

- ☹ Any dog found wandering without an owner will be hooked up in a designated spot in the entry area for the owner to come back for it.
- ☹ Do not let your dog go over or under the fence, as we want to be good neighbors to the farms and homes, BMX track, rugby field, and golf course nearby.
- ☹ Please report any gaps or troublesome areas you spot in fence. You may contact the Parks' office at 319-286-5760 or K9COLA at info@k9cola.org.
- ☹ Our parks will be closed or taken away from us if they become dirty or are not maintained. Please help out by reminding others to clean up after themselves and their dogs!
- ☹ Owners should work out disagreements with common sense and courtesy, and try to keep open minds. Owners and dogs all have varying degrees of experience with other dogs. Please have patience when dealing with one another.

**Park Locations:**

- ☹ Cheyenne Park Off-Leash Area  
1650 Cedar Bend Lane  
Ely, IA 52227
- ☹ Cedar Rapids' newest OLA will be located across from the Gardner Golf Course near Squaw Creek Park, opening expected in late 2011/early 2012.

**To learn more about dog behavior, K9COLA, the recall sessions we offer, and how to get involved, contact us:**

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0992  
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**We always need volunteers!**

# Cedar Rapids Off-Leash Areas Policies & Etiquette

Provided by K9COLA  
(Citizens for Off-Leash Areas)

Please Unleash Me...



**PLEASE READ THIS  
BEFORE ENTERING THE PARK  
WITH YOUR DOG!**

# Off-Leash Area Rules

There are a few basic rules in place to insure the safest and most enjoyable experience for all visitors to the park.

- 🐾 Owners must pick up and dispose of any fecal matter.
- 🐾 All dogs entering must be at least three months old and have all shots completed.
- 🐾 Permit tags must be on the dog's collar or with the owner at all times while in the park. Fines will be the same as those for at-large dogs in other city parks.
- 🐾 Dogs must remain on-leash until they have gone through a second gate into the training, small dog, or main yard. Dogs in these yards should be off-leash.
- 🐾 Owners must carry leashes at all times.
- 🐾 Dogs in main park (not training yard) must be under voice control (reliable recall) and in sight of owners at all times.
- 🐾 No female dogs in heat allowed.
- 🐾 No dogs allowed who have **injured** a person by biting.
- 🐾 Animal Control officers and Parks Department staff have the right to ask anyone to leave the park.
- 🐾 No wheels in the park except wheelchairs and strollers (no bikes, wagons, rollerblades, etc.).
- 🐾 Two dogs allowed per adult handler/owner.
- 🐾 No smoking is allowed in the park.
- 🐾 A responsible adult should accompany children under 12 years of age.
- 🐾 If your dog is involved in an unpleasant experience (but no injury) with another dog or person, please remove the dog from the park for the day. If your dog is vicious to another dog or person (causing injury), it will be reported to Animal Control as a vicious dog and will be subject to city policies regarding this issue. Incident Report forms can be found on the kiosk in the entry yard.
- 🐾 Owners are responsible for all behaviors by their dogs (fights, digging, etc.) and will be expected to offer compensation or repair as needed.
- 🐾 Dogs in small yard should be less than 15" at the shoulder.
- 🐾 No food in park other than small training treats. Beverages may be brought in if they are in plastic or paper containers and provided containers/lids are disposed of properly.

## The Parks & How to Use Them

The off-leash areas have four sections: entry, training, small dog, and main.



**Entry:** Dogs should still be **on-leash** in this area. This is the gravel area intended as a meeting point, information center, and where you can wait for classes or time in the training yard.

**Training yard** (*Do not enter this yard if there is a dog in the yard already, unless the owner gives you permission!*) Individual training time is on first-come, first-served basis. If people are waiting, there is a 20-minute limit on use of this area. This is the ideal location to play or to train if your dog does not come when called or hasn't had a lot of socialization in the past. This space can be reserved; contact Ambroz Recreation Center at 319-286-5731.

**Small Dog Yard:** This space is for dogs that are 15" or less at the shoulder (dogs that might be injured during play with larger dogs in the main park).

**Main Park:** These areas are entirely fenced. There is a path around the perimeter of the park. Keep your eye on your dog and call it back occasionally to make sure it will come when called. These are large parks and it may take time to catch a dog if you lose sight of it.

# Park Etiquette & Recommendations



- 🐾 Children are the responsibility of their parents. For their safety, supervise them and make sure they act responsibly. K9COLA does not recommend young children

enter the park.

- 🐾 Ask other owners before letting your dog join theirs in play. Some dogs are more interested in group play than others, and some have established group dynamics.
- 🐾 Don't let your dog jump on other park visitors. Even a friendly dog can knock over a fragile or young person.
- 🐾 Prong collars, choke, and studded collars can cause injury to your dog or other dogs in an off-leash setting and should not be worn in the park.
- 🐾 When playing fetch or Frisbee, please keep moving. Do not wear out grass by standing in the same spot. If you see worn turf, try another spot until it heals.

- 🐾 The park does not have lights so it closes at dark.
- 🐾 If it does not belong (poop, trash, toys, etc.) please pick it up, even if it's not yours. This will help keep our park clean and safe for everyone.
- 🐾 Benches and shelters are available throughout the park. Enjoy them, but make sure you pay attention to your dog.