

# TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL DOG PARK EXPERIENCE

- Dogs may fight to protect themselves or something/someone else. If dogs begin to spar, do NOT reach between them with your hands! Get your dog's attention with voice commands or a loud noise. Once separated, dogs should be taken to a neutral area to calm down. If this happens more than once, the dog may be too aggressive for the dog park and should leave the enclosure. Incidents should be reported to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 248-858-4950.
- Dog owners must monitor their dogs at all times, picking up waste as needed. If an owner is distracted, it is proper protocol to alert the owner.
- It's up to you to keep your furry friend under control. Owners bear full responsibility and liability for their dog's actions and behavior.
- Shock collars and metal choke chains are not allowed inside the dog park.
- Drinking bowls, toys, balls and pools are not allowed in the dog park, as they become contaminated easily and could cause illness or parasites in your canine friend.
- Some dogs love to dig. However, holes in the dog park may cause a human or another dog to sprain an ankle or injure a leg. If your dog digs, fill in the hole immediately.



## Rules to Remember

1. Michigan State Law (MCL 287.268) requires all dogs older than four months to have a current Michigan dog license, which can be purchased at either the city or county in which the dog resides. To be licensed, proof of current vaccinations must be shown for the dog.
2. Michigan Law requires the dog owner to display a current license on the dog and is required for use of the dog park. This helps keep all dogs safe and reduces the chance of spreading disease among dogs.
3. Maximum of two dogs per park guest in the park at any one time.
4. No dogs younger than the age of four months.
5. No human or animal food is allowed inside the dog runs.
6. Water bowls are not allowed in the dog runs.
7. Toys or balls are not allowed in the dog park.
8. Dogs exhibiting any signs of illness should be kept at home and away from other dogs.



Dogs only swim dock - Orion Oaks Dog Park

Use of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Dog Parks is governed by the parks system's Rules and Regulations enacted by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission Feb. 8, 1966. Current rules can be viewed on [OaklandCountyParks.com](http://OaklandCountyParks.com), or a printed copy can be requested by calling 248-858-0906.



**Dog Parks have been designated by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of exercising dogs off leash. While in the dog park areas, all dogs and their owners or caretakers must obey all Park Rules, including:**

- a. Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the dog park. Owners must always carry leash with them while in the dog park.
- b. Maximum of two dogs per patron.
- c. Dogs must have current license, up-to-date vaccinations and respond to voice commands.
- d. Shock collars, metal pinch/choke collars or collars with metal links are not allowed in the dog park.
- e. No dogs under four months of age allowed in the dog park.
- f. Small dog area is for dogs 25 pounds or less.
- g. Owners or caretakers assume full responsibility for all dogs brought onto Commission Property.
- h. Dogs must be always accompanied and supervised by an adult (age 18 or older). Dogs must never be left unattended in the dog park.
- i. Children, ages 12 and under, must be accompanied and closely supervised by a parent or adult present inside the dog park, always.
- j. No food, human or animal, is allowed in the dog park.
- k. Dogs in heat may not enter the dog park.
- l. Owners or caretakers must clean up dog droppings; bags are provided on site.
- m. Lake Sixteen Dog Dock access at Orion Oaks is for dogs only. Lake Sixteen Boat Launch is not part of the Dog Park.
- n. Dogs are not allowed to dig in the dog park. Owner must fill in any holes.
- o. Toys, balls, bowls or pools may not be brought to, or left at, the dog park

Unruly dogs are prohibited on Commission property. Unruly dogs are defined as dogs that are not controllable by their owners or caretakers, dogs which physically attack or bite another dog or human (when not provoked), or dogs which physically pin other dogs to the ground (when not provoked).

All dog bites must be reported immediately to Oakland County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 248-858-4950, who will contact Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. The dog must then be confined until the Oakland County Sheriff's Office or park personnel arrive at the scene.

Failure to obey these rules is a violation of Public Act 261 and may result in a misdemeanor citation issued by Oakland County Sheriff Office deputies.