



2024/2025 Registration Packet

(Membership runs from June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025)

Frankfort Bark Park

(22108 S. 80th Ave., Northwest Corner of Commissioners Park)

Frankfort Park District
140 Oak Street
Frankfort, IL 60423

Tel: 815-469-9400

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www.frankfortparks.org





*Welcome and thank you for becoming a member of Frankfort Bark Park.
We're sure you and your four-legged friend will enjoy the park.*

When you arrive at the park, please be sure to choose the appropriate run area for your dog based on his size and weight (26 lbs and over should use the large run area). Remember, puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park. We encourage following this rule to ensure your puppy has a chance to receive all of his shots, learn basic obedience commands and become properly socialized before romping with other canine friends. Puppies that learn to socialize in a dog park may pick up more aggressive play tendencies that carry through to adulthood. No congregating at the entrance is allowed.

There will be waste bags and receptacles located throughout the park—please be sure to use these—cleanup is required. **This is your park, please help keep it clean.**

Key Card Access: Please do not allow others to enter the park who do not have a card. The card helps ensure that all registered dogs are up to date on their vaccinations. If your dog's vaccination records expire during 2024/2025, it is your responsibility to forward updated records to the park district via fax, (815-469-9275), Email, (registration@frankfortparks.org) mail or in person. **Failure to submit updated records will result in your key card being deactivated within 30 days of the expired vaccination date.**

Loss of Key Card: If you lose your Key Card, a replacement can be purchased for \$10. You can do this at the Frankfort Park District, 140 Oak Street, Frankfort, 815-469-9400.

Key Card Problems: If your Key Card does not work, please report it to the Frankfort Park District, 815-469-9400.
Possible cause for failure: current shot records have not been submitted.

You must re-register each year with the Park District to ensure your Key Card works. Be sure your dog's vaccination records are up to date and bring them with you. You cannot re-register without proof of vaccination.

There will be regular maintenance of the grass and landscaping by the Park District. This includes but is not limited to mowing and fertilization. During those times, the park will be closed; we will try to give advance notice when possible. No herbicides will be used in the dog park.

When entering and exiting, be sure gates are securely closed behind you. Please be courteous to other dog owners—be sure to read our *Rules and Etiquette Info Sheets* to educate yourself on how to use the park and make the most of your visit. **For the safety of all, do not congregate near the entrance; allow other dogs to enter without incident and keep your dog far from the gates when dogs are entering.**

Thank you for your support of Frankfort Bark Park.

Frankfort Park District and Operation Playground Foundation





Frankfort Bark Park Dog Incident Policy

Frankfort Bark Park's Rules and Etiquette are designed to help minimize the chance for a dog incident. However, should an incident occur, below is our policy and recommended action by dog owners.

- Separate and leash the dogs.
- Remove dogs to neutral area by main gate.
- Inspect dogs for any injury.
- Exchange names and phone numbers.
- Get names and phone numbers of any witnesses.

In the event the Frankfort Park District is notified, our policy is to release names and telephone numbers of interested parties if necessary.

You are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog.

Emergency Bark Park Telephone Numbers:

Frankfort Park District – 815-469-9400

Frankfort Non-Emergency Police – 815-469-9435

Will County Animal Control – 815-462-5633

22452 S. Cherry Hill Road

Joliet, IL. 60433

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Frankfort Bark Park Rules and Regulations

- 1) You must purchase a permit each “dog park calendar year” at the Frankfort Park District to use the Frankfort Bark Park. Proof of current vaccinations is required to purchase a permit. You do not need to be a resident of the Frankfort Park District, but non-residents do pay \$10 additional per year.

Annual Fee Frankfort Park District resident: \$60 per family

Annual Fee Non-resident: \$70 per family

Renewing members will pay \$50 (resident) or \$60 (non-resident)

Replacement cards are \$10 if you lose or damage your card.

Do Not Write On Your Card!

December 2, 2024 – May 31, 2025 the fee is \$35 per new resident family and \$45 for new non-resident family. (This is half price membership fee plus \$10 key fee.)

Bark Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk / Dogs 26 lbs+ must use the large run area.

Small dogs may use the large park.

- 2) Maximum number of dogs per adult is 2 and both dogs must remain in the same run area with their owner. Large dogs (26 lbs and above) are not allowed in the small run area. Owners cannot leave their dog(s) in the run areas without supervision.
- 3) Dog must remain leashed until they are inside the small or large run area. No prong or pinch collars are allowed in the run areas; they must be removed for other dogs’ safety.
- 4) Children 11 and under are not allowed in the small and large dog run areas. Children 12 and up must be accompanied by an adult and are not to be left unattended in the run areas.
- 5) Dogs must display their current rabies tag.
- 6) Dogs who are unhealthy or in season are not allowed into the park. We recommend keeping your dog on flea and tick treatment during spring, summer and fall. Fall is peak time when fleas become active and are looking for hosts.





- 7) Dogs who exhibit humping or aggressive behavior (including urinating on other animals or people) should be removed immediately from the park to avoid the potential for injury to other dogs or owners. Chronic or habitual offenders and abusers will lose their Bark Park privileges. **Do not allow your dog to run to the gate when a new dog is entering; keep the gate area clear at all times so members can enter and exit without incident.**
- 8) Owners must clean up after their dog. Bags and waste receptacles are available throughout the park.
- 9) Puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park.
- 10) **No smoking, no glass containers, no food of any kind including dog treats, rawhide, bones, & hooves, and no alcohol or soft drinks** of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park. This is to ensure the park stays clean and prevents dogs from begging for food or showing aggressive behavior. There is running water to fill up containers and bowls at the park.
- 11) No human sports of any kind are allowed in the park (rollerblading, football, baseball, bikes, skateboards, etc.).
- 12) Do not allow anyone into the park that does not have a key card. This is for you and your pet's safety. Encourage visitors to pick up a packet and register to become a member. Report fence jumpers to the police. The police phone number is posted at the park.
- 13) **Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dog.**
- 14) Failure to comply with the above rules may result in fines or revocation of your park permit.

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Frankfort Bark Park Dog Park Etiquette and Precautions

Please take the time to read through this and educate yourself about the rules and etiquette. We take safety at the park very seriously. Familiarizing yourself with the rules and etiquette will help you and your pet enjoy your time at Frankfort Bark Park.

Note: For safety reasons, children 11 and under are not allowed in the dog run areas.

- 1) Dogs can be unpredictable and rambunctious. Some dogs don't respond well to children running by fast with arms flailing and yelling. Because of this, we highly recommend not bringing any children into the dog run areas for their own protection. Children should not handle any dog toys that are lying around in the park and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog.
- 2) Entering and exiting a dog park is a stressful and exciting event for a dog. Please allow others to enter and exit before you do. This will reduce stress and confrontations between dogs as they are entering the play areas. Be sure to securely close all gates behind you for the safety of all.
- 3) After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around un-leashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, don't visit the park. **If your dog wears a prong collar, it must be removed so other dogs do not get caught on it.**
- 4) **Supervise your dog during the entire visit to the park.** When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is. Having a group of dogs greet you at the gate can feel threatening to some dogs; don't allow dogs to congregate around the entrance. **Keep your leash with you at all times.**
- 5) Some dogs like to mount—if yours is one of these, you must immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs, or leave the park.
- 6) Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs can make with each other. **Dogs that remain unruly towards another dog must be removed immediately.**
- 7) If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give your name and phone number to the injured party. **You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others. See Dog Incident Policy.**
- 8) **Pick up your dog's droppings** and any "orphaned" droppings; carry extra bags with you. Bags and waste receptacles are available. This is your park; help keep it clean and sanitary for all of our dogs.

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Dog Park Waiver & Release

You are solely responsible for supervising your dog and determining whether or not this is an appropriate activity to participate in. You must understand that you and others who accompany you are participating in this activity at your and their own risk (and risk of your dog). Dogs and permit holders of varying degrees of skill, training and experience use Frankfort Bark Park.

You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use Frankfort Bark Park. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before undertaking any dog training or exercise activity.

When this Waiver & Release refers to “your dog”, “my dog”, or the “owner” of a dog, it includes you whether or not you are the legal owner of the dog, since you are the person responsible for the dog while using Frankfort Bark Park.

WARNING OF RISK

Dog activities are intended to provide a fun and rewarding experience for a dog and its owner/handler. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death to the dog, its owner/handler or other persons or animals. Dogs are pack animals and when “off lead”, even the best-trained dogs will act instinctively. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers associated with dog activities can be foreseen. Certain inherent risks include the propensity of any dog to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury to you, another person, or dog. Other risks include, but are not limited to, the inexperience, negligence or irresponsibility of a dog owner/handler; the inability to predict a dog’s reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or other animals; and actions by the dog due to fright, anger, stress, insect bites, or natural reactions such as jumping, pulling, resisting and biting. Other risks include the hazards associated with environmental and traffic conditions, acts of God, inclement weather, slip and falls, premises defects, equipment failure, failure in instruction/supervision, and all other circumstances inherent to dog and/or outside activities.

Should you attempt to break up a dog fight or restrain a dog, including but not limited to your dog you may be attacked and severely mauled by your dog, the other dog, or attacked by another dog’s owner/handler. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Frankfort Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in consideration for permission to use Frankfort Bark Park, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your dog might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with use of Frankfort Bark Park and surrounding area.

I recognize and acknowledge that use of Frankfort Bark Park and the surrounding area for dog activities and participating in dog activities entails certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals), and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, extent or amount that (a) I, my dog or any other person accompanying me might sustain or incur as a result of my presence in this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with use of Frankfort Bark Park and surrounding area; or (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of my or my dog’s actions or conduct in connection with or associated with use of this facility and surrounding area.

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I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) the Frankfort Park District, and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Frankfort Park District or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents, including but not limited to any volunteer that is a director, officer or member of Operation Playground Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit group (hereinafter collectively the "Parties") from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of Frankfort Bark Park and surrounding area.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend (a) the Frankfort Park District and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Frankfort Park District or any of its officers, directors, employees or agents, including but not limited to any volunteer that is a director, officer or member of Operation Playground Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit group, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surround area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity (including but not limited to the Frankfort Park District).

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS. IF REGISTERING ONLINE OR VIA FAX, YOUR ONLINE OR FACSIMILE SIGNATURE SHALL SUBSTITUTE AND HAVE THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS AN ORIGINAL FORM SIGNATURE.

Date _____

Permit Holder's Name (Please Print)

Permit Holder's Signature





**2024/25 Dog Park Sign-Off on Rules
and
Immunization Requirement**

_____ I have read and understand the Bark Park rules.

_____ I agree to provide updated immunization records if and when my dog's vaccinations expire . I understand that if I don't do this, my keycard will be deactivated and will not be re-activated until I submit updated records.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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