



## Nampa Dog Park Rules

### **Dog waste must be cleaned up and properly disposed.**

- This is the most prominent dog park complaint. Dog owners who neglect to dispose of their dog's waste create a less enjoyable and potentially unhealthy environment for other park users. Waste bags are provided at receptacles throughout the park, so please help keep the park clean and inviting by properly disposing of dog waste. Also, it would be a great community service if everyone made an effort to pick up missed waste.

### **Dogs must be on a leash at all times except when in the designated off-leash dog area.**

- Keep your dog leashed at all times while outside the fenced dog park area, even in the parking lot. This will prevent your dog from running off or being hit by a car since drivers may not see your dog.

### **Dogs must wear a collar and display proper license.**

- Your dog's collar or harness should include a license and identification tag.

### **Park users accept all risk of injury that may occur to themselves and their dog. Handler/owner are liable for the actions of their dog.**

- Each handler is legally responsible for his/her dog. The City of Nampa will assume no responsibility for any injuries to humans or animals. Therefore, each handler is responsible for supervision of his or her animal. All handlers must remain in the park with their dog at all times.

### **For safety reasons, no food (dog or human) allowed in the park.**

- Some dogs may become aggressive when food is present. Keeping food out of the park will make the park safer for all visitors.

### **No alcoholic beverages or glass containers allowed.**

- Glass may break causing injury to people and dogs. Plastic or non-breakable containers are acceptable.

### **Vaccinations required, including rabies and bordetella (Kennel Cough).**

- Be a responsible dog owner. Consult your veterinarian prior to using the park to ensure your dog has received all necessary vaccinations. If your pet has a contagious condition, do not use the park until a veterinarian states that your dog is not contagious and presents no danger to other dogs.

### **The park prohibits dogs under 4 months old, aggressive dogs, and female dogs in heat.**

- Dogs younger than 4 months often do not have all required vaccinations, have weaker immune systems and may be at risk for aggression from other adult dogs.
- If your dog becomes aggressive or disruptive while in the park, the responsible handler must remove the dog from the situation and address the socialization issues.
- Female dogs in heat can cause disruption in the park and draw unnecessary attention from male dogs.

### **Handler must be in view of their dog and have their dog under voice control at all times.**

- It is the handler's responsibility to control their dog at all times while using the park. If you cannot see your dog, then you cannot address potential problems, e.g. aggressive behavior.

### **Handler is limited to a maximum of 2 dogs in the park.**

- It is difficult for an owner to watch more than two dogs at one time. Additionally, dogs are pack animals and when an owner has more than two dogs they may act as a pack, which could lead to conflicts.

### **Dogs only. No other animals allowed.**

- Instinctually, some dogs show aggressive behavior and hunting habits toward animals such as cats, birds and rabbits. To prevent this form of aggression, only dogs are allowed in the park.

### **Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

- This is a playground for dogs and their handlers, not children. Before you bring a child to the park, please teach them how to behave around dogs and in a dog park environment (no running around, screaming, picking up and waving sticks or approaching dogs they do not know).

### **No motorized vehicles, scooters, bicycles, skate boards, or skating of any kind shall be permitted.**

- This prevents potential injuries to all park users.

### **Park opens ½ hour before sunrise & ½ hour after sunset.**

- According to Nampa City Code, all city owned parks close ½ hour before sunrise and ½ hour after sunset.

### **For the safety of dogs and park visitors, training collars such as choke, bark, pinch and spiked collars are restricted.**

- These collars can result in injury to the wearer, another dog or a handler. During play, some dogs softly bite the back of another dog's neck. Dogs wearing pinch collars receive a stronger bite during this type of play. Choke collars can get hung up on something during play, so the wearer may choke or experience other physical injury. Dogs wearing spike collars can inflict injury on others.