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# Town of Walworth

## The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park

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### HOW DO I REGISTER MY DOGS?

All owners must register their dog/s with The Town of Walworth Recreation Department in order to use The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park.

- Dogs can be registered during normal business hours (M-F 8:00am-4:00pm) at the Town of Walworth Recreation Department (3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth NY).
- **RESIDENTS - To register your dog/s, you will need to bring:**
  1. Copy of your current, up-to-date Town of Walworth Dog Registration paperwork
    - If you do not have a copy of your paperwork the Town Clerk can provide one for you

#### **NON-RESIDENTS - To register your dog/s, you will need to bring:**

1. Copy of your dog's License (from the Town you reside in) with current address
  2. Copy of your dog's Rabies Certificate (from the Vet or Clinic)
    - The Town will keep copies of on file (documents, not tags)
    - If you do not have copies of your documents we can make copies for you at the office
- There is a \$25.00 per residence fee to obtain a pass for the The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park. This pass is valid for the current season **ONLY** (April 1st-November 30th).
  - Full payment (**in the form of CASH or CHECK ONLY**) is due at the time of registration.
  - To register a dog/s, all owners must on-site:
    1. Complete a Sherburne Road Dog Park Permit Application
    2. Sign an Acknowledgment, Agreement, and Release Form

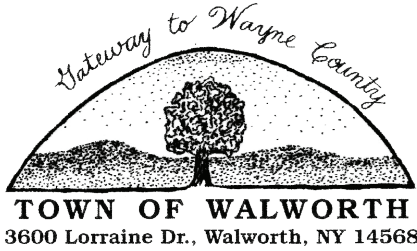
### WHY ARE DOG PARKS IMPORTANT?

Dog parks benefit both dog owners and non-owners alike by:

- Providing a legal recreational outlet for dog owners who want to exercise and socialize their dogs in a safe, leash-free environment.
- Preventing unwanted encounters between unleashed dogs and other park users.
- Allowing people with limited mobility to exercise their dogs in as safe, accessible place.
- Bringing people together to promote a greater sense of community.

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### TOWN OF WALWORTH THE DOG PARK AT SHERBURNE ROAD PARK PERMIT APPLICATION

Owner/s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog ever bitten or injured a person or dog?:  YES  NO

If yes, please explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I have received a copy of The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park rules, a copy of my signed acknowledgment, agreement and release form, and a Dog Park tag for the current year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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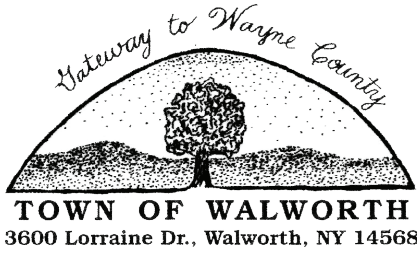
In accordance with Park rules, all persons bringing a dog to a designated off-leash area must carry and have available for inspection this permit issued by the Town of Walworth.

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Tag # Issued: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AGREEMENT, & RELEASE

I hereby apply to use the Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park (the "Dog Park") with my dog(s), and agree to the below in consideration of being permitted to utilize said Dog Park.

I understand and acknowledge that:

1. The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park is not supervised
2. Being physically present inside the Dog Park with my dog(s), whether leashed or unleashed, necessarily involves risks of injury/damage/death, including to me and my dog(s) from other dogs.
3. Being physically present inside the Dog Park, with my dog(s), whether leashed or unleashed, necessarily involves risks of injury/damage/death, including to other people and their dog(s) from my dog(s).
4. Dogs may act or react unpredictably.
5. Dogs may be infected with diseases and/or parasites which might infect me and/or my dog(s).

I hereby expressly assume all of these risks on behalf of myself and my dog(s) and agree to explain these risks to any permitted guests of mine at the Dog Park.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to bear the cost of any injury, illness or damage that may be caused or suffered by me, my dog(s) or my permitted guests(s) while at or utilizing the Dog Park, and release the Town of Walworth and its agents, servants, and employees from all injuries and/or damages that I and/or my dog(s) and/or my guests sustain at or in relation to the Dog Park as a result of the acts or omissions of other dog owners/handlers and/or the actions of their dog(s) at the Dog Park.

I hereby release and agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Town of Walworth and its agents, servants, and employees from any claims, lawsuits, losses, liability, charge, cost, expense or damages of any nature whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees, which may arise from or in any way relate to my acts or omissions, the acts or omissions of my guests, and/or the actions of my dog(s) at or in relation to the Dog Park, whether by accident, unforeseen or otherwise.

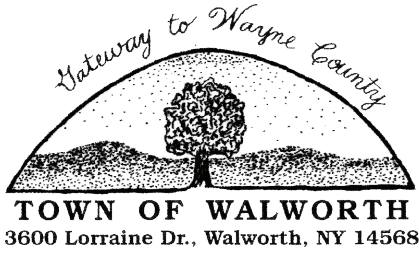
I have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions of this Acknowledgment, Agreement, and Release. I have received and read The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. Further, by signing this document, I acknowledge that if a potential claim arises in relation to me and/or my guests(s) and/or my dog(s) and the Dog Park, a court of law may find me to have waived the right to maintain a lawsuit against the Town of Walworth as a result of this document.

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**Dog Owner 1 (Print Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dog Owner 1 (Signature):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(See reverse for any additionally agreed owners)*



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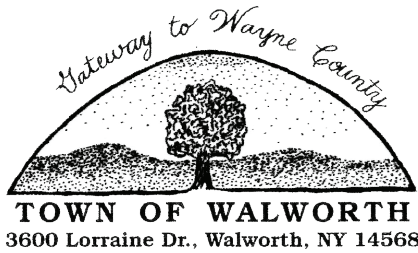
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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AGREEMENT, & RELEASE (CONT.)

Dog Owner 2 (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Owner 1 (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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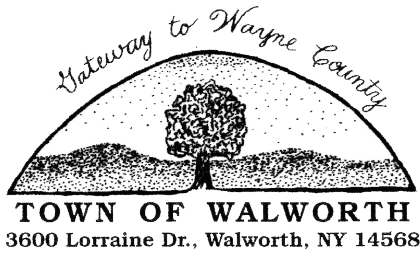
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### THE DOG PARK AT SHERBURNE ROAD PARK

#### RULES & REGULATIONS

- Any person bringing a dog to the designated off-leash area must carry or keep in your vehicle a copy of their permit.
- All dogs must wear their tag that is issued annually when inside the unleashed area.
- The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park is open April 1st-November 30th from 7:00am until Dusk.
- Any person who takes a dog(s) into the designated off-leash area **MUST**:
  1. Maintain voice control over their dog(s) and always keep your dog(s) in sight.
  2. Clean up after their dog(s).
  3. Immediately leash and remove from the off-leash area any dog(s) showing aggression toward a person(s) or other dog(s).
- Any person who takes a dog(s) into the designated off-leash area shall be responsible for the conduct of the animal and shall be responsible for all injury to person or property caused by the dog(s).
- No animal other than dog(s) are permitted in off-leash areas.
- No person shall bring more than three dogs to an off-leash area at one time.
- Professional dog trainers **MAY NOT** use the off-leash area for the conduct of business unless operating as an instructor/contractor under the umbrella of a Town of Walworth Recreation Department Program.
- No children under the age of 10 are allowed inside the off-leashed area. Children over the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult person 18 years of age or older.
- The small dog area is for dogs weighing 25 pounds or less; the large dog area is open to dogs of all weights.
- Gates to the off-leash area must be kept closed and always latched.
- The following are not permitted within the off-leashed area:
  1. Dogs in heat
  2. Dogs that are ill or injured
  3. Pinch, spike, prong, or choke collars
  4. Puppies under 6 months of age
  5. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, food, or glass
  6. Dog treats and rawhide chews
  7. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards
- The Town may temporarily ban dogs or a specific dog from any off-leash area where the town determines the same may be a nuisance or is necessary to maintain peace and order, or necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
- In the event of any emergency situation, call 911.



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### THE DOG PARK AT SHERBURNE ROAD PARK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How do I register my dog to use The Dog Park at Sherburne Road Park?

All owners must register their dogs with the Town of Walworth Recreation Department. Dogs can be registered during normal business hours: M – F 8:00am – 4:00pm at 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth NY 14568. You will need a current copy of your dog(s) license with current address, a copy of current Rabies Certificate, completed permit, and a signed Acknowledgment, Agreement, and Release form. Permit and Acknowledgment, Agreement, and Release forms are available only where you register. There is a \$25 per residence that can be paid via cash or check.

#### Does my registration and permit expire?

Dog Park registration tags and permits expire December 31st. You will need to register your dog(s) each year to receive your new registration tag and permit.

#### Why does my dog need to be registered?

By requiring dogs to need a registration tag and permit, we are able to ensure that all dogs are licensed and have been vaccinated for rabies.

#### What vaccines does my dog need?

The only vaccine required by New York State Law is the Rabies Vaccine. However, you may wish to discuss the following with your veterinarian before bringing your dog to a dog park: DHPP (Distemper, Hepatitis, Parainfluenza, Parvo) Vaccine; Leptospirosis Vaccine; Kennel Cough (Bordetella) Vaccine; Flea and Tick prevention; and Heartworm prevention.

#### How many dogs can I register?

You may register all dogs licensed to you at your current address. The registration fee must be paid for each dog.

#### Can I transfer my dog's registration tag?

No.

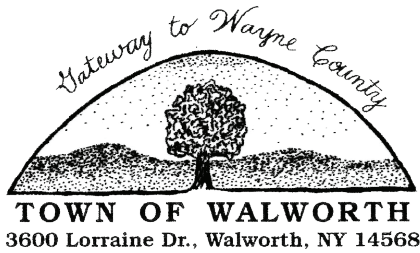
#### What if I lose my tag?

Replacement tags are available at the Town of Walworth Recreation Department: 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth NY 14568 during normal business hours. M – F 8:00am – 4:00pm. The fee to replace a tag is \$5. You must bring a copy of your current dog park permit.

#### What are the hours of the Dog Park?

The Dog Park is open 7am til DUSK. There are no lights at the Dog Park. The Dog Park may close without notice for maintenance and/or repairs.





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### THE DOG PARK AT SHERBURNE ROAD PARK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONT.)

#### **How do I enter/exit the Dog Park?**

The Dog Park is neutral ground for most dogs and to keep it this way, never bring your dog into the off-leash area while on a leash. The double gated system allows you to enter a safe area at which time you can unleash your dog prior to entering the off-leash area. Once in the park, move away from the gate so that other dogs aren't intimidated at the entrance. When you are done in the off-leash area, bring your dog into the double gated area before re-leashing your dog. Always be sure to secure the gate behind you and check to make sure all gates are secure before bringing your dog into the double gated area to leash or unleash.

#### **When is the dog fountain open?**

The water fountains will be closed from late fall to early spring to prevent the water lines from freezing. Please plan on bringing your own water during this time period.

#### **Why can't my large dog play in the small dog area?**

This is strictly a safety issue. While some large dogs may be slow and gentle, toy breeds in particular can easily be harmed. The dog park needs to be safe for dogs of all sizes.

#### **Why can't I bring children under 10 years old into the Dog Park?**

The dog park is for dogs and owners. Small children take attention away from your dog, and children aren't always a good mix with fast moving large dogs or little scrappy dogs. It is important for owners to concentrate on their dog(s) and make the dog parks as safe as possible for everyone.

#### **Why can't I bring food or dog treats into the Dog Park?**

Food is one of the most common aggressive triggers with dogs. While there may be no intention of dropping a piece of doughnut or sandwich, crumbs can easily lead to acts of aggression.

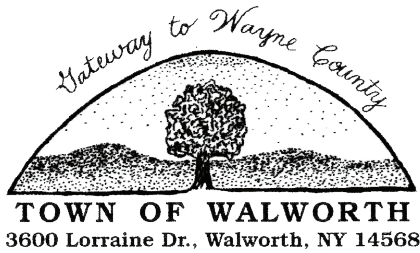
#### **Why can't I leave my dog's prong, pinch, spiked, or choke collar on?**

These collars are very easy for other dogs to get tangled in while playing. For the dog's safety it is important to take these collars off before entering the dog park.

#### **Why can't I bring my puppy to the Dog Park?**

Puppies under six (6) months of age are not permitted in the dog park for two primary reasons. The first is that their play may offend older or more aggressive dogs. Puppies under six (6) months also are not old enough to have their full series of puppy vaccinations. If you are looking to socialize your puppy in a safe setting please look for puppy classes or puppy daycare.





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#### What if my dog(s) uses the park without a permit and registration tag?

Owners who allow their dogs to enter the dog park without having the proper registration tag and permit are in violation of the Dog Park rules and subject to immediate removal and forfeiture of future use of the space.

#### What if I only live in New York for part of the year?

According to New York State Law any dog residing in NY for more than 30 days must be licensed in the city, town, or village they are residing. Please see [www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/Doglic.html](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/AI/Doglic.html) or call your local license office for more information.

#### How do I prevent a dog fight?

The best prevention is to never let your dog leave your sight. If you notice a dog becoming aggressive, remove your dog promptly from the park. If your dog becomes aggressive or begins playing too rough, take your dog out of the park to cool down. As always, if a situation becomes dangerous, call 911.

#### What do I do if there is a dog fight?

Remain calm. Loud yelling, screaming, and/or quick movements can unintentionally increase arousal. **Never get in between two dogs fighting or you can risk injury to yourself.** Many experts suggest diverting the dogs with a loud noise such as an air horn or a blast of water from a sports bottle. There will be many scuffles as dogs will be dogs. Dog fights are rare in dog parks, but the potential is there. Please talk with your veterinarian if you have concerns about breaking-up a dog fight involving your dog. If your dog is involved in a dog fight, exchange information with the other owner. Be sure to include your name, phone numbers, and vaccination records. If your dog is not involved in the fight, remove your dog from the off-leash area. As a courtesy, you should remain nearby until the situation is under control and make sure everyone (dogs and people) are all okay. **If any of the dogs involved in the incident are clearly aggressive or dangerous, call 911.**

