



DIXON STREET DOG PARK

Information Packet & Application



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:

- 791 Dixon St. Allentown, PA 18103.

Goals:

- To develop and maintain a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved dogs can run freely and socialize in a clean, safe environment without endangering people, property, or local wildlife.
- To promote education, training, and recreational activities that facilitate responsible dog ownership.
- To operate in partnership with volunteers and other public and private partners.

Distinctive Features:

- 1.5 acre off-leash park, including a small dog area (under 30 pounds) and a large dog area (over 30 pounds).
- Easy access and free parking
- Amenities include double gated transition area, water fountain for both people and dogs, benches, shade structures, and agility course equipment
- Access for registered members only

Annual Fees:

- City of Allentown residents - **FREE**
- Non- City of Allentown, Lehigh County residents - **\$25.00**.
- ***Proof of residency required.***

**Please note a replacement key is \$10.00.*

HOW DO I JOIN?

Step 1 – Obtain and maintain a current Lehigh County dog license and vaccinations.

Current Lehigh County dog license, rabies, and distemper vaccinations are required for each dog listed on the application. You will need to show written proof (copies acceptable) of these items when you register for a dog park membership.

- Lehigh County Dog Licenses are available for either one (1) calendar year, or lifetime.
 - For more information, please visit:
<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Fiscal-Tax-Claims/Licenses-Permits>
- Rabies and distemper vaccinations are each available for one (1) or three (3) years.

Step 2 – Register

- Annual Registration Fees:
 - City of Allentown residents are free with proof of residency.
 - Non- City of Allentown, Lehigh County residents are \$25.00.
- How to register:
 - In person at 3000 Parkway Blvd, Allentown PA 18104.
 - Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM
 - Please bring the following items with you when registering:
 - Proof of residency in the form of a photo ID
 - Proof of dog(s) current:
 - Lehigh County license
 - Rabies and Distemper vaccines
- Your access key will immediately grant you access to the appropriate area based on your dog(s) weight; either the small dog side (under 30 pounds) or the large dog side (over 30 pounds).

Step 3 – Enjoy!

- For questions pertaining to the dog park and to membership, please call the Allentown Department of Parks & Recreation at 610-437-7750.
- For questions pertaining to Lehigh County dog licenses and vaccinations, please call Allentown Animal Control at 610-437-7535.

Step 4 – Renew Annually

- Dog Park application, fees, and valid documentation (dog license, shot records) are required to be submitted annually by your anniversary date.
 - ***Please note failure to update required documentation will result in your key fob being turned off until received.***

DIXON STREET DOG PARK RULES

1. Off leash dog park hours: Sunrise to Sunset.
2. Use of the dog park is at your own risk. Dog owners/handlers are solely responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs at all times and assume all liability for damages suffered by any person or dog injured by the members' dog(s) while utilizing the dog park.
3. The dog park is for dogs, their owners/handlers and those accompanying them. No other use of the dog park is permitted. All users must be members in the dog park program in order to receive an access key to utilize the dog park. Access keys are not transferrable and can only be used by registered individuals and their dog(s).
4. No more than two (2) dogs per owner/handler are permitted in the dog park at one time.
5. Dogs are to remain leashed outside of the dog park, as well as when entering and exiting the dog park's transition area. Owners/handlers must have a leash in hand at all times while in the off-leash area.
6. All dogs 6 months and older entering the dog park must be up to date on rabies and distemper vaccines and must wear a collar displaying their rabies tag and dog license as required by Pennsylvania Dog law and City ordinance. Dogs with contagious health conditions or that have internal or external parasites (fleas, ticks or worms) are not permitted in the park.
7. The dog park is divided into separate fenced in areas. Dogs weighing less than 30 lbs. must use the Small Dog area. Dogs weighing over 30 lbs. must use the Large Dog area. Unintentional, potentially serious injury can occur to small dogs being allowed to play in the Large Dog area.
8. No alcohol, food, dog food, treats, glass containers or special toys are permitted in the dog park. Food, treats and special toys may cause territorial or aggressive behaviors, posing a safety risk to other dogs and handlers.
9. Owners/handlers must be present with their dog(s) and have them in view and under voice control at all times.
10. Dog waste must be collected by the owner/handler, bagged and disposed of in the appropriately marked receptacles.
11. If a dog becomes aggressive, it must be removed from the park immediately.
12. No dogs under 6 months, unneutered male dogs, female dogs in heat or dogs known to be aggressive or with a history of dangerous behavior are permitted in the park.
13. No children under 12 permitted in the park and children between the ages of 12 and 17 must be accompanied by and supervised at all times by an adult. Their smaller size and lack of experience with dogs can create a dangerous situation for the child and the dog and an overexcited dog may unintentionally knock over or injure a child while greeting or playing. A dog who is afraid of children may react aggressively to a child's attempt to make friends and in rare cases, a dog may view a child as prey.
14. Owners/handlers must fill in any holes made by their dogs. Holes can cause injury to dogs and their handlers.

15. The park may not be used for private use or gain, which includes, but is not limited to, instruction or training activities or events of any type without the written approval of City of Allentown Department of Parks & Recreation.
16. Advance notice of dog park closures for purposes of maintenance will be posted on the Department of Parks & Recreation's website and Facebook page.
17. Owners/handlers are expected to follow all rules and regulations that pertain to conduct in the dog park as well those pertaining to conduct in all park and recreation areas in the City.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, CALL 911.

***THE ADDRESS FOR THE DOG PARK IS:
791 DIXON ST. ALLENTOWN, PA 18103***

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND/OR FINES IN ADDITION TO POTENTIAL LEGAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THE CITY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

ENTERING AND EXITING THE DOG PARK

The Dixon Street Dog Park is divided into two (2) separate off-leash areas, providing maximum safety for your dog(s). When entering and exiting the designated areas close the gates securely behind you and your dog(s). Open or tied back gates defeat the purpose of the security provided. Anyone found leaving a gate open, unlatched, or tied back will have their membership suspended and access key de-activated for a first offense. A second offense will result in the termination of your membership.

A service gate is located on the outer fence. These gates provide access for the City's maintenance. They are not to be used by members and are to be kept locked unless in use by authorized personnel. If you find an unlocked maintenance gate, please call the Lehigh County Communications Center at 610-437-7751. Do not enter the off-leash areas through the service/emergency gates as these gates do not provide sufficient security necessary for safely entering or exiting the park. Additionally, dogs that are already in the off-leash area might escape as you enter the park through the unauthorized service gates.

Entering the Dog Park

1. The outer gate is electronic, and the use of the access key is required to enter.
2. Before opening the outer gate, check to be sure the inner gate is properly closed and no dogs are in the transition area.
3. Open the outer gate and enter the transition area with the dog(s) on-leash. Close the outer gate and check that it is properly closed.
4. Remove the dog(s) leash.
NOTE: Having a dog on a leash when confronting an off-leash dog can be a recipe for trouble. A leashed dog may feel vulnerable and fearful, as well as protective of its owner. Tugging on the leash puts a dog at a disadvantage with other dogs. The dog is restrained, but placed in a chest-out, raised-up aggressive pose that can cause the off-leash dog to feel threatened.
5. Remain in the transition area while you observe the behavior of dogs already in the off-leash area. If the behavior is friendly and the area is not congested, carefully open the inner gate and enter – move forward into the park, do not stand at the gate.
6. If you or other dogs' behavior is unfriendly, put the leash back on your dog and remove them from the area through the exit gate.
7. Once inside the park, close the inner gate and check that it is properly closed.

Exiting the Dog Park

1. Before you open the inner gate, please check to make sure that the outer gate is properly closed and that any other dogs are not trying to leave with you.
2. Open the inner gate and enter the transition area. Close the inner gate and check that it is properly closed.
3. Place a leash securely on the dog, open the outer gate and exit the transition area.
4. Close the outer gate and check that it is properly closed.

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

For many pet owners, dog parks are a god send! They are a way to exercise your athletic dog after you've been at work all day, socialize a young dog, and even meet new friends for you and your dog! But a dog park can also be dangerous when we are not watching our dogs closely enough for signs of stress, anxiety, or overstimulation. This information should serve as a guide on how you and your dog can have a positive experience at the dog park!

Guidelines:

Not all dogs are dog park dogs! If your dog(s) has a history of aggression towards any other dogs or humans, becomes stressed in a group of dogs, or guards things that are of high value to them (toys, sticks) they may not be the best candidate for dog park socialization.

Keep it positive! If your dog(s) is unfamiliar with the dog park setting, make sure the first few visits to the dog park are positive and fun! This may mean going at off-peak times (Monday-Friday between 10am and 3pm, or after 7:30pm on any day). Once you are sure your dog(s) can successfully handle the rigors of a dog park, you may want to introduce him at peak times.

Be present at the dog park. When you are at the park, always have your eyes on your dog(s)! Watching for signs of stress or bullying, giving your dog(s) time outs if they are becoming overstimulated, and knowing when to go home for the day all come from watching every move your dog(s) makes at the park. Sure, you can still socialize with all of your new dog people friends, but remember to keep one eye on your pooch at all times!

Mind your comings and goings! Entering and exiting the dog park can be hot buttons for many dogs. Leashed dogs when surrounded by loose dogs can feel threatened and vulnerable and may lash out. Practice proper entrance and exit techniques by utilizing our double-gate policy.

Know when your dog has had enough. You will notice through your dog's behavior and body language when it's time to go! If you see any signs that your dog is tired or has had enough for one day, be proactive and give your dog a time out by taking him for a walk outside the park, or go home for the day and come back the next day.

Be proactive! Everyone knows that their dog is pretty much the most wonderful dog in the whole park. But even if your dog is not the instigator, if you think that your dog is in danger of having a bad experience at the park, be proactive about the situation. Always talk to people respectfully, and know when it is better to simply remove your dog from the situation before an accident happens.

What's What at the Dog Park:

When at the dog park, it is important to understand basic canine body language. The following list will help you recognize what is ok and what might lead to trouble.

Aggression vs. Correction

Correction – No Harm No Foul!

There are times when a dog will correct another dog for something he deems inappropriate. This is totally normal, nonaggressive, and it's actually good for teaching young dogs important lessons about canine social structure and body language. Appropriate corrections generally escalate in severity and result in no harm being done to the correctee. If your dog is over-correcting, it may be time to give a time out.

- Stiff body posturing and piloerection or whale eye. (Hair on shoulders and butt stand up and you see the whites of the eyes)
- Loud woofs or snarks directed at an individual
- Muzzle punching or lunging resulting in no harm being done to the correctee
- Normally done once and the argument is over

Aggression – When it's Time to Go!

An important part of being a member of the dog park is recognizing when it is time for your dog to end their dog park session for the day. If your dog is exhibiting any of the following behaviors, it may be time to leave the park and come back later:

- Stiff body posturing and piloerection. (Hair on shoulders and butt stand straight up)
- Repeated correcting of other dogs, sometimes over very benign instances
- Targeting, bullying, or stalking individual dogs
- Fearfulness which does not subside
- Prey drive

Breaking Up a Dog Fight:

Dog fights happen! It is important when in a dog park to keep your cool if a fight breaks out so as not to escalate the situation. Collect loose dogs who are not part of the fight to prevent mobbing.

- Start by making a loud noise such as clapping your hands or shouting "No!", or throwing water on the fighting dogs.
- Do not grab dogs by the collars or necks, faces to avoid a redirected bite.
- One person should grab each dog from the hips, pinching the loose skin between the belly and legs, and pull out of the fight, wheelbarrow style. (remember: 1 person per dog)
- Remove fighting dogs from the park for the day.

Appropriate – You're OK!

- Butt sniffing and loose tail and body language
- Wide, circular tail wagging
- Play bows
- Butt bumps
- Playful vocalization
- Brief, fair and harmless disagreements or corrections

Calming Signals – Meant to Diffuse Tension, Recognize and React Appropriately

- Averting eye contact
- Lip-licking, chewing
- Submissive urination
- Going belly up
- Tail between legs

Inappropriate or Rude – Time for a Time Out or Maybe Time to Go!

- Hard stares and face-offs
- One dog chasing, pinning, targeting or not letting up on another dog
- A group of dogs mobbing an individual dog

INCIDENT RESOLUTION PROTOCOL

The primary purpose of the Dixon Street Dog Park Rules is to protect our members and their dogs. The second is to provide an enjoyable experience for both humans and pets while in the Dixon Street Dog Park. The safety of our members and their pets is our first priority.

So that we may provide, within our ability, safety and peace of mind, we need your assistance. Because our staff cannot be present at the park at all times of operation, we depend upon our members to follow the rules and to report incidents they have witnessed.

In the event of an incident, please complete the Incident Report Form and provide all relevant information with as much detail as possible so we can investigate appropriately. Please do not forget to provide your e-mail address so that we may contact you to follow up, if necessary.

Human Infractions (any member who chooses to disregard the dog park rules):

- Depending upon the severity or number of infractions:
 - Warning given
 - Access key disabled and membership suspended
 - Termination of membership

Dog Fights/Bites:

- If a member's dog is involved in an incident involving aggressive behavior, one and/or all involved parties will have access suspended pending investigation.
- All parties must submit an Incident Report. Witness statements will be solicited.
- If determined that a specific dog initiated aggression with intent to cause harm and/or caused physical harm to another dog/human, membership will be terminated and access key will be deactivated.

INCIDENT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

When an incident occurs at the Dixon Street Dog Park, owners should follow the posted rules. If an owner would like to file a formal report or make the City aware of an ongoing situation, the Incident Report form must be completed. The Incident Report will enable us to document occurrences and properly investigate and resolve the concerns of our dog owners.

Incident Report Forms can be obtained as follows:

Pick up: Allentown Department of Parks & Recreation
3000 Parkway Blvd. Allentown, PA 18104
(Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8am-4pm)
Online: www.allentownpa.gov/DogPark

Completed Incident Report Forms can be submitted as follows:

In Person: At the location listed above
Mail: To the address above
E-mail: dogpark@allentownpa.gov
Fax: 610-437-7796

What is reportable and what will be reviewed:

Violations that should be reported and will be automatically reviewed:

- Children under the age limit in the dog park
- All dog bites – dog on human and dog on dog

Violations that can be reported and will be documented and investigated:

- Failure to abide by dog park rules
- Disruptive/abusive behavior to persons and/or dogs

If repeated offenses of the same violation are reported, a full review will be conducted by City staff, including the Department of Parks & Recreation, Animal Control, and potentially the Health Bureau.

CANINE EMERGENCIES

Heat Exhaustion/Stroke

Heat stroke is a common occurrence during the hot months of the year. Dogs are prone to overheating because they do not sweat. Other factors such as obesity, advanced age, or infancy can also make a dog more vulnerable to heat.

Symptoms (some or all may be present):

- Panting
- Weakness or collapse
- Gums getting very dark or very pale
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Seizures

Cool the dog down immediately by soaking with water. If showing signs of distress, contact your veterinarian and/or transport to emergency hospital immediately.

Prevention: Wet your dog down periodically. Offer water frequently. Dogs at risk should not use the park during the heat of the day.

Bug/Bee Bites/Stings

If a dog suddenly starts clawing at their face or drooling excessively, they may have been stung or bitten. If your dog exhibits signs of distress, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Tick Bites

Ticks often cause symptoms on the skin. Once ticks latch onto the skin, they can cause severe itchiness, in addition to red and inflamed skin. Lyme disease, a fairly common canine disease is caused by tick bites. Symptoms can include fever, reduced energy and lameness. A tick can transmit the disease once it has been attached to a dog for 24 to 48 hours.

Prevention: Upon leaving the dog park, check your dog for ticks from its head to the tip of its tail.



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DIXON STREET DOG PARK INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Please note that any incident involving bodily injury to persons or dogs requiring medical attention should be immediately reported to the City of Allentown by calling 911 or the Allentown Police Department. This form should be completed for all incidents of aggressive dog behavior and those incidents noted above regardless of severity.

Claimant Information				
Claimant Name		Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address				
Dog's Name		Age	Breed	
Weight lbs	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Color(s)	
General Description _____				
Other Individual(s) / Dog(s) Involved Information				
Name		Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address				
Dog's Name		Age	Breed	
Weight lbs	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Color(s)	
General Description _____				
<p><i>If names are not known, please provide a full description of the individual, their dog's name and anything that may be pertinent (i.e. make, model, color of their car, license plate number, etc.) or other additional information that may assist us in this review.</i></p>				

Nature of the Incident		
Date of Incident / /	Time : AM/PM	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Small Dog Area <input type="checkbox"/> Large Dog Area <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____
Describe Incident: _____ _____		
Describe Injuries: _____ _____		
Witness: _____ Phone Number: _____ Witness: _____ Phone Number: _____		
Actions Taken:		
<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) : _____ _____		

Signature: _____	Date: _____
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Note: All incidents will be handled in as timely a manner as possible. All of the guidelines of use of this facility can be found at:

www.allentownpa.gov/DogPark

Thank you!

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Allentown Animal Control 641 South 10 th St. Allentown, PA 18103 Phone: 610-437-7535	Allentown Police Department 435 Hamilton St. Allentown, PA 18101 Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 610-437-7751	Allentown Parks & Recreation 3000 Parkway Blvd, Allentown, PA 18104 Phone: 610-437-7750 Fax: 610-437-7796
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Resident (FREE) Non-Resident (\$25.00)

Office Use Only

____ R ____ NR (ID Checked)

____ Dog License

____ Rabies

____ Distemper

____ Completed App & Waiver

____ - _____ Key Card Number

Received and Verified for Accuracy By: _____

Date: _____



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DIXON STREET DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership Fees

City of Allentown Residents	FREE
Non-City of Allentown, Lehigh County Residents	\$25.00 annually

Applicant Information

Applicant Name		Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
Address		City	State
			Zip Code
E-mail Address			
Today's Date / / 2020		Date of Birth / /	
Emergency Contact		Relationship	Cell Phone Number
Additional family members permitted to use access tag: <i>(must be 18 years of age and complete all orientation/waiver paperwork)</i>			
_____		DOB:	/ /
_____		DOB:	/ /
Dog Information			
Name of Dog		Current Age	DOB / /
Breed		Color(s)	
Weight lbs	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Is this dog spayed or neutered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Veterinarian Name: _____			
License #	Expiration Date	Rabies Expiration Date	Distemper Expiration Date

Has this dog ever received a Police or PA Dog Law Citation? Yes No Unknown

If yes, please list the reason: _____

Has this dog ever displayed aggressive behavior towards another dog(s) or person(s)?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, please list the reason: _____

Name of (second) Dog	Current Age	DOB / /
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Breed	Color(s)
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Weight lbs	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Is this dog spayed or neutered? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Veterinarian Name: _____

License #	Expiration Date	Rabies Expiration Date	Distemper Expiration Date
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Has this dog ever received a Police or PA Dog Law Citation? Yes No Unknown

If yes, please list the reason: _____

Has this dog ever displayed aggressive behavior towards another dog(s) or person(s)?

Yes No Unknown

If yes, please list the reason: _____

Please use additional sheet for other dogs in same household

I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement herein I am subject to such penalties that may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Sign-Off – Rules and Immunization Requirements

Please read this page carefully, initial and sign. This page is required to be submitted with your registration.

_____ I have received and understand the City of Allentown Dog Park Application and Information Packet in its entirety and agree to abide by all rules and park etiquette as established. I understand that failure to comply will result in suspension or revocation of my dog park membership.

_____ I understand that I am solely responsible for the actions of myself and dog(s), including, but not limited to:

_____ Any and all damages caused to the park facility by my dog(s).

_____ Any and all injuries caused by my dog to another person(s) and or dog(s).

_____ I understand and agree that it is solely my responsibility to maintain current immunization and Lehigh County dog license records and, upon providing records with my initial application, I understand and agree that I will maintain up to date Lehigh County dog license(s) and immunizations for my dog(s) should I renew my membership.

Name (print legibly)

Signature

Date

The City of Allentown reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette or where it has been determined a member dog(s) or dog(s) owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER

Initial each section, sign and date.

Important Information

_____ Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to established Dog Park Rules and Regulations are conditions of membership and issues of an access key, retention and renewal. Access keys are for use only by those listed on the application.

_____ You are solely responsible for supervising your dog and determining whether or not this is an appropriate activity to participate in. You must understand that you and others who accompany you are participating in this activity at your and their own risk (and risk of your dog[s]). Dogs and members of varying degrees of skill, training, and experience use this facility. You are solely responsible for determining if you and your dog are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use this facility. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury, or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before undertaking any dog training or exercise activity.

_____ When this Waiver & release refers to “your dog,” “my dog,” or the “owner of a dog,” it includes you whether or not you are the legal owner of the dog, since you are the person responsible for the dog while using the facility.

Warning of Risk

_____ Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to the dog, its owner/handler, or other persons or animals. Dogs are pack animals and when “off leash,” even the best trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the tendency of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to you, another person, or dog. Other risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, negligence, or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals; and actions by the dog due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting, and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slips and falls, premises defects, equipment failure in instruction/supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dogs and/or outdoor activities.

_____ Should you attempt to break up a dog fight or restrain a dog, including, but not limited to your dog, you may be attacked and severely mauled by your dog, the other dog, or attacked by another dog’s owner/handler. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the City of Allentown to guarantee absolute safety.

Assumption of Risk

_____ I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use with my dog(s) the dog park ("Park") owned and operated by the City of Allentown. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present within the Park necessarily involves a risk of injury to me, any persons that accompany me, other people using the Park, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that these risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume that responsibility knowingly and voluntarily. I recognize and acknowledge that use of this facility and the surrounding areas are for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss, or injury to animals, persons, or property (including me, other persons, my dog[s], and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of the severity, extent, or amount, that (a) I, my dog(s) or any other person that may be accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in this facility and surrounding area; or (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of me or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or arising out of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

_____ I further understand and assume the risk that all dogs in the park may not have current vaccinations for distemper or rabies, all of which could result in injury to me, any individuals (including children) accompanying me, and my dog(s). I also understand that there are certain inherent risks, including the propensity of a dog to behave in a dangerous way. Additional risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movement, objects, persons, or other animals; dog fights, dog bites, and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape over or under fences, plants in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas, or other insects that may be present; and wild animals, such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, or stray dogs that could be present in the Park, all of which might injure or infect my dog(s); slip and fall, premise defects, equipment failure in the instructions/supervision and other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities. I knowingly and voluntarily accept responsibility for all these risks in exchanges for the privilege of using the Dog Park.

_____ I further understand that no agents or employees of the City of Allentown will supervise the park at any time and I therefore expressly assume responsibility for all risks associated with the Park as well as any fixtures and equipment that may be located there in an unsupervised manner.

Waiver and Release of all Claims and Indemnification Agreement

_____ I have carefully read this waiver and release and understand its contents. I have received and read the Allentown Dog Park Application and Informational Guide, including the dog park rules and regulations, and agree by affixing my signature below to comply with those rules and regulations. I will also inform others that I may bring to the park (including children) of these rules and will ensure their compliance while using the park. My signature confirms that I am also not aware of any incidents in which my

dog(s) has/have shown aggressive, fighting, or biting behavior towards people or other animals.

_____ I recognize and acknowledge that use of this facility and the surrounding area for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons, or property (including me, other persons, my dog[s], and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, extent or amount, that (a) I, my dog(s) or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in the facility and surrounding area; or (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of me or my dogs actions or conduct in connection with or arising out of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

_____ In signing this Waiver and Release, I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release, and forever discharge the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents, from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss liability or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of this facility and surrounding area.

_____ I fully and forever release and discharge the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, its elected and appointed officials, employees and volunteers, and others working on behalf of the City from any and all negligent acts or omissions, with regard to the Dog Park and intend to be legally bound by this Release.

_____ I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh, and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents, and from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including, but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity.

_____ I also give permission and understand that my dog and I may be photographed during activities. The City of Allentown's Department of Parks and Recreation may use my photographic images in commercial or non-commercial publicity.

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. IF THIS FORM IS RECEIVED ON-LINE OR VIA FAX, YOUR ON-LINE OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHALL SUBSTITUTE AND HAVE THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS AN ORIGINAL FORM SIGNATURE.

Print Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____