

SAFETY TIPS & INJURY PREVENTION



Never hang over fences or put your hands through fence openings to touch a dog, even one you know.

Avoid rough games such as tug-of-war, jumping up for toys/food, and wrestling - all could lead to injury if the game gets out of hand.

Never tease or hit a dog or pull ears, tail or feet and let sleeping/eating dogs alone!

Leave dogs with puppies alone. Some mother dogs may get very protective.

If an unknown dog approaches you, remain calm and quiet. Stand still and do not look the dog directly in the eyes. If you are boring, there is a good chance the dog will move on. Ultimately it is the owner who determines how safe their dog will be!

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Licensing and Fees

Dog licenses are issued by the DC Department of Health's (DC Health) Animal services program. Dog owners must show proof that their pets have had rabies and distemper shots and renew their dog's license each year. Get more information about licensing requirements, fees, and procedures by calling (202) 535-2323, visiting then DOH Service Center at 899 North Capitol Street, NE., or on the web at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/164952>

Vaccinations

District law requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies and distemper by four (4) months of age and be kept current. Call DC Health at (202) 535-2323, or for more information visit: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/165152>

Animal Bites

Please report all animal bites immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department & Animal Care and Control Facility at (202) 576-6664.

DC Health Website

For questions about rabies in the District of Columbia, please contact Animal Services by email at: rabies.info@dc.gov or visit Rabies and Animal Exposures: <https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/rabies-and-animal-exposures>.

DOGS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Important Information for District Residents & Dog Owners

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WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Leash your dog, it's the law

Under the Animal Control Act, all dogs on any public space in the District, other than in a dog park designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation, must be firmly secured by a leash at all times. DPR dog parks are designated by signage approved by DPR, and do not include fenced-in or open areas meant for other uses.



Except for services dogs, all dogs are prohibited on children's play area and on DPR athletic fields. With the District's increasing dog population, it's important to have the latest information about responsible dog ownership and how your pet impacts our environment and others. Pet waste and four-legged traffic are harmful to the health of our patrons in our recreational spaces. To ensure safe and sanitary conditions for everyone, please do not allow your dog onto DPR athletic fields.

IT'S THE LAW!



Pick up after your dog

Fines \$150 -\$2,000

Dog waste transmits diseases, attracts rats, kills grass, and pollutes waterways. Use a bag to pick up your dog's waste and then dispose of it in a trash can.

What are the consequences?

Each person who violates DC's leash laws shall pay a fine not to exceed \$25 for the first violation, \$50 for the second violation occurring within a 24-month period, and \$100 for each subsequent violation occurring within a 24-month period. Additionally, civil charges can be filed if a dog injures a person while at large, lack of knowledge of the dog's vicious propensity standing alone shall not absolve the owner from a finding of negligence.

DOG PARK LOCATIONS:

Ward 5 - Alethia Tanner Park
R Street, NE & Met Branch Trail

Ward 3 - Chevy Chase
41st & Livingston, NW

Ward 2 - Francis
25th & M Streets, NW

Ward 1 - The Park at LeDroit
286 V Street, NW

Ward 3 - Guy Mason
3100 Calvert Street, NW

Ward 6 - Virginia Avenue
901 Virginia Avenue, SE

Ward 6 - Kingsman
14th & Kingsman Street, NE

Ward 5 - Langdon Park
2901 20th Street, NE

Ward 6 - Lansburgh
M Street & Delaware Avenue, SW

Ward 3 - Newark
39th & Newark Street, NW

Ward 2 - S Street
17th & S Street, NW

Ward 2 - Shaw
11th & Rhode Island, NW

Ward 6 - Swampoodle Park
3rd & L Street, NE

Ward 4 - Takoma
5th & Underwood Street, NW

Ward 4 - Upshur
4300 Arkansas Avenue, NW

Ward 1 - Walter Pierce
20th & Calvert Street, NW

Delivering Summer 2021
Ward 3 - Hardy Park
4500 Q Street, NW

Delivering Fall/Winter 2021
Ward 7 - Texas Avenue
Texas Avenue & B Street, SE