



## CITY OF SUFFOLK DOG ORDINANCES

### SEC. 10-256.—REQUIRED

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, board or harbor any dog or cat over the age of four months within the city unless such dog or cat shall have been vaccinated within a period of 12 months immediately prior thereto, with a killed rabies vaccine approved by the city health officer. If such dog or cat shall have been vaccinated with the flury strain of modified live virus rabies vaccine, approved by the city health officer, such prior period shall be 36 months.

### SEC. 10-257.— DOGS OR CATS BROUGHT INTO CITY

Any person bringing a dog or cat into the city from another jurisdiction shall conform to section 10-256 within ten days of bringing such dog or cat into the city.

### SEC. 10-43.—RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED, AND LEASHES REQUIRED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY

Any person owning, having control of, or harboring any dog within the city, shall keep such dog confined to the premises of such person, unless in the custody of a responsible person. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the section, it shall be unlawful for any person owning, having control of, or harboring any dog within the city to permit such dog to run at large within the city, or to permit the dog to go upon any public street, sidewalk or right-of-way, unless it is kept secured by a leash or lead or other means of restraint not harmful or injurious to the dog

### VIRGINIA STATE CODE— RECREATION USE IMMUNITY STATE CODE 15.2-1809. LIABILITY OF LOCALITIES IN THE OPERATION OF PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND PLAYGROUNDS.

No city or town which operates any park, recreational facility, or playground shall be liable in any civil action or proceeding for damages resulting from any injury to the person or from a loss or damage to the property of any person caused by any act or omission constituting ordinary negligence on the part of any officer or agent of such city or town in the maintenance or operation of any such park, recreational facility, or playground. Every such city or town shall, however, be liable in damages for gross negligence of any of its officers or agents in the maintenance or operation of any such park, recreational facility, or playground.

The immunity created by this section is hereby conferred upon counties in addition to and not limited on, other immunity existing at common law or by statute.



### SUFFOLK PARKS & RECREATION CITY OF SUFFOLK PARKS & RECREATION

Administrative Office  
134 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434  
757-514-7250

Visit us online: [www.suffolkva.us/parks](http://www.suffolkva.us/parks)

#### LAKE MEADE DOG PARK

201 Holly Lawn Parkway  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

(located behind Farm Fresh Market on N. Main St.)

#### LAKE MEADE RANGER STATION

757-514-7243



## DOG PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS



## DOG PARK GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Dog owners are required to license and vaccinate their dogs and have proof while at the park;
- Dog owners will be liable for the full value of any park property damaged by their animal;
- The dog park is not staffed on a regular basis. Staff will monitor and spot-check usage, licenses, and compliance with all dog park rules, guidelines and ordinances;
- The dog park has two areas: one for small dogs 30lbs and under and one for dogs larger than 30lbs. To ensure the safety of all animals in the park, dogs should be kept in the area that fits their weight category;
- All dogs must be leashed while in Lake Meade Park, except when inside the dog park;
- The dog park gates must be kept closed. No animals other than dogs are allowed in the dog park;
- Only two dogs per handler allowed. Dogs must be kept under handler's control at all times;
- A handler must be eighteen (18) years old, but may permit a person who is twelve (12) years or older to handle a dog while in the dog park;
- Children under the age of five (5) are not allowed in the dog park at any time. Children are not allowed to chase or run with dogs within the dog park;
- Do not feed the dogs in or near the dog park. This includes treats and/or training rewards;
- Choke, prong, pinch and spike collars must be removed before a dog may run free in the dog park;
- If any injuries occur, please contact Park Staff immediately and exchange personal information with the other party;
- Handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs (proper equipment is available). Failure to clean up may result in termination of use of the dog park;
- No dog should be left unattended at any time while using the dog park;
- Do not let your dog dig holes in the dog park area;
- Please be a responsible dog owner and follow all posted rules and regulations.



## DOG PARK MEMBERSHIPS WHERE TO REGISTER

Parks & Recreation Administrative Office  
134 South 6th Street  
757-514-7250  
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday  
or  
Lake Meade Park Ranger Station  
201 Holly Lawn Parkway  
757-514-7243  
Monday and Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Dog owner purchasing membership must be at least 18-years of age;
- Male dogs over 1-year of age must be neutered;
- Dogs must be at least 4-months old;
- Owner must provide proof of animal registration with dog tag number from city/county residency;
- Owner must provide current "Certification of Vaccination" documenting immunizations with expiration dates for rabies, bordetella, distemper, and parvovirus vaccinations;
- Tags must be displayed on dog(s) at ALL times.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

- \$10.00;
- All memberships valid January—December.



## REGISTRATION FORM OWNER INFORMATION

Membership Registration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PET INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ M or F  
Dog Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City Dog License # \_\_\_\_\_  
VACCINATIONS:  
Rabies Tag # \_\_\_\_\_  
Rabies Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Bordetella Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Distemper Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Parvovirus Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Please sign below and return to staff member*

I have read this brochure, and I understand and agree to adhere to all dog park ordinances, city codes, and park rules.

I certify that this registration information is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Pet Owner's Signature / Date

Once a dog has been registered, the owner will receive a color-coded dog tag for entrance.

The dog park gates should remain closed at all times for the safety of you and your dog.