



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. **For more info, please refer to MHS PPIP Rules.** 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. Checks should be made payable to PPIP.

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 document(s) in the SHOT BOX located on the information board at the park or mail to Moore Humane Society P.O. Box 203 Southern Pines 28388 or email to shotsppipdogark@gmail.com. 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 and 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.

VOLUNTEERS - The park is self-sustained by its members and we always need volunteers to help maintain it, as well as with projects throughout the year. We ask each member to contribute a few hours each year to the park. Just volunteer when something is posted or ask how you can help.

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 shotsppipdogark@gmail.com