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## **Dog Park Rules**

- 1) Dog park hours are from dawn to dusk.
- 2) Use of the dog park is at your own risk. No attendant will be on duty.
- 3) Neither the City of Archdale nor the Archdale Parks and Recreation Department shall be liable for any injury or damage to person or property caused by any dog in the off-leash area.
- 4) The off-leash area is for dogs and their handlers only. No other use is allowed or permitted.
- 5) There should be no more than 20 dogs per side in the off-leash area at one time. A thirty-minute time limit is in effect while others are waiting.
- 6) Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age or older and must remain in the fenced-in area with their dogs at all times.
- 7) Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. No babies or strollers are allowed inside and children under the age of 12 are not recommended.
- 8) Handlers should have no more than two (2) dogs.
- 9) Dogs must be on a leash when entering and exiting the off-leash area. Dog handlers should keep their leash in hand once inside. See City Code of Ordinances: Section 5-12(a).
- 10) Dogs under 4 months of age and female dogs in heat are prohibited.
- 11) Dogs must have current vaccinations. A collar with an ID tag and rabies tag must be worn at all times. Spiked collars are not allowed.
- 12) No food (animal or people) or glass bottles are allowed within the off-leash area. No smoking. The use of tobacco products is prohibited within 50 feet of the dog park. See City Code of Ordinances: Section 4-34(c)(3).
- 13) If a dog digs a hole it must be filled back in by the dog handler.
- 14) Dog waste must be properly removed and disposed of by the dog handler. See City Code of Ordinances: Section 15-22 (b)(2).**
- 15) Dogs showing aggressive, hostile, or combative behavior must be immediately removed by the dog handler.
- 16) North Carolina State Law (N.C.G.A. Chapter 130A-196) requires that all dog bites be reported. In the case of a dog bite, dog handlers must contact the Archdale Police Department Animal Control at 336-434-3134. In addition, dog handlers are required to assist in the investigation by providing accurate identification and information.

**Any dog caught off-leash outside of the dog park will be charged a \$100.00 fine according to the City Code of Ordinances Section 5-12(a).**