RESOLUTION 2019- 12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP DOG PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Hopewell Community Park

Dog Park Rules & Regulations

The following Rules and Regulations shall apply to the Hopewell Community Dog Park:

Please note: All people and dogs (Users) that enter the Hopewell Community Dog Park do so at their own risk. Hopewell Township shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential injury or damage to any User.

Users shalll be legally responsible for their own dog(s) and any injury or damage caused by them. Users shall indemnify and hold Hopewell Township harmless from all claims associated with their own dog(s).

Rules cannot address all situations so please be reasonable and use common sense for the safety of all park Users.

Dogs are unpredictable animals. People often overestimate their ability to control their dog(s) and underestimate what their dog(s) are capable of doing.

Requirements for Owners/Handlers

- Owners/handlers MUST clean-up after their dogs and dispose of waste in the provided receptacles
- Appropriate behavior is expected at all times by all persons who use the dog park
- Glass bottles, food and beverage containers are not permitted in the dog park
- Users must abide by all directions, orders and commands of any Hopewell Township official or police officer
- Dogs must be supervised and in view at all times by an owner/handler who is a resident of Hopewell Township and is age 18 years or older and capable of restraining/controlling that dog
- Owners/Handlers shall be held legally responsible for dog their dog's behavior and/or injuries/damage caused to other animals, persons, or property.
- Owners/Handlers must have a leash in hand and remain in the designated dog park area at all times while using the dog park
- Gates must be kept closed at all times and no trespassing when the park is closed
- Children in the dog park under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- No more than three (3) dogs are permitted per owner/handler in the dog park area at one time
- The maximum number of dogs in the dog park at any one time in combined unleash and leashed areas is 20
- No animals other than dogs are permitted in the dog park
- Smoking, controlled substances, profanity, recklessness, disruptive behavior, trespassing, weapons, noisemakers, and vandalism are strictly prohibited
- Dogs showing any aggressive behavior must be removed immediately
- Contact 911 in the case of any emergency

Requirements for Dogs

- Dogs MUST wear a collar with current/updated license, vaccinations, and Hopewell Township membership tags visible
- Dogs must remain on leashes when entering and leaving the park, and when playing in leashed, creek area. No pinch or choke collars are permitted
- No dogs under four (4) months of age are allowed in the dog park
- Dogs MUST be spayed or neutered
- Dogs "in heat" are prohibited
- No human food or drink is permitted in the dog park. Dog treats are only permitted in separate agility unleash area
- Dogs that bark, howl, or yip persistently must be removed from the dog park
- No digging. Owners/handlers must fill any holes made should this rule be violated
- Dogs must be healthy to enter park; do NOT bring to the park an ill or unvaccinated dog
- Dogs may not chase or harass wildlife in the park or other dogs in the dog park

Additional signage will be posted at the park entrance relative to removal of dog waste and sponsor bones, and entrance gates will be marked for the agility, large dog, and the elderly/small dog areas.

Violation of these Rules and Regulations may, at the sole discretion of Hopewell Township, result in the revocation of the privilege to use the dog park. The established fine for violation of any of the provisions of this Resolution is $250 per single violation.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED this 14TH day of OCTOBER, 2019.

Attest:

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Hopewell Township Manager, Jamie Yurcina

Richard Bufalini, President
Hopewell Township Board of Commissioners