

St. Joseph Dog Park Rules

1. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
2. Puppies and dogs must be properly inoculated, be healthy (have no contagious conditions or diseases), and be parasite free (both internally and externally).
3. To help prevent dogfights, owners are encouraged to inquire about any dogs already in the run, which are unfamiliar to them, **prior** to entering the run. Observing dog's body language is also recommended.
4. Known aggressive dogs are not allowed in the park and dogs that show aggressive behavior while in the park must be removed immediately.
5. No dogs in heat may enter the run at any time.
6. Owners must clean up after their dogs.
7. Owners are asked to **closely supervise** their dogs, and at no time should an owner leave the run without their dog(s).
8. Owners should discourage their dogs from barking excessively. This is especially important prior to 10AM and after 9PM.
9. Parents must refrain from bringing toddlers and small children into the run. Parents are strongly discouraged from bringing children less than 12 years of age. Children should at no time be allowed to run with or chase after dogs in a dog run.
10. Do not bring rawhide or food into the dog run as dogfights may result.
11. For safety reasons, please remove pinch (prong) and spike collars from your dog prior to entering the dog run. Many dogs and puppies have been injured by playing with another dog that was wearing a pinch collar. A basic flat buckle collar (with license, rabies and identification tags) is recommended.

Additional Recommendations

“Please Pick Up After Your Dog! Don’t leave your dog’s mess for others to look at, step in, or clean up.”

“ Mixing leashed and unleashed dogs creates tension. We recommend you remove leashes as soon as you are within the off-leash boundary.”

“Report Serious Incidents,” Obtain license plate number of offender (do not put yourself at risk). Witnesses, Please identify yourself to the victim. Safety is everyone’s business! Call the St. Joseph Police Department at 983-2571.

“Be Responsible, Use Common Sense!”