



# Wagging Tails Dog Park Registration Form



To use Wagging Tails Dog Park, you must meet the requirements and pay the registration fee

Registration goes by the city's fiscal year: October 1 - September 30

There is no day pass, guest pass, or pro-rating of fee.

**Electronic, mail-in, and in-person registrations are accepted.**

## REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Complete, sign, and date this form
- (2) Provide copies of up-to-date vaccination records for rabies & distemper/parvo combo
- (3) Payment: \$20 per dog (Fee is charged annually and is subject to change)

**To register in person:** Provide required documents and payment to the park office during office hours. M-Sat 8:00am – 3:30pm, excluding government holidays.

**To register by mail:** Mail required documents and payment to Rotary Park

**To register by email:** Email required documents to RotaryParkInfo@capecoral.gov

**Payment:** Cash, check, or credit cards are accepted in person, or call to make a credit card payment by phone. Make checks out to the City of Cape Coral.

Name of dog owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Name: _____	Breed: _____	Age: _____	Sex: _____
Lee Co. License: _____	Rabies Exp. Date: ____/____/____	Dist/Parvo Exp. Date ____/____/____	

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**The waiver on next page must be signed annually**

**Staff Use Only:**

Fiscal year: \_\_\_\_\_ PD \_\_\_\_\_ VAC \_\_\_\_\_ TAG \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_ RT \_\_\_\_\_

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# FY 2024 Wagging Tails Dog Park Registration Form & Waiver

## Risk and Release of Liability

**Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to dog park rules are conditions for participating in the City of Cape Coral's Dog Park approval, retention, and renewal. Tag(s) may be revoked for noncompliance.**

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), designated dog park areas in parks operated by the City of Cape Coral. I understand that unleashing my dog and being physically present at a dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other people, my dog(s), and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior, and lack of training.

I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of the City of Cape Coral to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated for rabies as required which could result in injury to a human or dog. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights, dog bites, theft or unlawful capture, escape over and under fences, vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or toxic if consumed, burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dog's coat, feet, eyes, nose, or ears; mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, other insects, and wildlife typically found in a park, such as snakes, raccoons, opossums, rodents, etc.

It is my understanding that the use of the dog park is self-directed and not directly supervised by an agent or employee of the City of Cape Coral. I assume all risks associated with using the dog park, including fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

By signing this release, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cape Coral, its agents, officers, employees, and representatives from and against any and all damages, injuries, loss, costs, expenses, liability to persons and property, both real and personal, or demands of whatever kind, including any claims for injuries or damages to persons and property, made by, against, or on behalf of the undersigned, members of his/her family and invitees against the City of Cape Coral arising from, pertaining to, or resulting, either directly or indirectly, from my use of the dog park, including but not limited to death, sickness, injury, and disease to any person or dog, or destruction of property, both real and personal.

By submitting this application and associated required vaccination records, I hereby acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I realize that falsification of information may result in revocation of dog park use privileges.

I have carefully read the Dog Park Rules and Regulations (as provided as part of this registration packet) and agree to abide by them. I realize that non-compliance with dog park rules and regulations may result in the revocation of dog park use privileges.

I have carefully read this release of liability, and understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions.

**Type or Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FY 2024 Wagging Tails Rules & Regulations

**THE DOG PARK AND PARKING LOT AT ROTARY PARK WILL BE CLOSED EVERY YEAR ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY FOR THE BURROWING OWL FESTIVAL.**

**All users are hereby advised that Wagging Tails Dog Park is an unsupervised recreational area of the City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Department. Use at your own risk.**

**Owners are legally and financially responsible for their dogs' actions.**

**The dog park is closed Tuesday mornings for lawn maintenance.**

Our mission is to provide a safe, friendly area where dogs can exercise and play and dog owners can meet to socialize and expand our sense of community.

Up-to-date vaccinations for rabies, distemper, hepatitis, and parvo, must be provided for each dog. Park patrons are required to follow the rules. The rules are in place to protect all users, canine and human. Owners who fail to abide by rules are subject to temporary or permanent loss of park privileges.

**Pick up your dogs' poop and dispose of it in the containers provided.** This is essential to the park remaining open.

If you want to continue to have a dog park or have other dog parks in Cape Coral, park users must keep this one nice.

**AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** (Canine or human, please behave yourselves!)

Dog owners are responsible and liable for any damage to property, persons, or other animals caused by their dog(s).

Prevent problems by paying attention to what your dog is doing while in the park.

If your dog becomes unruly or is playing too rough, leash your dog and leave the dog park. There is no "time-out" area.

Weight guidelines: 35 pounds max in the small dog area, 25 pounds minimum in the big dog area

Each adult may have a maximum of three dogs at a time in the park; all dogs must be registered.

If you see aggressive behavior, take immediate action. Separate the dogs and leave.

Outside the fenced area **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED.** Keep your dog on a leash until you get inside the fence. There are other people at the park who are not using the dog park, please be courteous.

Wagging Tails is open during daylight hours. No entry is allowed before sunrise or after sunset.

No entry without registration. Wagging Tails registration tag must be visible while you are in the park.

No prong or spike collars.

No food or dog treats are allowed inside the dog park. This goes for people, too.

No smoking or littering in the dog park. Cigarette butts and food wrappers could be eaten by dogs and cause life-threatening problems.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied & supervised by an adult.

Children under the age of 5 are not permitted. Spectators should remain outside the fenced area.

Puppies less than four months of age are not permitted. Puppies must have completed all the vaccinations listed above.

Do not bring female dogs in heat to the park.

Park users should bring only spayed or neutered dogs to the park.

Fill in any holes your dog may dig or make appropriate repairs to disturbed areas.

**No dogs on the nature trail, playground, or in the preserve area.** There are alligators, bobcats, coyotes, & nesting birds.

**\*\*All dog bites must be reported by you** to Florida Department of Health in Lee County at 239-332-9501. If a bite or fight occurs owners must exchange their name and phone number with each other. Lee County Ordinance 98-10 Section 2; XXV states: *Any dog, cat, or ferret that bites or scratches a person may be impounded by Animal Services and held in quarantine for a minimum period of ten (10) days from the date of bite or scratch for rabies observation, either at Animal Services or at home. Information regarding the animal's description; current rabies vaccination date; owner's name, address, and telephone number; the name of the animal; the address and telephone number of the person bitten or scratched; and location of the wound, shall be reported to the department of health.*

Park users, canine or human, who are creating a disturbance or violating park rules must leave the dog park if/when requested by law enforcement personnel, park personnel, or their designated agents.

All Lee County and Florida animal control laws and ordinances apply to the dog park and the entire park property.

For after-hours violations of park rules or altercations, please call the CCPD non-emergency number 239-574-3223

If you suspect illegal activity going on, call the police (911). Do not wait to report suspected illegal activity.

**Rotary Park: 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral, 33914    239-549-4606    rotaryparkinfo@capecoral.gov**

## What is important to know before I bring my dog to a dog park?

### Canine Behavior/Communication

- Don't overreact to normal behavior. Being overprotective makes your dog nervous and aggressive. If you've never been to a dog park, familiarize yourself with canine play before visiting the park. There are dogs that like a rough-and-tumble style with lots of growling, grabbing, wrestling, and tackling. Some dogs are daintier with bowing and chasing but not much physical contact. Some dogs like to herd other dogs and may bark and nip at others.
- Understand canine communication. Some dogs enjoy rough-and-tumble play, they may growl and snap as part of that play. Dogs may also snap to set limits with other dogs, to let the other dog know they are being too rough or pushy. Dogs have various ways by which they communicate their dominance to other dogs. This may include a stiff-legged posture with the head held up and back; raising the hackles on the back; raising the tail; or laying the head across another dog's shoulders or back.
- Don't underreact to aggressive behavior. Be sensitive to other dogs (and owners) with whom your dog is playing. Watch your dog and be prepared to intervene if the interaction goes down the wrong road.
- If your dog is pestering or annoying another dog, intervene and divert his/her attention. This means **you** should move to another part of the park or leash your dog and leave. Even if you think your dog's behavior is fine, but the other owner doesn't like what is happening, you must get control of your dog. Be considerate.
- A first-time dog park visit can be stressful for canines and humans, consider visiting the park at non-peak times. (Peak times are usually Monday through Friday from late afternoon until dark and on weekends & holidays)
- Don't be discouraged if your dog doesn't jump right in and begin playing. It may take a couple of tries, or even a few weeks of visits before your dog comes out of his/her shell. Be patient & understanding, please.
- If your dog becomes fearful or anxious, don't force him/her to stay.

### Prevent Problems – Be Alert

The best way to avoid a fight is not to allow it to happen in the first place. Know your dog; monitor situations carefully and be prepared to intervene before aggressive behavior escalates into a full-fledged fight.

Do not bring dogs with aggressive tendencies to the park. You are risking harm and creating a potential liability for yourself.

If a dog fight occurs, **owners are responsible for breaking it up**. Both owners must get control of their dogs quickly and at the same time. If one owner gets control of his or her dog but the other owner does not; it creates a very dangerous situation for the first dog and owner.

The safest way to break up a fight is to pull the dogs apart from behind. Grab the hind legs or tail. Do not grab the collar or put your hands near the dog's head or mouth. Both owners should grab their dogs and pull them away from each other at the same time. Each dog should then be leashed and removed from the park.

Other owners should get hold of their own dog and divert their attention elsewhere. The sight of a fight breaking out might incite other dogs to get involved.

If your dog inflicts an injury, you must report it to animal control before leaving the park (see the other side\*\*)

### Children in the Dog Park

- The dog park is NOT a petting zoo. A dog park is a place for people to enjoy their dogs. Babies & toddlers are not permitted in the dog park. If you choose to bring a child over the age of 5 to the dog park, you must supervise your child. Keep children under control & close by, you are responsible for your child's safety.
- Most dogs are curious and friendly; not all dogs are child friendly. Dogs may feel threatened if a child runs toward them, yells, or grabs at them.
- Dogs often run fast and play vigorously, and they may inadvertently knock down and hurt a child.
- If you choose to bring your child to the dog park, please make sure your child follows these rules:
  - Do not wave arms wildly, run, scream, chase, or tease the dogs.
  - Do not pet any dog without asking the owner for permission first.

Teach your children how to react in an emergency situation:

- Do not run! Hide your face with arms and stand still 'like a tree' or lie down "like a log" with arms and legs tucked into the body. Wait until an adult arrives to help or the dog leaves. Do not squirm or flail.
- Your main responsibility is to monitor your dog(s) and to be prepared to intervene if there is any sign of trouble. Before bringing children to the park, consider whether you can effectively supervise both the dog and the children at the same time. Consider taking your children down to the Liam J. Perk playground on the east side of the park, but please keep your dog leashed and outside of the playground.