

# City of Coldwater Recreation Department Dog Park Rules and Guidelines

**These guidelines will help to ensure that your dog run stays clean and safe.**

- Please use the mutt mitt dispensers and waste containers located at the parks' fence lines. Owners/custodians must clean up after their dog(s) to minimize the spread of disease.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash until the owners/custodians and dog(s) are in the dog park and the entrance gates are fully closed after entry.
- Dogs must be accompanied by their owners/custodians. Owners/custodians must maintain voice control over their dog(s) and keep them in sight while visiting the dog park.
- Dog behavior can be unpredictable around other dogs and strangers. For the safety of all the dogs at the parks, immediately leash your dog if it exhibits aggressive behavior and leave the dog park area.
- To help keep the dog park clean, please do not groom animals at the park.
- Branch County requires that all dogs in the county be licensed. In addition to being licensed, dogs must be older than 4 months and be currently vaccinated.
- To discourage aggressive behavior, the City of Coldwater requires that dog owners only bring animals that have been spayed or neutered.
- Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and food are not permitted within the fenced areas.
- Some dogs exhibit unpredictable behavior around small children. For their safety please do not bring children under the age of 12 into the dog park.
- Owners/custodians of a dog are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal at all times when it is in a city park. Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to use of the dog park.