

Thank you for your interest in the Columbia DogPark. Attached please find the Columbia DogPark Application and registration packet.

The off-leash area is open to all dog owners who register their dog(s) and pay the applicable annual registration fee. You *must* be the owner of the dog(s) and at least 18 years of age to register for the Columbia DogPark. Registration is valid for one calendar year, January-December. Once your application has been processed, you will receive an official Columbia DogPark dog tag for each registered dog.

Dog tag(s) must be worn by the dog in the off-leash area at all times.

Fees are based on a maximum of three (3) dogs per household and include unlimited daily visits to the park during regular park hours.

Registration to access the Off-leash Area and to receive a Columbia DogPark dog tag is dependent upon the receipt of following **required documents**:

- Copy of valid State ID or driver's license, or CA Membership account number.
- Copy of current County/City Animal License and expiration date for each dog registered
- Copy of current rabies vaccination and expiration for each dog registered
- Signed *Columbia DogPark Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver Form*
- CA Payment Authorization Form (if not registering in person or paying by check)

Columbia DogPark Annual Registration Fee Schedule

	Annual Registration Fee
Resident (R)*	\$35.00
Non-Resident (NR)	\$40.00
Replacement DogPark Tag	\$1.00

**Resident fee – homeowners that reside or work on Columbia Association assessed property.*

Application Instructions:

Print, complete and sign the Off-Leash Area Application, the Columbia DogPark Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability Waiver Form and the Credit Authorization Form (if not applying in person).

Completed forms may be mailed or dropped-off along with a copy of the **required documents** to:

**Attention: Columbia DogPark
Columbia Association Open Space Management Office
9450 Gerwig Lane
Columbia, MD 21046
Or by email at open.space@columbiaassociation.org
Or by fax to [\(410\) 312-6327](tel:410-312-6327)**

Please designate on your application if you wish your Columbia DogPark tag to be mailed to you. Otherwise, you will be notified via an email or telephone call once your application has been processed. You may elect to pick-up your Columbia DogPark dog tag(s) at the **Columbia Association Open Space Management Office** during regular business hours of **Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Columbia DogPark Daily Visit

You may register for a Daily Visit at the Columbia DogPark for \$5.00 Residents (R) and \$6.00 Non-residents (NR). The daily fee is for a one-day access to enter the park. You must be able to present written proof of a current Animal license and current rabies vaccination for your dog(s) during a daily visit.

If you need further assistance please contact us at [\(410\) 312-6330](tel:410-312-6330).



Columbia DogPark Off-Leash Area Application

All dogs must have a current county dog license and rabies vaccination. Please provide a copy of the required license and vaccination information at the time of registration. Registered users will be issued a Columbia DogPark identification (ID) tag for each registered dog. ID tag must be worn by the dog at all times within the Columbia DogPark. Owners must be at least 18 years of age to register for the dog park.

Please complete all required fields

Name of Dog Owner: _____ Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes No

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Number: _____ Evening Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Dog Tag(s): Pick-up Mail

Registration fees are based on a maximum of three dogs per household.
There is a maximum of two dogs per handler in the Off-Leash Area.
Registration ID tags are valid from January 1 - December 31.

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____	CDP Tag No.: * _____	Dog #1
Weight: _____ lbs. Color: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____		
Dog License #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		
Rabies Certification #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____	CDP Tag No.: * _____	Dog #2
Weight: _____ lbs. Color: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____		
Dog License #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		
Rabies Certification #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		

Name of Dog: _____ Breed: _____	CDP Tag No.: * _____	Dog #3
Weight: _____ lbs. Color: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____		
Dog License #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		
Rabies Certification #: _____ Exp. Date: _____		

*FOR OFFICE USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident (R) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident (NR) <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 Replacement Tag	CA Account No.: _____
Gate Access: <input type="checkbox"/> Small Dog Park (less than 25 lbs.) <input type="checkbox"/> Large Dog Park (25 lbs. or more)	
Fee Paid: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card	Date Issued: _____
CA Administrative Signature: _____	Date: _____
Acceptance of Risk & Release of Liability Waiver Form Signed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



COLUMBIA DOGPARK ACCEPTANCE OF RISK & RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER FORM

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER: ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS RELEASE AND ADHERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHED COLUMBIA DOGPARK RULES & REGULATIONS ARE CONDITIONS OF THE 'DOG TAG' APPROVAL, RETENTION, AND RENEWAL. DOGPARK MEMBERS MAY BE BANNED FROM THE PARK FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: EXPIRED DOGPARK REGISTRATION; NO RECORD OF, OR EXPIRED RECORD OF RABIES VACCINATION OR JURISDICTIONAL ANIMAL LICENSE; DOGS SHOWING AGGRESSION TOWARDS PEOPLE OR OTHER DOGS; OR ANY VIOLATION OF THE DOGPARK RULES, REGULATIONS OR OPERATING HOURS. COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE, MODIFY, OR OTHERWISE ALTER ANY OR ALL THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS NEEDED.

I DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THAT I HAVE VOLUNTARILY APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE AND UTILIZE, WITH MY DOG(S), THE COLUMBIA DOGPARK LOCATED IN COLUMBIA, MD. I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT UNLEASHING MY DOG AND BEING PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE DOG PARK INVOLVES RISK OF INJURY TO ME, ANY INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING ME, OTHER PERSONS, MY DOG(S) AND OTHER DOG(S), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RISKS RESULTING FROM AGGRESSIVE DOGS, UNPREDICTABLE BEHAVIOR AND LACK OF PROPER TRAINING. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND ASSUME THE RISK (DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE OWNERS HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF DOG PARK REGISTRATIONS), THAT NOT ALL DOGS PRESENT IN THE DOG PARK ARE LICENSED AND VACCINATED FOR RABIES, WHICH COULD RESULT IN INJURY TO A PERSON OR A DOG. ADDITIONAL RISKS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: DOG FIGHTS; DOG BITES; THEFT OR UNLAWFUL CAPTURE; ESCAPE OVER AND UNDER THE FENCES; VEGETATION, STANDING OR POND WATER THAT MAY BE UNHEALTHY OR POISONOUS IF CONSUMED; BURRS OR SEEDS THAT MAY BECOME LODGED IN THE DOG'S COAT, FEET, EYES, NOSE, OR EARS; MOSQUITOES; SPIDERS; TICKS; CHIGGERS; FLEAS AND OTHER INSECTS; AND WILDLIFE TYPICALLY FOUND IN A PARK SUCH AS FOXES; RACCOONS; OPOSSUMS; MUSKRATS; SNAKES; FIELD MICE; TURTLES, ETC. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT USAGE OF THE DOG PARK IS SELF-DIRECTED AND MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION. ADDITIONALLY, I FULLY ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USAGE OF THE DOG PARK, INCLUDING FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, IN AN UNSUPERVISED AND SELF-DIRECTED MANNER.

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION, ITS AGENTS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNS FROM AND AGAINST ALL LOSS, COST, DAMAGES, EXPENSE AND LIABILITY RESULTING FROM MY USE OR MY DOG'S USE OF THE DOG PARK, INCLUDING DEATH, SICKNESS, INJURY, AND DISEASE TO ANY PERSON OR DOG, OR DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTY, REAL OR PERSONAL, ARISING DIRECTLY FROM MY OR MY DOG'S USE OF THE DOG ENCLOSURE. I DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND, AGREE WITH, AND ACCEPT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OUTLINED ABOVE.

I ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE CAUSED AS A RESULT OF THE WRONGFUL OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR OF MY DOG, WHETHER THE LOSS OCCURS AS A RESULT OF BITING, JUMPING, SCRATCHING, DIGGING, CHARGING OR ANY OTHER BEHAVIOR. I DO HEREBY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHTS THAT I MAY HAVE TO INSTITUTE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO RECOVER COST OF ANY KIND. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND, AGREE WITH, AND ACCEPT ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I HEREBY DO CERTIFY THAT I AM OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS. FURTHER, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED A COPY OF THE RULES FOR THE DOG PARK'S USE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES AS LISTED IN THE BROCHURE AND POSTED AT THE COLUMBIA DOGPARK.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____ / ____ / ____

Columbia DogPark off Leash Rules & Regulations

The Columbia DogPark is supervised. Handlers are legally responsible for their dog(s) at all times. Columbia Association assumes no responsibility or liability for conduct of dog(s) or their owners/handlers.

Handlers are required to...

- Be at least 18 years old
- Enter the park with no more than two (2) dogs per handler at one time
- Immediately clean-up after their dog(s) and properly dispose of their dog(s) feces
- Have written proof of a current Animal License and rabies vaccination record
- Keep their dog(s) leashed prior to entering or exiting the fenced off-leash area
- Remain in the off-leash area with their dog(s) at all times and maintain visual and voice command control

Not permitted in the Off-leash Area

- Children under twelve (12) years of age
- Dogs showing aggression towards people or other dogs. Such dogs must be immediately leashed and removed.
- Smoking and eating
- Dog treats or training treats
- Professional dog trainers conducting business
- Female dogs in heat
- Dogs under the age of four (4) months
- Animals other than dogs
- Digging in or around the area
- Glass containers

Please note: Tennis Balls are provided by Columbia Association. We ask that you do not bring outside toys into the off-leash area.

DogPark Etiquette - Know Your Dog!

Not all dogs are good candidates for off-leash dog parks. If your dog has not had regular interaction with other dogs, he or she may lack the necessary social skills to make your dog's trip safe and enjoyable. Supervise your dog closely at all times to prevent aggression and other inappropriate behaviors. Dogs that bark persistently are a nuisance and handlers may be asked to remove the dog. Dogs have different play styles, temperaments and physical abilities. If your dog's play is making other dog owners uncomfortable, consider going to another area of the DogPark or perhaps return at another time.

Stay alert at all times. Remember to scoop your dog's poop. Help keep Columbia DogPark safe and clean.

Canine Safety Warning Signs: Prevent Fights: Remember the 4 "P's

- **Posture:** A dog's body language communicates fear, hostility, or submission. Learn to read and respond to body language.
- **Packing:** More than 4 or 5 dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Break up the problem by leading your dog to a neutral area at least 30 feet away.
- **Possession:** Be it a ball or other toys, most dogs will protect what is theirs. Toys (ball throwing sticks excepted) are NOT permitted to be brought in to the DogPark.
- **Provoking:** If your dog is continuously annoying other dogs or exhibiting aggression, it's time to leave the park.

What Do You Do if a Fight Happens?

- Keep Calm. Yelling only adds to the over-excited frenzy.
- Never reach with your hands into the mix. You may get bitten, even by your own dog.
- Distract or divert the dog's attention with a loud whistle, or a pocket air horn.
- If your dog is not involved, keep it away from the fight.
- Control your dog and move him/her to a neutral area.

If Your Dog Inflicts an Injury: You must give your name and phone number to the other dog owner before leaving the area. Owners are legally responsible for their dog(s) behavior and any injuries, damages, or loss their dog may cause.

To Report Animal Emergencies Contact:

Howard County Animal Control: 8576 Davis Rd Columbia, MD 21045, Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 410-313-2780; After hours/weekends: 410-313-2929.