

Park Rules & Regulations

ENTER AT YOUR OWN RISK PARK OPEN SUNRISE TO SUNSET

- 🐕 Dog owners are responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- 🐕 Dogs MUST display current city license and rabies vaccination tags.
- 🐕 Dog owners MUST clean up after their pets.
- 🐕 Puppies under 4months of age are prohibited.
- 🐕 Dogs should be spayed or neutered. Female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- 🐕 Aggressive dogs are prohibited.
- 🐕 Remove any pinch, prong, or spiked collars before entering the play area.
- 🐕 Dogs should be leashed upon entering and exiting the staging area.
- 🐕 Dog owners MUST be in visual contact with their dogs at ALL times.
- 🐕 No more than 3 dogs per owner.
- 🐕 Children under 12 years of age must be under strict adult supervision.
- 🐕 Rawhides, food (dog or human) and glass bottles are not permitted.
- 🐕 No smoking in the park. Cigarette butts are harmful to dogs if swallowed.
- 🐕 To report animal problems, please call: 620-340-6345.
- 🐕 To report park problems, please call: 620-342-6558

Failure to comply with these rules may result in a citation punishable by a fine. The rules are for your safety and the safety of your dogs. Offending animals may be excluded from the park.

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2920 West 24th Avenue



Promoting Responsible
Pet Ownership in the
Emporia Community



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Buck Fund Dog Park & The Emporia Community

The Buck Fund Dog Park has been a true collaborative effort between the City of Emporia, The Responsible Dog Owners Group, and the support and generosity of our park donors. We believe that dog parks have specific benefits for our community.

Dog parks are a social hub for communities. Dogs often break the ice, allowing people who share interests to socialize while exercising their dogs. These interactions help neighbors to get to know each other, and to build a sense of community.

The dog park benefits our community in the following ways...

Strengthening of the human-animal bond by providing a safe environment for owners and their pets to socialize with one another. A well-exercised pet is a happier, healthier pet which makes them much more enjoyable to their owners while providing their owners with the opportunity for exercise as well. Exercise is proven to reduce the level of stress in both dogs and their owners.

An increase of education and awareness regarding responsible dog ownership in the City of Emporia. A centrally located kiosk in the dog park will provide information on pet socialization and health, dog licensing, veterinary sources, the advantages of spaying/neutering pets, prevention of animal cruelty, and more. Informational materials are contributed by local veterinarians, pet product vendors, animal welfare agencies, and R-DOG members.

Enhancement of Dryer Park by giving it a specific recreational purpose. The fencing installed at the park provides a secure environment for the pets. By providing agility equipment for dog owners to work with their dogs to exercise, and providing picnic tables and areas for the dogs and their owners to relax and socialize we have injected a specific purpose-driven environment towards canine recreation. Designated spaces for dogs and their owners reduce the likelihood that dogs will be let loose in other recreational areas where they could infringe on the rights of other park users.

An increase in tourism dollars spent in our community, by drawing travelers into Emporia for a relaxing break at the park. We are registered with www.dogpark.com, www.dogfriendly.com, and other related travel sites to list our city as a “pet-friendly” destination for tourists traveling with pets to stop and relax. These sites also provide a place for local hotels and campgrounds to register as “pet-friendly” places for tourists to stay overnight. We are working with the City of Emporia to develop signage to direct people to the park amenities, and listing the park as an attraction with the Chamber of Commerce.

Promotion of public health and safety while providing a tool for realistic enforcement of animal control laws such as annual vaccinations, leash laws and dog licensing. Designated off-leash dog parks reduce the resources law enforcement and animal control officials must spend on enforcing leash laws, allowing them to

devote their time to other areas of crime prevention. The park will increase public health and safety in the respect that all dogs are required to wear their collars with identification, dog license and current vaccination tags to enter the park. A well exercised and socialized dog interacts with the public in a positive way. The park users will also help educate the public regarding leash laws (where it is acceptable within the confines of the dog park to allow dogs to run off-leash and where leashes are required at all times in the general community).

Overall, the dog park is a great addition to the parks and recreation choices in Emporia. We encourage everyone to enjoy the park, and to abide by the posted rules and regulations. Those rules are posted for the safety of the park users and the safety of their dogs.

COMMON SENSE + GOOD MANNERS = DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

The Responsible Dog Owners Group plans to benefit the homeless animals of our community by hosting adoption events and fundraisers in support of The Emporia Animal Shelter and The H. Dale Buck Animal Welfare Memorial Fund, Inc.

Continued contributions are needed to maintain the park for our community.

Donations can be forwarded to:

H. Dale Buck
Animal Welfare Memorial Fund, Inc.
DOG PARK FUND
P.O. Box 1613
Emporia, KS 66801