



Wagging Tails Dog Park Registration Form



Use of Wagging Tails Dog Park is available to registered dog owners only.

To complete the registration process, you are required to complete this form, provide proper documentation and pay the annual fee.

What you will need to register:

- Wagging Tails Dog Park registration form, completed and signed by pet owner.
- Copies up to date vaccination records for distemper, hepatitis, parvo & rabies.
- Proof of residency and current Lee County license to receive Cape Coral resident rate.

Cape Coral resident annual registration fee is \$15.00 per dog.

Non-resident annual registration fee is \$30.00 per dog.

Fees are subject to change.

Registration goes by the city's fiscal year: October 1 – September 30;

There is no day pass or guest pass & the fee will not be pro-rated.

To register in person and receive immediate park access: bring all of the proper documents to Rotary Park between 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; exact cash, check or credit cards are accepted.

To register by mail: Send completed documents to Rotary Park; 5505 Rose Garden Road, CC, FL 33914; Make checks payable to The City of Cape Coral and put your driver's license number on it.

If all requirements are met, confirmation will be mailed to you within 10 working days from receipt.

Lost tags must be replaced at a fee of \$5.00 each.

Name of dog owner: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail _____ Driver's Lic. #: _____

Dog Name: _____ Breed: _____ Birthday: _____ Sex: _____ Lee Co. License: _____ Rabies Exp. Date: ____/____/____ DHP Exp. Date ____/____/____
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Turn this page over – the waiver on reverse side must be signed annually

For Staff Use Only:

Res or NR (circle one) Fiscal year: _____ PD _____ VAC _____ TAG _____ R/T _____

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Risk and Release of Liability

Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to dog park rules are conditions of participating in the City of Cape Coral's Dog Park approval, retention, and renewal. Tag(s) may be revoked for noncompliance.

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), designated dog park areas in parks operated by City of Cape Coral. I understand that unleashing my dog 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 the City of Cape Coral 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 required by 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; 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 directly supervised by an agent or employee of the City of Cape Coral. 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 hold harmless the City of Cape Coral, its agents, officers, employees, and representatives from and against any and all damages, injuries, loss, costs, expenses, liability to persons and property, both real and personal, or demands of whatever kind, including any claims for injuries or damages to persons and property, made by, against, or on behalf of the undersigned, members of his/her family and invitees against the City of Cape Coral arising from, pertaining to, or resulting, either directly or indirectly, from my use of the dog park, including but not limited to death, sickness, injury, and disease to any person or dog, or destruction of property, both real and personal.

By submitting this application and associated required vet records, I hereby acknowledge that the information provided is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I realize that falsification of information may result in revocation of dog park use privileges.

I have carefully read the Dog Park Rules and Regulations (as provided as part of this registration packet) and agree to abide by them. I realize that non-compliance of dog park rules and regulations may result in revocation of dog park use privileges.

I have carefully read this release of liability, and understand, agree with, and accept its terms and conditions.

Print Name Clearly: _____

Sign: _____ Date _____

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Park Copy of Wagging Tails Rules & Regulations



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No prong or spike collars.

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If your dog(s) becomes unruly or plays too rough, leash the dog and leave immediately.

All bites must be reported to Animal Control; see below**

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Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied & supervised by an adult.

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It is recommended park users bring only spayed or neutered dogs to the park.

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Fill in any holes your dog may dig or make appropriate repairs to disturbed areas.

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Report all bites by contacting the Animal Control office at (239) 432-2083. Lee County ordinance 98-10 Section 2; XXV

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For any violation of park rules please call the city's park rangers at (239) 691-2923

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What is important to know before I bring my dog?

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- Don't overreact to normal behavior. Being overprotective makes your dog nervous and aggressive. If you've never been to a dog park, familiarize yourself with canine play before visiting the park. There are dogs that like a rough and tumble style with lots of growling, grabbing, wrestling and tackling. Some dogs are daintier with bowing and chasing but not much physical contact. Some dogs like to herd other dogs and may bark and nip at others.
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