CITY OF JASPER INDIANA

POOCH'S PLAYGROUND

A safe, fenced, off-leash area for your dog to play!

The City of Jasper's Dog Park (Pooch's Playground) is open year-round from dawn until dusk. This three- fourths (¾) acre, fenced in area, is located on north side of Gutzweiler Park.

Members are required to register their dog(s) and sign the Membership Card Application and Waiver Form at the Jasper Park and Recreation Department located at 1301 Saint Charles Street, prior to use of the facility. An Annual Membership Fee is required.

Owners must provide a copy of each dog's vaccination records at the time of sign-up. Following pet registration and proof of vaccinations, owners will receive an entry "swipe style" card to enter at the front gate. Membership cards are only for use by registered dogs. MEMBERSHIP CARDS/TAGS SHALL NOT BE LOANED TO NON-MEMBER OWNERS/ANIMALS. SUCH ACTION COULD RESULT IN TERMINATION OF RIGHTS.

Please read and understand all rules and liability waiver. Complete application and return with applicable fees and copies of your dog's most current vaccination records to the Jasper Parks and Recreation Department. Your application will not be processed if it is not signed or proper documentation is not provided.

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Warnings for use of the Dog Park

THE DOG PARK IS NOT STAFFED OR SUPERVISED BY ANY AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE JASPER PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY OF JASPER AT ANY TIME. USE THIS FACILITY AT YOUR OWN RISK.

By using this facility, you agree that you understand and assume all responsibility and liability for the risks of unleashing your dog(s) in this facility. These risks include, but are not limited to:

1. Dog fights, dog bites and injuries to humans and dogs;
2. Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to Rabies, Kennel Cough, Parvo or Lyme Disease;
3. Dog theft or unlawful capture by other people;
4. Dog escape, including out of gates, or over or under fences;
5. Turf treatment chemicals, plants and/or open water sources in the park that may be poisonous to dogs;
6. Park vegetation that may have burrs or seeds that could get tangled in or scratch a dog's coat or lodge in a dog's feet, ears or eyes;
7. Mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas or other insects that may be present;
8. Wild animals in the parks such as skunks, raccoons, opossum, reptiles, rodents or stray dogs, all of which may injure or infect your dog(s).
9. Treats, toys, balls and Frisbees can cause dog fights.
10. Any personal property brought onto the premises is at your own risk.

You are solely responsible for supervising your dog(s) and determining whether this is an appropriate activity in which to participate. DOG OWNERS/KEEPERS AND INDIVIDUALS ACCOMPANYING THEM USE THIS FACILITY ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK AND THAT OF THEIR DOG(S). OWNERS/KEEPERS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND LIABLE FOR THE ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR OF THEIR DOG(S) AT ALL TIMES AND FOR KEEPING EACH OF THEIR DOG'S VACCINATIONS CURRENT AND UP TO DATE. THE CITY OF JASPER ASSUMES NO LIABILITY FOR LOSS, DAMAGE, OR ANY KIND OF INJURY,
INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY AND/OR DEATH SUSTAINED BY ANY HUMAN OR DOG WHILE USING THE DOG PARK. Dogs and permit holders of varying degrees of skill, training and experience use this facility. You are solely responsible for determining if you and/or your dog(s) are physically fit and/or adequately skilled to use this facility. It is always advisable, especially if you or your dog(s) is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician or veterinarian before undertaking any dog training or exercise activity. When this Waiver & Release refers to "your dog", "my dog", or the "owner" of a dog, it includes you whether or not you are the legal owner of the dog, since you are the person responsible for the dog while using this facility.

Membership Information

Jasper's Pooch' s Playground Dog Park is a Membership Facility. All dog park users must pay an annual fee; meet the dog park vaccination, health screening and licensing requirements and sign a liability waiver to obtain a membership card. A membership card must be purchased in order to bring your dog(s) to the park. Dog Park membership cards are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Membership Fees:

First Dog	**$25**
Additional Dog	**$ 5**
Replacement Card	**$10**

Membership cards lasts for one season. (Seasons run from March 1st of year of membership through March 1st of the following year).

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POOCH'S PLAYGROUND DOG PARK ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES:

Please take the time to read through this and educate yourself about the rules and etiquette. We take safety at the park very seriously. Familiarizing yourself with the rules and etiquette will help you and your pet enjoy your time at the Pooch's Playground Dog Park.

NOTE: For safety reasons, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under the age of ten (10) are not permitted in the dog run areas.

1. Dogs can be unpredictable and rambunctious. Some dogs don't respond well to children running by fast with arms flailing and yelling. Because of this, we highly recommend not bringing any children into the dog run areas for their own protection. Children should not handle any dog toys that are lying around in the park and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog.
2. Entering and exiting a dog park is a stressful and exciting event for a dog. Please keep gates clear at all times. This will reduce stress and confrontations between dogs as they are entering the play areas. Be sure to securely close all gates behind you for the safety of all.
3. After entering the park, let your dog off-leash. Leashed dogs feel threatened when they are around un-leashed dogs. If you are uncomfortable with letting your dog off-leash, don't visit the park. If your dog wears a prong collar, it must be removed so other dogs do not get caught on it.
4. Supervise your dog during the entire visit to the park. When a new dog enters the park, be aware of where your dog is.
5. Having a group of dogs greet you at the gate can feel threatening to some dogs; don't allow dogs to congregate around the entrance. Keep your leash with you at all times.
6. Some dogs like to mount—if yours is one of these, you must immediately discourage this activity to avoid any aggression problems from other dogs or leave the park.
7. Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but if one does occur, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs
   and direct them in opposite directions. Block any eye contact the dogs can make with each other. Dogs that remain unruly towards another dog must be removed immediately.
8. If your dog injures another dog or owner, be sure to give your name and phone number to the injured party. You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm it causes to others.
9. Pick up your dog's droppings and any "orphaned" droppings; carry extra bags with you. Bags and waste receptacles are available. This is your park; help keep it clean and sanitary for all dogs.

The Jasper City Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend or revoke membership to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette. Safety first—please be courteous to your fellow members and help keep the park clean, safe and enjoyable for all.

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Pooch's Playground Membership Rules and Etiquette:

- No admittance without a membership. Proof of current vaccinations for Rabies, Distemper, Parvo and Bordetella required.
- Hours of operation are dawn to dusk.
- Dogs are the only animals permitted inside the park.
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No children under the age of 10 are permitted in the dog run area.
- All dogs must display their current vaccination tag.
- Enter at your own risk. City of Jasper shall hold no liability for any damage to property, persons, or other dogs.
- You must pick up your dog's waste. Waste bags & trash receptacles provided.
- Dogs must remain leashed until they are inside the run area. No prong or pinch collars allowed in run areas for the safety of other dogs.
- Dog owners **MUST** have leash in hand for each dog they bring to the park and must remain inside the park to supervise their dog(s). Owner/handler are solely responsible for the actions of their dog(s).
- Dogs that bark persistently are a nuisance and must be removed.
- Limit 3 dogs per handler in the dog park at any time.
- No dogs under 4 months old permitted. Any dogs showing aggression or unruly behavior need to leave park immediately.
- No dogs allowed with viral, parasitic infections or open wounds. If your dog is sick, keep them home.
- No female dogs in heat allowed. Spaying and neutering are recommended.
- Dogs that exhibit humping or aggressive behavior (including urinating on other animals or people) must be removed immediately from the park. Habitual offenders and abusers will lose their privileges.
- Do always not allow dogs to run to the gate on entry of a new dog – Keep the gate clear.
- No smoking, glass containers or food of any kind (including dog treats, rawhide bones and hooves) allowed inside the park.
- Do not allow anyone into the park that does not have a valid key. (Encourage visitors to pick up a packet and register to become a member). Report fence jumpers to the police department.
- **Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries or damage caused by their dogs.**
- Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- The maximum number of dogs permitted in the park at any given time is 25.
- The City of Jasper reserves the right to close the park as needed, without notice, for maintenance and repairs.
- **The Jasper City Park and Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges to any member who fails to follow park rules and etiquette. They have complete discretion in determining whether a member dog or dog owner is dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.**

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DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

VALID FROM MARCH TO MARCH

Seasonal membership cards to the City of Jasper Pooch's Playground are issued for a one-year period from March 1 of the year of purchase through March 1 of the following year. Membership cards will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sale of membership cards may be discontinued, at the sole discretion of the City of Jasper Park & Recreation Department, when the number of sold cards approaches an unsafe number. ALL OWNERS/MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE, AND PRESENT PROOF OF CURRENT VACCINATIONS FOR THEIR DOG(S) AS PART OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS. Owners/members are responsible for keeping their dog's/dogs' vaccinations current and up to date at all times. Members may visit the Pooch's Playground during regular park hours, from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year. The City of Jasper Park & Recreation Department reserves the right to close the Pooch's Playground at any time for maintenance purposes. **Membership Fees:** An annual membership fee includes one (1) entry card for the owner. Dog park fees are $25.00 per year for the first dog and $5.00 per year for each additional dog. The owner is responsible for membership cards; any lost or stolen cards should be reported, and a replacement card will be provided for a $10.00 fee.

Please complete all lines below (Incomplete or illegible applications will not be processed).

Name of Owner: _____ Date: _____

Owner's Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Owner's e-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Number: _____

Name of Dog: _____ Breed of Dog: _____

Age of Dog: _____ Approximate Weight of Dog: _____

Dog Collar: Y ____ N____ Microchip: Y ____ N____

Name of Dog's Veterinarian: _____ Vet's Phone: _____

Name of Dog: _____ Breed of Dog: _____

Age of Dog: _____ Approximate weight of dog: _____

Dog Collar: Y ____ N____ Microchip: Y ____ N____

Name of Dog's Veterinarian: _____ Vet's Phone: _____

Name of Dog: _____ Breed of Dog: _____

Age of Dog: _____ Approximate weight of dog: _____

Dog Collar: Y ____ N____ Microchip: Y ____ N____

Name of Dog's Veterinarian: _____ Vet's Phone: _____

Completed form and copy of vaccination records documenting vaccinations for Rabies, Parvo, Distemper and Bordetella must be submitted with payment.

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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS/LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing information, and that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dog(s), the Pooch's Playground Dog Park in Jasper, Indiana. I understand that the act of unleashing my dog(s) and being physically present inside the Dog Park necessarily and absolutely involves risks of illness, injury and/or death to me, other people, my dog(s) and other dogs, which risks are entirely my own responsibility. I expressly assume all these risks.

I HEREBY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, PROMISE NOT TO SUE and WAIVE any claims, demands, losses, damages, liabilities, fines, charges, penalties, administrative and judicial proceedings and orders, judgments and all costs and expenses of any kind whatsoever, incurred therewith, including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of defense against the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Department, the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Board, and the City of Jasper and/or their respective agents,
officers, and employees for any and all injury, death, illness, damage or loss to property or person, sustained directly or proximately caused by any negligence of the above-named parties in the use or maintenance of the premises at which said dog park activity is
conducted. I further agree to abide by all the rules and regulations pertaining to such activity as may be designated by the City of
Jasper, its agents or employees.

I affirmatively state that there is no medical reason why I and/or my dog(s) should not participate in using the Dog Park. I understand that dogs, irrespective of their training and usual past behaviors or characteristics, may act or react unpredictably at times based upon instinct or circumstances, and I agree to assume the risk of injury to me, any individual accompanying me in the Dog Park and my dog(s). I understand that this risk may result from fierce, aggressive, vicious and dangerous dogs, which may be present in the Dog Park. I further understand and assume the risk that not all dogs present in the Dog Park have received the Rabies vaccine as required by law, and that not all dogs using the Dog Park have been vaccinated for Distemper, Parvo or Bordetella, all of which could result in injury, illness and/or death to me and my dog(s). I understand that I am exposing myself, my dog(s) and my personal property to all manner of injury and/or loss, including death, due to the possibility of the following: dog fights, dog bites and injuries to humans and other dogs; dog theft or unlawful capture; dog escape through an open gate or over or under fences; chemicals, plants and/or open water sources in the park which may be poisonous to dogs; park vegetation which
may have burrs or seeds that could get tangled in or scratch a dog's coat or lodge in a dog's feet, ears and/or eyes; bites and infestations by mosquitoes, ticks, chiggers, fleas or other insects that may be present; injury or infection by wild animals that may be present in the park, including but not limited to skunks, opossum, raccoons, snakes, lizards, frogs, badgers, moles, squirrels, stray dogs and/or stray cats.

It is my understanding that no agent or employee of the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Department will supervise the Dog Park at any time. I further understand that neither the Jasper City Parks and Recreation Department nor the City of Jasper assumes any liability for loss, damage or any kind of injury sustained by any human or dog while using the Dog Park.

I expressly assume all risks associated with using the Dog Park, as well as all fixtures and equipment located therein, in an unsupervised manner. I have carefully read this waiver and release of liability and understand and fully agree with its contents. I have also received a copy of the rules for membership and usage, and I agree to review the rules and warnings prior to my first visit to the Dog Park.

I attest that I am at least Eighteen (18) years of age; that I have read and understand the foregoing waiver and release of liability, agree with it and intend to be legally bound by its terms.

_____	_____	_____
Signature of Owner	Printed Name	Date