



Animal Registration

All cats and dogs must be registered and licensed with the Town annually. Registration begins the first business day in January and continues through March 31. Any newly acquired cats and dogs must be registered at the time of acquisition or when the animal reaches four months of age. Residents must present a current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of registration. Cats and dogs must wear the Town registration tag at all times. The registration fee is \$10 per pet.

Town ordinances require all animals to be under the supervision and constraint of their owners. Animals running at large are not permitted.

Town ordinances require owners to pick up after their pets. Failure to pick up pet waste may result in a citation and fine.

Dog Park

River Bend has a dog park for the enjoyment of our canine residents. Pet owners who don't have fenced yards can allow their dogs supervised off-leash exercise. There are separate runs for large and small dogs. Rules of park usage apply and can be obtained at Town Hall.

Dog Park Rules

- Hours: Sunrise to Sunset
- Users enter at their own risk
- Handlers are responsible for any injuries or damages caused by dogs they bring into the park
- Dogs must have a valid license and/or rabies tag.
- Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the Dog Park.
- Maximum of three dogs per handler.
- Small dog area is reserved for dogs up to 25 pounds. (Small dogs are also allowed in large dog area, but large dogs are not allowed in small dog area).
- For the safety of your dog(s) and other park visitors, choke, prong (pinch) and spike collars are strictly prohibited. If you use these types of collars, remove them before entering the dog park.
- No Children under the age of 16 are permitted unless accompanied by an adult. Children have a tendency to scream and run when excited, which can trigger a dog's prey drive or natural instinct to chase. For this reason and for the safety of your children, we do not recommend bringing small children and infants into the dog park.
- Aggressive dogs are not permitted on the premises. Dogs must be removed at the first sign of aggression.
- Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
- Sick dogs, or dogs with parasites (worms, ticks, fleas, etc.) are not allowed in the park.
- Dog owners must be in the area of the park and within view of their dogs at all times.
- All off-leash dogs must be under voice control of their owners. If you cannot control your dog off leash, keep your pet leashed at all times.
- Dog owners must keep their leash in hand at all times.
- Please do not bring dog food or human food into the park and please, no smoking in the park.
- Owners must clean up dog feces. Seal waste in the provided plastic bags before disposing in designated receptacle.
- Fill any holes your dog digs.
- Proof of a current rabies vaccination and license is required upon request of a police or animal control officer. Tags may serve as proof.
- Failure to abide by the park rules may result in loss of privileges and/ or owners may be ticketed.

**Please report any violations to the River Bend Police Department at
638-1108.**