



**2012 CAPE MAY COUNTY DOG PARK
"PAW-PASS" ACCESS CARD INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM**

Application

Requirements: Completion of the application form with the required license and vaccination information listed. All dogs are required to have ***both*** a current dog license issued by a municipality and a current rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian. Additionally, each applicant is required to have thoroughly ***read*** the "Rules & Regulations" and then sign the "Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver Form".

"Paw-Pass"

Access Cards: The access cards will allow you to gain entry to all areas of the dog park during the scheduled hours of operation. The access pass issued will allow unlimited usage of the Cape May County Dog Park located in Ocean City from 8 AM to dusk, seven (7) days a week, weather & conditions permitting. **Please note that cards are non-transferable between owners.** Cards expire on February 15th of each year.

User Fees:

Effective January 1st, 2009 the City established the following fees for the acquisition of an access card. All revenue generated from the "Paw-Pass" fee will be utilized for park improvements and general site maintenance and operating expenses.

- Cape May County Resident Annual Access Fee - **\$30.00**
- Non-Resident of the County Annual Access Fee - **\$40.00**
- Weekly Access Pass Fee - **\$10.00** (Note: this "Paw-Pass" is intended for those individuals that wish to utilize the Park for a one-week or limited duration only.)

Payment:

Payments shall only be in the form of a check or money order **made payable** to the **City of Ocean City**. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All fees shall be **Non-Refundable.**

The "Paw-Pass" access cards are **reusable** and we ask that the weekly card holders return their access cards at the end of their stay to help us offset annual park operating expenses.

Applications & Filing for Pass:

Applications and Passes may be obtained from the **City Hall Receptionist, who is located in City Hall at 861 Asbury Avenue, the Main 1st Floor Entrance, Monday - Friday** (with the exception of legal municipal holidays) from **9:00 am – 4:00 pm.**

The Ocean City Dog Park Association is a non-profit organization working in conjunction with both the County of Cape May and the City of Ocean City to operate and maintain the Park on an annual basis. Additionally, it is the Association's mission to promote education; training and recreational activities that facilitate responsible dog ownership. You can learn more about the Association and their annual activities through their website, located @ www.oceancitydogpark.org. or through the City's website @ www.ocnj.us



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ACCESS CARD "PAW-PASS" APPLICATION FORM**



Assigned Access Card #

02/15/12 – 02/15/13 (\$30.00)

County Resident Pass
(CIRCLE ONE ABOVE)

02/15/12 – 02/15/13 (\$40.00)

Non-County Resident Pass

 / /12 (\$10.00)

Weekly Access Pass

Name of Owner: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Dog # 1

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs.

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

License #: _____ Exp. Date: / /

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: / /

Municipality that the License was issued from: _____

Dog # 2 (If Applicable)

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____ Weight: lbs.

Color(s): _____ Sex: _____ Spayed/Neutered: _____ Age: _____

License #: _____ Exp. Date: / /

Rabies #: _____ Exp. Date: / /

Municipality that the License was issued from: _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

FEE PAID: \$ _____ DATE ISSUED: / /

CHECK #: _____ INITIALS: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER FORM



Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver: Acceptance of the terms & conditions of this release and adherence to the established Cape May County Dog Park Rules & Regulations are conditions of the “Paw-Pass” approval, retention and renewal. Passes are non-transferable between owners and may be revoked for non-compliance as may be required by the City.

I do hereby acknowledge and accept that I have voluntarily applied to participate and utilize, with my dog(s), the Cape May County Dog Park located in the City of Ocean City, NJ. I fully understand and acknowledge that unleashing my dog and being physically present at the dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other persons, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior and lack of proper training. I further understand and assume that despite the efforts of both the City of Ocean City and the Ocean City Dog Park Association to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated for rabies as may be required, which could result in injury to a person or a dog. Additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights; dog bites; theft or unlawful capture; escape over and under the fences; through an open gate; vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy or poisonous if consumed; burrs or seeds that may become lodged in the dog's coat, feet, eyes, nose, or ears; mosquitoes; spiders; ticks; chiggers; fleas and other insects; and wildlife typically found in and around the park, such as foxes; deer; raccoons; opossums; muskrats; field mice; turtles, etc... It is further my understanding that usage of the dog park is self-directed and shall not be directly supervised by an agent or employee of the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA), the County of Cape May, the City of Ocean City or the Ocean City Dog Park Association. Additionally, I accept and acknowledge that I assume any and all risks associated with the usage of the dog park, including fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised and self-directed manner.

By accepting the prescribed terms and conditions and signing this release, I do hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA), the County of Cape May, the City of Ocean City and the Ocean City Dog Park Association, 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 do hereby acknowledge that I have carefully read this release of liability, and fully understand, agree with, and accept the terms and conditions that have been outlined above and in the attached literature. Further, I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed a copy of the Dog Park Rules & Regulations for the dog park's use and agree to abide by said rules as set forth.

I accept and acknowledge personal responsibility and liability for any injury or damage caused as a result of the wrongful or aggressive behavior of my dog, whether the loss occurs as a result of biting, jumping, running, scratching, digging, charging or any other behavior.

I do hereby waive any and all rights that I may have to institute legal proceedings to recover cost of any kind. I have carefully read this release of liability, and fully understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions as outlined. I hereby do certify that I am over the age of 21 years, sober and of sound mind. I have received and reviewed a copy of the Dog Park Rules & Regulations for the dog park's use and agree to abide by these rules as listed. Further, I understand that all fees paid are non-refundable and that my “Paw-Pass” access card may be revoked by the City for misuse of the Park; failure to abide by the stated rules and regulations or repeated aggression on the part of any one of the dogs under my direct ownership or supervision.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ /12



Cape May County Park
45th Street & Haven Avenue
Ocean City, NJ



2012 RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PARK USE

PARK HOURS OF OPERATION: 8 AM – DUSK, WEATHER & CONDITIONS PERMITTING

**TO INSURE SAFE & GOOD TIMES FOR ALL,
PLEASE STRICTLY OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES & REGULATIONS:**

PLEASE, UTILIZE THE DOG PARK IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER AT ALL TIMES!

ALL DOGS UTILIZING THE PARK MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THE CITY, PRIOR TO USE. IF VIOLATIONS ARE DETECTED, YOUR PRIVILEGES MAY BE REVOKED & YOU COULD BE SUBJECT TO FINE. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PASSES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE BETWEEN OWNERS.**

THE OWNER OF ANY DOG ASSUMES **ALL** LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY ANYONE WHO IS BITTEN OR INJURED BY YOUR DOG WHILE UTILIZING THE PARK, OR ANY DOG THAT YOU HAVE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PARK WITH YOUR PASS.

REMOVE LEASHES ONLY IN THE DESIGNATED 'UNLEASH AREA.'

DOGS MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY PERSONS EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OR OLDER.

NO UNATTENDED DOGS ARE PERMITTED IN THE PARK AT ANY TIME - ABANDONING ANIMALS IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.

NO MORE THAN TWO (2) DOGS PER PERSON ARE PERMITTED AT ONE TIME IN THE PARK.

ACCOMPANY & MONITOR YOUR DOGS CLOSELY AT ALL TIMES - ALWAYS HAVE A LEASH AVAILABLE & READY FOR USE AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

NO CHILDREN, UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS ARE PERMITTED IN THE PARK, UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF & YOUR DOGS - SCOOP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARK.

AGGRESSIVE DOGS ARE PROHIBITED FROM UTILIZING THE PARK – REPORTED CASES WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF PARK PRIVILEGES.

DOGS THAT ARE IN HEAT OR THAT ARE SICK ARE PROHIBITED IN THE PARK.

ALL DOGS MUST BE LICENSED & PROPERLY IMMUNIZED. THE USE OF HEARTWORM & TICK PREVENTION PRODUCTS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

PUPPIES OVER SIX (6) MONTHS OF AGE MUST HAVE FULL IMMUNIZATIONS TO UTILIZE THE PARK.

2012 RULES & REGULATIONS FOR PARK USE (CONTINUED)

PUPPIES UNDER SIX (6) MONTHS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PARK.

NO PRONG (PINCH), CHOKE OR SPIKED COLLARS ARE PERMITTED IN THE PARK.

PLEASE DISCOURAGE YOUR DOGS FROM DIGGING ANY HOLES. HELP US KEEP THE PARK SAFE FOR OTHERS' USE.

NO SMOKING, ALCOHOL, FOOD OR GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PERMITTED IN THE PARK.

PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THIS FACILITY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY.

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE FOR DOG OWNERS & VISITORS

Once you and your dog enter the dog park, it's tempting to just stand back and watch all the activity. But everybody will have a much more rewarding time, if you observe some basic rules. Please remember that dog parks aren't a right, they're a privilege – don't let the bad behavior of a few ruin things for everyone else who utilizes the Park, both now and in the future.

- Always keep your eye on your dog. Mischief can happen quickly. Please remember that you are responsible for your dog's actions & behavior!
- Never leave your dog unattended. Always be aware of what is going on in the Park around you.
- Always clean up after your dog. "Pooper Scooper" bags have been provided - please utilize them as may be required. This is the primary reason that dog parks get complaints nationwide, so please pay close attention to your dog and properly **pick up & dispose of their waste** before leaving the facility.
- Please make sure your dog is current on all immunizations (Rabies) and has a valid dog license.
- Don't bring dogs younger than six (6) months old to the dog park. They have not had all of the necessary inoculations that allow them to play safely with other animals in the Park.
- Don't bring a female dog in season into the Park. Spayed/neutered animals are recommended.
- Don't bring more than two (2) dogs at a time to the Park. More than two (2) will subject the Park to overuse and you will have a more difficult time trying to monitor your dogs as they play throughout the Park.
- Keep your dog on-leash until you get to the designated off-leash areas. This is not just respectful to other park users; it's much safer for you and your dog.
- If your dog becomes unruly or plays too roughly, please leash them and leave the Park immediately, until such time that your dog is back under control and has settled down.
- If you must bring children eighteen (18) years or younger, please be sure to supervise them closely. They are not permitted to run around the Park unsupervised.
- Please do not smoke or eat while in the Park. Cigarette butts and food wrappers are tempting treats to visiting dogs, local wildlife and insects.
- Bringing **unregistered dogs** to the Park is **strictly prohibited** and may subject you to both the loss of your pass and possible fine.
- Please remember that if you permit an unregistered dog to enter the Park under your pass, you have now accepted full responsibility and liability for that dog's actions.
- A maximum of three (3) dogs are permitted in the Dog Run area at one time.

How to Enter & Exit the Dog Park

The Cape May County/Ocean City Dog Park is divided into three (3) separate fenced-in areas, providing maximum safety for your dog. When entering & exiting the designated areas please remember to **CLOSE THE GATES SECURELY BEHIND YOU & YOUR DOG**. Open or tied back

gates defeat the purpose of the security provided by the fenced-in areas. Please note that the outer gates are electronic and the use of the access swipe card will be required for both **entering & exiting** these areas.

You enter and exit each of the areas through the double-gated vestibules. The vestibules are designed with two (2) gates to provide maximum control over your dog and other dogs as you enter and leave the fenced-in areas. If someone is ahead of you, please wait your turn before entering this area. **PLEASE NOTE THAT AN ACCESS PASS IS REQUIRED TO BOTH ENTER & EXIT THE PARK.** The gates have magnetic locks that will secure the gate in a locked position once you have passed through. If you become locked in the park, seek help from either another member of the park or call (609) 399-9111 and ask the Police Department for assistance.

Opening only one gate at a time makes the vestibules a kind of “dog lock”, sort of like an airlock on a spacecraft. After closing the outer gate, you should remove your dog’s leash and remain in the vestibule while you observe the behavior of dogs already in the off-leash area. If the behavior is friendly, carefully open the inner gate and enter; if your dog’s behavior is unfriendly, put the leash back on your dog and go to the vestibule of another area that might be less congested.

The dog park fencing contains two (2) service gates located at the rear of the park. These gates provide access for the City’s maintenance and landscape crews. They are **NOT** intended for use by park members and are to be kept locked unless in use by authorized personnel. If you find an unlocked maintenance gate, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE CITY as soon as possible @ (609) 399-6112 during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm, legal holidays excluded).**

PLEASE DO NOT enter the fenced-in, off-leash areas through the rear service/emergency gates. These gates do not provide the control that you need to have over the dogs while entering or exiting the park. Additionally, dogs already in the off-leash area, including dogs that might be unfriendly toward your dog, might escape as you enter the park through these unauthorized service gates.

Additional Information on How to ENTER the Dog Park

- Before opening the outer gate, please check to be sure that the inner gate is properly closed and that no other dogs are in this area.
- Open the outer gate with your swipe access card (‘Paw Pass’) and enter the vestibule with your dog on-leash.
- Close the outer main gate behind you and be sure that it is properly secured.
- Remove your dog’s leash. Having your dog on a leash when confronting an off-leash dog can be a recipe for trouble - your dog may feel vulnerable and fearful, as well as the need to protect you. Tugging on the leash puts your dog at a disadvantage with other dogs. It is restrained but placed in a chest-out, raised-up aggressive pose that can cause the off-leash dog to feel threatened by the overall situation.
- Before you open the inner gate, check to be sure that the inner gate area is not congested with excited dogs waiting to pounce on your pup or trying to get out as you enter.
- Pay close attention to the receptions from the dogs already inside the park area – is it favorable or not? If the dogs already inside aren’t friendly, put the leash back on your dog and go to the vestibule of another area that may be open or not as congested at that time.
- Open the inner gate. Enter the off-leash area with your dog.
- Close the inner gate properly behind you and move your dog away from the entrance area.

Additional Information on How to EXIT the Dog Park

- Before you open the inner gate, please check to be sure that the outer gate is properly closed and that any other dogs aren’t trying to leave with you.
- Open the inner gate and enter the vestibule with your dog.

- Close the inner gate properly behind you and ensure that the latch is in the downward position.
- Put the leash securely on your dog.
Open the outer gate with your swipe card and exit from the vestibule with your dog. Please note that you must utilize your swipe card to exit the Park. Unfortunately, some individuals have been locked in the Park due to fact that another individual permitted them access and had already exited the facility. If you become locked in the Park, seek help from either another member in the Park or call (609) 399-9111 and ask the Police Department for assistance.
- Close the outer gate behind you and please be sure that it is properly secured. The latch is electronic and should lock on its own, once it has been closed.

Ocean City Dog Park Association’s Mission Statement:

To create a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or local wildlife. To develop a beautiful and well-maintained space open to dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park’s rules and regulations. To view the park as a community project in partnership with the County of Cape May and the City of Ocean City, designed to satisfy the needs of dog owners and non-dog owners alike. To promote education, training and recreational activities that facilitate responsible dog ownership and better-behaved dogs through the use of volunteers and professional dog trainers. OCDPA is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Visit our website for news on current events, updates, memorials and volunteer information @

www.oceancitydogpark.org & www.ocnj.us

When visiting the dog park, you may see volunteers wearing Ocean City Dog Park Association “Pet Patrol” hats. Please feel free to ask these individuals any questions you might have concerning the Park and its use. These individuals are very familiar with the Park rules and are committed to its management and future success.

CITY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE #

Ocean City Animal Control Officer & the O.C. Police Department (609) 399-9111



***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE CAPE MAY COUNTY DOG PARK
LOCATED IN OCEAN CITY, NJ
2012***



Q - What is the official name of the park?

A - The Cape May County Dog Park, located in Ocean City, NJ

Q - Where is the park located in the City?

A - The park is located at 45th Street & Haven Avenue. When heading southbound on West Avenue, make a right-hand turn onto 45th Street and proceed approximately ¼ of a block until you see the Dog Park sign on your right-hand side. The Park's parking lot is located on your right-hand side. Handicap parking is available onsite.

Signs have been placed on West Avenue in both directions denoting the location of the park.

Q - Is the Dog Park open & who can utilize the facility?

A - Yes, the Park officially opened in October '06. Access cards ("Paw-Passes") are currently available to any individual who submits the following:

- A completed "Paw-Pass" Application Form
- Proof of a municipal dog license. Please note that the license does not have to be issued from the City of Ocean City, but from the location of the dog's main year-round residence.
- Proof of up to date immunizations (Rabies)
- Signed Release of Liability & Waiver Form
- Receipt of one (1) of the following fees:
 - 2012 Cape May County Residents - **\$30.00**
 - 2012 Non-Cape May County Residents - **\$40.00**
 - 2012 Short Term Users (Weekly) - **\$10.00** (Note: this pass is intended for those individuals who wish to utilize the Park for a one-week or limited duration only.)

Q – What are the hours of operation of the Park?

A – The Park is open from 8 AM – Dusk, seven (7) days a week, weather and conditions permitting. On occasion the Park may be closed for short durations for maintenance related issues.

Q – Who is currently processing the applications for the access cards ("Paw-Pass") application forms?

A – All inquiry calls should be directed to the City Hall Receptionist, who is located in City Hall at 861 Asbury Avenue, 1st Floor Main Entrance, Telephone # (609) 399-6112, between the hours of 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Additionally, the Ocean City Dog Park Association has a website @ www.oceancitydogpark.org, where current updates and photos of the Park can be found. The site also contains information for those individuals who wish to become volunteers in their organization. Further information on the Park can be obtained from the City's website @ www.ocnj.us. Please tell your friends about our park. Copies of the Application Forms can be obtained on both websites.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

Q - How is the Park structured & setup for use?

A - As designed by the County Engineer, the park is broken down into three (3) distinctly separate fenced in areas. They are as follows:

- Large Dog Area
- Small Dog Area
- Dog Run Area

Additionally, there are three (3) separate entrance/exit areas. This provides a safe area for you to remove or put on your leash before entering or leaving the park.

When registering your dog, you will be given access to all areas in the Park.

Currently, all dogs are permitted in all areas of the park. Owners are cautioned that they should utilize good judgment in determining which area is most appropriate for their dog. While signage has been posted differentiating the large & small dog areas, owners are once again cautioned to select the area that best meets their dog's needs. It is our recommendation that each owner should thoroughly evaluate the sizes and breeds of the dogs that are in a specific area and make a judgment call as to which area will best meet their needs on that given day.

Q - What facilities are available at the Park for both the owners & the dogs?

A - As described above, there are three (3) separate fenced-in areas for the dogs to run off-leash. Additionally, the following facilities are currently available:

- A shared covered pavilion with a picnic table in each of the two main areas
- Water fountains for both the dogs & owners
- Hose bibs & hoses (seasonally)
- "Pooper-Scooper" dispensers and disposable bags
- Trash & recycling containers
- Sitting benches located throughout the Park
- Designated handicap parking area
- Designated off-street parking lot
- Information sign boards in the two main areas
- Interactive items in the main park areas
- Locking security gates
- Port-a-potty (seasonally)

Q - Are there any future plans to add additional plantings or interactive items to the Park?

A - Yes, there are plans to add both additional plantings and interactive items to the site. Through the receipt of both Park user fees in the calendar year 2012 and annual donations, it is the Association's plan to add to the site in the coming years. At this point, we have been provided an excellent base from the County to build on and will be working to further improve the Park as time goes on. If you wish to make a donation to this endeavor, please go to the Association's website @ www.oceancitydogpark.org for further information and details.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

Q – Are the "Paw-Passes" transferable between different dog owners?

A – **No**, passes are **not transferable** between owners! Each dog must be registered and each owner is required to complete the "Paw-Pass Application Form" and to sign the "Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver Form". Additionally, by signing the Release & Risk of Liability Waiver Form, each applicant is assuming the risk and liability for the dogs that they have registered. By allowing other dogs to enter the Park with your pass, you have now assumed full liability for those dogs and have breached our contractual agreement for use of the Park. Further, we have tried diligently to ensure

that every dog utilizing the Park has been properly vaccinated and has passed an initial screening process. Your failure to adhere to these basic rules could jeopardize your ability to utilize the Park in the future, as well as the Park itself.