



# Registration Packet

## UPAWS Dog Park

*Welcome and thank you for becoming a member of UPAWS Dog 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/her size and weight (25 lbs. and over should use the large run area).

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, Etiquette, and Recommendation 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.

There will be waste baskets 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 Fob Access:** Please do not allow others to enter the park who do not have a key fob. The key fob helps ensure that all registered dogs are up to date on their vaccinations. If your dog's vaccination records expire, it is your responsibility to forward updated records to UPAWS via fax, mail or in person. Failure to submit updated records will result in your key fob being deactivated and it will not be re-activated until you submit updated records.

**Loss of Key Fob:** If you lose your Key Fob, a replacement can be purchased for \$10. You can do this at UPAWS. For renewal memberships, if a damaged fob is turned in, we will charge another \$10 to cover the replacement cost. Please take good care of your fob so it can be re-issued upon renewal. Do not write on your fob.

**Key Fob Problems:** If your Key Fob does not work, please report it to UPAWS (906) 475-6661. Possible cause for failure: current shot records have not been submitted.

*Thank you for your support of UPAWS Dog Park.*



## UPAWS Dog Park

### Rules and Regulations

1. You must purchase a permit to use UPAWS Dog Park. Proof of current vaccinations is required to purchase a permit.

#### Annual Permit

- Individual (per dog): \$35
- Family/Household (max # of dogs 4): \$50

#### Seasonal Permit (Nov-April, inclusive)

- Individual (per dog): \$20
- Family/Household (max # of dogs 4): \$35

**Replacement fee for lost fobs: \$10.00**

#### Dog Park Hours:

- Summer 7am-9pm
- Winter 8am-5pm

2. Maximum number of dogs per adult is 2 and both dogs must remain in the same run area with their owner. Large dogs (25 lbs. and above) are not allowed in the small dog area. Small dogs (below 25 lbs.) are not allowed in the large dog area.
3. Owners cannot leave their dog(s) unattended in the run areas.
4. Dogs must be wearing a standard collar at all times. No prong, choke, slip, pinch, or electric collars are allowed in the run areas; they must be removed for other dogs' safety.
5. Children 11 and under are not allowed in the dog run areas. Children ages 12-18 must be accompanied by an adult and are not to be left unattended in the run areas.
6. Keep your leash with you at all times.
7. Dogs must display their current rabies tag.
8. Dogs who are unhealthy or in season (heat) are not allowed into the dog park.
9. Dogs who exhibit humping or aggressive behavior 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 Dog Park privileges.
10. Some dogs like to mount—if yours is one of these, you must immediately separate to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs, or leave the park.
- 11. 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.**

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12. No person shall use the dog park for any solicitation or commercial use.
13. Owners must clean up after their dog. Bags and waste receptacles are available throughout the park.
14. Puppies under the age of six months are not allowed in the park.
15. No smoking, no glass containers, no food, no alcohol or drinks of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park.
16. No dog treats or toys of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park.
17. No human sports of any kind are allowed in the park (rollerblading, football, baseball, bikes, skateboards, etc.).
18. Do not allow anyone into the park that does not have a key fob. 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 UPAWS.
- 19. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dog.**
20. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in fines or revocation of your park permit.

*The Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges of any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette or where UPAWS determines a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.*

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## UPAWS Dog Park

### Dog Park Etiquette, Precautions, and Recommendations

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 UPAWS Dog Park.

1. Dogs can be unpredictable and rambunctious. Some dogs don't respond well to children. For your safety and others, children 11 and under are not allowed in the dog run areas.
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. Once you enter the transition area, unleash your dog then enter the dog park closing the transition gate behind you and clearing entry way.
4. 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 dog park.
5. Supervise your dog during the entire visit to the park.
6. 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.
7. To ensure the park stays clean and to prevent dogs from begging for food or showing aggressive behavior, no food or beverages of any kind including dog treats are allowed anywhere in the park. There is running water to fill up containers and bowls at the park.
8. To prevent aggressive behavior no dog toys or toys of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park. We may have specific designated times for Ball/Frisbee tossing and agility training for dogs that respond well to this type of play.
9. 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 their 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. However, special puppy play days may be arranged for dogs six months and under only.
10. 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.**
11. 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.
12. We recommend your dog be spayed/neutered.
13. 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.

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## UPAWS Dog Park Dog Incident Policy

UPAWS *Dog Park 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 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.
- If required, contact UPAWS.

In the event UPAWS 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.**

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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 UPAWS Dog Park.

You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use UPAWS Dog 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 UPAWS Dog 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 outdoor 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 UPAWS 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 UPAWS Dog 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 UPAWS Dog Park and surrounding area.

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I recognize and acknowledge that use of UPAWS Dog 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 UPAWS Dog 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.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) The Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS), and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and volunteers of UPAWS, a non-profit animal welfare organization 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 UPAWS Dog Park and surrounding area.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS), and its officers, directors, employees and agents, and any volunteer of UPAWS, a non-profit animal welfare organization, 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 any 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 UPAWS).

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holder's Name (Please Print)

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Permit Holder's Signature

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## UPAWS Dog Park Sign-Off on Rules And Immunization Requirement

\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the Dog 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 key fob will be deactivated and will not be re-activated until I submit updated records.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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