



REGISTRATION PACKET

Must file registration packet in person at:

Duis Recreation Center
211 E. 23rd St., Sterling, IL | 815.622.6200



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Welcome to Dogwood Acres!

Thank you for becoming a member of the Sterling Park District's, Dogwood Acres. Please read and complete the registration section of the registration packet.

Registration:

- In-person registration is mandatory. No registrations will be processed by phone or online.
- Current rabies and other required vaccination records are mandatory for registration. Registration will not be processed without current vaccination records from your veterinarian.
- Multiple dog families must have all current vaccinations for all dogs when registering or renewing dog park registrations.
- Your dog(s) registration is valid until January 1, 2022.
- Registrations are available regardless of residency for an annual/renewal fee of \$20 for the first dog and \$15 per dog thereafter (limit of four dogs total per owner). Within your four dog limit, you may include 'visiting dogs' in your permit. All rules and regulations apply to our out of town canine friends.
- Current rabies tag must be attached to the dog's collar.

Key Fob Access:

- You will receive a key fob to access the park at the time of registration. Only one fob per permit will be issued. Do not provide access to anyone who does not have a fob.
- If your dog's vaccinations expire within the year, please forward updated records to the Park District either by mail or in-person. Failure to submit updated records will result in **deactivation of your key fob.**
- Your key fob will be reactivated when membership is renewed. Please do not damage or write on key fob. Key fob will be reused.
- Lost or damaged key fob may be replaced for \$15 at Duis Recreation Center, 211 E. 23rd Street, Sterling.
- Registration renewal must be completed with the Park District to ensure you have an "active" key fob. Your 'old' key fob must be returned to receive a new 'active' fob. Be sure your dog's vaccination records are up to date. You cannot renew you dog(s) registration without proof of vaccinations.





Rules, Regulations & Etiquette

1. You must purchase an annual permit at the Duis Center to use Dogwood Acres. Proof of current vaccinations is required. Permits are available regardless of residency for an annual/renewal fee of \$20 for the first dog and \$15 per dog thereafter (limit of four dogs total per owner). **A \$15 fee will be accessed for a lost Key Fob.**
2. Dogwood Acres is open daily from sunrise to sunset, except on Monday & Friday from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. when the dog park is closed for maintenance.
3. Dogs more than 30lbs must use the large dog area. Although not recommended, dogs under 30lbs may use the large dog area as well. Large dogs are not allowed in the small dog area.
4. Maximum two dogs per adult at the dog park. Both dogs must remain in the same run area with their owner.
5. Dogs must remain leashed until they are inside the small or large run areas. No prong, spike or choke collars are allowed in either run area. Leashes must be removed once in the park. Leashes may not exceed 8'.
6. Owners must supervise their dog(s). Know where your dog is always and keep your leash with you. You are solely responsible for the actions of your dog.
7. Dogs that are unruly towards other dogs or barks excessively must be removed immediately. Leash your dog immediately if aggressive or unruly behavior is observed. Chronic or habitual bad behavior from your dog will result in a loss of Dogwood Acres privileges. No dogs known to be aggressive toward other dogs or people may enter the dog park area.
8. If your dog injures another dog or owner, give your name and phone number to the injured party. You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm caused to others or damage to property.
9. Pick up your dog's droppings immediately and any "orphaned" droppings. Carry extra bags with you. Bags and waste receptacles are available at the dog park.
10. Cover any holes that your dog digs.
11. A handler must be age 16 or older. The handler is solely responsible for the actions of their dog(s). Children between the ages of 8 and 15 are not permitted within the dog park unless accompanied by an adult. Children are expected to behave in an appropriate manner: no running, chasing dogs, no petting of other dogs unless permission is requested/granted from the owner first. Children under 8 are not allowed in the dog park.
12. Dogs must display a current rabies tag.
13. Dogs in "heat" are not allowed in Dogwood Acres.
14. Dogs that are unhealthy or injured are not allowed in the dog park.
15. Do not allow your dog to run to the gate when another dog enters. The gate should always be kept clear so others may enter and exit without incident. For safety reasons, do not congregate near the entrance.
16. Puppies under six months old are not allowed in the dog park.
17. No tobacco use or vaping in the dog park.
18. No glass containers, alcohol or soft drinks in the dog park.
19. No human food or dog treats, rawhide, bones or hooves are allowed in the dog park.
20. Dog toys such as balls and frisbees are allowed. No ropes/ tug toys or squeaky toys allowed.
21. Professional pet trainers may not use the dog park to conduct business.
22. Do not allow people or dogs in the dog park who do not have a Dogwood Acres key fob.
23. Failure to comply with any of the listed rules may result in revocation of your dog park privileges.





Dogwood Acres Waiver & Release

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You are solely responsible for supervising your dog and determining whether or not this is an appropriate activity to participate in. You must understand that you and others who accompany you are participating in this activity at your and their own risk (and risk of your dog). Dogs and permit holders of varying degrees of skill, training and experience use this facility.

You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use this facility. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before undertaking any exercise activity.

When this Waiver & Release refers to "your dog", "my dog", or the "owner" of a dog, it includes you whether or not you are the legal owner of the dog, since you are the person responsible for the dog while using this facility.

WARNING OF RISK

Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. Dogs are pack animals and when "off lead", even the best-trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to you, another person or dog. Other risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, negligence or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals; and actions by the dog due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, instruction/supervision failure, and all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outdoor activities.

Should you attempt to break up a dog fight or restrain a dog, including but not limited to your dog, you may be attacked and severely mauled by your dog the other dog or attacked by another dog's owner/handler. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Sterling District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use this facility, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

I recognize and acknowledge that use of this facility and the surrounding area for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, extent or amount, that (a) I, my dog or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area; or (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of my or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or arising out of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge the Sterling Park District, and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents (hereafter the Parks) from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this use of this facility and surrounding area.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend Sterling Park District and its officers, directors, employees, volunteer and agents, and from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity (including but not limited to the Sterling Park District).





Completed applications must be filed in person at the Duis Center: 211 E. 23rd Street, Sterling, IL 61081

Dogwood Acres Permit Application Form

Attach copies of vaccination records for each dog being registered.

Permit Holder Information:

Owner Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(Your email address will be used to contact you for permit renewal and other Park District related information)

Please check one: New Application (expires January 1, 2022) Renewal Application

Permit Information (Permits will only be issued to dogs with county licenses):

Dog #1 Information

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color Markings: _____ Rabies Tag Number: _____ Issued in County: _____

Dog #2 Information

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color Markings: _____ Rabies Tag Number: _____ Issued in County: _____

Dog #3 Information

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color Markings: _____ Rabies Tag Number: _____ Issued in County: _____

Dog #4 Information

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color Markings: _____ Rabies Tag Number: _____ Issued in County: _____

Permit/Renewal Fee: \$20/first dog; \$15/each additional dog (2 - 4)

By signing here, I acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the Sterling Park District rules and regulations for Dogwood Acres. I agree to abide by the same. I understand that there is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy on all rules and regulations. I also understand that animal handlers/owners are responsible for controlling their dog(s) and are responsible for any injury or damage to other dogs or the public. I have also read and fully understand the waiver & release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use:

Cash: _____ Check #: _____ Credit/Debit: _____ Staff Initials: _____ Key Fob Number: _____

