

BEFORE YOU GO TO THE PARK

Information from the Animal Humane Society

Off-leash parks are a great resource for exercising, stimulating and socializing your dog. That being said, here are a few things to consider before bringing your dog to the Plymouth Dog Park:

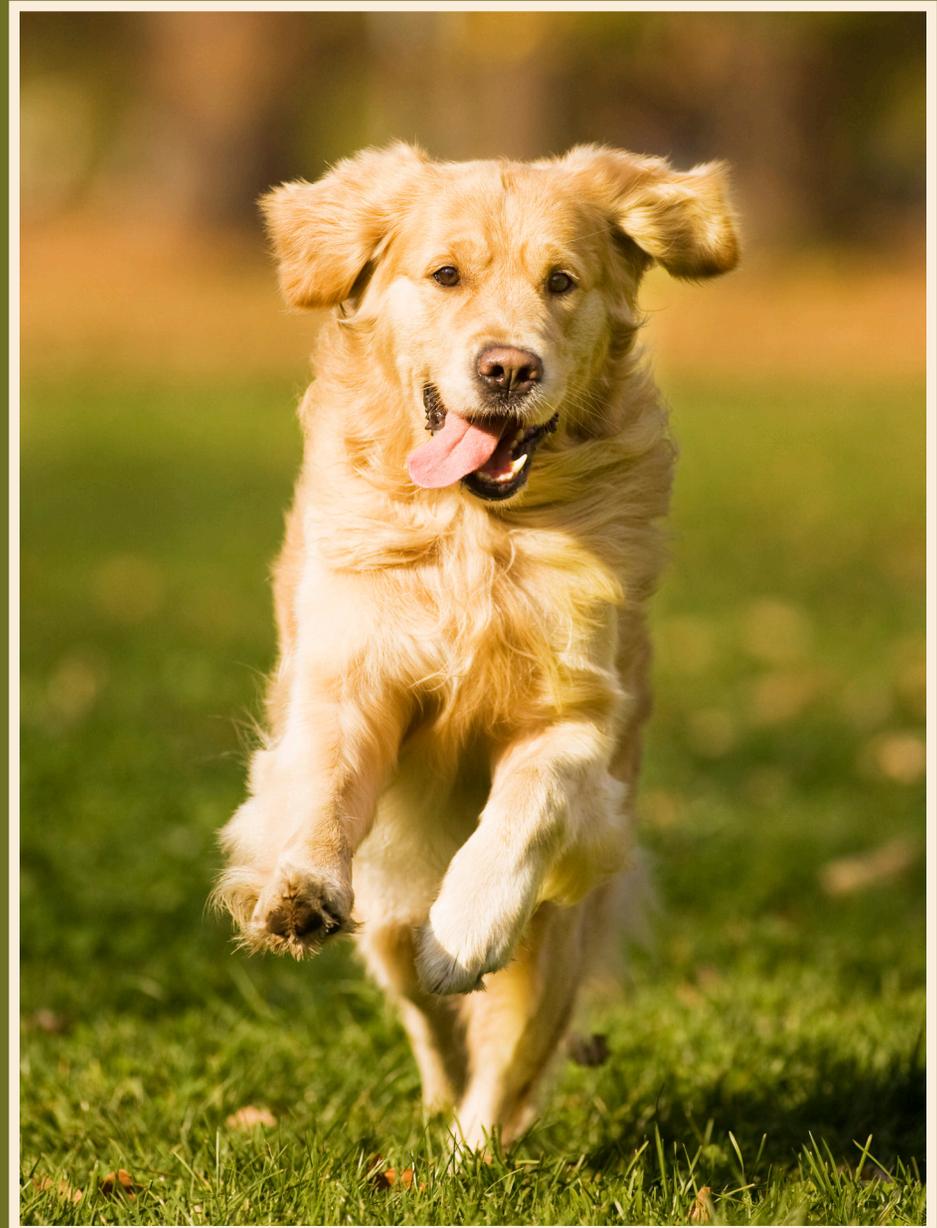
- Wait until you have a rock-solid recall with your dog.
- Not all dogs are familiar with children and may perceive running and screaming as prey behavior, so keep children close by and under direct control.
- Many people have difficulty distinguishing normal play behavior from bullying, and may not realize their dog is being rude. So "go with your gut," if you feel your dog is becoming overwhelmed, take it home. The benefits of exercise are lost if the dog experiences only stress and anxiety.

SIGNS OF POSITIVE PLAY

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- Self-handicapping: "fighting" with weakened or reduced force (softly biting; lightly pinning, etc.)
- Role-reversals and activity shifts: first I chase, then you chase; first we wrestle, then we lie down
- Activity punctuated with play signals:
 - A play bow (front of the body down, rear end up)
 - A Play face (open-mouthed, "smiley" expression)
 - Exaggerated movements (bouncing) up and down and to the side ("wasted" movements)
 - Paw raised/elbow bend
 - Play, stop, play again
 - Loose, floppy body

We think it's **OK**       to **SPOIL** your dog every once in a while



PLYMOUTH DOG PARKS

HOURS: Daily; dawn to dusk



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PLYMOUTH'S DOG PARKS are a great place for exercising and socializing your dog in a safe and fun environment. Parks where dogs can run, play, and romp with other dogs without the constraint of leashes. Since dogs are naturally social, having an open space where dogs can be free is critical to their well-being.

LOCATIONS

Plymouth Dog Park (South side of Co Rd 47 between Lawndale & Dunkirk)

4 Paws Dog Park at Plymouth Playfield (9755 36th Ave N)

Happy Tails Dog Park at Oakwood Playfield-In Hockey Rink (Co Rd 6 & Co Rd 101)

Seasonal facility - not open from December through April

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

- Cooperation between dog owners is expected, including keeping order and enforcing dog park rules.
- Watch your dog at all times.
- Help keep the park clean; pick up and dispose of feces.
- Cover any holes your dog digs.
- Discourage aggressive behavior and barking. Leash your dog immediately if it shows signs of aggression.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Please respect our neighbors and keep your dog within the confines of the park property.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and leaving the park. Owners must carry a leash for each dog at all times.
- Collars are to be worn at all times. No pincher or spiked collars.
- Dogs must be accompanied by an adult (16 or older) at all times.
- Dogs must be healthy, fully immunized, de-wormed, and wearing ID tags.
- Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the park.
- Keep your dogs in sight and never leave dogs in the park unattended.
- No littering. Place all trash in receptacles.
- Users of this facility do so at their own risk. Plymouth Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the off leash area.
- Plymouth Parks and Recreation is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen property.
- In case of emergency (dog bite or unsafe behavior) immediately call 911 for assistance. For all other issues, please call 763-509-5950.

AMENITIES	Plymouth Dog Park	4 Paws Dog Park	Happy Tails Dog Park
Open & Natural	X		
Enclosed Hockey Rink			X
Parking	X	X	X
Shelter	X		
Water*	X		
Small Dog Area**	X		
Play Amenities	X		
*Not available during the winter season **For dogs less than 20 lbs			