

FAIRMOUNT DOG PARK

When you arrive at the park, please be sure to choose the appropriate run area for your dog. Remember, puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park. The six-month age limit ensures that your puppy has a chance to receive all its shots, learn basic obedience commands and become properly socialized before romping with canine friends.

There will be waste bags and receptacles located throughout the park. Please be sure to use these as cleaning up after your pet is required. This is our community's park, please help keep it clean.

Entering & Exiting the Park

When entering and exiting, be sure gates are securely closed behind you. Please be courteous to other dog owners – be sure to read our Rules and Etiquette information sheets to educate yourself on how to use the park and make the most of your visit. For the safety of all, do not congregate near the entrance; allow other dogs to enter without incident and keep your dog far from the gates when dogs are entering.

Park Maintenance

There will be regular maintenance of the grass and landscaping by City of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation. This includes, but is not limited to, mowing and fertilization. During those times, the park may be temporarily closed. No herbicides will be used in the dog park.

Dog Incident Policy

City of Kalamazoo Fairmount Dog Park's Rules and Etiquette are designed to help minimize the chance for a dog incident. However, should an incident occur, below is our policy and recommended action by dog owners.

- Separate and leash the dogs and remove them to neutral area by main gate
- Inspect dogs for any injury
- Exchange names and phone numbers
- Get names and phone numbers of any witnesses
- **If necessary, contact Animal Control at (269) 383-8775**

If Kzoo Parks is notified of an incident, we will only release names and telephone numbers to Animal Control only. **Please remember that you are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog.**

Kzoo Parks reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow rules and etiquette or where it is determined a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.

Rules and Regulations

1. All dogs must be licensed
2. Fairmount Dog Park is open all year
 - a. The parking lot is not maintained in the winter months will not be available between approximately November 1 – April 30 each year
 - b. The park is open daily from sunrise to sunset
3. Maximum number of dogs per pass is three (3) and all dogs must remain in the same run area with their owner. Owners cannot leave their dog(s) in the run areas without supervision
4. Dogs must remain leashed until they are inside the small or large run area. No prong, pinch, choke, or spike collars are allowed in the run areas; they must be removed for the dogs' safety
5. No children under 10 years of age in the enclosure; children 11-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (all dogs must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18).
6. Dogs must display their current rabies tag and dog license, and be current on all shots and fecal checks
7. Dogs that are unhealthy or have not been spayed or neutered are not allowed in 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. We also strongly suggest that your dog be on heartworm preventative
8. Dogs who exhibit humping or aggressive behavior should be removed immediately from the park to avoid potential injury to other dogs or owners. Chronic or habitual offenders and abusers will lose their Dog Park 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

9. Owners must clean up after their dog. Efforts will be made by Kzoo Parks to provide bags and waste receptacles in the park. Always be prepared to address your pet's waste by having a bag or two with you in the event dispensers are empty.
10. Puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park
11. No smoking, glass containers or food of any kind, including dog treats 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 running water to fill up containers and bowls and a doggie drinking fountain at the park
12. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dog
13. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in removal from the dog park, suspension of privileges, or other applicable enforcement action.
14. Off leash area will be open from sunrise to sunset seven days a week unless closed for maintenance
15. Fill in any hole your dog digs
16. **The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety enforces all City Ordinances; in an emergency call 911 and non-emergencies (269) 337-8120**

Dog Park Etiquette and Precautions

1. 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 dog park
2. Dogs can be unpredictable and rambunctious. Some dogs don't respond well to children running by fast with arms flailing and yelling. 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
3. 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 everyone's safety
4. After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around unleashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, don't visit the park. If your dog wears a prong collar or a choke collar, please remove it so other dogs do not get caught on it

5. Supervise your dog during the entire visit to the park. When a new dog entered 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 always
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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 action and any harm it causes to others. See Dog Incident Policy
9. Pick up your dog's droppings and any "orphaned" droppings. Bags and waste receptacles are available. Bring extra bags with you if dispensers are empty. This is our community's park; help keep it clean and sanitary for all our dogs

Thank you for respecting our park rules

REMINDER: Kzoo Parks reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette. Safety first – please be courteous to your fellow dog park members and help keep the park clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone. If you have questions these rules or policies, please contact Kzoo Parks at (269) 337-8191.