

MECKLENBURG COUNTY "POOCH PASS" INFORMATION, APPLICATION & REGULATIONS

Dog Parks:

- McAlpine Creek Park "Ray's Fetching Meadows", 8711 Monroe Rd., Charlotte, NC
- Reedy Creek Park "Barkingham Park", 2900 Rocky River Rd., Charlotte, NC
- Ramsey Creek Park "Swaney Pointe K-9 Park", 18441 Nantz Rd., Charlotte, NC
- WR Davie Park "Davie Dog Park", 4635 Pineville Matthews Rd., Charlotte, NC

Requirements:

Completion of the Application Form, Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Bordetella, and an updated list of DHLPP (Distemper/Hepatitis/Leptospirosis/Parvo/Parainfluenza) records are required (*include given and expiration dates for all vaccines*). These are the commonly administered vaccinations provided routinely by most veterinarians and your vet should be able to provide you a print-out of your dog's records. **Attach this to your application form.** (*All vaccinations must remain current.*)

Proof of Residence required:

Provide a recent copy of a utility bill (Electric, Phone, Cable or Water) OR a valid NC or SC Drivers License/ID card with current address to purchase or renew a Mecklenburg County Pooch Pass. (*Pooch Passes will not be sold OR renewed without this information*)

Fees per Year:

Pooch Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase and renewable on a yearly basis (*Payment accepted via Cash, Check or Money Order*) (*A Secondary Pass is available for \$5, restrictions apply*)

Mecklenburg County resident \$35 \$15 each additional dog (**Maximum of 3**)
Non County resident \$50 \$25 each additional dog (**Maximum of 3**)

The pass issued will allow the use of all Mecklenburg County Dog Parks as they are added across the park system. Revenue generated from pass fees will be accrued in a capital reserve fund for improvements to dog parks and/or the development of additional dog parks.

Purchase a New Pass:

Please visit one of the following offices – Passes available Monday-Friday 9am – 4pm

Passes are not available on weekends or holidays at any location.

- Administration Office, 5841 Brookshire Boulevard, (704) 336-8840
- East Park District Office, 5715 Monroe Road, (704) 568-4044
- Mallard Creek Recreation Center, 2530 Johnston-Oehler Road, (704) 548-8234
- Marion Diehl Recreation Center, 2219 Tyvola Road, (704) 527-0237 (**call for pass sales times**)

Bring all applicable documents. The pass will be issued directly to you; Pooch Passes will no longer be sent by mail due to lost passes. As dog parks are added, passes will be available at additional park district offices.

Pass Renewal:

Send the completed application, along with all required vaccination documents and check OR Money Order made payable to Mecklenburg County:

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department
Attn: Pooch Pass
5841 Brookshire Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28216

Pass Replacement:

If a pass is lost, stolen or destroyed there will be a \$5 dollar replacement fee for a new pass. For a replacement pass, please contact (704) 336-8840 or dogparks@mecklenburgcountync.gov. Verification of your current mailing address is required to receive a replacement pass. The Pooch Pass and all vaccinations must be current.

Dog Park Access:

All Passes must be scanned to ENTER & EXIT Mecklenburg County Dog Parks. This is a new anti-tamper security feature within the dog parks. ONLY authorized passes will gain access.

***ALL POOCH PASSES ARE PROPERTY OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY PARK & RECREATION AND UPON REQUEST, MUST BE RETURNED TO PARK & RECREATION. Thank you.**

"POOCH PASS" APPLICATION

Incomplete Applications will not be processed.

Internal: Pass No. & Date Issued _____

Primary Name: _____ Secondary Name: _____

*If you purchase (2) Pooch Passes, there must be a secondary name on the account and both persons must reside at the **same address**. Thank you.*

Drivers License/ID Card # (s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

*E-Mail: _____ Dog Park Preference: _____

** All Dog Park correspondence is conducted through e-mail. Please ensure that we have your correct e-mail address. Thank you.*

Dogs Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male ___ Female ___ Spay/Neuter: Yes ___ No ___ Color: _____ Rabies #: _____ Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____ DHLLP: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____ Bordetella: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____
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Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability: Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to dog park rules are conditions of "pooch pass" approval, retention and renewal. Passes may be revoked for non-compliance.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), designated dog park areas in parks operated by Mecklenburg County. I understand that unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present at a dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other people, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior, and lack of training. I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of Mecklenburg County to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated as required by law which could result in injury to a human or dog. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights; dog bites; theft or unlawful capture; escape over and under fences; vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed; burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dogs coat, feet, eyes, nose or ears; mosquitoes; ticks; chiggers; fleas and other insects; and wildlife typically found in a park such as snakes, raccoons, opossums, etc. It is my understanding that use of the dog park is self-directed and not directly supervised by an agent or employee of Mecklenburg County. I assume all risks associated with using the dog park, including fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

By signing this release, I agree to indemnify and serve harmless Mecklenburg County, its agents, officers, and employees and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damages, expense, and liability resulting from my use of the dog park, including death, sickness, injury, and disease to any person or dog, or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly from my use of the dog park. I have carefully read this release of liability, and understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions. I have also received a copy of the rules for dog park use and understand that failure to abide by these rules will result in loss of dog park privileges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Internal: Issued by: _____ Location: _____
 Cash: _____ Check: _____ Check#: _____ Amount: _____

Dog Park Rules and Regulations (Part two of application)

Note: *Electronic passes that do not operate have been deactivated for a reason (pass expired, rabies/vaccinations expired, previous aggressive behavior) **DO NOT** put your dog park privileges or your pet at risk, by allowing entrance to unauthorized persons and pets.*

1. Hours: open 7:00 am until sunset daily.
2. No animals other than dogs may be brought into the fenced area.
3. Owners **must** provide proof that the dog is currently vaccinated for Rabies, Bordetella and DHLPP to acquire a "pooch pass". **All dogs wishing to access dog parks must be registered with owners pooch pass.** Current rabies tags must be worn on the dog's collar at all times. Passes are linked to the expiration date of vaccinations. **Owners who let vaccinations expire should expect a 48 hour delay from the time the new vaccination information is provided to the Park and Recreation Department until they can use the dog park.**
4. All dogs must be leashed until safely inside and returned to a leash prior to exiting. Owners must have 1 leash per dog at all times.
5. Dog owners must remain in the fenced area while their dogs are using the dog park. Owners must be in view of their dogs with voice control at all times.
6. Dog owners must be age 18 or older to acquire a pooch pass. Children accompanying dog owners must be strictly supervised and at least 12 years old to be allowed inside. Spectators should remain outside the fenced area.
7. Aggressive dogs and female dogs in heat are not allowed. **Owners must immediately leash and remove dogs from the dog park at the first sign of aggressive, hostile or combative behavior.** Any dog found to have bitten another dog/person will lose all dog park privileges. *Refunds will be given for unused months upon returning the deactivated pooch pass.*
8. Owners must dispose of waste properly in the designated on-site containers.
9. While small, bite-sized training treats are permitted, food in bowls, long-lasting chews, or glass containers are not allowed.
10. **Smoking and eating are not allowed inside the "dog park".** Cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting and unhealthy for dogs.
11. Sick or injured dogs are not allowed. Owners of dogs with a known sickness/injury or displaying sick or injured behavior will be required to remove their dog immediately.
12. No more than three (3) dogs per person are allowed on any single visit. **Each dog must be registered with their owners' unique Pooch Pass number.** Dogs not registered are not permitted in Mecklenburg County Dog Parks.
13. Puppies less than four (4) months old are not permitted.
14. North Carolina State Law requires that all dog bites be reported to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Animal Control Bureau at 704-336-3786. In addition, owners are required to assist in the investigation of incidents of aggression or biting by providing appropriate identification and information to the Police, Park and Recreation Department officials, **AND to other dog owners who are involved with the incident under investigation.** Failure to provide assistance and identification as requested will result in immediate revocation of all dog park privileges. **Owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their dog and are fully responsible for their dog's actions.**

I have read these rules and understand that violating any of these rules will result in my dog park privileges being terminated: _____

Signature

Date