change becoming effective.
7. The Operator must institute a system of periodic surveillance to monitor compliance by Dog Park Patrons with the Operator's Dog Park plan and rules. The Operator shall have a policy for those instances in which a patron does not observe the Operator's rules. The Operator shall permit the Administrator to monitor and enforce compliance by Dog Park Patrons with the Operator's Dog Park plan and rules.
8. The Dog Park must have covered leak-proof containers available for storage of waste materials for disposal to control vermin and insects, which containers shall be periodically emptied and maintained in a sanitary condition.
9. Patrons shall comply with the Operator's rules and regulations.

**A. Violations**

A Violation of these regulations by an Operator or Patrol shall be punishable as set forth in Section XI of the Cook County Rabies and Animal Control Ordinance.

**Effective Date:**

These regulations shall become effective on June 1, 2005



## **DOG PARK WAIVER & RELEASE**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

You are solely responsible for supervising your dog and determining whether or not this is an appropriate activity to participate in. You must understand that you and others who accompany you are participating in this activity at your and their own risk (and risk of your dog). Dogs and permit holders of varying degrees of skill, training and experience use this facility.

You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use this facility. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before undertaking any dog training or exercise activity.

When this Waiver & Release refers to “your dog”, “my dog”, or the “owner” of a dog, it includes you whether or not you are the legal owner of the dog, since you are the person responsible for the dog while using this facility.

### **WARNING OF RISK**

Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. Dogs are pack animals and when “off leash”, even the best-trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to you, another person or dog. Other risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, negligence or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals; and actions by the dog due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities.

Should you attempt to break up a dog fight or restrain a dog, including but not limited to your dog, you may be attacked and severely mauled by your dog, the other dog, or attacked by another dog’s owner/handler. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

### **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use this facility, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

I recognize and acknowledge that use of this facility and the surrounding area for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, extent or

amount, that (a) I, my dog or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area; or (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of my or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or arising out of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) The Tinley Park- Park District/ Orland Township, and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of The Park District/ Orland Township or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this use of this facility and surrounding area.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend (a) The Tinley Park - Park District/ Orland Township and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Park District agents from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity (including but not limited to the Park District and Orland Township).

**I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. IF REGISTERING ON-LINE OR VIA FAX, YOUR ON-LINE OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHALL SUBSTITUTE AND HAVE THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS AN ORIGINAL FORM SIGNATURE.**

PLEASE PRINT

Dog Owner's Name

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dog Owner's Signature





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### Canine Vaccination Record

This form or a signed Veterinarians vaccination record must accompany your Tinley Park-Park District Canine Campus membership registration form. You can register in person at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street Tinley Park. The dog park is located at 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nielsen Drive in Tinley Park. Separate vaccination records are required for each dog you register. **It is your responsibility to provided updated records to the Tinley Park-Park District as your dog's vaccinations are updated throughout each year.**

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed: \_\_\_\_\_ Neutered: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccination	Expiration Date	Notes
Rabies		
Distemper		
Para Influenza		
Hepatitis		
Parvovirus		
Bordetella/Kennel Cough		
Leptospirosis		
Test for Internal Parasites		
Date of Last Exam: _____		

Signature of Veterinarian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_