



TOWN OF HENRIETTA

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Town of Henrietta Dog Park Rules

In addition to the Monroe County Dog Park Rules below, visitors to the Henrietta Dog Park are required to obey the following Town of Henrietta Dog Park Rules:

- Keep your leash with you.
- Small dogs are allowed in the large dog area at your own risk.
- Don't scold or touch someone else's dog.
- Do not brush or groom your dog.
- The Henrietta Dog Park is not supervised by Town staff. It is everyone's responsibility to keep it safe and clean. The Town of Henrietta is not responsible for injuries to dogs or people visiting the park.

Monroe County Dog Park Rules

Monroe County Dog Park Rules and Regulations – Issued October 28, 2009 (Monroe County Parks Law § 323-20)

- All dogs in an off-leash area must be licensed. *(The dog license shall be issued by the municipality in which the dog resides; proof of valid rabies vaccination is required for issuance of a dog license per NYS Law.)*
- All persons bringing a dog to a designated off-leash area must carry and have available for inspection a permit issued by the Parks Director.
- No animal other than dogs are permitted in off-leash areas.
- Any person who takes a dog into a designated off-leash area:
 - Must have physical control of the dog by means of a leash when entering and leaving the off-leash area;
 - Must maintain voice control over the dog and keep the dog in sight at all times while in the off-leash area and shall be responsible for the conduct of such animal and shall be responsible for all injury to person or property caused by the dog;
 - Shall carry the proper equipment for removing feces from the designated area and dispose of same in a sanitary manner by placing the feces deposited by such dog in an appropriate receptacle. Dog feces must be removed immediately and deposited in the receptacle;
 - Must immediately leash and remove from the off-leash area a dog showing aggression toward persons or other dogs.
- Professional dog trainers may not use an off-leash area for the conduct of business.
- No person shall bring more than three dogs to an off-leash area at one time.
- The Parks Director may temporarily ban dogs or a specific dog from any off-leash area where the Director determines that same may be a nuisance or is necessary to maintain peace and order, or necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
- All dogs entering the off-leash area must wear a tag issued annually by the Parks Director.
- No children under ten (10) years of age are allowed inside the off-leash area. Children over ten (10) and under eighteen (18) must be accompanied by an adult person eighteen (18) years of age or older and be under that adult's supervision.
- A Small Dog Area is for dogs weighing twenty-five (25) pounds or less; a Large Dog Area is open to dogs of all weights.
- All dogs brought by one person must remain in the same area (Small Dog Area or Large Dog Area) with that person.
- Gates to the off-leash area must be kept closed and latched at all times, except when entering or exiting.
- Each person bringing a dog into the off-leash area should discourage digging and must immediately fill-in any holes.
- No dog or person is to climb on or over the off-leash area fences.

- The following are NOT PERMITTED within the off-leash area:
 - Dogs in heat;
 - Dogs that are ill or injured;
 - Puppies under six (6) months of age;
 - Alcoholic beverages;
 - Smoking;
 - Food or glass;
 - Dog treats and rawhide chews;
 - Pinch, spike, prong, and choke collars;
 - Bicycles, scooters, skateboards or any other wheeled or motorized devices (except wheelchairs).
- There shall be no soliciting.
- Nonobservance of these rules and regulations constitutes a violation of the Monroe County Park Law. Under Parks Law, violators are subject to penalties for the offense. Penalties range from civil penalties of \$25 to \$100, fines from \$50 to \$750 and/or imprisonment up to 30 days.

To report a violation or emergency situation, call 911.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

What are the hours of the dog park?

Monroe County Dog Parks are open from 7:00 a.m. until dusk year-round. There are no lights at the dog park. The dog park may close without notice for maintenance and/or repairs.

When is the dog fountain open?

The water fountains will be closed from late fall to early spring to prevent water lines from freezing. Please plan on bringing your own water during this time period.

Why can't my large dog play in the small dog area?

This is strictly a safety issue. While some dogs may be slow and gentle, toy breeds in particular can easily be harmed. The dog park needs to be safe for dogs of all sizes.

How do I prevent a dog fight?

The best way to prevent a fight is to never let your dog leave your sight.

Scuffles happen as part of play, so watch your dog's behavior and body language. If you notice a dog becoming aggressive, ask the owner to remove the dog from the park to cool down or go home for the day. If the owner is not receptive, remove your dog promptly from the park. If your dog begins to behave aggressively or plays too rough, take your dog out of the play area to cool down. As always, if a situation becomes dangerous, call 911.

What do I do if there is a dog fight?

Remain calm. Loud yelling, screaming, and/or quick movements can unintentionally increase arousal. Never get in between two dogs fighting or you can risk injury to yourself. Many experts suggest diverting the dogs with a loud noise such as an air horn or a blast of water from a sports bottle. There will be many scuffles as dogs will be dogs. Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but the potential is there. Please talk with your veterinarian if you have concerns about breaking-up a dog fight involving your dog. If your dog is involved in a dog fight, exchange information with the other owner. Be sure to include your name, phone numbers, and vaccination records. If your dog is not involved in the fight, remove your dog from the off-leash area. As a courtesy, you should remain nearby until the situation is under control and make sure everyone (dogs and people) are all okay. If any of the dogs involved in the incident are clearly aggressive or dangerous, call 911.

What if someone does not clean up after their dog?

Address it directly and politely. Most people do clean up after their dogs, so they may not have noticed their dog relieving him/herself. Let the person know what happened and where. Unfortunately, some owners may still not clean up after their dog. In order to keep the park clean, safe and sanitary, there may be a need for you to pick up the waste. Please know from all dog park users how thankful we are for your extra effort keeping our dog park clean and safe.

What if I see an unregistered dog in the play area?

As the Monroe County Dog Parks are self-patrolled, it is everyone's responsibility to keep our parks safe for registered users. Please ask the owner if the dog has a permit. The registration tag could have fallen off or maybe the owner forgot the right collar. Use this opportunity to be an ambassador for the dog parks. If the tag has broken, let the owner know where they can get a new one. If the dog isn't registered, let the owner know how easy it is to register their dog and how the registration fee helps us all.

What if the pet waste station runs out of bags?

If any part of the dog park needs service or is broken, please call the Henrietta Dispatcher at (585) 359-7005.