

Adopt-a-Dog-Park Sponsor Group Application

The "Adopt-a-Program" recognizes the community's interest in supporting Arlington County parks.

Name of Dog Park Sponsor Group _____
(please print)

Dog Parka Sponsor Group Leader _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____ Email _____

(Work) _____ Mobile phone _____

Dog Park Name _____

Proposed start date: ___/___/___ Proposed end date: ___/___/___

The work will be performed under, and in accordance with, the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) "Adopt-A-Program" conditions and safety tips. The Dog Park Sponsor Group agrees to be responsible for the following maintenance and operations:

1. The Dog Park Sponsor Group will work with park users to encourage them to clean up after their pets by posting notices on the board, holding meetings and sharing information about the benefits to users and pets of a healthy park and when necessary organizing volunteer cleanup projects.
2. Act as liaison between users and local residents.
3. Provide education and explanation about park rules and regulations to park users. DPR staff will review any written materials prior to distribution to the public relating to rules and regulations and/or events occurring on County property.
4. Report general maintenance needs to the Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison.
5. Maintain liaison with Animal Welfare League of Arlington to report dog bites in the dog park.
6. When the Dog Park Sponsor Group receives complaints about the dog park they should share those complaints with the Parks & Recreation dog park liaison. The Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison will work with the Dog Park Sponsor Group to address maintenance issues, operations or park user behavior problems.
7. Trash pickup and containers are provided by Arlington County.
8. Dog waste bags are provided by the park users and coordinated through the Dog Park Sponsor Group. The Dog Park Sponsor Group may solicit businesses or other groups for support to purchase or acquire dog waste bags. Contributors or supporters may be acknowledged by small signs in the park or on the bulletin board.
9. Requests for outside groups to hold events in the park or at the park entrances must be reviewed with the Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison. The safety of park users and unimpeded access to the park facilities is the primary consideration for those requests.
10. When environmental or safety concerns require the dog park to be closed, the Dog Park Sponsor Group will utilize their social media contacts to support and share the information with the park user community.

By signing this Program Application, I agree and acknowledge that work will be performed in accordance with the Conditions and Agreements below. As a representative of the group referenced above, I have read and agree to abide by the policies, guidelines and safety recommendations set forth by DPR regarding the Adopt-A-Dog-Park Program. I understand this agreement is not complete until I have met with a Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison to finalize and sign this Program Application and the Conditions and Agreements. I understand that DPR will decide the scope of work and feasibility of the adoption/project. I understand that as a Sponsor Group Leader I am subject to a criminal background check.

I acknowledge that there are inherent risks involved in this activity, including, but not limited to, damage to my personal property and the property of my group, and risk of serious injury, or even death, to me or the members of my group. I recognize and agree that participation in the Adopt-A-Dog-Park Program is at my risk and the risk of individual participants in my group, and that Arlington County cannot assume responsibility for injuries or property damage.

In consideration of me being granted permission to participate in the Adopt-A-Dog-Park Program, I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Board of Arlington County and all of its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries, fines, penalties and costs (including court costs and attorney's fees), charges, or liabilities arising from my participation in the Adopt-A-Dog-Park Program. I am eighteen (18) years of age or older. I have read this Program Application and Conditions and Agreements agree to its terms.

Signature _____ Date _____

Adopt-a-Dog Park Program Conditions and Agreements

(This page will be reviewed and completed during an on-site meeting with the Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison.)

This arrangement between the Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation, hereinafter referred to as "DPR" and _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Dog Park Sponsor Group", entitles the Dog Park Sponsor Group to accept and perform volunteer service functions at _____ (list dog park name).

The following conditions shall apply:

All safety tips are followed.

- Parent or legal guardian of any person less than 16 years of age must grant written permission for the child to participate in the Adopt-A-Dog-Park Program. Individuals or groups with members under 16 years of age must be supervised by adults (persons 18 years or older).
- All members of the Dog Park Sponsor Group must register as Arlington County volunteers before they may participate in this program.
- Work may only be performed in the designated area.
- No additions or changes to any County property may be made by the Dog Park Sponsor Group without a written request and written approval by DPR. All requests should be sent to the Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison.
- Any property that is damaged by the Dog Park Sponsor Group must be returned to its original condition.
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- Project leaders are responsible for: submitting all work projects to the Parks and Natural Resources Division dog park liaison for approval; ordering materials, scheduling volunteer service days, returning unused materials, supplies and tools, and submitting completed Adopt-A-Park Program reports.
- The relationship between DPR and the Dog Park Sponsor Group and their group may be terminated by either party without cause, so long as thirty (30) days prior notice is given by the terminating party to the other party.

Materials/Supplies Provided by DPR:

Materials/Supplies Provided by Adopter:

FOR DPR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Application received: _____ Date of On-Site Meeting: _____

Parks and Natural Resources Division Dog Park Liaison: _____ Date: _____

Dog Park Sponsor Group Leader: _____ Date: _____