

## Parr Hill Dog Park FAQs

**Q. What is a dog park?** A. A dog park is a location set aside for dogs and their owners to exercise and play off-leash in a controlled (i.e., fenced) environment.

**Q. What are the hours of the dog park in Joplin?** A. Park hours are dawn to dusk (subject to closures for required maintenance operations). Under no circumstances are you permitted in the park before 7 a.m. and after 11 p.m.

**Q. If I observe a problem at the park, what should I do?**

- For maintenance at Joplin Dog Park, please call: 417-625-4750.
- For disruptive animals, dogs lacking the proper tags, etc. please call 417-625-4750.
- For customer service: 417-625-4750.
- For an emergency, please call 911.

**Q. Can I bring more than one dog to the parks?** A. No more than two dogs are permitted, per handler, at one time. Professional dog trainers are not permitted to conduct training onsite.

**Q. In addition to the new dog park tag my pet will need to display, what else should I have?** A. Dog owners must have their dog licensed with the City, County or other municipal jurisdiction to apply for an off-leash dog permit. Current dog licenses must be displayed.

**Q. Am I responsible for cleaning up after my dog?** A. Yes. A receptacle for waste will be located on site; however, we will not be providing bags or scoops. A box will also be provided for dog owners to donate bags for other park users.

**Q. What should I bring with me to the park?** A. Please remember to have your dog(s) license and permit tags visible at all times and that they are current. Also, water and bags.

**Q. Will the dog parks be policed or monitored by the Parks and Recreation?** A. There will not be park staff stationed at the dog park, however, staff and police will monitor the areas periodically.

**Q. When does my dog have to be on a leash at the park?** A. Until you and your dog enter the fenced dog play area, your dog(s) has to be leashed.

**Q. Why is there a fee for the dog park and what will the monies be used for?** A. An annual off-leash dog permit will be required for access to the designated off-leash dog play areas. The permitting requirement will enable the City to provide safe environments in off-leash dog play areas for users and their pets.

**Q. What is needed to register for the dog park?** A. License showing the dog is registered in the city you live in, copy of shot record from a licensed veterinarian, paperwork showing the dog is spayed or neutered

**Q. If my pet is a service dog; do I need to purchase a dog park permit in Joplin?** A. The fee for the permit will be waived, however, you will still be required to fill out the appropriate paperwork for an application and have the tag displayed.

**Q. Who should I contact for information about volunteer opportunities in the dog park?** A. 417-625-4750

**Q. Do I need to be a resident of Joplin to obtain a dog park permit?** A. No, anyone can use the dog park once their pet meets the requirements to obtain a permit.