



# **TOWN OF PLYMOUTH**

26 Court Street  
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

<b>Title</b>	<b>Regulations at Plymouth Dog Parks</b>
<b>Established</b>	<b>May 6, 2025</b>
<b>Revision Approval Dates</b>	

## **1. PURPOSE**

Plymouth General Bylaws § 23-4 Control of dogs, Section C states, *Town of Plymouth will have areas of Town designated as Dog Park. The rules and regulations of said Dog Parks will be determined as a policy of the Select Board and posted at each Dog Park.*

## **2. POLICY GUIDELINES**

Regulations at the Dog Parks are as follows:

### **Owner/Handler Responsibilities and Conduct**

- Only licensed dogs are allowed in the Dog Park. All dogs in the Dog Park shall wear current licensing tags from their town of residency at all times.
- Dog owners/handlers shall not bring any animal other than dogs into the Dog Park.
- Dog owners/handlers shall not permit any dog(s) under the age of six months to enter into or remain in the Dog Park.
- Unvaccinated dogs, dogs in heat, sick dogs and dogs suffering from parasites are not permitted to be in the Dog Park.
- All dog owners/handlers shall maintain voice command of and visual contact with their dog(s) at all times.
- All dog owners/handlers shall immediately leash and remove any dog displaying aggressive behavior, mounting behavior, or behavior that exhibits biting aggression or dominant behavior.
- No dog owners/handlers shall have more than two (2) dogs in the Dog Park at any one time.
- All dog owners/handlers shall immediately remove any feces left by their dog and properly dispose of the waste, pursuant to the Town of Plymouth Animal Control Bylaw.

- All dog owners/handlers shall prevent their dog(s) from digging or excessively barking.
- All dog owners/handlers shall keep their dog(s) restrained inside the gates of the fenced in area of the Dog Park, pursuant to the Town of Plymouth Animal Control Bylaw.
- When entering through the double gates, all dog owners/handlers shall make sure one gate is closed before the second gate is opened to prevent dogs from getting loose.

### **Dog Park Hours and Prohibitions**

- The Dog Park is open from dawn to dusk.
- The Small Dog Area is restricted to dogs under 25 pounds, without exception.
- The Large Dog Area is restricted to dogs 25 pounds or over, without exception.
- Children under the age of twelve (12) are NOT permitted within the Dog Park.
- All owners/handlers must be at least sixteen (16) years of age. Any guests under the age of 16 must be accompanied and supervised by a person over the age of eighteen (18).
- No smoking, vaping, alcohol, glass containers or food of any kind, including dog treats, are allowed in the Dog Park.
- All bicycles, skateboards, spiked collars, retractable leashes, e-collars, dog toys and children's toys are prohibited in the Dog Park.
- All use of the Dog Park is at owner's/handler's risk.
- Owners/handlers are responsible and liable for the actions of their dog(s), including all injuries caused by dog(s) under their control, whether on leash or off leash.
- All owners/handlers are solely responsible for injuries and damage caused by their dog(s).
- The Town of Plymouth shall not be liable for injuries or damage caused by any dog or its owner/handler.

### **Penalties**

Dog owners/handlers who violate these regulations shall be subject to sanctions, up to and including, eviction from the park. The Animal Control Officer, the Plymouth Police Department and the Department of Public Works shall have the authority to enforce these Regulations.

Signed By:

  
Chair, Select Board

Date

5/6/2025

  
Town Manager

Date

5/6/2025