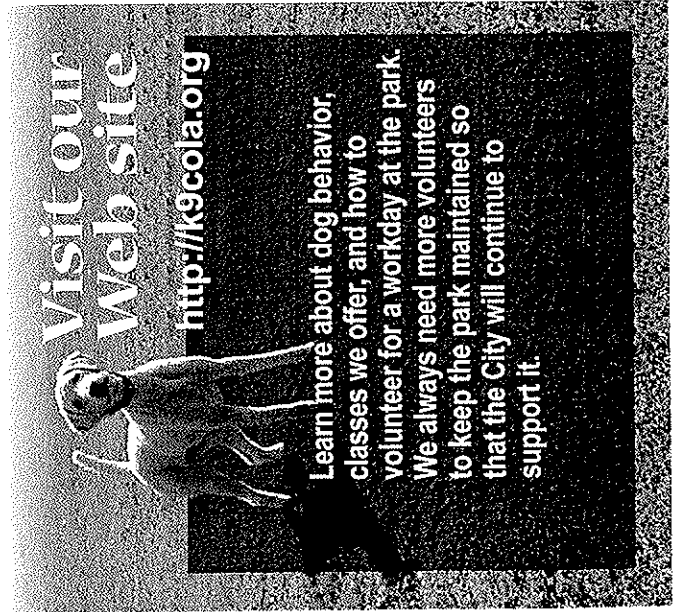


- Any dog found wandering without an owner will be hooked up in a designated spot in the Entry Area for owner to come back for it.
- Do not let your dog go over or under the fence, as we want to be good neighbors to the farms, BMX track, and rugby field nearby.
- Please report any gaps or other troublesome areas you spot in fence. You may contact the Parks Office at 319-286-5760.
- This park will be closed and taken away from us if it becomes dirty or isn't 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 an open mind. Owners and dogs all have varying degrees of experience with other dogs. Please have patience when dealing with one another.



Visit our Web site
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Learn more about dog behavior, classes we offer, and how to volunteer for a workday at the park. We always need more volunteers to keep the park maintained so that the City will continue to support it.

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Off-Leash Area Policies & Etiquette



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**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.

- Dogs in Main Park (not Training Yard) must be under voice control (reliable recall) and in sight of owners at all times.
- Owners must carry leashes at all times.
- No female dogs in heat allowed.
- No dogs allowed who have **injured** a person by biting.
- Permit tags must be on dogs' collars or with owners and visible at all times while in the park. Fines will be same as those for at-large dogs in other parks.
- Owners must pick up and dispose of any fecal matter.
- 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.
- Please pick up butts or refrain from smoking.
- A responsible adult should accompany children under 12 years of age.

The Off-Leash Area (OLA) has four main sections: entry, training yard, small dog yard, and the main park.

Entry: 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. Dogs should still be on leash in this area.

The Training Yard: This 1.5 acre space can be used for classes (contact Ambroz Recreation Center at 319-286-5731 if interested in reserving the space) or for individual training. Private training time is on first-come, first-served basis by signing in on the sheet/board by the Entry. Please wipe off your name when you are done. If people are waiting, there is a 20-minute limit on use of this area. This is the ideal location to play or train if your dog does not come when called or hasn't had a lot of socialization in the past. *Do not enter this area if there is a dog in the Yard already, unless the owner gives you permission.*

The Small Dog Yard: This one-acre space is for dogs that are 15 inches or less at the shoulder (dogs that might be injured during play with larger dogs in the Main Park). No limit on number of dogs in this area.

The Main Park: These 12 acres 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. This is a large park and it may take time to catch a dog if you lose sight of it.

Park Etiquette & Recommendations

- Prong collars and studded collars can cause injury to your dog or other dogs in off-leash setting, and should not be worn in the park.
- We do not recommend that dogs be on-leash in the park; however, if your dog is on-leash, keep the leash loose so that you do not force your dog to interact unnaturally with other dogs.
- When playing fetch or frisbee, keep moving. Do not wear out grass by standing in same spot. If you see worn turf, try another spot until it heals.
- The park closes at dark. Watch for Animal Control officers locking the gates so you aren't locked in!

Children are the responsibility of their parents. Please make sure children act responsibly and provide them with adequate supervision for their safety. 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.

The Park & How to Use It

