



**Apex Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources**  
**Dog Park Registration and Rules**

Applications are processed at the Apex Community Center  
 During normal business hours  
 53 Hunter Street \* (919) 249-3402

<b>Completed by Staff</b>	
Receipt #: _____	<b>Door King</b>
Pass Fee: \$ _____	
Date Purchased: _____	<b>Notebook</b>
Staff Initials: _____	
<b>TAG #:</b> _____	<b>Excel</b>

Owner's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Check One:  Registration  Renewal  
 Are you an Apex Resident?  Yes  No  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Pass – Valid 1 year from date of purchase**

Choose One:  Single Dog (Resident: \$30, Non-Resident: \$60)- 1 dog limit, 1 key card provided  
 Multi-Dog (Resident: \$50, Non-Resident: \$100)- 2 dog limit per application, 1 key card provided  
 Purchase additional key card?  Yes (\$10)  No

*Note: This registration covers membership to both the Hunter Street Dog Park located at 1250 Ambergate Station and the Apex Nature Park located at 2600 Evans Road.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE**

The Town of Apex (TOA) provides “dog park areas” in certain locations of its public parks. A dog park area is an area that is fenced in and where dog owners may bring their dogs and permit them to run freely with other dogs. To use dog park areas, owners **must complete an application for dog park privileges, present vaccination records at the time of registration and pay the appropriate fee.** The TOA will seek to limit access to children who are 10 years old or younger. TOA makes no guarantee that all dogs or other animals present in the dog park area are licensed or vaccinated against rabies, nor can it guarantee that children younger than 10 will not gain admission nor that children admitted will behave appropriately. Further, TOA has no knowledge about the behavior or temperament of animals using the area.

In consideration of receiving dog park privileges for myself and the dog identified in this application, I hereby represent and warrant as follows: my dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ has/have received a rabies vaccination and that all vaccinations are up to date, that the veterinary records attached are the true and

accurate records for the dog(s) identified in this application, and that all information provided is accurate and truthful. I realize that providing false information may result in revocation of dog park privileges.

I recognize that unleashing my dog and being present in an area where there are other people, including children, and other unleashed dogs pose risks to myself and others and to my dog and the dogs and property of others. For instance, there is the risk of personal injury or property damage to myself or others from aggressive dogs, the unpredictable behavior of dogs and the lack of adequate training of my dog or other dogs. I further understand and accept that despite the efforts of TOA to see that dog park users comply with licensing and vaccination requirements, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated. Additional risks to myself and others include, but are not limited to, dog fights, dog bites, dog theft or unlawful capture, dog escape over and under fences, and dog access to vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed. Further, dogs may be exposed to burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dogs coat, feet, eyes, nose or ears, and mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas or other insects and wildlife that might be found in a park such as snakes, raccoons, opossums, etc. I understand that use of the dog park is self-directed and not supervised by any agent or employee of TOA. I assume all risks associated with using the dog park, including its fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

I HEREBY RELEASE TOA, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM ANY AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR INJURIES OR DAMAGES TO MYSELF OR MY DOG DUE TO MY USE OF, OR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AT, DOG PARK. I ALSO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE HARMLESS THE TOA, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS FROM AND AGAINST ALL LOSS, COST, DAMAGES, EXPENSE AND LIABILITY INCLUDING DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR DISEASE AND DAMAGE TO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY RESULTING FROM (1) MY NEGLIGENT ACTS; (2) THE ACTS OR BEHAVIOR OF MY DOG, AND (3) INJURY THAT MAY OCCUR TO ME OR MY DOG OR MY PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF THE ACTS, CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR OF OTHER USERS OF THE PARK, INCLUDING OTHER DOGS.

I have carefully read this Acknowledgement of Risk and Release and understand and accept its terms and conditions. I have also received a copy of the rules for dog parks usage and agree to abide by these rules. I realize non-compliance of dog park rules may result in revocation of dog park use privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### **Pet Information (Vaccination Records Required)**

Dog #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (Check One):  Male  Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Dog #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (Check One):  Male  Female Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies ID# \_\_\_\_\_

## Dog Park Rules

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*Owners who fail to abide by rules and regulations are subject to loss of park privileges.*

- Dog Park Permits are required and may be purchased at the Apex Community Center.
- Park is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Dogs shall have on a collar with ID, and must display rabies vaccination tags at all times.
- Spiked collars prohibited.
- Each adult may have a maximum of 2 dogs at a time in the park; all dogs must be registered on your park membership with proof of vaccinations.
- Any dog with a history of aggressive behavior is prohibited in the park. If your dog shows signs of aggressive behavior after entering the park, you must remove the dog from the park premises immediately.
- Owners are responsible for any injury or damage caused by your dog. Prevent injuries by supervising your dog at all times. Never leave your dog unattended. If your dog inflicts an injury, give your name and telephone number to the other dog owner before leaving. You are at all times solely responsible for your dog's behavior and any damage your dog may cause.
- Pick up poop – Scoop your dogs' poop and dispose of it in the containers provided.
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed on the premises.
- No food (animal food or people food), treats, or bones are allowed inside the fenced area.
- No littering: wrappers and other litter can be eaten by dogs and cause a choking or digestion hazard which can be life-threatening!
- No smoking inside the dog park.
- No strollers, bicycles, tricycles, big-wheels, wagons, roller-blades, etcetera are allowed in the dog park, except wheelchairs used by people with physical challenges.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Children 10 and under are not allowed inside the fenced area.
- Dogs under 6 months of age are prohibited.
- Use at own risk.
- **All bites must be reported by contacting the Apex Police Department at 919-362-8661 and Apex Parks and Recreation at 919-249-3402 as soon as possible. In case of an Emergency call 911.**

### Dog Park Guidelines and Tips for Use

- Keep walking or playing- this helps keep the off-leash area "neutral" territory for all.
- Keep your dog on leash until you enter the off-leash areas, and carry a leash on you for each dog at all times while in the park.
- Dogs shall be under your visual contact and voice control at all times; stay within close range of your dog.
- Be aware that dogs have different play styles. Talk to your veterinarian, talk to other park users and educate yourself on dog behavior.
- Ensure each gate closes behind you before you enter the next one.
- Fill in any holes your dog digs or make appropriate repairs to disturbed areas.
- Do not bring a dog with a known history of biting or fighting.

**Contact:** Karl Lyon, Recreation Programs Manager; Apex Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department, (919) 249-3345 or [karl.lyon@apexnc.org](mailto:karl.lyon@apexnc.org).