

Obey the dog ordinance!



There are only two rules. Please be respectful and follow them.

1. Keep your dog on a leash.

Dogs must be on a leash anytime they are off of their owner's property.* This includes neighborhoods, trails, and all City parks. In addition, at Ritter Farm Park, all dogs must be kept at the owner's side at all times to protect wildlife and vegetation.

2. Pick up after your dog.

Any person walking a dog is responsible for cleaning up after the animal and disposing of the waste in a sanitary manner.

Responsible dog owners obey the rules.

Most dog owners are responsible. The majority keep their dogs on leash and at their side when others are near. Most owners also have the courtesy to clean up after their dogs.

Responsible residents report violations.

Handlers who don't follow the rules give a bad name to all those who do. Violation of the rules should be reported. If you see an ordinance offense, the Lakeville Police Department encourages you to **call 9-1-1**. The dispatcher will ask questions to help ensure the proper level of response. Don't be afraid to call, it is the responsible thing to do when people are breaking the rules. Citations can be given for this offense.

* Verifiable canine good citizen designation or an electronic collar are the only leash ordinance exceptions. And, if a person comes within 100 feet of the dog, the animal must be called into "close control," which means at the owner's side.

CITY OF LAKEVILLE ORDINANCE -

5-1-9 CONTROL OF DOGS

Restraint Of Dogs:

No person shall permit a dog owned by him or her or under his or her care to be at large within the city.

No person shall permit a dog owned by him or her or under his or her care to be in a city park or on a city street, trail, or sidewalk unless controlled by a leash not exceeding twenty-five feet (25') in length, except dogs that have passed the canine good citizen test certification program or its approved equivalent are permitted to be under voice control of a dog handler, except when a pedestrian approaches within one hundred feet (100'), at which time the dog must be immediately recalled and brought under close control until the pedestrian retreats by one hundred feet (100'). The canine good citizen test certification, or an approved equal, must be kept current and presented each year when applying for a dog license. (Ord.680, sec.3, 11-20-2000, eff. 6-1-2001)

In Ritter Farm Park, all dogs, including dogs that have passed the canine good citizen certification program, must be under close control.

5-1-17: DOGS; CLEANING UP LITTER

A. The owner of any dog or any person having the custody or control of any dog shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a clean and sanitary manner. Every occupant of a dwelling unit, or owner if the dwelling unit is not occupied, shall remove animal feces from the unit, the yard, or lot on which the unit is located, or from any structure appurtenant to the unit which he controls and dispose of such animal feces in a clean and sanitary manner.

It is unlawful for any person owning, keeping, harboring or in custody of a dog to cause or permit the dog to be on property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person without having in his or her immediate possession a device for removal of feces and depository for transmission of excrement to a proper receptacle located on the property owned or possessed by such person.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the paved or traveled portions of public streets or roads or to rural undeveloped areas of the City nor to guide dogs accompanying a blind person or to a dog used by police or in rescue actions.

B. Any owner having custody of any dog or domestic animal shall immediately remove any feces left by such animals within a park and dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner. The owner, while in the park shall possess, carry and keep readily available a device or item of equipment for picking up and removing dog feces. This subsection shall not apply to guide dogs accompanying a blind or disabled person or a dog used by police or in rescue actions. (Ord. 406, sec. 7, 3-19-1990)