

**CITY OF HUTCHINSON
DOG PARK RULES AND CONDITIONS
POLICY NO. 2.42**

ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE

With the establishment of a Dog Park within the city limits of Hutchinson, a set of rules and conditions are needed to help manage how the park will be used. The purpose of a Dog Park is to provide for an enclosed area where dogs can exercise alongside their human companions and fellow canines. The rules and conditions established below will govern the use of the Dog Park and nothing within this policy should supersede Chapter 93 or Chapter 95 of the Hutchinson City Code.

ARTICLE 2. POLICY

The following rules apply to all uses of the off-leash dog parks within the City of Hutchinson.

- The Hours of the Dog Park are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- The off-leash dog park is for dogs, their handlers, and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
- The use of the off-leash dog park is at the discretion of the handler. The off-leash dog park is not staffed by the City. Owner waives liability to the City of Hutchinson for any injury or damage caused by a pet. Owners are solely liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog(s). Users of the dog park do so at their own risk.
- Dogs must be under visual contact and voice control of the handler at all times. A dog is considered under voice control if it will come when called. Dogs are never to be left unattended. Permission must be granted by each handler for dogs to play with or interact with another dog.
- Handlers must remain in the area with their dogs at all times.
- Children under the age of 13 are not allowed in the off-leash dog park without a supervising adult. Very young children are not recommended to be inside the off-leash dog park.
- Dogs must be at least 4 months old, properly vaccinated, and wearing a City of Hutchinson pet license tag. If you are not a Hutchinson resident, a current rabies tag is acceptable.
- Dogs that have been declared dangerous, as per City Ordinance or potentially dangerous in any community or that have a history of aggressive behavior, or females in heat are not allowed in the off-leash dog park. Any dog that exhibits aggressive behaviors must be removed immediately by the handler.
- Maximum of three dogs per handler in the park at one time.
- Owners **MUST** clean up after their dog(s) and deposit feces in the containers provided.
- Professional dog trainers are not allowed to use the facility to conduct business.
- The small dog area is limited to dogs no taller than 13” at the shoulder that weigh no more than 25 pounds.
- The City reserves the right to remove any items from the dog park, such as play features, left there by users of the park and are not responsible for any damage to those items.
- No dog treats, food (dog or human), or glass containers are allowed in the dog park.
- The park is tobacco, drugs and alcohol free.

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