



Lebanon City Dog Park "Paw-Pass" Application Form

- New Application Membership
- Renewal of Annual Membership
- Adding Another Dog

Mail or drop off completed form and attachments to: Lebanon City Department of Administration
Lebanon City Hall, 735 Cumberland Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Owner's Name _____ Email _____

Co-owner's Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone # _____

Veterinarian _____ Phone # _____

- Lebanon City Resident \$30 (up to two dogs)
- Non-City Resident \$45 (up to two dogs)
- 3-day pass \$15.00 (City Resident & Non-Resident)

Dog #1

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs. _____

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

County License #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Name of County Issued License: _____

Dog #2 (If Applicable)

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs. _____

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

County License #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Name of County Issued License: _____

Dog #3 (If Applicable) Additional Dog \$10

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs. _____

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

County License #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Name of County Issued License: _____

Dog #4 (If Applicable) Additional Dog \$10

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs. _____

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

County License #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: ___/___/___

Name of County Issued License: _____

Remember: Dog parks are not the place to take your dog for socialization. Dog parks are a place to take socialized dogs

_____ I have read and will abide by the dog park Rules & Regulations

_____ I am covered by sufficient liability insurance (homeowner's or renter's insurance)

_____ I have signed the Liability Waiver and attached proof of annual shot records and fecal results for each dog

Owner Signature _____ Date _____

Co-owner Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only

Date of Registration ___/___/___ Amount Paid \$ _____ Access Card# _____

Method of Payment _____ Check _____ Credit Card _____ Processed By _____

Proof of Vaccination Records: Rabies _____ Distemper/Parvovirus (DHPP or DAPP) _____

Proof of Dog License _____ Signed Liability Form _____

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver: Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to the established City of Lebanon Dog Park Rules & Regulations are conditions of the Paw-Pass approval, retention, and renewal. Passes are non-transferable between owners and may be revoked for non-compliance as deemed necessary by the City.

I hereby acknowledge and accept that I have voluntarily applied to participate in and utilize, with my dog(s), the City of Lebanon Dog Park located in the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. I fully understand and acknowledge that unleashing my dog and being physically present in the dog park area involves risks of injury to myself, any individual accompanying me, other persons, my dog(s), and other dog(s). These risks include, but are not limited to, aggressive or unpredictable behavior of dogs, lack of proper training, and other hazards inherent to off-leash areas.

I understand and accept that, despite the City of Lebanon's reasonable efforts to ensure compliance, not all dogs present in the park may be licensed or vaccinated as required by law, which could result in injury to persons or animals. Additional risks include, but are not limited to:

- Dog fights, bites, or scratches
- Theft or escape of a dog over/under fencing or through open gates
- Contact with vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed
- Burrs, seeds, or other natural materials that may cause irritation or injury
- Exposure to mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, and other insects
- Encounters with wildlife common to Pennsylvania, including deer, raccoons, opossums, skunks, and foxes

I acknowledge that the dog park is self-directed and unsupervised, and that no City employee or agent is responsible for supervising the activities of participants. I assume all risks associated with use of the dog park, including fixtures, equipment, and grounds, in an unsupervised setting.

By signing below, I agree to indemnify, release, and hold harmless the City of Lebanon, its officers, employees, agents, and assigns from all claims, losses, damages, expenses, and liability arising from my or my dog's use of the dog park, including injuries, illness, or property damage, whether caused by negligence or otherwise.

I accept full responsibility for the actions of my dog(s) and any injuries or damages they may cause, including but not limited to biting, jumping, scratching, digging, or other behavior. I waive all rights to institute legal proceedings against the City for any injuries, damages, or losses sustained while using the dog park.

I certify that I am over eighteen (18) years of age, of sound mind, and not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of signing. I acknowledge that all fees paid are non-refundable and that my Paw-Pass may be revoked by the City for misuse of the park, failure to follow posted rules, or repeated aggression by any dog under my ownership or supervision.

Owner:
Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Date: ___ / ___ / _____

Co-Owner:
Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Date: ___ / ___ / _____

CITY OF LEBANON DOG PARK
RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PARK USE

Hours of Operation: Dawn to Dusk, weather and conditions permitting.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, please strictly observe the following rules and regulations:

- The dog park is open to the public from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted.
- All dogs must be registered with the City of Lebanon and have a valid Paw-Pass prior to use.
- Dog owners are legally responsible for their dog's behavior and for any injury or damage caused.
- Owners must closely accompany their dog(s) at all times and remain within the enclosure with them.
- It is not permitted for one person to supervise two dogs located in different areas (e.g., one in the large-dog area and one in the small-dog area)
- No unattended dogs are permitted at any time. Abandoning animals is prohibited by law.
- Maximum of two (2) dogs per handler in the park at one time.
- Dogs must be leashed unless in the designated "Unleashed Area" only.
- Small Dog Area: for dogs weighing less than 30 pounds only.
 - Although not recommended, small dogs may enter the large dog area at the owner's discretion and risk.
 - Large dogs are not permitted in the small dog area.
- No children under 10 years of age are permitted inside the park; minors ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Owners shall clean up after themselves and their dogs. Waste bags and trash cans are provided.
- Aggressive dogs are prohibited and may result in immediate loss of park access for said dogs.
- Dogs in heat or that are ill are not permitted in the park.
- All dogs must be licensed and properly vaccinated (rabies, distemper, parvovirus). Heartworm and flea/tick prevention are strongly recommended.
- Puppies under six (6) months of age are not permitted until fully immunized.
- Prong, choke, or spiked collars are not permitted.
- Owners shall discourage their dog from digging to maintain safe conditions for all.
- No smoking, alcohol, food, or glass containers are permitted in the park.
- Professional dog training is prohibited without written permission from the City of Lebanon.
- All applicants are required to sign "Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability Waiver" form.

Violation of these rules may result in loss of dog park privileges, fines, or prosecution under applicable Pennsylvania law and City of Lebanon ordinances.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS AT THE DOG PARK

On Your First Visit

When visiting the City of Lebanon Dog Park for the first time, plan your trip during a quieter time of day so your dog can adjust without feeling overwhelmed.

Peak usage typically occurs early mornings, after work hours, and midday on weekends.

Before entering the off-leash area, take a moment to observe:

- How are the dogs inside interacting?
- Does your dog know any of them or seem comfortable?
- Is your dog eager to join or hesitant?

If your dog appears nervous or reluctant, it's best to wait and return another time rather than risk a negative first experience. Dogs already in the play area may gather near the gate to "greet" new arrivals. Allow them to disperse before entering.

When ready, remove your dog's leash in the double-gated entry area, open the second gate, and proceed calmly inside. Leashes should never be used inside the off-leash area, as leashed dogs may feel trapped or defensive.

On Every Visit

Before entering, evaluate whether the park's current activity level is suitable for your dog. If there are too many dogs or overly rough play, wait until it's calmer. Turn off distractions such as cell phones to keep your full attention on your pet.

- Wait until the entry vestibule is clear before opening the gates.
- Enter and exit one group at a time—never crowd the gate.
- Once inside, keep moving and stay engaged. Walking encourages healthy play and discourages dogs from guarding areas or people.
- Call your dog to you periodically, reward good behavior, and give short breaks from play.

If you see a group of dogs gathering at the entry gate, call them away before anyone enters or exits. This helps prevent scuffles or injuries.

Entering & Exiting the Dog Park

The dog park features double-gated entries for both the Small Dog Area (under 30 lbs.) and Large Dog Area (30 lbs. and over).

Before entering:

- Confirm that no dogs are in the vestibule and the inner gate is securely latched.
- Enter the vestibule with your dog on-leash, then close and latch the outer gate.
- Remove the leash and observe the dogs inside before opening the inner gate.
- If all seems calm, open the inner gate and move forward into the park without lingering near the gate.

When exiting:

- Confirm that no dogs are crowding the gate before leaving.
- Leash your dog inside the vestibule before exiting through the outer gate.

- Ensure both gates are closed and latched behind you.

Leaving gates open, tied back, or unlatched may result in revocation of dog park privileges.

Dog Park Etiquette

The dog park is designed to provide safe, healthy play and exercise for registered dogs. Following proper etiquette ensures a positive experience for everyone.

Basic Guidelines

- Always watch your dog. You are responsible for their actions.
- Never leave dogs unattended.
- Pick up waste immediately using the provided bags and bins.
- Keep leashes handy in case quick control is needed.
- No food, treats, alcohol, glass, or smoking in the park.
- Limit of two dogs per adult handler. Up to four dogs may be registered per household, but two adults must be present to bring all four at once.
- Children under 10 are not permitted inside the off-leash area; minors 10–17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Healthy Play vs. Problem Behavior

Play can include chasing, wrestling, bowing, and gentle mouthing—but owners should recognize when play turns rough.

Look for these signs of healthy play:

- Loose, bouncy movements
- “Play bows” or short pauses during wrestling
- Taking turns being the chaser and the chased
- If play becomes tense or one dog looks uncomfortable—intervene early.
- End the play session if you see:
- Stiff posture or raised hackles
- Bullying or targeting
- Fearful or aggressive body language

Mounting & Resource Guarding

- Discourage mounting—some dogs may react aggressively to this behavior. Redirect your dog with an “off” command or brief time-out.
- Avoid bringing toys that may cause competition or guarding behavior. If a dog becomes possessive, calmly remove the item or leave the park.

Dog Fights and Emergencies

Fights can occur even among well-socialized dogs. Stay calm and act safely.

- Do not grab collars or heads. Dogs may bite unintentionally.
- Use a loud noise, splash of water, or distraction to break focus.
- Each owner should grab their own dog by the rear hips or legs and pull away.
- Once separated, leash and remove the dogs from the park immediately.
- Exchange information with the other owner and report the incident using the City of Lebanon Dog Park Incident Report Form.

Pennsylvania Dog Laws

The Dog Law Enforcement Office within the PA Department of Agriculture is responsible for overseeing annual licensure and rabies vaccinations for dogs. The Office is also charged with investigating reports of aggressive or dangerous dogs and serious dog bites.

- All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by The County of Lebanon
- All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dogs.
- It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- No dog under eight weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered, or transferred.
- You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere.
- Dogs three months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination.
- It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in the enforcement of dog laws.

Final Reminder

Dog parks are not for socializing dogs who are fearful, aggressive, or untrained—they are for already socialized dogs to exercise safely. By staying attentive and following all City of Lebanon Dog Park rules, you help maintain a safe, clean, and enjoyable park for everyone.

CITY OF LEBANON DOG PARK INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Please note that any incident involving bodily injury to persons or dogs requiring medical attention should be immediately reported to the City of Lebanon Police by calling 911. This form should be completed for all incidents of aggressive dog behavior and those incidents noted above regardless of the severity.

Your Information:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Weight _____ Lbs. Color _____

General Description

Other Individual/Dog Involved:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____ Weight _____ Lbs. Color _____

General Description

If names are not known please provide a full description of the individual, their dog's name and/or anything that may be pertinent (i.e., make, model, color of their car, license and plate number, etc.)

Nature of the Incident:

Date of Incident ____/____/____ Time _____ am pm

Location: Small Dog Area Large Dog Area Other (specify) _____

Describe Incident:

Description of any Injuries:

Witness _____ Phone _____

Witness _____ Phone _____

Actions Taken: None Ambulance Police Veterinary Other (describe) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: All incidents will be handled in as timely a manner as possible. Guidelines for use of City Dog Parks can be found at www.Lebanonpa.org. Thank you for your cooperation.