

“Catawba County Parks - DOG PARK PASS” INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Dog Park

- Riverbend Park, 6700 NC Highway 16 North. Across from Oxford Dam
- St Stephens Park, 2247 36th Ave NE, Hickory, NC

www.catawbacountync.gov/depts/parks/

- **Open** - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday
November – February 8am to 6pm - Closed Christmas Eve and Day
March and October 8am to 7pm
April – September 8am to 8pm

Requirements:

Completion of the Application Form, Rabies Vaccination Certificate, Bordetella, and an official updated list of **DHLPP** (Distemper/Hepatitis/Leptospirosis/Parvo/Parainfluenza) records are required (*include given and expiration dates for all vaccines*). These are the commonly administered vaccinations provided routinely by most veterinarians and your veterinarian should be able to provide you an official print-out of your dog’s records. **Attach this to your application form.**

Proof of Identity

Required: A valid Driver’s License/ID card with current address to purchase or renew a Catawba County Dog Park Pass.

(Dog Park Passes will not be sold OR renewed without this information)

Fees per Year:

Dog Park Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase
\$20 per dog (Maximum of 3 passes) per person.

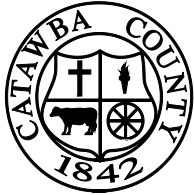
To Purchase a new Pass or renew a Pass:

Please visit the Park Rangers Office at Riverbend Park or St. Stephens Park

- Applications are available at the Riverbend Park or St. Stephens Park office or online at www.catawbacountync.gov/depts/parks/
- Complete applications, fees with cash or check made payable to Catawba County, valid identification and official veterinary record must be turned in at the Riverbend Park or St. Stephens Park Rangers Office in order for your pass to be issued.

****ALL DOG PARK PASSES ARE THE PROPERTY OF CATAWBA COUNTY PARKS AND ARE TO BE RETURNED TO PARK STAFF UPON REQUEST.***

Thank you.



Catawba County Parks DOG PARK PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

Incomplete Applications will not be processed.

Permit No. and Date Issued _____

Owner Name(s): _____

Drivers License/ID Card # (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

*E-Mail: _____

** All Dog Park correspondence is conducted through e-mail. Please ensure that we have your correct e-mail address. Thank you.*

Dog 1 Name: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male ___ Female ___ Spay/Neuter: Yes ___ No ___

Rabies #: _____

Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

DHLLP: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

Bordetella: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

Dogs 2 Name: _____ Breed: _____

Color: _____

Age: _____ Sex: Male ___ Female ___ Spay/Neuter: Yes ___ No ___

Rabies #: _____

Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

DHLLP: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

Bordetella: Date Administered: _____ Expiration: _____

Note: For persons that have (3) dogs, reprint this page of the Dog Park Application.

Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability: Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to dog park rules are conditions of "Catawba County Parks Dog Park Permit" approval, retention and renewal.

Permites may be revoked for non-compliance.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), designated dog park areas in Riverbend Park and St Stephens Park operated by Catawba County.

I understand that unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present at a dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other people, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior, and lack of training. I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of Catawba County to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated as required by law which could result in injury to a human or dog. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights; dog bites; theft or unlawful capture; escape over and under fences; vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed; burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dogs coat, feet, eyes, nose or ears; mosquitoes; ticks; chiggers; fleas and other insects; and wildlife typically found in a park such as snakes, raccoons, opossums, etc. It is my understanding that use of the dog park is self-directed and not fully supervised by an agent or employee of Catawba County. I assume all risks associated with using the dog park, including fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

By signing this release, I agree to indemnify and serve harmless Catawba County, its agents, officers, and employees and assigns from and against all loss, cost, damages, expense, and liability resulting from my use of the dog park, including death, sickness, injury, and disease to any person or dog, or destruction to property, real or personal, arising directly from my use of the dog park. I have carefully read this release of liability, and understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions. I have also received a copy of the rules for dog park use and understand that failure to abide by these rules will result in loss of dog park privileges at any time and the fee is nonrefundable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Internal:

Issued by: _____ Receipt #: _____

Cash: ___ Check: ___ Check#: _____ Amount: _____

Dog Park Rules and Regulations (Part two of application)

DO NOT put your dog park privileges or your pet at risk, by allowing entrance to unauthorized persons and pets.

1. Hours: open 8:00 am until close of normal Catawba County Parks Seasonal Hours
2. No animals other than dogs may be brought into the fenced area.
3. Owners **must** provide proof that the dog is currently vaccinated for Rabies, Bordetella and DHLLP to acquire a "Catawba County Parks Dog Park Permit". **A Permit must be purchased for each dog.** Current rabies tags must be worn on the dog's collar at all times.
4. All dogs must be leashed until safely inside and returned to a leash prior to exiting. Owners must have 1 leash per dog at all times.
5. Dog owners must remain in the fenced area while their dogs are using the dog park. Owners must be in view of their dogs with voice control at all times.
6. Dog owners must be age 18 or older to acquire a "Catawba County Parks Dog Park Permit". Children accompanying dog owners must be strictly supervised and at least 12 years old to be allowed inside. Spectators should remain outside the fenced area.
7. Aggressive and female dogs in heat are not allowed. **Owners must immediately leash and remove dogs from the dog park at the first sign of aggressive, hostile or combative behavior.** Any dog found to have bitten another dog/person will loose all dog park privileges. *Refunds will not be given. The fee is based on the administrative cost of services for registration and supervision..*
8. **Owners must dispose of waste properly in the designated on-site containers.**
9. While small, bite-sized training treats are permitted, food in bowls, long-lasting chews, or glass containers are not allowed. Water in plastic bottles and small bowls for water is permitted.
10. **Smoking and eating are not allowed inside the dog park.** Cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting and unhealthy for dogs.
11. Sick or injured dogs are not allowed. Owners of dogs with a known sickness/injury or displaying sick or injured behavior will be required to remove their dog immediately.
12. No more than three (3) dogs per person are allowed on any single visit. **Each dog must be registered with their owners' unique Catawba County Parks Dog Park Permit number. The Permit Card that is issued to you must be worn on the person responsible for that dog in a visible manner. This will allow Park Staff to visually inspect the park with minimal interference of your recreation time. All users of the park must sign in at the sign in kiosk upon arrival.**
13. Puppies less than four (4) months old are not permitted.
14. **North Carolina State Law requires all dog bites to be reported to the Catawba County Animal Care and Control at 828-464-7686 or the Catawba County Sheriffs Department 828-464-3112. In addition, owners are required to assist in the investigation of incidents of aggression or biting by providing appropriate identification and information to the Sheriffs Department, Police, Park Staff, Catawba County Animal Care and Control Officials and any appropriate local and state government department officials, AND to other dog owners who are involved with the incident under investigation. Failure to provide assistance and identification as requested will result in immediate revocation of all dog park privileges.**

Owners are liable for any injury or damage caused by their dog and are fully responsible for their dog's actions.

I have read these rules and understand that violating any of these rules will result in my dog park privileges being terminated without refund of fee:

Signed _____ Date: _____

FEE: \$20.00 per dog. Valid for one year from date of issue