

Dog Park Policies

- Pet owners are subject to the Sarasota County Animal Control Ordinance. Section 10-31 of the City of North Port Code adopts and enforces the Sarasota County Animal Control Ordinance within the City of North Port.
- All dogs must be vaccinated and display current tags.
- The off-leash dog areas are for dogs and their handlers only.
- Handlers must be at least 18 years old.
- Visitors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Handlers may not bring more than three (3) dogs at any one time.
- Handlers must have one leash in their possession for every dog they bring to the park.
- Dogs must be on a leash while entering and exiting the park, including the parking lot.
- No leash lead longer than six (6) feet.
- Any dog displaying aggressive behavior toward people or other dogs shall immediately be removed from the park by its handler.
- Dogs in heat, pregnant, or lactating are prohibited from the park.
- Puppies under four (4) months old are not permitted in the park.
- Handlers must fill any holes dug by their dog(s).
- No food allowed for both people and dog(s). glass drink containers are prohibited.
- Abandonment of dogs is prohibited and punishable by law.
- Owners and handlers are legally responsible for their dog(s) and should always keep close contact and within voice command.
- Handlers are responsible for removing and disposing of dog waste.
Section 14-18 of the Sarasota County Code requires dog owners to immediately pick up after their pets and dispose of their waste in a lawful manner.
- If problems occur with vicious dogs, call Sarasota County Animal services at 941-861-9500.
- Handlers shall always be in the park and within view of their dogs(s).
- West Villages Improvement District shall not be responsible for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the park.
- Owners Are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dog(s) and are legally and financially responsible for their dog's behavior.
- No food, drink, glass containers permitted in the dog park area.
- No bicycle skateboards or scooters inside the dog park area.