



LA CROSSE COUNTY PAWS PARK POLICY – VETERANS MEMORIAL



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La Crosse County, along with The Friends of Paws Park, strive to make Paws Park a high-quality dog recreation area. Our goal is to provide a pleasurable experience for all patrons. To accomplish this, we make every effort to be transparent in our rules and regulations.

FEES:
Paws Park has a daily permit fee of \$2, or an annual permit fee of \$12. Annual fees are for the calendar year from January 1st to December 31st. The permit is valid for one nuclear family and is not transferable.

PERMITS:
Permits can be purchased at the Veterans Memorial Campground Store. If the Campground store is closed, a self-registration envelope can be used to deposit funds into the fee drop box on site. Please be sure to fill out your household information on the envelope.

NUMBER OF DOGS:
Per the pet ordinance of the Town of Hamilton, a maximum of 3 dogs per family unit are allowed.

MOWING:
La Crosse County maintenance staff mow the entire Paws Park on a weekly basis, time and weather permitting.

PETS (County Ordinance 19.07):
Pets must be on a leash **at all times** when outside of the Paws Park. Dogs are not to be left unattended within the Paws Park Area. If complaints are received by Paws Park management, your pet displays aggressiveness, or waste is not immediately removed, Park management may ban the pet from the Paws Park.

DOG TOYS: Dog toys are to be collected by owners before leaving the Paws Park. Toys left around the Paws Park may damage mowing equipment and/or injure patrons in the general vicinity when contacted by mowing equipment.

DOG LICENSING AND VACCINATIONS (Wis. Stat. Ann. 95.21 (2)):
All pets must be current with vaccinations and tags; proof must be provided upon request. Dogs are required to wear a visible, municipal license, and I.D. tag. Puppies under 4 months old are not allowed (unvaccinated).

DOG WASTE:
Waste must be disposed of **immediately and properly**.

DIGGING AND OTHER DAMAGES
Dog owners are responsible for filling any holes their dogs make, as well as reporting any damage to benches, gates or other park infrastructure.

AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR and PERSISTENT BARKING:
Dogs should be monitored for signs of aggression. Owners should be prepared to remove their dogs from the park immediately if aggressive behavior occurs. Persistent barking should be addressed by dog owners, and dogs should be removed if problems with persistent barking arise.

Park users and dog owners assume all risk related to the use of Paws Park. Dog Owners are legally and financially liable for injuries or damages caused by their dog(s) (**Wis. Stat. Ann. 174.02 (1)**). Animal Control Officers and La Crosse County Parks Department Staff have the rights to ask anyone to leave the Paws Park.

Veterans Memorial Paws Park was built with donations from the Friends of Paws Park.