

## OFF LEASH AREA/DOG PARK POLICY

Approved By:  Date: 4/7/2021  
Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director

### **BACKGROUND**

Off leash areas, also referred to as dog parks, are designated areas, typically fenced, wherein dogs may legally be off leash. Dog owners/handlers that comply with this policy are allowed to use Town of Sahuarita dog parks.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Town of Sahuarita is authorized to enact or adopt ordinances, and the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Director is authorized to establish rules and regulations for park property and activities at parks owned and operated by the Town.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the use of off leash areas/dog parks owned and operated by the Town of Sahuarita.

### **POLICY & RULES**

Off leash dog areas are for dogs only; other animals are not allowed. Town of Sahuarita dog parks have separate sections for small and large dog breeds. A small dog is under 30 pounds. A dog owner/handler that has both a small and a large dog is permitted to bring the small dog into the large dog area. For the safety of all small dogs and their handlers, large dogs are not allowed in the small dog area. Each owner/handler is limited to four (4) dogs per visit.

Dogs under four (4) months, female dogs in heat, and dogs that are ill or recovering from surgery are prohibited.

Every dog must be on a leash when outside of the gated, fenced dog park. Dog must have current vaccinations and licensing, and must wear their registration tag. (Sahuarita Town Code Chapter 6)

Dog parks are not supervised facilities. Use of dog park is at your own risk.

Dog owners/handlers are responsible for the actions of their dogs, and must remain in the fenced area with their dog, maintain line of sight and voice control, keep a leash in hand, and remove dog when showing signs of aggression. Dog fighting is prohibited. Vicious, destructive

or dangerous dogs prohibited. Park users should report dog aggression, bites, and strays to Animal Control at 520-445-7877 (PUPS).

Owners/handlers may not allow dogs to dig, and must pick up and dispose of pet waste.

Children 12 and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Food is not allowed, whether for people or pets. Any ramada or gazebo within the dog park is provided for shade and seating, not for picnicking.

Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, and similar devices are not allowed within the dog park.

Dog park patrons shall remove personal items such as chair, toys, leash or water dish at the end of each visit. The Town of Sahuarita is not responsible for loss of items or storage. Chairs provided by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department are for use only within the fenced dog park area.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

Park rules are in effect 24 hours a day, and are enforceable by any Town Official.

#### **REFERENCES**

Sahuarita Town Code: Chapters 6.10, 6.20, 6.25, 12.10.010, 12.15.070