

Please READ - Dog Park Board acts to address safety, health concerns; adjusts Rules

The Falmouth Board of Trustees met on Nov. 15, 2017 and discussed the concerns that several dog park visitors have raised about dog aggression at the park. As you know, we recently conducted a survey, and heard from about 100 dog park users. Reading the survey responses, it was clear that reports of aggression and inappropriate behavior were not limited to un-neutered dogs and that most incidents were mainly due to dog owners not being respectful of other people and other people's dogs. It was also noted that reports indicated visitors were not always civil.

As a result, the Board decided that, at this time, it would be unfair to institute any restrictions on un-neutered dogs, male or female. Your attention is drawn to two current rules of the park:

Dogs exhibiting aggressive, intimidating or dangerous behavior must be removed from the park immediately

Female dogs in heat shall not use the park

We discussed other issues that were related to the safety of those using the park, including the escalation of smoking in the park, and the use of prong collars. Research indicates that both of these practices are very dangerous for the dogs, and have voted to instate two new rules.

No use of prong collars within the play areas.
No smoking on the Dog Park property. This includes the parking areas and outside the fence. Both of these rules are for the health and safety of all, dog and human, and are in effect immediately.

Finally, we encourage you to speak up if you see anything. We depend on the visitors to ensure that others at the park follow the rules. But that happens only when you speak up!

We appreciate the support that the Trustees have received as we all strive to have the cleanest, safest, and best dog park on Cape Cod and in South-eastern New England.

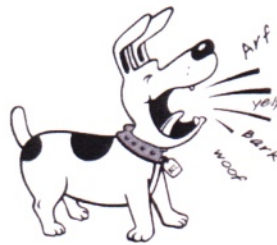
Welcome to the Falmouth Dog Park Please abide by these 10 rules

The Falmouth Dog Park is open from dawn until 8 p.m.

1. Dogs must be kept on-leash until inside the first gate and unleashed before entering either play area.
2. To avoid injury, PRONG COLLARS NOT ALLOWED INSIDE PLAY AREAS. All dogs must wear a cloth or leather collar which has a tag with owner's contact information.
3. Dogs must be licensed, current with vaccinations as required by law and free of communicable disease.
4. Owners/handlers must be at least 16 years of age, and must closely supervise and control their dog within the park at all times. Any person under 16 must be supervised by a responsible adult. No more than three dogs under the supervision of any one person.
5. **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON PARK GROUNDS** due to safety/health concerns. Training treats are permitted, but **food/beverages are prohibited** within fenced area.
6. Dogs exhibiting aggressive, intimidating or dangerous behavior must be removed from the park immediately.
7. Female dogs in heat shall not use the park.
8. Excessive barking must be restrained out of respect to the neighbors.
9. Clean up after your dog. The Pooper Scooper Law is in effect.
10. If you see something wrong, speak up; respect others and enjoy your visit.

To reach Animal Control dial 508-457-2552 or in the case of an emergency call the Falmouth Police at 774-255-4120.

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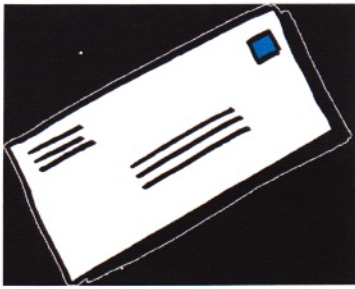


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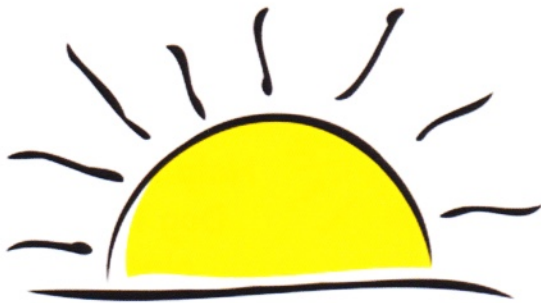
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