

Registration Packet

The Perry Ferrini Dog Park
(Corner of Mathews Street & 91st)

Schererville Park Department
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Welcome to The Perry Ferrini Dog Park

Welcome! Please choose the proper play area for your dog based on weight. Dogs 26 lbs and over must use large dog area. Dogs less than 26 lbs. are required to use the small dog area. **All dogs must be at least SIX (6) months of age** in order to utilize the dog park areas.

Congregating near gated entrances is not permitted. Congestion in this area causes confusion for pets and owners.

Waste bags and receptacles are located throughout the park, and cleanup after your dog is required. Please leave the park in a cleaner level than when you arrived.

You will need a Key Card to enter the park. This Key Card must be turned in at the end of the year upon renewal of your membership. Please do not damage or write on the Key Card as they will be re-used.

Key Card Access: Do not allow others to enter the park without a Key Card. The Key Card assists in ensuring that all registered dogs are current with vaccinations. If your dog's vaccination records expire during the year, it is your responsibility to forward updated records to the Schererville Park Department via fax, mail or in person. **Failure to submit updated records will result in your Key Card being deactivated on the expired vaccination date.**

Loss of or Damage to Key Card: If you lose or damage your Key Card, you will be charged \$10 as a replacement cost. Payment is to be made at Town Hall, 10 East Joliet St. in Schererville.

Key Card Problems: If your Key Card does not work, please report the same to Schererville Park Department. A possible cause for failure would be that current vaccination records have not been submitted.

You must re-register each year to ensure your Key Card works. Be sure your vaccination records are up to date and bring them with you. You cannot re-register without proof of vaccinations.

There will be regular maintenance of grass and landscaping by the Town of Schererville at the dog park. During those times, the park will be closed. No herbicides will be used in the dog park.

When Entering or Exiting the park, you must ensure that the gates are securely closed behind you. Please be courteous to other dog owners. Please read our Rules and Etiquette information. **Allow other dogs to enter without incident. Keep your dog away from gates when other dogs are entering.**

Thank you for your support of the Perry Ferrini Dog Park. We hope that you and your pets will enjoy the park.

Rules and Regulations - The Perry Ferrini Dog Park

- (1) Members must purchase a permit each calendar year at Schererville Town Hall, 10 E. Joliet Street. Memberships run on a calendar year basis (January 1 through December 31). Proof of current vaccinations is required. Rabies, DHPP (*Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus*) Bordatella is not mandatory but is strongly recommended.

Annual Membership for Schererville Residents: \$60 – one dog; \$15 each additional dog.

Annual Non-Resident Membership: \$100 – one dog; \$25 each additional dog.

Replacement card: \$10 if card is lost or damaged.

Park Hours: 8:30 a.m. to Dusk

Weight Regulations: Dogs 26 lbs and larger must use large run area. Dogs less than 26 lbs. are required to use small dog area.

- (2) Only two (2) dogs per adult are allowed at one time. Both dogs must remain in same run area with owner. Owners cannot leave dogs in run areas without owner supervision.
- (3) Dogs must be leashed until inside run area. Maximum leash length is 6'. No prong or pinch collars are allowed. Only buckle or stretch collars are permitted within the dog park for the dog's safety.
- (4) **Children 11 and under not allowed in run areas.** Children 12 through 16 must be accompanied by an adult and are not to be left unattended in run areas.
- (5) Dogs must display current rabies tags.
- (6) Unhealthy dogs or those dogs in season are not allowed in the dog park.
- (7) It is recommended that dogs are on a regular flea and tick treatment in spring, summer and fall.
- (8) Dogs under six (6) months of age are not permitted in park.
- (9) Perpetual barking is not allowed as this is a nuisance to members and surrounding neighbors. If your dog will not stop barking for whatever reason, you must leave the dog park.
- (10) Dogs that exhibit aggressive behavior must be removed from the dog park immediately. Offenders of this policy will lose their dog park privileges. **Do not permit your dog to run to the gate when another dog is entering. Keep gate area clear so that members can enter and exit without incidents.**
- (11) Owners must clean up after their dog(s). Bags and waste receptacles are available.

- (12) **Food, glass containers, smoking or chewing of tobacco, and alcohol are not allowed on the dog park premises.** Small bite sized training treats are permitted.
- (13) **Bicyclists, skateboarders, roller skaters, roller blading, and all other motorized or human-propelled devices (except wheelchairs) are prohibited within the large and small dog areas of the park.**
- (14) **Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.**
- (15) Only registered dogs and their owners displaying a key card are allowed into the dog park. Please encourage others to pick up a packet at Town Hall and register to become a member.
- (16) Report “fence jumpers” to Animal Control. The Animal Control phone number is: (219) 865-6992
- (17) Animal abuse will not be tolerated and will be reported to the police department.
- (18) Pursuant to **Lake County Ordinance #1244F: Pit Bull and Pit Bull mixes are prohibited** from participating in unleashed dog parks. Consequently, Pit Bull and Pit Bull mixes are not permitted to be in the dog park.

Precautions and Etiquette

Please remember: Children 11 and under are not allowed in dog run areas.

- Dogs are unpredictable and feisty. Often dogs do not respond well to people running and yelling. Also, all visitors should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog.
- Entering and exiting a dog park is stressful and exciting even for the most well behaved dogs. Please allow others space to enter and exit before you do. Be sure to securely close all gates behind you.
- After entering the dog park let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around unleashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off leash, do not visit the park. **Prong and choke collars must be removed.**
- Supervise your dog at all times. When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is. Don't allow dogs to congregate around the entrance. **Owner must carry one leash in hand per dog (maximum two dogs per person).**
- If your dog starts to mount, you must immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs, or leave the park.
- Dog fights are rare, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs make with each other. **Dogs that remain unruly or aggressive must be immediately removed from park.**

- If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give you name and phone number to injured party. **You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others. See Dog Incident Policy on next page.**
- **Pick up your dog's droppings.** You must carry extra bags with you. Bags and waste receptacles are also available.
- **Be respectful of other dogs and their owners.** Do not allow your dog to be a nuisance to other dogs and their owners.
- Dog agility equipment and dog toys are for use by dogs – not for use by owners or handlers.

Dog Incident Policy

Our Rules and Etiquette are designed to help minimize the chance for a dog incident. However, should an incident occur, here is our policy and recommended action to be taken by dog owners.

- Separate and leash the dogs.
- Remove dogs to neutral area.
- Inspect dogs for any injury.
- Exchange names and phone numbers.
- Obtain names and phone numbers of any witnesses.

In the event the Schererville Park Department is notified, Schererville Park Department has the express right to release names and phone numbers of parties.

You are legally and financially responsible for the action of your dog(s).

The Perry Ferrini Dog Park and the Schererville Park Department reserve the right to revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette or where it is determined a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.

Dog Park Emergency Phone Numbers:

Schererville Animal Control: (219) 865-6992

Schererville Non-Emergency Police: (219) 322-5000

Schererville Park Department: (219) 865-5530

**Sign-Off on Rules and Regulations,
Precautions, Dog Park Etiquette
And
Immunization Requirements**

_____ I have read and fully understand the Rules for the Perry Ferrini Dog Park.

_____ I agree to provide updated immunization records, if and when, my dog's vaccinations expire. I understand that if I do not do this, my key card will be deactivated and will not be re-activated until I submit updated records.

Print Keycard Holder's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH DOG

The Perry Ferrini Dog Park Registration

This form and a copy of current vaccination records must be brought in person to Schererville Town Hall office to register your dog(s). The annual cost is \$60 for one dog and an additional \$15 for each additional dog for residents. Non Residents' annual cost is \$100 for one dog and an additional \$25 for each additional dog. Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. Membership runs through the calendar year; that being January 1 through December 31.

Name (print) _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ 2nd Phone: _____

Email: _____

(your e-mail address will help us communicate updates)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR EACH DOG BEING REGISTERED. Attach a copy of vaccination records for each dog being registered.

The Perry Ferrini Dog Park requires the following vaccinations: **Rabies, and Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvovirus (DHPP)**. These are the standard vaccines your dog should have. We strongly recommend Bordatella to help prevent the potential spread of Kennel Cough.

Dog's Name _____ Color: _____ Age: _____ Wt. _____

Breed: _____ Female Male Spayed Neutered

For Office Use Only: Card Serial #: _____ Dog Tag#: _____

Expiration dates: Rabies _____
Distemper _____
Parainfluenza _____
Hepatitis _____
Parvovirus _____
Bordatella (not mandatory) _____

Signature of Town Employee: _____