



Off-Leash Dog Park Registration

Pet Behavior Training Completed (Date): _____

Member's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Number _____ E-mail Address _____

1st Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Spayed/Neutered? Yes No Color _____ Markings _____

Vaccination Date(s): _____ Veterinarian: _____

2nd Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Spayed/Neutered? Yes No Color _____ Markings _____

Vaccination Date(s): _____ Veterinarian: _____

3rd Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Spayed/Neutered? Yes No Color _____ Markings _____

Vaccination Date(s): _____ Veterinarian: _____

The Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County has created its off-leash dog park (the "Dog Park") for its registered members and their dogs to enjoy together. Dogs who have shown aggressive tendencies towards people or other dogs, including biting, are not eligible for admittance to the Dog Park and their owners should refrain from applying for membership.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Please initial each section to indicate that you have read, understand and agree to it.

The Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County (“HSVB”) has created its off-leash dog park (the “Dog Park”) for its registered members and their dogs to enjoy together. I understand that the use of this Dog Park means that I am taking certain risks of damage or injury to myself, my property, my dog(s) and to others in the Dog Park and associated facilities. **I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN DOGS ARE AROUND UNFAMILIAR PEOPLE AND OTHER DOGS, ACCIDENTS OR INJURY CAN RESULT, AND THAT PEOPLE, DOGS AND PROPERTY MAY BE INJURED OR DAMAGED. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT HSVB WILL NOT MONITOR DOG BEHAVIOR OR THE BEHAVIOR OF ANY PERSON USING THE DOG PARK, WHETHER AUTHORIZED OR UNAUTHORIZED. HSVB WILL NOT TAKE INCIDENT REPORTS, NOR WILL IT INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS ARISING IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOG PARK. THE ONLY RECOURSE I WILL HAVE REGARDING HUMAN OR ANIMAL BEHAVIOR IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE DOG PARK WILL BE THE REPORTING OF SUCH INCIDENT TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT.** _____ (initial)

Because I want to enjoy the privilege of using the Dog Park, I hereby agree to assume these risks, for myself, my guests, my property, and my dog(s). I agree to make an inspection of HSVB & IRC Dog Park property, and to continue to stay vigilant regarding the Dog Park property and regarding my property and my dog(s). I agree that it is solely my responsibility to determine whether the Dog Park property itself and any particular situation involving other members and dogs is safe for myself, my property, my guests and my dog(s). _____ (initial)

In exchange for the opportunity to use and enjoy the Dog Park, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents, invitees, licensees or concessionaires and each of their successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter the “HSVB Indemnitees”) from and against any and all liability whatsoever, including any and all claims, demands, costs, attorney’s fees, judgments, awards, losses, damages or injury to person, including death and serious injury, and damage to personal property, in connection with, arising from or which may result in any fashion from my use and my dog’s use of the Dog Park, in each case regardless of the cause and regardless of any negligence or negligent acts in whole or in part by the HSVB Indemnitees. _____ (initial)

Specifically, I understand that this covenant not to sue, hold harmless, release and indemnity agreement includes any claims based on the negligence, actions or inactions of the HSVB Indemnitees and covers bodily injury, including death and serious injury, and property damage suffered by anyone, including me, in any fashion from my use and my dog’s use of this Dog Park. _____ (initial)

I am 18 years old or older and have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract. I intend for this covenant not to sue, hold harmless release and indemnity agreement to be binding upon my heirs, beneficiaries, next of kin, personal representative or executor, and assignees. _____ (initial)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please initial each section to indicate that you have read, understand and agree to it.

HOURS: The Dog Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, other than the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., when it will be closed for HSVB shelter use. The Dog Park will also be closed when flooding occurs, which is common in summer months.

LARGE/SMALL DOG PARKS: The small dog park is reserved for dogs under 25 pounds and the large dog park is reserved for dogs over 25 pounds.

REGISTRATION/MEMBERSHIP/TERMINATION: All dogs must be registered and approved by HSVB. HSVB reserves the right to deny entry to the facility or membership in the Dog Park for any reason, and to terminate membership or expel any person and/or dog from the facility for any reason. _____ (initial)

SPAY/NEUTER: Only spayed or neutered dogs are allowed in the Dog Park. _____ (initial)

VACCINES: Your dog must be up to date on all vaccinations including Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza and Bordetella. _____ (initial)

VACCINES: Proof of current vaccines for each dog must be provided with this form and along with your annual membership renewal and must remain current throughout your membership period. Your access key may be disabled when your dog's vaccines are not up to date. _____ (initial)

COLLARS: When in the Dog Park, your dog must wear a collar with current license and rabies tags. _____ (initial)

PUPPIES: Puppies younger than 4 months are prohibited from the Dog Park for their own protection. _____ (initial)

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS: A maximum of 3 dogs per handler are allowed per membership or in the Dog Park at any time. _____ (initial)

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES: Each member must respect the rights of each other member. You are personally responsible for damage inflicted by your dog. _____ (initial)

SECURITY: Under no circumstances should you let someone into the Dog Park who does not have their own member key. _____ (initial)

WHEN TO VISIT THE PARK: First time users should consider coming at off-peak times for their initial visits. Ask questions of people inside the fence about how to ease your dog's initial stress of entering for the first time. If you are not sure how your dog will react to the current conditions, don't put pressure on your dog by forcing it into what it thinks is a threatening situation. Instead, come back at another time when it is less crowded. _____ (initial)

LEASHING YOUR DOG: You must keep your dog leashed at all times while outside the fenced Dog Park area. Even if your pet is under perfect voice control, many people have fears and any dog off-leash, and dogs off-leash outside the fenced area violates the County's Leash Law. Dogs must be kept on a leash until the owners/handlers and dog(s) are inside the transition area. Leashes should be removed while inside the transition area. Some dogs feel threatened if they are leashed in the presence of unleashed dogs. Have a leash in hand at all times. Stay within view of your dog and

supervise your dog's(s') activity. _____ (initial)

ENTERING THE PARK: Do not enter the transition area if there is already someone in there. Make sure that the gates are secured in front of and behind you when entering and leaving the Dog Park. Quickly move away from the entrance area as you enter. That will help disperse the group of dogs that will come over to welcome your dog to the park. Move away from the fence so that your dog does not feel cornered or threatened. This will lessen the problem caused when several off-leash dogs already in the park come running over to greet the new arrival, perhaps overwhelming the arriving dog. _____ (initial)

YOUR DOG'S EXPERIENCE: Many dogs will be experiencing the off-leash environment for the first time and may not be used to the excitement and level of energy. Please watch your dog closely. If your dog acts aggressively, please put the dog on a leash immediately, remove it from the Dog Park and let it "cool down". It takes time for a new dog to become comfortable with the idea that other dogs all share this neutral environment. Keep in mind that everyone at the Dog Park wants the same thing: socialized dogs that can have fun playing together. If you are not sure how your dog will react, try coming to the park when few other dogs are there to keep the intimidation level as low as possible. You may wish to keep your first visit to the Dog Park rather short to minimize the stress on your dog. Leaving early when your dog is having a good time will make it more likely that your dog will be anxious to return for another visit. _____ (initial)

STAY ALERT! Be aware of what is happening in the Dog Park at all times as there will likely be groups of dogs running around the park and having fun. People standing around are obstruction -- a dog being chased may try to run its pursuer into a person to gain an advantage. _____ (initial)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: There are RED safety boxes throughout the park. In the case of an emergency, using the spray in the safety boxes may help stop an altercation. _____ (initial)

ABOUT CHOKE AND PRONG COLLARS: NO CHOKE, PRONG OR SPIKED COLLARS SHOULD BE WORN IN THE DOG PARK. Each of these collar types can result in injury to its wearer, another dog, or a person depending on the situation. If a choke collar gets hung up on something while running, its wearer can choke. Some dogs, while playing, like to softly bite the back of another dog's neck. Dogs wearing prong collars receive a much stronger bite during this type of play, while dogs wearing spiked collars can inflict injury. _____ (initial)

BE RESPONSIBLE: Be a responsible dog owner -- if your pet has a contagious condition, STAY AWAY from the dog park until a veterinarian has said there is no danger to other dogs. For your own dog's and all other dogs' protection, your dog needs to be current on all of its vaccinations. _____ (initial)

DOG WASTE BAGS AND RECEPTACLES: Our dog park is equipped with waste receptacles and plenty of bags, so please use them! The complaint most heard from opponents of dog parks is the handling of waste matter and the upkeep of the park. Please clean up after your own pet and while visiting and help pick up any "orphan poop" that someone else might have missed. Continued use of this park will depend on our control of this issue and everyone pitching in to help. _____ (initial)

DIGGING: Owners must stop their dogs from digging and are responsible for quickly filling in any holes or repairing any damage their dog causes. _____ (initial)

CHILDREN: Children need to be closely supervised at all times. While they are welcome, child's play is not. This is a playground for dogs, not children. Be sure to teach your children how to behave properly in a dog park environment. Playful, unsupervised children and playful, unleashed dogs mixed together could result in injury. Please understand that this area is provided for dogs to interact with other dogs and that your children could be considered an interruption in dog play. If you choose to bring your children within the park, you should SUPERVISE THEM VERY CLOSELY!! Teach your children proper dog park behavior—they should not be allowed to run around, pick up and wave sticks, or approach animals that they do not know. Children 17 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult. _____ (initial)

BOUNDARIES: Please refrain from allowing your dog to roam the HSVB grounds, which is NOT permitted. _____ (initial)

NO BARE FEET: There are rocks, wood chips, and perhaps other debris in the park. Shoes must be worn at all times. _____ (initial)

FOOD ITEMS: Do not bring human or dog food/treats into the dog park. Many dogs are on diets to keep their weight under control. Some dogs have food allergies and that treat might make a dog ill. A normally well-behaved dog can jump at or lunge for food, especially human food, when hungry. _____ (initial)

LOST CARD FEE: If you lose your card, there is a \$25 card replacement fee. _____ (initial)

Use of the Dog Park is a privilege, not a right, and this application implies no commitment or liability on the part of HSVB to pet owners or Dog Park members. A violation of the Dog Park Rules and Regulations is grounds for immediate termination of membership and Dog Park privileges with NO refund of membership fees. I understand that HSVB reserves the right to alter or amend its rules at any time or to revoke my membership or not renew it at any time for any other reason, in which case my only recourse to HSVB will be reimbursement of my Dog Park membership fee on a pro-rata basis. _____ (initial)

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all the Membership Regulations, the Release and Waiver Liability and Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and the Rules and Regulations.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

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FOR STAFF USE ONLY

Membership Begins _____ Ends _____

Name: _____ Card #: _____

Vaccine Due Date: _____