

# **DOG PARK CRITERIA**

## **MINIMUM RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT IS NEEDED FOR A DOG PARK**

The Dog Park should be a minimum of 50 Yards from Residential Property. Dogs' keen sense of hearing and smell may cause problems for dog owners in residential homes, when Dog Park is occupied.

Dog Parks should be at least 3 acres, otherwise, the ground cover and shrubs may deteriorate over time due to continually being trampled & dogs defecating on them.

The entire Dog Park should be enclosed with some type of fencing minimum height 5 feet.

The Dog Park should have separate enclosures for large dogs over 25 lbs and small dogs less than 25 lbs. The sections should be between 15% - 20% for Small Dogs and 80% - 85% for Large Dogs.

There should be a minimum of 10 vehicle parking spaces available per acre of land enclosed by fencing close to the Dog Park.

The Dog Park should conform to the 1990 ADA Requirements for the physically challenged.

Roadway access should be sufficient to handle up to 100 cars daily visiting the Dog Park.

The roadway should be sufficiently wide enough to handle two large trucks traveling in the opposite directions without one stopping for the other to pass. The Dog Park should be easily accessible from a major road as not to negatively impact a neighborhood with high traffic volume.

There should be signage at all entrances of the Dog Park with a set of specified rules and regulations outlining what are the requirements for using the Dog Park.

Dog Parks should have a double gate system for leashing / unleashing the dogs.

## **NICE TO HAVE AT DOG PARKS**

- Benches
- Restrooms
- Good Drainage
- Agility Equipment
- Cooling / Wash Stations
- Hills for the dogs to climb
- Natural Shade or Artificial Shade
- Pond / Lake for dogs to swim & cool off
- Picnic tables outside the enclosed fence area
- Waste Bag Dispensers throughout the Dog Park
- Trash Receptacles with lids throughout the Dog Park
- Water fountains for Humans & K9S with a water faucet on the side
- Sprinkler systems to keep the grass & shrubbery green and healthy