



Welcome to Moore Humane Society's Pooch Park in the Pines

We are happy that you are considering joining the park and believe you will find the park to be a wonderful place for dogs and people to play and socialize.

LOCATION - The park is located at 7920 Aviation Drive in Southern Pines/Carthage. It is just off Rt 22, directly across from the hangers at Moore County Airport. It is open from dawn until dusk. There is a parking lot adjacent to the park. If the parking slots are filled, be cautious about parking near the fire hydrant.

HISTORY - In the summer of 2009, the park was heavily wooded, totally undeveloped acreage owned by Moore Humane Society (MHS) as the site of its future home. The Society allowed us to use 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of its beautiful land to build and be totally responsible for the dog park. Our goal was to develop an area where dogs could run free and play in a large, fenced environment with the comfort of knowing all dogs have current immunizations.

A small group of volunteers led by Linda Hubbard have made this dream come true. Going back when the dream of the park began, they met, dreamed, planned, raised money, obtained a permit from Southern Pines, cleared the land with their own hands of trees, brush and, built the parking lot, contracted for the fencing, made the signs and invited membership. The park opened on October 9, 2009.

FEATURES -The park has two fenced and gated areas. One for small dogs less than 26 lbs and one for large dogs 26 lbs and over. Large dogs are not permitted in the small dog area. There are several poop stations (with bags and poop trash cans) in both the large and small dog areas. Bags are supplied by members, so bring in your extras. Overflow bags are kept in the blue bin in the double gated area.

Also on site: Running water & hose, water bowls, tennis balls (feel free to add to the supply as needed), port a potty, and a garbage can outside of fenced area for non poop waste.

HOW TO JOIN - Membership packets can be found on line at www.ppipdogpark.com or in the Membership Kit box located on the park's information board. Each New Member packet includes:

- This Welcome letter

- MHS Pooch Park in the Pines (PPIP) Application

- PPIP Rules to be signed by **all** who bring dog (s) into park

- Acknowledgement and Release of Liability for signature (one for each dog)

- Handbook includes helpful tips for a sniffing, barking, running, pooping, howling...good time

Orientations are held the first Saturday of each month (the second Saturday if inclement weather). You must attend an orientation prior to using the park. Bring to orientation the entire member packet with all forms filled

out and signed. Also bring a copy (a copy to leave) of vet records verifying shot history (must include rabies, DHLLP & bordetella) along with your membership dues (checks only).

The cost for a one year membership for one dog is \$50. Two dogs is \$70 and 3 dogs is \$90. Membership is limited to three dogs per family.

SHOTS - You will be notified of membership renewal and shot updates. But it is imperative YOU keep us informed regarding your dog/s' rabies, DHLLP & bordetella shot schedule (dates of administration & expiration). You can leave new shot information in the SHOT BOX located on the information board at the park or mail to Moore Humane Society P.O. Box 662 Southern Pines 28388. Shot renewal information NOT received within 30 days of the shot expiration date will result in deactivation of your membership.

POOCH PARK NEWS - We will keep you posted on further developments at the park by e-mail and by posted notices on the information board and in newsletters.

Pooch Park Rules are posted at the front gate. If someone and/or their dog is violating a rule, the posted rules will help you remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

Today the Pooch Park in the Pines (PPIP) is a reality, enjoyed by dogs AND people. PPIP is a member managed, privately funded park. Your dues, sponsors and the generosity of time and money by many individuals support it. The Park is self regulated. There are no rangers or "park police". It is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. It is important to keep in mind that YOU are totally responsible for your dog's behavior.

EMERGENCIES - If a dog bites another dog, it is best to bring the bitten dog to the vet. Human bite wounds should ALWAYS go to the emergency room or family physician for treatment. Bites must be reported to Moore County Animal Control (910-947-2858)

Note: The Fire Station at the airport has the combination to get through the two large front gates should an emergency vehicle need to enter either side of the park.

And last but not least, all DOGS are required to have a sniffing, barking, pooping, howling, running, romping good time!

Important phones numbers

Your veterinarian: _____
Small Animal Emergency Services: 910-246-0405
Moore County Animal Control: 910-947-2858
Moore Humane Society: 910-947-2631

We look forward to meeting you and your dog(s) at orientation.

Visit our website for complete information: www.ppipdogpark.com

For information not found on the website, contact the PPIP at shotsppipdogpark@gmail.com

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Incomplete Applications will not be processed. Please print.
Fees: \$50.00 one dog one year, \$70.00 for two dogs, \$90 for three dogs.

Primary Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email* _____

Vets Name/Phone Number: _____

** All Dog park correspondence is conducted through email. Please ensure that we have your correct email address. Thank you*

Dog's Name _____	Breed _____	Age _____
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MHS PPIP Rules

General

- All dogs must be Pooch Park members.
- Park open dawn to dusk.
- 3 dogs maximum, per member, at one time.

Enter/Exit

- Only 1 dog family at a time inside the double gated area. Wait for others to exit before entering or exiting this area.
- Leash your dog(s) until safely inside the double gated area. Remove leash prior to entering the fenced parks. Keep your leash with you at all times while in the park. When exiting, leash your dog while in the double gated area and then exit.
- Ensure each gate closes behind you.
- Dogs already in the park should be kept away from the gates as other dogs enter and exit.
- Dogs must wear a flat buckle collar. No prong, spike, choke, or pinch collars.

Requirements:

- Dogs must be 4 months or older.
- Current rabies, Distemper-parvo, Bordetella vaccines required.
- Healthy dogs only
- Spaying and neutering is strongly recommended for safety reasons.
- Female dogs in heat are NOT allowed.
- Bites must be reported to Animal Control : (910) 947-2858.
- Dogs with a history of fighting/biting are prohibited.

Owner Responsibilities

- Humans must wear shoes
- Dogs must be supervised at all times by their owners.
- OWNERS MUST SCOOP THEIR DOG'S POOP.
- If your dog digs, fill in the holes.
- Owners are responsible for any injury or damage caused by their dog/dogs.
- If inappropriate behavior is observed, take immediate action.
 - Move your dog to another part of the park.
 - Give your dog a time out.
 - Leave the park. (have a leash with you all times so you can remove your dog promptly.)

These are "No-No's!"

- No food (dog or human), no smoking, no alcohol, no drugs, no weapons.
- No bikes, strollers, wagons, roller blades, coolers, or children's toys.
- No dog toys with the exception of tennis balls.

Children

- Adult must accompany children under 16. Children under 12 are not allowed in the park.
- Children must be strictly supervised and realize children can easily be run over by dogs.
- Children are to behave in an adult-like manner:
 - Quiet voices, standing, walking, no chasing dogs.
 - Petting of dogs with owner permission only.

I have read and will abide by the above rules. (all handlers need to sign)

_____ (Signature)	_____ (Printed Name)	_____ (Date)
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- 1. My dog, _____, weighing approximately _____ pounds and generally described as _____ breed, is currently vaccinated against rabies and Bordatella.
2. Unleashing my dog in an area with unrestricted access to other people, including children and other dogs poses risk to everyone, including myself, everyone's property and other dogs and I hereby recognize and assume all such risk of injury or damage without limitation with the further knowledge that lack of adequate training, unpredictable behavior and the aggressive behavior or any dog may be the cause of personal injury to myself and others any may cause damage to personal property.
3. I assume any additional related risks and any resulting injury or damage therefrom, including but not limited to: (a) dog fights; (b) dog bites, scrapes or scratches; (c) dog theft or unlawful capture ; (d) dog escape from the Park, in any manner whatsoever; (e) consumption by my dog or any liquid, vegetation or other items in the Park; and (f) exposure to fleas, ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes, and wildlife including but not limited to snakes, raccoons, hawks, opossums, or any other creature whatsoever.
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Owner (print name)

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Handbook for MHS Pooch Park in the Pines

This handbook is designed to help **PIIP** users become familiar with dog-to-dog interactions and how they can influence their dog's behavior while at the park. It is not intended to be all inclusive. Feel free to do your own research on line or at your library.

1. Have realistic expectations about your **dog's suitability for going to a dog park**. If he isn't polite or friendly with others, get help to change his behavior before you take him to a dog park. Dog parks are not a place to rehabilitate fearful or aggressive dogs or those that just don't know how to play well with others.
2. **Before you take your dog into a dog park**, spend a few minutes watching the other dogs and how they are playing and interacting with others. If the dogs seem to be too rough in their play or are intimidating other dogs, come back at another time.
3. If your dog has **never been around other dogs** before, don't go to a dog park until he's had a chance to be around other dogs in other situations. Inexperienced dogs and young puppies can be overwhelmed, terrified or traumatized by suddenly finding themselves surrounded by a lot of dogs.
4. **Introduce your dogs to other dogs gradually**. Allow your dog to greet other dogs while he's still in the separate entry area, or let your dogs sniff around the fenced boundary.
5. Be careful **entering a dog park gate**. Other dogs tend to crowd around to greet arriving dogs.
6. **Supervise your dog**. This is not the time for you to be distracted talking with other owners or burying yourself in a book or your phone. You must monitor your dog's activities to be sure he isn't behaving badly and other dogs are not behaving badly toward him. Stay close enough to control or protect your dog.
7. **Be watchful of small or elderly dogs** around big dogs. Don't let big dogs frighten or threaten small dogs. Taking your small or elderly dog(s) to an area designated for them only may be best.

8. If **your dog seems to be fearful or is being "bullied"** by other dogs, don't let him stay, thinking he will "get over it". Remove your dog from the situation. Signs of stress are lowering the head, putting ears back, yawning, raising hackles and/or cowering, hiding or trying to leave.

You can gradually get your overwhelmed or fearful dog used to the park by:

- Taking your dog to a less crowded area of the park.
- Visiting the park when it is less crowded.

9. If **your dog is being a bully**, being threatening or aggressive or just seems to be overly excited, remove him from the park, whether temporarily or permanently. It is not fair to put other dogs or people at risk.

10. Be knowledgeable about **dog body postures**, communication signals, and social behavior. When a new dog enters a dog park, there may be an increase in activity, noise and sniffing. Eventually there will be wrestling, mounting, posturing, possession claiming, and vocalizing which are common in order to establish raking order for the newcomer. Some dogs enter as lowly underdogs and others as leaders of the pack. Dogs that **roll on their back** are signaling they are withdrawing from active, solicitous interactions. If their **limbs and tails are limp** and their neck is fully exposed, they may invite/tolerate more passive interaction (e.g. sniffing, petting). If they **tuck their tail** and put their paws over their chest and groin, they do not wish to interact.

11. **Inappropriate Behavior** - Owners must intervene if these behaviors are observed:

- More than one dog picking on another - pack behavior
- Bullying - e.g. Charging, Snapping, Body Slamming, Snarling, Not letting the other dog get up or get away
- Chasing without letting the other dog rest
- Cornering or crowding another dog - especially by a pack
- Mounting can be dangerous and should not be tolerated

12. During **fun play**, it is normal and appropriate for dogs and puppies to:

- Bark or growl, wrestle and chase, mouth and paw, bow and butt swing

Rough play is only allowed if consensual and both dogs are having fun. If a dog is playing too rough or behaving in an aggressive manner, you must step in and control your dog. You may need to move to another area of the park or leash your dog and leave the park. Rough play and chasing are not acceptable if any of the dogs are not enjoying it.

13. If you find yourself needing to **Break Up a Dog Fight**:
- NEVER rush in & try to grab dogs to pull them apart.
 - Distract & divert. A loud whistle or blast of water might work. Throw a coat, blanket, etc. to startle the dogs. Shake the yellow cans provided at the park.
 - Do not yell or get upset. It will only add to the frenzy.
 - If you & your dog are not involved in the fight, leash your dog and move away from it.
 - If any dogs are hurt, owners need to exchange contact information.
 - Once a fight occurs, the adrenaline levels of the dogs involved (and many of those who witnessed the fight) will be raised for several hours.
 - To insure the fight will not happen again, owners should leash their dogs and leave the park to avoid the potential of another fight.
 - Recognize that by taking your dog to a dog park, you are **accepting a degree of risk** that your dog may be injured or may injure another dog. Remember, you are responsible for damage or injury caused by your dog.
 - **And finally, if a person is bitten, they are required by law to report the bite to Moore County Animal Control 910-947-2858.**

And last but not least, two very important topics.

Heat stroke/exhaustion - Dogs are prone to overheating during the hot months of the year because they do not sweat.

Symptoms are panting, weakness or collapse, seizures, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Cool the dog down immediately by soaking with water or use a piece of clothing soaked in water to wet the dog down.

Transport the dog to your veterinarian or to the Small Animal Emergency Service in Vass immediately: 910-246-0405.

Prevention: Heat Stroke/Exhaustion can be prevented by wetting your dog down periodically and offering water frequently.

Human PPIP "Etiquette"

You may encounter a situation, dog-dog or human-dog that is inappropriate and/or in violation of park rules. Therefore, you may need to approach a member about your concerns. Remember:

- Be respectful.
- Describe the behavior you are seeing and how you are interpreting the behavior.
- Keep your comments simple & accurate without accusing or judging.
- Describe what effect the behavior is having.
- Talk about what action you would like to happen.

If you and the owner cannot seem to resolve the issue, it may be best for you to walk away. However, with respect and a little common sense, most human-human differences can be resolved and **Pooch Park in the Pines will be a fun place for both dogs AND humans!**

NEW MEMBER CHECK-LIST FOR ORIENTATION

First, be sure to read all documents in your membership packet before attending orientation. Not only the documents you are signing but more importantly the Welcome Letter and the Handbook.

Be sure to bring the following to your orientation. These will be turned in at orientation, so make any copies which you want to keep for your records.

1. Application form filled out completely and signed (be sure your email address is clearly written as this is used for important communications)
2. Photo copy of the vet record of shots for each dog (Rabies, Bordetella, DHLPP)
3. Park Rules signed by all handlers
4. Acknowledgement & Release of Liability form, one per dog signed by all handlers
5. Check (payable to PPIP or Pooch Park in the Pines) or cash (exact amount). Membership is \$50 for 1 dog, \$70 for 2 dogs, \$90 for 3 dogs.

We prefer that you do not bring your dog(s) to orientation. But if you do, understand you will have to leave him/her in your car during orientation, which is not advisable during the summer months.

Refer to the website, www.ppipdogpark.com for any other information. If you still have a question, send an email to: shotsppipdogpark@gmail.com.