

Why follow the rules?



Plain and simple,

it's the law.

The by-laws are there for a reason, **SAFETY**, For you - For other park users - For your Dog.

Below we have listed the 3 most common broken rules and why we have them.

Rule # 4: Leash your dog while entering and exiting

Why:

- » The last thing you or anyone else would want to witness is a dog being hit by a vehicle. Yes, you may think you have control of your dog, but what happens if they see a squirrel or another animal. Would you still have verbal control?
- » It can be hard for a driver to see a smaller dog, remember there are blind spots.
- » We are not the only people using the parks. Believe it or not, not everyone is a dog lover. There are cyclist, joggers and rollerbladers, all of which a dog loves to chase.
- » How do you know if a person has any animal allergies?

Rule # 9: No glass containers, food or toys

Why:

- » Just like humans, dogs have food allergies and dietary restrictions. Even if you just brought food for your own dog, what would happen if you accidentally dropped a piece?
- » Some dogs can be very protective of their food, why cause a problem.
- » If you start to throw a toy, who knows which dog is going to go after it. A tug of war game can start and this has been known to lead to aggressive behaviour.
- » If you try to take the toy out of another dog's mouth, you stand a chance of being bit, plus your dog could go into a defensive mode and start to protect you.
- » Although liquids are allowed, please use common sense, hot coffee can burn, not only you but the dogs.

Rule # 10: Children must be supervised by an adult.

Why:

- » Do not let your child run around, walk through the park.
- » Never let your children leave your side.
- » Don't let your children throw any object, (rocks, sticks), or play tug of war with a dog, even your own. Other dogs may want to join in.
- » Never pat a dog without asking permission from the owners
- » Leave your child's toys in the car or at home. Dogs like to grab and play with them too.

Remember we must share the available park land with the whole community, many of which are not dog owners, many are scared of dogs, and many feel we are infringing on their park.

It will only be through our behaviour as responsible dog owners that the community will decide the fate of future off leash areas.