

Dog Park Etiquette

What owners should do:

- Pick up after your dog. Be prepared to scoop, bag and dispose of waste properly.
- All dogs visiting parks should be up to date on vaccinations, to prevent the risk of diseases.
- Dogs in season should be left home or restricted to road walks. Do not bring a female dog in season to the park, her presence can create fights and distractions for other dogs.
- Keep your lead with you at all times. You may need to quickly remove your dog from an aggressive dog visiting the park.
- If your dog likes to scavenge/feast on food waste or is aggressive towards other dogs, we would advise them to be muzzled.

Do

- Do check with other owners before letting your dog interact.
- Do remember, a seemingly friendly dog may lash out if approached whilst on a lead.

Don't

- Don't let your dog run over to another dog on a lead.
- Don't let your dog off the lead if you cannot easily recall them.
- Don't ignore warnings from other owners about their dog.

Dog Microchipping

It is a legal requirement for all dogs in England, Wales and Scotland to be microchipped and wear a collar with an ID tag.

What is a microchip?

A microchip has a unique code which when scanned with a special reader, can be matched to the owner's details on a central database. It is inserted by a vet in a quick and painless procedure.

Why is that dog on a lead?

- I'm not confident around other dogs
- I'm recovering from surgery
- I'm elderly
- I don't like other dogs
- I'm in training/learning

