

Possible Rules of Use for a Town of Chevy Chase Dog Exercise Area

THE DOG EXERCISE AREA IS NOT SUPERVISED. OWNERS/HANDLERS ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR DOGS AT ALL TIMES. THE TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR THE CONDUCT OF DOGS OR THEIR HANDLERS.

All dog owners/handlers must comply with the below Dog Exercise Area rules and regulations at all times when accessing the dog exercise area. Anyone found in violation of the below Dog Exercise Area Rules and Regulations is subject to removal, including the removal of the dog from the Dog Exercise Area and/or issuance of a \$100 citation per violation. Violators may also be banned permanently from using the Dog Exercise Area.

- All dogs must be accompanied by responsible owners/handlers who are physically able to exercise effective restraint of the dog(s), and who will restrain their dogs if necessary.
- Owners/handlers must remain in the Dog Exercise Area with their dogs and must keep their dogs in sight and under their control at all times.
- Observe the Dog Exercise Area hours of operation, which are (list hours) daily. No person shall use the facility other than during the designated hours of usage.
- Individual owners/handlers may bring no more than two (2) dogs into the Dog Exercise Area at any one time.

- Owners/handlers must immediately leash and remove from the Dog Exercise Area any dog showing aggression towards people or other dogs. Dogs with a known history of aggressive or dangerous behavior and/or dogs that have been deemed “Potentially Dangerous” or “Dangerous” by any State, County or town municipality are prohibited and are not permitted to enter the Dog Exercise Area.
- Any dog barking continuously or uncontrollably must be removed from the Dog Exercise Area.
- No female dogs in estrus (in heat) are permitted in the Dog Exercise Area at any time.
- Any dog with a transmissible, communicable disease may not enter the Dog Exercise Area.
- All dogs entering the Dog Exercise Area must be currently licensed by an authorized jurisdiction and must be currently vaccinated against the rabies virus. All dogs are required to wear a current rabies vaccination tag when using the facility.
- Puppies using the Dog Exercise Area must be four (4) months of age or older.
- Dogs must be immediately leashed and restrained when advised to do so by a Town staff member/police officer, and any person and their dog must leave the Dog Exercise Area when ordered to do so by a Town staff member/police officer.
- Eating and smoking are not permitted inside the Dog Exercise Area.

- No dog food treats or toys, except tennis balls, are permitted in the Dog Exercise Area.
- No bare feet are permitted in the Dog Exercise Area.
- Owners/handlers shall carry a leash at all times, and dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the Dog Exercise Area. “Spiked” dog collars are not permitted inside the Dog Exercise Area.
- Owners/handlers are legally responsible for the behavior of their dogs and remain legally responsible for any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.
- Owners/handlers are responsible for securely closing and latching all gates as they enter or exit the Dog Exercise Area.
- Owners/handlers must pick up and properly dispose of their dog’s feces. Disposal bags are provided for this purpose.
- Dogs must not be allowed to dig. Any holes created by a dog shall be immediately corrected and filled by the dog’s owner/handler.
- Children under the age of eleven (11) must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult who will be accountable for the behavior and wellbeing of the child. Children should be discouraged from approaching or playing with unfamiliar dogs.
- Owners/handlers are not permitted to groom or bathe their dogs inside the Dog Exercise Area.
- Professional dog services such as, but not limited to, training, behavior modification and grooming are prohibited inside the Dog Exercise Area.

- Upon a finding that a dog is dangerous, potentially dangerous or a public nuisance as defined in Chapter 5 of the Montgomery County Code, or that a dog has bitten a person or another dog without provocation, the Town Manager may ban the dog from accessing the dog exercise area.