

Coal City Dog Park Membership Application

Village Hall- 515 S. Broadway Coal City IL 60416 Call 815-634-8608 or Fax 815-634-2487

Owner's Name (Print) _____

Spouse's Name (Print) _____ Application Date _____

Dependant(s) or other Authorized Handlers' Name(s) and DOBs (Print) _____

Owner Information

Owner Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Additional people allowed to bring my dog: _____

Pet Information (Required vaccinations for dogs entering the Coal City Dog Park.)

VETS Name/Location _____ Phone: _____

Dog 1 _____ Breed/Color _____ Rabies _____ Distemper _____ Bordatella _____ Parvovirus _____

Dog 2 _____ Breed/Color _____ Rabies _____ Distemper _____ Bordatella _____ Parvovirus _____

Dog 3 _____ Breed/Color _____ Rabies _____ Distemper _____ Bordatella _____ Parvovirus _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

NOTE: Guide or Therapy dogs fees are waived, Fee of \$10 for ID card only for any applicant.

Please submit this form with park fees and a signed copy of the Coal City Dog Park Rules and Regulations. Membership includes owner park pass. Please mail, bring, or fax a copy of your driver's license, current proof of residence, and current pet vaccination certificates along with the Vet's contact information. All residents pay \$30 for the first two pets, and add \$10 per additional pet. Non-Residents pay \$45 for the two pets a year, plus \$10 per additional pet. To register more than three pets, please fill out a separate form and submit registrations at the same time and add a \$10 fee for additional member card and pet passes. Please, only two pets to each visit per adult for safety reasons. Each year a new dog park pass is required. Annual memberships go on sale December 1st for the following calendar year. Remember you MUST also have a current Rabies Tag visible on each pet to use the park facilities.

Please Sign: _____ Date: _____

Best time to contact you? _____

Please use the reverse side of this form for any questions or concerns and the best way to contact you. If you'd like to be MORE involved, we need all the help we can get! Please call the Village Hall for further information- Thanks for joining, the Coal City DOG PARK!

For Office Use Only: Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____
Current tag # _____ Last Yr tag # _____
Entered by: _____ Taken By _____
Date: _____ Entered By Date: _____

Official Coal City Dog Park (CCDP) Rules and Regulations:

1 • In consideration for permission to use the CCDP, the dog owner or handler expressly agree to assume the full risk of and legal liability for any injuries, damages or loss connected with or in any manner arising out of use of the CCDP. Dog owners, handlers, and others accessing the CCDP do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge the Village of Coal City, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees, from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that they may have or which may accrue to them arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of the CCDP or surrounding area. Dog owners agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Village of Coal City from and against any and all losses, injuries, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including attorneys' fees), on account of personal injuries or death to any person or dog, or damages to property occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from the actions or inactions of the undersigned dog owner, or said owner's dog(s), handler(s) or visitor(s). The Village shall not be responsible for incurred illness or injury to other pets or persons. All owners, handlers and visitors enter and use the CCDP knowing that damage to property, accidents, or injuries are possible. Any such incident caused by your pet, another patron, passerby or random roaming pet is not the responsibility of the Village. **ALL Pet Owners**, regardless of CCDP membership status, are responsible for the actions of their dogs and are subject to all state laws, Village ordinances and administrative regulations and orders (collectively, "Laws"), including, without limitation, such Laws concerning dangerous or vicious dogs. The CCDP will be periodically patrolled by law enforcement, park personnel and authorized agents of the Village. If you suspect a negative situation: Leave the CCDP immediately and contact the authorities.

2 • All dogs must be current with required vaccinations and be registered with the County. Both County-issued dog tags and CCDP pet tags must be displayed at all times on the dogs while in CCDP. Members must also carry a photo ID with them and present, upon request, a current CCDP membership card, available at CC Village Hall. A CCDP membership card requires that each dog have the following vaccines: Rabies, Distemper, Bordatella and Parvovirus. A current, valid rabies vaccination tag must be displayed on all dogs brought into the CCDP. It is also a good idea to have your Vet's contact information memorized or in your cell phone at all times. Take a cell photo of your pet's vaccination form for emergencies. Never leave your pet with another CCDP patron to watch, EVER! Only YOU are responsible for your pet's actions.

3 • Dogs known to be ill, showing signs of illness, or pet mounting are NOT permitted! Park etiquette is required. Don't bring sick or disruptive pets to the park!

4 • All Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park. All Patrons must have a leash at all times handy for EACH PET, NO "RETRACTABLE" LEASHES. All LEASHES NEED TO BE OF STURDY BUILD AND NO LONGER THAN 8FT MAX LENGTH FOR BEST PET CONTROL. No Choke, prong (pinch collars) and spike collars are permitted in the park, as they may cause injury during play to another pet or person.

5 • Dogs are NOT to be left unattended in the CCDP, out of visual range, or voice command of the owner at ANY time. Any member whose dependants are authorized to bring pets to the CCDP must list said authorized handlers on the Dog Park Membership Application form prior to using the CCDP and have in hand the CCDP registration card, and a valid photo ID (School or State) at the time of park entry. The Registering pet owner is solely responsible for the actions of their dependant, handler, visitor and pet. Also: Don't let dogs chew on park benches, etc.

6 • Children must be at least 12 years old or older to enter the CCDP and accompanied by the strict supervision of an ADULT CCDP member that holds a current CCDP member card. Small or young children and strange dogs are not a favorable mix. All minor children must be registered on the CCDP release form prior to entry. Any minor 16 and older can bring registered CCDP pets to the CCDP without supervision as long as the member card is with them, the dog is current on all required vaccinations, and said minor 16 and older is registered on the CCDP Membership Application form. In the event you choose to enter this park with your children of any age, you understand that you do so at the risk of your child's safety and you are solely responsible for any incident.

7 • Dogs that exhibit vicious, aggressive, or dangerously fierce behavior ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CCDP and violators will be reported! CCDP patrons observing aggressive behavior are suggested to immediately leave the CCDP with their pet(s), and report the situation to the posted authorities. Excessive barking is strongly discouraged. Control your pets to keep the CCDP, a pet and patron friendly zone! Report any injury to another dog or person by contacting emergency personnel, the posted authorities, or Village Hall. In addition, such incidents shall be reported by submitting an incident report that can be found on the village website.

8 • Female dogs in heat ARE NOT permitted in the CCDP.

9 • Puppies less than 4 months old are not permitted in the CCDP as a health risk to themselves and others.

10 • Fecal matter is a health issue: Members **must immediately** pick up after their dog(s) and dispose of the waste in appropriate receptacles marked "PET WASTE."

Always bring potty bags to pick up after your pet. All patrons, including non-member CCDP patrons are encouraged to report abuse to:

Village of Coal City/ Dog Park Registration: 815-634-8608 between 8A-5P M-F

11 • Food (people food, dog food or dog treats, even water) is not allowed in the CCDP. Water your pet by bringing your own bowl and water. You may water outside the CCDP a minimum of 30 feet from any CCDP entrance unless otherwise posted. Do not feed other dogs treats in or outside of the CCDP. Do not allow your pets to chase wildlife. Obey all other in CCDP posted rules and regulations.

12 • Smoking is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** inside the CCDP or 30 feet outside the dog park perimeter fencing as cigarette butts pose a serious health risk to pets if swallowed.

13 • Members are limited to two dogs per visit if effectively under the voice control of the owner and observed constantly by the owner to prevent out of control situations. Otherwise YOU will be asked to leave or use a separate exercise area if available.

14 • Leashed dogs in an off-leash park can be trouble. Leashed dogs tend to be more defensive. The CCDP is for learning social skills and off-lead play. If you want to walk your dog on a lead, please use Village sidewalks!

15 • Dogs, owners, or guests creating a disturbance or violating these or other posted rules or Laws must leave the dog park if requested by law enforcement personnel, Village personnel, or their designated agents.

To report guest disturbances call Village Police / 911 or 815-634-2341.

16 • If your dog digs it, YOU fill it!

17 • Please, do not litter the park, dogs eat anything left on the ground. No poly-stuffed dog toys are allowed in the CCDP and only sturdy built (Kong) type toys for dogs are allowed. Tennis balls are a hazard by breaking into small pieces posing a choking threat to all pets. Please be aware if dogs are over possessive with toys, don't bring them to the park! If another dog wants to assume possession of your dog's toy, as soon as possible take the toy out of the mix.

18 • The CCDP will be open daily from 8AM to sunset

19 • The CCDP is not to be used by professional dog trainers to conduct their business without a permit issued by the Village. For permit prices contact the Village Hall.

Infractions of any one of these rules may result in temporary or permanent loss of park privileges, dog impounding or trespassing laws and arrest; based on the severity of the infraction and current ordinances.

For Emergencies: Call 911

Non Emergencies: Coal City Police Department: 815-634-2341

I agree to abide by the above-stated rules and regulations while in the CCDP. I acknowledge that information provided on this application is true and correct and understand that supplying false information and/or failure to comply with the above rules and regulations may result in a fine and/or revocation of the annual membership.

By signing this application you agree to submit to the request of a Village of Coal City agent to present your CCDP membership card for inspection at any time while in the CCDP.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Print Name

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Hours of Operation?

The park is open 8am to sunset daily. The park is closed occasionally for cleaning purposes randomly each day.

How will the park rules be enforced?

Law enforcement, park personnel and other authorized agents of the Village will randomly patrol the area. Also, Coal City has a police department for fast local assistance. Posted signage will inform visitors of the consequences for not having vaccination and park pass tags visible at all times inside the park fence. Offenders will be asked to leave the park immediately by park staff, police, or other authorized agent. All efforts to protect the park, Dog Park patrons, and pets will be made. Safety is always first and foremost.

Why do we need a Dog Park Pass?

Having a park pass insures that all dogs within the fenced in area are healthy pets with responsible owners. The fees collected from pass purchases will help to maintain the park for those who use the facility.

By having a Dog Park Pass we hope that registered members will have a sense of OWNERSHIP that develops and that then the rules and regulations will be followed, the park will remain a clean; well maintained; highly functional dog exercise and event facility.

Why is bringing outside food and water into the park not allowed?

Many dogs are overly tempted by food and will react unexpectedly toward people or other pets to get the food. So, no food, treats, or beverages in the park. Dogs sharing bowls is not healthy, as influenza and other diseases can be transmitted just like drinking from a stranger's glass; you wouldn't do it, so why would you want your pet to? Dogs are too distracted chasing food to enjoy why they are at the park (to exercise and play!) To water your dog, bring your own water bottle and fill your pet's own bowl out of range of the entrance by posted regulation distance. (30 feet outside the fence.)

Why can't small children be allowed into the fenced area?

It is essential that all pet owners visiting the dog park be able to concentrate and spend quality time with their dog. Nothing makes the park safer than an owner's ability to

constantly observe their fast moving or scrappy little dog! The park is safety first, and nothing is safer than prevention. However the fact is this: Integrating small children into a dog environment can create a dangerous situation. At the dog park, the dogs come first. If you need one on one time with your child, visit a different park than one designed for dogs.

Why are prong or choke collars not permitted in the park?

Because they can tangle up in other dog's hair, catch on other dog's collars and cause injury. In an off leash park, they don't need them anyway. Entering and leaving the park a clip or buckle type collar is required.

Why can't a puppy under four months be allowed into the park?

Dogs must be over 4 months old to enter the park. Dogs under 4 months of age are still susceptible to illness due to the fact that they do not yet have all the shot and deworming requirements.

Can a small dog play with large dogs?

Yes they can, but please be aware of the specific dogs within the fenced area at the time you choose to take a small dog into an area with large dogs. It is imperative that all dogs and owners are safe and comfortable with your small dog in with their big dog. Small dogs in with large dogs must be watched extra carefully. If asked to leave for safety reasons by another owner, it's best to return at a later time so all can enjoy. All dogs must be leashed outside the dog park fence.

Entry and Exiting the Park Etiquette:

1. Do not open the outside gate if an inside gate is open so nobody escapes!
2. Check all entrances before unleashing your dog.
3. Water your pet prior to entering the park, and keep drinking water readily available in your possession for intermission and after play.
4. Dogs should have year round heart worm prevention treatment.
5. All dogs benefit from guidance and obedience requirements. All dogs must be well socialized and happy dog. Work to educate your pet.
6. **Play or Fight?** Know your dog. Check your ego at the gate and be realistic rather than idealistic when it comes to your dog's temperament. Understand that dogs have different play styles, temperaments and physical abilities. Many dogs love rambunctious play, but some dogs suffer from injuries, and some are more timid and independent. Some dogs have rough play styles and can be

overpowering though non-aggressive. Mounting can initiate a potentially harmful situation. If your dog is visibly stressing another dog, please immediately remove your dog to another part of the park, or remove them from the park all together. It often takes several visits before the dogs understand what is, and what is not acceptable. But they will learn. Don't wait for someone to ask you to do the polite thing. Remember, a little common sense and courtesy go a long way when the success of the Dog Park relies on the people who use it! Always respect the wishes of the handler and be prepared to move to another area of the park if your dog is to overbearing. Leash up and leave if your dog is acting aggressively. Aggressive dogs are not allowed and are not appreciated by others. No matter how cute you think he is, and no matter how much you want your dog to be able to use the park. If he's acting aggressively he needs to leave. Try again, work on his behavior, sign up for obedience classes and work your way to being the pack leader between you and your dog.

Know the signs of a fight before it happens!

1. Posture: A dog's body language can communicate fear, hostility, or submission. Learn to read and respond to your own dog's body language and others.
2. Packing: More than 2 or 3 dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Break it up before it starts by leading your dog to a neutral area at least 30 feet away.
3. Possession: Whether it's you, a ball, or a treat, most dogs will protect what is theirs. Remain aware!
4. Provoking: Is your dog continuously annoying another dog or provoking attention? If so, it's time to leave the park!

Food for thought and rules to keep you both safe:

1. Pay attention to your dog and be aware of where he is and what he is doing at all times.
2. Stay close enough to control or protect your dog in the face of a potential fight.
3. Keep a collar on your dog at all times so you have something to grab, if needed.
4. It is recommended that you not bring dog toys or balls to the Dog Park. Toys may provoke a possessive or aggressive conduct.
5. Leave the park, some days it's just a bad mix. Go for a walk or come back later. You and your dog will both be better off.

What if a fight occurs?

1. Never reach our hands into the middle of a dogfight. You may get bit, and often by your own dog!

2. Distract the dogs and divert their attention. A blast of water from a water bottle, a loud whistle, or a pocket air horn work well.
3. If your dog is not in the fight, make sure he doesn't join in!
4. If a fight occurs, control your dog and remove him to a neutral area.
5. Maintain a cool head. Getting upset and yelling will only add to the frenzy.
6. When warranted, exchange contact information with the other dog owners. If you can't because you must attend your dog, designate someone else to get the information. A dog fight can be violent and upsetting to everyone present. Try to remain as calm as possible. If needed contact the police, or call 911 for emergency medical treatment.
7. Responsibility: Dog owners are solely liable for injuries or damaged caused by their dogs. This includes injury to another dog or person, no matter how it began, or who said what, or so forth. Give your Name, address, phone numbers and vaccination records to each other and the dog park tag number, and license plate numbers.
8. Report the incident: Minor scuffles occur frequently. The Parks Registration needs to be aware of pets exhibiting dangerous behavior.
9. Your dog is your property and you are legally responsible for damage or injury caused by your dog. If a bite occurs, make a report.

Doggie Etiquette

1. On leash or off leash? Well, dogs off leash have less to be defensive. Off leash dogs tend to follow on lead dogs. A tethered dog on a lead will feel threatened. Do not let your dog run around with the leash still attached to the dog. That is still considered, ON LEASH.
2. Scoop the poop, immediately! Don't wait for another dog to step through it so the owners can smell your dog all the way home, and clean it from their car seats! Pick up after your dog. See someone not clean up after their pet, offer them a pet bag.
3. Overly friendly dogs: Don't let your loveable mutt over love someone they just met! Keep your pet off other park visitors as this prevents them from observing their own dog while entertaining yours!
4. If you have a minor child, and a dog, keep your eyes open and remember, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE RESPONSIBLE in the event of ANY INCIDENT!

New to the Dog Park?

1. Ease your pet into the dog park atmosphere. Plan short visits at first with other dogs your dog already knows and is a member. Plan park visits during off hours when the park isn't so busy. (weekends and week days after 3pm are the most crowded)

2. Do not be afraid to ask another dog owner to remove their pet if it exhibits inappropriate behavior, and know when you feel uneasy, it's time to leave the park with your own pet.
3. Always keep a leash handy.
4. Allow your dog to meet and greet other dogs. They need to establish a relationship and feel comfortable with each other.
5. Keep your dogs away from the entry gates. They may intimidate new arriving dogs. You don't want your dog or another dog getting OUT of the park unleashed.
6. NEVER leave the gate open when you enter or exit. NEVER have both gates in use at the same time, NOBODY wants an escapee!

So now you have read the entire Coal City Dog Park Manual, the good, the potentially bad, and how to keep it all in together while working together, for responsible dog owners to have a safe, friendly, dog community center strictly for dogs.

Please Note: The information contained above is subject to change at any time without notice.

Coal City Dog Park (CCDP) Waiver and Release of Liability
[Required for All Members, Spouses, Dependents or other Handlers]

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use the Coal City Dog Park ("CCDP") with my dog(s). I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present inside the CCDP is at my own risk, and at the risk of my dog(s), visitors, and any other people accompanying me. I understand and acknowledge that not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to me, another person or dog(s). Other risks include, but are not limited to the inexperience, negligence, or irresponsibility of a dog owner, the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals, and actions by the dog(s) due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dog or outdoor activities. I further understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behavior of characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at all times based upon instinct of circumstances, and I agree to assume all risks that may result from aggressive, vicious, and dangerous dogs, which may be present at the CCDP. I further understand and assume the risk that not all dogs present in the CCDP may have vaccinated for Distemper, Bordetella, or Parvo. I understand there is always a potential for dog fights, bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft and unlawful capture, dog escape over and under fences; and that plants or infected water sources near the park may be unhealthy. I expressly assume all of these risks. I agree that I will be vigilant in observation of my dog and remove my dog if I sense uneasiness between the dogs. I understand that the CCDP is near a wooded area and there may be fleas, ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes, seeds or burrs that may be present along with wild animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in or around the CCDP, all of which might injure or infect me or my dog(s). I understand and expressly assume all additional risks. I recognize that it is impossible for the Village of Coal City to guarantee absolute safety.

It is my understanding that no agent or employee of the Village of Coal City will be on site constantly to supervise the CCDP, but that the CCDP will be randomly inspected by park personnel, the Coal City Police Department and other authorized agents as may be designated from time to time by the Village. I further understand that neither Coal City Parks and Recreation Department nor the Village of Coal City assumes liability for the loss, damage, or any kind of injury sustained by any human or dog while using the CCDP. I therefore expressly assume all risks associated with using the CCDP, as well as fixtures and equipment located therein, in an unsupervised manner.

I recognize and acknowledge that use of the CCDP and the surrounding area for dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, losses, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, extent or amount, that I, my dog, or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in the CCDP and surrounding area or as a result of my or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or arising out of my presence in the CCDP or surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of the CCDP and surrounding area.

In consideration for permission to use the CCDP, I understand and acknowledge that I will be expressly assuming the full risk of and legal liability for any injuries, damages or losses connected with or in any manner arising out of my use of the CCDP. I hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge the Village of Coal City, including its officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims for injuries, damages or losses to me or my dog(s) that I may have or which may accrue to me arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my use of the CCDP or surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Village of Coal City and its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from and against any and all losses, injuries, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including attorneys' fees), on account of personal injuries or death to any person or dog, or damages to property occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my actions or inactions or those of my dog(s).

By signing this Coal City Dog Park Waiver and Release of Liability, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the above information, warning of risk, assumption of risk, and waiver and release of all claims. I further acknowledge, that I have read and understood the entire CCDP rules and regulations. Now therefore, being of sound mind and body, I forever fully release and discharge the Village of Coal City, and the Coal City Parks and Recreation, the Friends of the Village of Coal City Dog Park and their employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my use of intended use of said CCDP (Coal City Dog Park) premises, facilities, or equipment. I fully and forever release and discharge Coal City Parks and Recreation, the Village of Coal City, Friends of the Coal City Dog Park, and their employees and agents from any and all negligent acts and omissions in the same, and intended to be legally bound by this release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND AGREE WITH ITS CONTENTS. I also acknowledge having received a copy of this brochure outlining rules for use of the CCDP for dog owners.

I hereby certify that I have either homeowner or renters insurance with liability coverage.

Signed by legal pet owner: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Print First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of pets: _____ Phone # _____ Cell # _____

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