

Staying Safe

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Body Language

Learn to read and respond to your dog's posture and body language. A dog's body language can communicate fear, hostility or submission.

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Packing

Prevent packing behavior by leading your dog away from the group to a neutral area. Several dogs packed together can lead to trouble.

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Provoking

If your dog is annoying or provoking other dogs or people, it's time to leave the park and return another day.

PREVENT AN ACCIDENT BEFORE IT HAPPENS.

Be aware that dogs have different play styles. Understand your dogs behavior.



Use caution when permitting dogs to greet yours. Ask the owner's permission when approaching a dog. Always respect another dog owner's wish if they are not comfortable with how the dogs interact with each other.

Move around. Walking rather than sitting will help minimize defensive and territorial behavior.

Stay alert at all times. People standing in the park become obstructions to the dogs that run around.

Supervise your dog closely at all times. Stay close to your dog to control or protect it if needed.

If a fight happens:

- Never reach your hands into the fight. You may get bitten, even by your own dog.
- Distract or divert their attention with a loud whistle or water from a water bottle.
- Gain control of your dog and move to a neutral area.
- Stay calm. Yelling only aggravates the situation.

- If required, exchange vaccination or contact information with the other dog's owner.
- If a serious fight or dangerous behavior that results in a dog bite occurs, call Quispamsis Animal Control at **849-5778**.

Remember, owners are solely liable for injuries or damage caused by their dogs.

Park Hours

The Off Leash Dog Park is open dawn to dusk, unless otherwise posted or advertised.

The Town of Quispamsis reserves the right to close the park without notice, as needed for emergencies, maintenance and repairs.

How to get There

The dog park is located on Vincent Road. The Off Leash Park is a 1/2 acre and is fully fenced-in. There are two designated areas of the park; one for small dogs and one for larger size dogs 35 lbs and over.



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HOMESTAR 

off leash dog park



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QUISPAMISIS



The Homestar Off Leash Dog Park is operated by the Town of Quispamsis. The park is a great place for your four-legged friend to exercise, socialize and play. It is a half acre, fenced in area where dogs are permitted to run free, under their handler's supervision.

Please remember you are legally responsible for your dog and any injuries caused by your dog. Use of the park is at your own risk.

Regulations

The following rules have been established to ensure that the park remains safe, healthy and enjoyable by all.

- Along with enjoying our dogs in public spaces comes the responsibility of cleaning up after our pets. Always scoop your dog's poop. Bags and garbage cans are provided for your convenience.
- Your dog must wear a collar with a current rabies tag and dog license at all times. Pinch, pronged, spiked, choke or shock collars are not permitted. Dogs must have current vaccinations.
- A handler must be 18 years of age or older, supervise the dog, and be in control at all times.
- Limit of two dogs per handler.
- Supervised children 12 years of age or older are allowed in the park.



- Smoking or any other tobacco products is prohibited, including in the parking lot.
- No food (dog or human), treats, bones, rawhide, or glass containers.
- Dogs in heat are not permitted.
- Puppies four months of age or younger are not permitted.
- No other animals other than dogs are allowed in the park.



- Aggressive, disruptive dogs are not permitted in the park area. If your dog becomes aggressive, you must remove it from the park immediately.
- Dogs who have displayed aggressive behavior within the park will not be permitted to return.
- All dogs must be leashed when outside of the fenced area.

Entering and Leaving the Park

- Enter at the double-gated entrance (for large dogs only). Once through the first gate into the transition area, unleash your dog and proceed through the second gate into the park. Remember to firmly close the gate behind you.
- Do not enter the transitional area if there is already someone there. This will prevent both gates being open at the same time.
- Remember to remove the leash while in the park. A leashed dog may feel threatened by the approach of other dogs.
- Quickly move away from the entrance once you enter. This will reduce the problem of several off-leash dogs already in the park from greeting the new arrival.
- Ensure that you have a leash readily accessible at all times in the event you need to gain control.
- Exit in the same way, always leashing your dog in the transitional area.
- Do not open the outside gate if the inside gate is open.

Etiquette 101

Courtesy and consideration toward others help make the park an enjoyable place for everyone.

- The Dog Park has two areas; one for small dogs 30 pounds or less and an area for large dogs. To ensure the safety of all dogs, please respect these areas.
- If your dog is not used to interacting with other dogs, start out by visiting the park during non-peak times. You may even want to make your first visit to the park without your dog and familiarize yourself with the area.
- The first visit to the park can be stressful for both you and your dog, so keep your visit short and happy. Gradually work towards longer visits.
- Introduce your dog to new dogs only when your dog is comfortable and behaving appropriately.
- During peak times, please limit your use of the park to one hour.
- Please do not bring toys your dog may be attached to. These items can provoke aggressive or protective behavior.
- Try to discourage your dog from digging holes. If your dog digs a hole, fill the hole immediately to prevent safety or maintenance problems.
- Dog owners are asked to consult their veterinarian to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.
- If your dog is exhibiting bullying behavior, give him a time out or take him home. Not all dogs are good candidates for off-leash dog parks.
- Don't forget to read and familiarize yourself with the posted rules.
- Remember to have fun!

