

## The Serious Business of Dog Poop

Dog poop is messy, stinky stuff. It also transmits disease. Your dog's poop, like your dog, is your responsibility. Pick it up and dispose of it in the litter baskets.



## To learn more

Visit any of the following websites for more information:

- 🐾 [www.kilconaparkdogclub.ca](http://www.kilconaparkdogclub.ca)
- 🐾 [www.lmppo.ca](http://www.lmppo.ca)
- 🐾 [www.maplegrovedogpark.ca](http://www.maplegrovedogpark.ca)
- 🐾 [www.winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/](http://www.winnipeg.ca/cms/animal/)
- 🐾 [www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/parksandfields/Parks/FieldsForFido.asp](http://www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/parksandfields/Parks/FieldsForFido.asp)



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# Pet-iquette

## A Guide to Dog Park Etiquette and Safety



Taking your dog to one of Winnipeg's off-leash areas is a great way to let your dog exercise and socialize with other dogs and people.

If everyone obeys the rules, and exercises courtesy and common sense, a visit to a dog park can be a fabulous experience.

However, one irresponsible owner can ruin it for everyone else. This dog park etiquette brochure was developed by Winnipeg's dog clubs to help make the dog park experience safe and enjoyable for everyone.

## Before You Visit a Dog Park

Large dogs that need lots of exercise will enjoy the extensive trail networks at Kilcona, Little Mountain and Maple Grove Parks.

If you have a puppy or small dog you may prefer to use the fenced-in dog enclosure at Maple Grove Park.

- 🐾 Check the “Fields for Fido” website for off-leash park locations.
- 🐾 All dogs attending dog parks must be wearing a valid dog license.
- 🐾 Check the Animal Service Agency website and make sure you understand the rules (and penalties for violations) for off-leash areas.
- 🐾 You must have control over your dog at all times, even when it’s off leash. Your dog needs to know and respect the basic commands of come, sit, and stay.
- 🐾 Vaccinate your dog.
- 🐾 Do not take a puppy under four months to the park. It has no immunity to life-threatening parvo.
- 🐾 Do not bring a sick dog or a dog with fleas or other parasites to the park.
- 🐾 Dogs in heat are not allowed in off-leash parks.



## Items for Your Doggy Family Pack

- 🐾 A leash. There will be times you need to leash your dog, even if only to take time out to correct bad behaviour.
- 🐾 Water and water dish
- 🐾 Poop bags
- 🐾 A cell phone for emergencies

## Arriving at the Park

Before you enter the off-leash area, take a few minutes to observe how the dogs are behaving. If they’re milling around, fetching balls, or playfully chasing each other, it’s probably a safe environment for your dog.

When your dog enters the park stay with him and let him greet other dogs at his own speed. Let him sniff friendly dogs who come for a “meet and greet”.



## Behaviour at the Park

### Yours and Your Dog’s

- 🐾 Winnipeg’s off-leash areas are multi-use areas. Share the space and don’t put others at risk.

- 🐾 Respect park boundaries. When your dog is off leash, stay in the designated off-leash area.
- 🐾 Supervise your dog at all times.
- 🐾 Prevent your dog from harassing other park visitors, jumping up or hopping into laps uninvited, barking excessively and marking territory in inappropriate ways.
- 🐾 Keep an eye out for interactions between your dog and small children.
- 🐾 Don’t assume your dog would never attack another dog or human. Know your dog and know his moods.
- 🐾 Don’t let your dog bully other dogs. Mounting and shows of dominance can quickly lead to conflict.
- 🐾 If your dog is being threatening or aggressive, remove him from the park.
- 🐾 If a park bully won’t leave your pet alone, and his owner isn’t supervising him, remove your dog. Repeated or prolonged encounters with aggressive dogs tend to make dogs timid and fearful.
- 🐾 Avoid correcting the behaviour of other people’s dogs.
- 🐾 If you take treats to the park, don’t offer them to other dogs without checking with the owner.
- 🐾 Call Winnipeg Police (911) or Animal Services Agency (311) if you witness an act of aggression by a dog or dog owner who won’t leave the park. Be prepared to provide license numbers, names, descriptions, cell phone photo, etc.
- 🐾 Repair any damage your dog causes.