Brian Bemis Family Dog Park

Rules & Corrective Actions

To ensure all owners/guardians and dogs have a safe and enjoyable experience

PARK HOURS: Sunrise to Sunset

Park will remain open until 6pm when the sun sets before that.

ADMITTANCE POLICY

- Maintain a ratio of up to two dogs per person.
- Children under the age of 10 are not permitted in the park.
- To obtain a dog park membership, all dogs must provide proof of up-to-date Rabies, Distemper, and Bordetella vaccinations.

Use of the dog park is at your own risk. Monitor your dog at all times and be prepared to leash them. Dog owners/guardians, not the Park District, are responsible for their dog's actions.

If you find that the dog park is not a good fit for you or your dog, the Park District will issue a full refund of your membership fee within 3 months of purchase. Additionally, the District offers group classes and private training opportunities for owners to learn about dogs' behaviors.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

The Sycamore Park District has the right to refuse the use of and revoke a Brian Bemis Family Dog Park Annual or Daily Pass without refund. Reasons may include but are not limited to failure to update vaccines, aggressive behavior from dog or owner/guardian, damage to the facility or grounds, etc.

Examples of Corrective Actions

- Verbal warning and issuance of educational materials about dog park readiness and rules.
- Recommendation for educational consultation by an approved dog trainer.
- Temporary suspensions and expulsions for first-time or repeat offenses.
- Referral to animal control or law enforcement authorities.
- Closure of the facility.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

If an altercation or incident occurs, the dog owners/guardians are responsible for exchanging contact information with those involved. The Park District does not serve as a mediator.

IF YOUR DOG IS SHOWING AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR

Restrain your dog immediately and remove it from the park.

Acknowledge the behavior and consider that not all dogs are a suitable fit for socializing at a dog park at any given time. Try visiting another day, when no other dogs are present, or refrain from visiting.

IF YOU WITNESS...

A. An aggressive dog and the owner/guardian is not acting responsibly or

B. A dog owner/guardian exhibiting verbal or physically abusive behavior

FIRST: Call the non-emergency police number, 815-895-2123, to file a report. Without a police report, no action can be taken. If it is an emergency, call 911

SECOND: Contact the Park District at 815-895-3365. Staff will then work with the police to share the Dog Park member data to address the issue.

C. A dog bit another dog or a human

Call DeKalb County Animal Enforcement, 404-294-2996 Ext: 2

All park users are expected to follow the Sycamore Park District Public Conduct Ordinance §9 PUBLIC DECENCY

No person shall use any abusive, threatening, insulting, indecent, profane, blasphemous, or obscene language or language calculated to occasion a breach of the peace or designed to incite conduct, which is harmful to the public, or commit or be guilty of any obscene behavior, within the Park System.

GENERAL PARK RULES

- Enter and exit the park during open hours through the double gate only. Climbing on or over the fence is prohibited.
- Use of the park for conducting professional training classes without park district approval is prohibited.
- Be a responsible and courteous park user.
- Enter with caution if other dogs are present within the park and be aware of unattended dogs near the gate when entering/exiting.
- If you bring water for your dog(s), please do not leave the jugs or bowls at the park.
- Be sure to secure the gate doors when entering/leaving the park.
- Avoid lingering near the entrance gate when other park users are present.
- Remain in the dog park with your dog(s), keeping them within sight and under control at all times.

Keep your and other's dogs healthy by: 1) Staying up-to-date on Rabies, Distemper, and Bordetella vaccinations, heartworm prevention treatment, and flea prevention treatment. **2)** Cleaning up after your dog(s). Please help by picking up dog waste to keep the park clean. Pet waste bags and proper waste receptacles are located near the entrance and in the center of the park near the statue.

Carry your dog's leash at all times: Dogs must keep leashes on until you have both passed through the double-gated entrance. Reattach his/her leash before exiting the park or at the first sign of agitation or discomfort in your dog or another dog - then, exit the park to mitigate an aggressive interaction. Owners/Guardians are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.

Discourage inappropriate dog behavior: 1) Discourage digging and fill any holes made by your dog(s). **2)** Be prepared to socialize and share retrieval toys, frisbees, and balls with other park visitors.

Leave the following at home

- Aggressive dogs
- Female dogs while in heat
- Choke or prong collars
- Swimming pools or other water holding items
- Animals other than dogs
- Dog food, long lasting chew toys, bones and training treats
- Devices that use an explosive force to propel a retrievable object
- Glass containers
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or blades, or any motorized devices except wheelchairs
- Owner/guardian food and alcohol: The Brian Bemis Family Dog Park as well as the entire Legacy Campus is a smoke-free park.