

Exhibit "A"**DOG PARK(S) RULES AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES**

SUBJECT: City of Las Cruces Off-Leash Dog Park(s)

PURPOSE: To establish rules and operational guidelines for the use of the City of Las Cruces Off-leash Dog Park(s) ("Park") to ensure the safety and enhance the enjoyment of its users.

APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all users of City of Las Cruces off-leash dog park(s), including dogs, owners/handlers and other Park visitors.

POLICY:

A. Hours of Use: The Park is open from 6:00 am to dusk. Park hours may be altered or the park may be closed due to permitted special city-sponsored events.

B. Requirements for Dogs Using Park

1. Dogs must be wearing a collar with proof of vaccination and identification at all times.
2. Puppies under four months old are not allowed to use the Park.
3. Dogs in heat are not allowed to use the Park. Spayed and neutered dogs are recommended.
4. There is a limit of three dogs per person/per visit.
5. Dogs must remain under voice control at all times.
6. **Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be leashed and immediately removed from the park.**

C. Requirements for Owners/Handlers Using Park

1. Dog owners / handlers must have a leash with them at all times.
2. **Children under the age of 12 are not allowed** inside the off-leash area unless accompanied and supervised by an adult. Toddlers and small children (under the age of 5) are discouraged inside the off-leash area.
3. Children under 12 are not to be left alone in charge of dogs.
4. Food, treats, or favorite toys are prohibited within the Park. Balls are acceptable.
5. Owners must clean up and **properly dispose of waste** left by their dog(s).
6. No glass containers are allowed.
7. Smoking and the use of drugs or alcohol are prohibited at all times.

D. Park User Responsibilities and Assumption of Risk

1. Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to the use of this facility.
2. Each owner / handler is **legally and financially responsible for the actions of their dogs** in the off-leash park.
3. If any person or dog is bitten by a dog in the park, report it to Las Cruces Animal Control: Office (575)528-4100 or City Dispatch (575)526-0795.

E. Minor modifications to off-leash dog park rules and operational guidelines may occur to ensure public safety is maintained. The Parks Administrator has said authority to ensure an off-leash dog park functions in a safe environment.