

City of Rome – Dog Park Rules

THE CITY OF ROME RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE RULES AT ANY TIME

- **Gate must remain locked at ALL times.**
- No more than 15 dogs are permitted in the Dog Park at one time. Please be courteous and limit your time if other dog park members if they are waiting to use the facility.
- Only dogs, owners, guardians and caregivers registered on a current and approved City of Rome Dog Park Permit Application may enter and use the Dog Park. **NO CATS OR OTHER PETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE DOG PARK.**
- **No more than two (2) dogs per person allowed at one time.**
- Park users and dog owners assume all risk related to the use of the Dog Park. By entering this Dog Park, you agree to assume all duties and releases of liability as set forth in the waiver and release, both of which must be signed and on file with the City of Rome before entering the Dog Park.
- Dog owners/guardians/caregivers must *accept full responsibility* for themselves, their children/guests and their dog(s) while in the park. **Owners are legally responsible for any damage, injury, or illness their dog(s) may cause to itself, other dog(s), other people or yourself.** Anyone who admits a non-member into the park or who provides a key for non-member(s) to access the park expressly assumes all responsibility for these individuals and their animals, including but not limited to property loss or damage, personal injury or injury to other animals. This includes doctor's fees and/or veterinarian or related fees.
- Owners/guardians/caregivers must carry a leash at all times. **Dogs must be leashed before entering and exiting the Dog Park.** Never carry your dog into the Dog Park. Never open more than one gate at a time. If an owner and his/her dog(s) are in the holding area, stand outside and wait for him/her to enter or exit. It is a good idea to introduce your dog to strange dogs while both are on leash. If an unknown dog enters the park, you may wish to leash your pet until the dogs have a chance to meet.
- Dogs must wear a collar with identification at all times, be licensed and vaccinated, healthy (have no contagious conditions or diseases), and be parasite free.
- No dogs previously adjudicated to be dangerous or have previously bitten or injured a person or other animal shall be allowed to enter the Dog Park. Dogs showing aggression towards people or other animals must be immediately removed from the park by the owners/guardians/caregivers. If you feel that you or any dog with you is in danger, simply leave the park, report the situation, and come back another day.
- Owners/guardians/caregivers should not leave their dogs unattended or allow the dog(s) to go out of sight.

- **Children under age 12 are not permitted in the park.** Children ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Please remember this is Dog Park and not a playground for children. If your children create problems for owners and their dogs, you may be asked by other participants to leave the Dog Park for safety's sake. Children should not run with the dogs or chase them while in the park.
- *Puppies under four months of age are prohibited, as they are not yet protected from diseases.*
- **Owners/guardians/caregivers must clean up after their dogs.** Waste disposal bags and trash cans are provided free.
- Owners/guardians/caregivers must stop dogs from digging and immediately fill holes.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed inside the park.
- **No wolves or wolf hybrids, pit bulls or pit bull hybrids are allowed. The City of Rome reserves the right to add additional animals or breeds to this list at any time with or without additional notice.**
- **Toys or food can be a source of confrontation between dogs. Please don't bring them if other dogs are present.**
- ***No food or smoking is allowed within the fenced area of the Dog Park. Smokers must not throw cigarette butts on the grounds.***
- Do not bring glass containers into the Dog Park.
- Littering is prohibited.
- Alcohol is prohibited by the Municipal Code of the City of Rome (*Rome City Code §42-3*).
- Professional dog trainers may not use this facility to conduct their business.
- The fenced Dog Park is for the use and enjoyment of registered dogs and their owners/guardians/caregivers. Recreational use by others is not permitted.
- Watering receptacles should be provided by owners/guardians/caregivers. Potable water provided by Dog Park.
- ***ONE (1) key will be issued per each successful household permit application.*** The fee for a replacement key is \$10.00. Keys must be returned to the City of Rome once there is no longer a current and valid Dog Park Permit, or upon request by the City of Rome. Permit holders may not share keys with others and the making of duplicate keys is strictly prohibited and may result in revocation of permit.
- Report any problems with the Dog Park facilities 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday to: Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Activities, 198 North Washington Street, Rome, New York 13440, (315) 339-7656. For emergencies call Rome Police Department at (315) 339-7780 or call 911.

VIOLATORS OF THE DOG PARK RULES ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE PARK, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE DOG PARK PERMIT AND THE POSSIBLE PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO APPROPRIATE PROVISIONS OF THE ROME CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES OR LAWS OF NEW YORK STATE.