



# Newsletter

## Season Kick-Off

### June 2015

# Welcome

## New and Returning Members



**Kick-Off Party**  
**June 27**  
**9:00am to 3:00pm**

We officially opened the gates on June 9 – but our annual Kick-Off event is this coming Saturday, June 27. This is an excellent opportunity to meet dogs and humans you might not otherwise meet. Please join us for the new season celebration. *See event details at the end of this Quickie News.*

In addition to lots of games, pools, treats and general play and good times – we have invited the St Louis City Police and Park Rangers to join us. If the schedule permits, a few of them may drop by to mingle with our members. If they come, please take a moment to visit with them. The Park Rangers are putting forth an effort to be more visible in the parks and build strong relations with the community and park users. Stop by to say hello – and thank you.

## Message From SWCDP President

We enjoy a top-notch dog park, good people, good dogs – but we are only as strong as our weakest link. This means everyone must follow the rules and help monitor the playground. A small group of volunteer managers are not enough to keep our dog park safe, clean, and fun. We need YOU to do your part, too.

SWCDP members will soon receive an updated User Guide, including SWCDP rules. It has been under revision for several months, and we are working on the final edits now. Watch for a special email within the next several weeks.

We know most of you take good care of our dog park and we thank you. This short newsletter highlights SWCDP rules that are sometimes broken and offers a brief introduction to upcoming changes. Please read the following important information and help us maintain a fun & safe playground for 2 & 4 Leggeds.

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See ya 'round the playground

Judi and Willow

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# Safety and Incidents

## Watch List

The Watch List is used for dogs who have not been involved in a full blown fight, but rather whose names pop up from time to time for causing trouble.



Nothing is done initially. Only when a trend line develops, will SAIC contact the owner to inquire further – and offer suggestions, outside resources.

It is normal for dogs to get into a scuffle occasionally (think about quarreling siblings). And not all dogs like each other (just like humans prefer some people over others). We want SWCDP dogs to be given the freedom to play and not be punished for being a dog. And, balance this with playground safety. Overly aggressive dogs are not allowed on our playground.

If you know of a dog who is always instigating trouble, let us know. Send email to:

We want all dogs to succeed on the SWCDP playground.

A private list is maintained but the list is not made public because we don't want innocent dogs to get "labeled". We do not think it fair for a dog to gain a reputation as a "troublemaker" before the evidence proves such. We give owners guidance & time to make corrections, when possible.

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First Aid supplies for 2 and 4 Leggeds are in the vertical storage bin next to Water Stations 1 & 2 (in fenced area). **This is an honor system**, let SAIC know when supplies run low. Please do not remove items unless an emergency – and please return for others to use. A stretcher is coming soon.

## Message From SWCDP SAIC Safety and Incident Committee

The Incident Committee was created in the early days of SWCDP. In 2013, we added the Safety element. The SAIC is dedicated to serving the members of Southwest City Dog Park – the ones who monitor and rule – with facts and not emotion – on all things related to SWCDP rules, including dog fights, trespassers, and any thing related to safety.

SAIC is sustained by the donation of time from SWCDP members who serve on the committee. **Please use their services with discretion.** Each report filed requires time and energy from your fellow members to process and rule. Complete report as requested and either drop hard copy in black box at dog park entry or email (preferred) to:

[SAIC.incident.SWCityDogPark@gmail.com](mailto:SAIC.incident.SWCityDogPark@gmail.com)

**Jane S** (*Jack, Bill, Rosie, Abigail*)

**Kay J** (*Cinnamon, Gus*)

**Micca H** (*Theia, Clionda*)

**David D** (*Bella, Paco, Jeter*)

## Forms

## 911

Incident, Complaint, & Safety Report forms available at web site; hard copies in dog park entry. [www.swcitydogpark.org](http://www.swcitydogpark.org)

**Park Ranger**  
**314/289-5350**

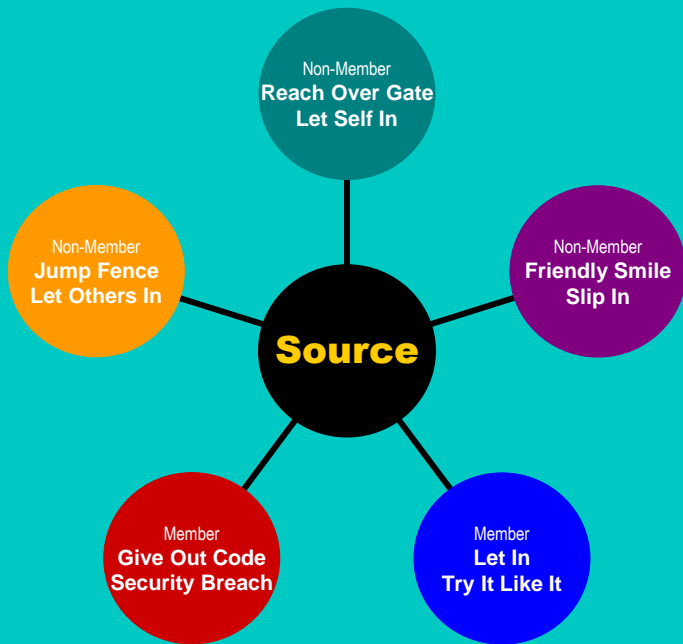
## RSMO 517.107.1 (15)

This law allows SWCDP – as manager of the dog park grounds – to prohibit **CCW** inside the dog park. Violators may be prosecuted; SWCDP membership will be terminated.



**This SWCDP rule went into effect on June 15, 2015. Any member who joined SWCDP prior to this date, and disagrees with the rule, may request a membership fee refund and relinquish their membership. All members are expected to comply with all SWCDP rules. Refunds offered thru July.**

# Trespassing and the Law



## SWCDP Trespassing Problems

**No Tag No Admittance No Exceptions**

Last season, the number of non-members entering our dog park reached epidemic proportions – and we began working on a new Trespasser Protocol. Members will receive more information on this in the upcoming revised User Guide. **For now, what you need to know is that it is illegal for people to use our dog park without an approved membership.** An approved membership requires a signed waiver & application, copy of dog vaccines and user fee.

The St Louis City Parks Department issues SWCDP an annual user permit; this is renewable every year. Within this permit, we are expected to manage the dog park according to the rules listed in City Ordinance 66595. This includes managing the membership process and making sure the dog park users follow rules as outlined in the application. Our required insurance policy also stipulates a user base of a paid and vetted membership.

**It is critical SWCDP stay in compliance**

## StL City Ordinance 66595

This ordinance governs the issuance of renewable permits, allowing organizations to use city property for the use of managing a dog park. Such organizations must follow the guidelines in the ordinance to stay in compliance.

## StL City Ordinance 57335

This ordinance governs what constitutes a trespassing offense. Given that SWCDP is the managing body for the dog park, the property is clearly fenced in and developed, and signs are posted regarding required membership – anyone entering our premises without membership will be considered a trespasser and may receive a summons.

### Solutions

**GATE:** Front gate will soon have extra height to stop people from reaching over.

#### EDUCATION & AWARENESS:

Efforts underway to better inform members and gain cooperation.

**CODE BREACH:** This season, frequent code changes (*you will get notice*) and research underway for swipe card system. This system will also provide data as to who is on property at any given time.

#### MEMBERSHIP LOSS & PROSECUTION:

Trespassers will be reported to police, members who give out code or let non-members in could lose their dog park privileges.

# Let's All Stay Safe

## Message From SWCDP Secretary

Our ninth season has begun, and as with every season, we have many happy, returning members and lots of new faces, wagging tails and many puppies & youngsters. We had an extraordinary amount of new applications waiting in the queue this year. Currently, our membership is:

**414 Dogs**  
**305 Households**  
*89 new members*  
*216 returning members*

... with more apps arriving daily

*Woof, Woof, Woof*

Joan (Casey, Bisky, Caika)

[secretary.swdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.swdogpark@gmail.com)

## Know the Numbers

*Who 'ya gonna call?*

**Poison?**

**911**



24/7 Animal Poison Control Center

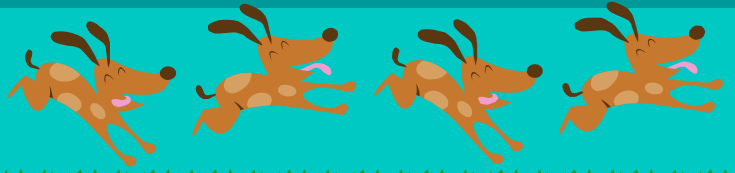
**855-764-7661**

[www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com/poisons/)

And, of course, call your Vet

**Park  
Ranger  
(314)  
289-5350**

While **911** is still the first number to call in an any kind of emergency, the Park Rangers want you to call them, too. They are in neighborhood, and can often respond quicker than being stacked in the 911 queue (non-medical issues).



## Contractor Protocol

(Landscape Crew; Other Service Providers)

When contractors arrive at dog park, members must take control of their dogs immediately ...

- Leave dog park
  - Walk around Willmore Park
  - Go home, come back later
- Leash your dog, if you decide to remain in dog park while work is being done
- Members must manage their dog (s) – **Dogs may not interfere with servicing work**

**ALWAYS, SAFETY FIRST**

## 2015-2016 Grass Cutting Schedule **TUESDAY MORNINGS**

Service Gates will be open. For safety of your dog – **“Leave or Leash”**

- Schedule may change occasionally, due to weather, holidays, or other situations. Be aware of contractor arrival; follow protocol.
- Often, contractors will be working in both **MAIN** and **ALTERNATE** simultaneously. Only when you are certain (*ask them*) that they have completed the work in either area, may you return or release your dogs to that area.
- Remember, not all contractors are comfortable around dogs.
- Remember, some dogs do not like unusual equipment, wheels, noisy things or “intruders”.

**Let's work together to keep everyone safe**



# What Is Heat Stroke in a Dog, How Can Pet Owners Prevent It?

Heat stroke occurs when a dog's temperature reaches 106 degrees, necessitating immediate emergency medical treatment to prevent organ damage or death.

*Reprinted with the permission of Dr. Patrick Tate, chief of the veterinary staff and a general practitioner at Webster Groves Animal Hospital – and SWCDP Vet Sponsor*

Each year thousands of dogs suffer from heat stroke, often with fatal results. In many cases, owners are not aware that their dogs are developing this condition until it is too late to reverse the damage. I have seen many heat-related tragedies that could have been easily prevented.

Heat stroke is actually a form of non-pyrogenic (non-fever) hyperthermia. Hyperthermia is the elevation of a dog's body temperature above the normal range of 101 to 102 degrees. When a dog (with no previous sign of fever or illness) has a body temperature that increases from 103 to 105 in response to excessive external heat, it is called "heat exhaustion."

When the dog's temperature reaches 106 degrees or above it is officially called a "heat stroke." Heat stroke occurs when a dog's heat-dissipating mechanism cannot release the extra heat that is absorbed. At that point, immediate emergency medical treatment is necessary to prevent organ damage and death. The critical temperature where multiple organ failure and impending death occurs is around 107 to 109 degrees.

It is important to remember that dogs cannot control their body temperature by sweating as humans do. Dogs have only a relatively small number of sweat glands that are located in the footpads and on the tip of their nose - their primary way of regulating body temperature is by panting. To make matters worse, dogs are not able to adjust clothing and take off their "coats" like humans.

Unfortunately, some dogs are at a higher risk for heat stroke even when the outside temperature and humidity are only moderately elevated. The list includes:

- Young and senior dogs \ Obese and poorly conditioned dogs
- Dogs with thick and/or dark-colored fur
- Dogs with heart or lung disease

- [Brachycephalic breeds](#) with restricted airways like Pugs, Boxers, and Bulldogs
- Dogs with a history of heat-related disease

The symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke in a dog are: excessive panting, thick saliva, hyperventilation, anxiety, glassy eyes, dark or bright red tongue and gums, staggering, stupor, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, bleeding and coma.

When a dog becomes overheated, heat exhaustion can rapidly turn into heat stroke. A dog can die or suffer serious organ damage if not treated immediately. If your dog has any of the above symptoms, and you suspect heat stroke, call your veterinarian and get him or her to an animal hospital as quickly as possible. During transport, attempt to lower the dog's temperature by dousing him with cool (not cold) water or applying wet towels to his head, stomach, "armpits" and feet. Try to blow as much cool air as possible on your pet from the car's air conditioning vents.

Understanding what can cause a heat stroke and learning how to prevent problems is the key to avoiding a tragedy. **Here are some important tips:**

NEVER leave an animal in a parked car! [It is illegal in some municipalities](#) and is one of the most common causes of heat stroke in pets. The heat inside of a parked car can increase to as much as 40 degrees above the outside temperature, especially on a humid, sunny day. For example, on an 80-degree day, the temperature inside the car can easily rise to 120 degrees in a few minutes. If you see a dog in a parked car on a warm day, contact the police and they will come and open the car. Animal control officers will also help, but they are often overworked and understaffed and may not make it in time. The [ASPCA](#) and the [Human Society](#) encourage animal-lovers to print their "Hot Car Warning Flyers" and distribute them in the community.

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# What Is Heat Stroke in a Dog, How Can Pet Owners Prevent It?

Limit the amount of time your dog is outside on hot days. If your dog must be outside in hot weather for long periods of time, make sure there plenty of shade, cool drinking water and a wading pool if possible. Remember that shade moves during the day and a dog on a tie-out or chain may not be able to get out of the sun. Also, water bowls can tip over and empty with disastrous results. Consider an [automatic pet waterer, doggie drinking fountain, and/or spill proof bowl](#).

Use caution when exercising your dog on warm days, or if the dog has not become acclimated to a new climate or season. I have seen dogs develop heat strokes after jogging with their owners during the first, warm 60-degree days of spring. Dogs don't recognize that their activities are causing them to overheat and need pet owners to intervene (Cats will rest when they feel overheated!). Try to limit outdoor exercise and play to the cooler, early morning or evening hours. Choose a dog park that has shade and a "cooling pool."

Make sure that your dog's crate and/or doghouse is well-ventilated. Some dog houses are just as dangerous as a hot car! Kennel your dog in a [wire crate](#) only. On warmer days do not leave your dog in a garage, shed or small room without air conditioning.

Choose a groomer that has a cool, well ventilated grooming "parlor" and understands the causes of hyperthermia in dogs. Do not allow a muzzle on your dog while it is being dried with a dryer. Dogs wearing muzzles cannot breathe or pant efficiently on warm days – or while under a hair dryer.

Brush your dog frequently and thoroughly to remove all loose hair that acts as extra insulation. The [FURminator](#) is an excellent deshedding tool and well worth the price. Consider clipping your dog in an extra short cut during the summer.

On hot days offer your dog ice cubes and/or [dog-friendly frozen treats](#) to help them stay cool. Try some of the ["Keep Cool" products sold by Human Domain](#), the online store of The Human Society of the United States.

Patrick Tate, DVM  
Webster Groves Animal Hospital  
[www.webstervets.com](http://www.webstervets.com)

For more information,  
talk with your Vet  
and watch the Human  
Society's newest  
[Hot Weather Safety video](#).



*Remember  
these important contacts*

## Lost or Found Pets



*Primary Resource*

<http://www.stllostpets.org/>

a collaboration of the Animal Protective Association (APA), St. Louis County Animal Care and Control and the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO)

90% of lost, stray and unwanted pets in the St. Louis area end up at one of these three agencies, so if your pet is missing, there is a very good chance they could be at one of 3 shelters mentioned

*Additional Resources*

<http://stlouis.craigslist.org/laf/>

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/STLMOlostfoundpaws/>

# Know Rules – Follow Rules

## Common Sense – Common Courtesy



It's easier to follow the rules than to have your peer group call you out. But when it becomes necessary to inquire about membership status, point out a pooping dog, or in general, remind someone of the correct way to handle something – we do ask members to remain calm, courteous, and stay on point. It's never OK to shout or curse. We all want the same thing – a fun, clean, and safe playground for our 4-Leggeds – and a nice place for the humans to unwind

### No Tag No Admittance No Exceptions

#### *What To Do*

Whenever possible, team up with one or two other members before approaching owners of dogs with no SWCDP tags. Before you even talk to them, try to discreetly get a photo of the dog. Then, casually, chat with the owner – asking for the dog's name and a little about the dog. Only after you have gathered this important info, should you inquire about their SWCDP membership status. They must be able to show you their membership tag, if it is not on the dog. You can also verify by checking the DOG ROSTER on the message board in front entry (*this is updated monthly*).

If you discover they are not members, explain membership requirements, tell them how to apply, and escort them to the gate to show them the rules sign and application box. Have another member with you, if one is available. Remain calm, you are in the right, no reason to be apologetic or question yourself or to come down hard on the intruder. Just stick to the facts.

St Louis Police, Sergeant John Vogt, will send them a warning letter along with instructions on how to apply for membership – if we can get a license plate number. And, then, if they come into the dog park illegally a second time, they will receive a summons. Only get a license plate number, if you can do this without causing a ruckus – always stay safe first. Perhaps, another member can go to the parking lot discreetly, and wait for the non-member to get into the car. Use your own judgment on this aspect...but being in a position to report to the police is a great way to stop such trespassing.

If you have any difficulties, call the PARK RANGER right away.

**314/289-5350**

Send all info (and photo, if you get one) to the SAIC – and we will handle it from that point forward.

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### Trespasser List

Dog Name & Dog Description will be posted on message board to assist members in identifying repeat offenders. This is a serious offense.

### Please Don't Dump On Your Fellow Members

*It's all in the attitude!*

Everyone was supposed to read the rules and their signature on the application and waiver indicates that they agree with and will abide by those rules while using the SWCDP playground. So, when members intentionally don't put tags on their dogs, leave their leashes on the fence, don't pick up their dog's poop, flood the pool area, or any number of things – they are essentially putting the burden of caring for our dog park on the rest of the members. NOW, it is up to the rest of us to either ask about status or remind about rules. Just please do the right thing, folks – and give your peers a break. Thanks, all.

### Reminders!

**Toys, Balls, Ropes:** We allow these items; members donate or bring in their own. If you do not want your dog to play with these items, you can take them out of action by placing them in the TOY BOX near Water Stations 1 & 2 – but always ask the owners first if their dogs are playing with them. Do not remove such toys from the playground – they are not yours to take. If you discover toys are frayed or have become unsafe, then throw them away. Those of you who bring toys/balls into the dog park – be prepared to share. This is a community area – and it is not reasonable to expect other dogs to ignore the toys you bring in. You must be willing to share, or keep those particular toys at home.

**Pick Up the Poop:** Keep your eye on your dog at all times. Pick up the poop as soon as it happens. If you are a night visitor – you should keep a small flashlight with you to help find the poop. Morning visitors are often greeted by a load of poop – this is not fair. Please do not get overly comfortable in your sitting or chatting – that you lose sight of your dog's activities. A good rule is to pick up your dog's poop – and pick up one more. – for good measure.

**Alcohol:** Beer & any alcoholic beverage are **forbidden** on our playground, unless it is an SWCDP organized event. Members need to be keep close watch of their dog and be able to respond quickly and use good judgment. Alcohol often impedes these skills & abilities.

**Kids:** Absolutely **no children under 8 years old**, ever. This is a safety issue. It is rough and tumble on the playground; many dogs are not good with kids. Don't bring young ones; watch the ones you bring.

## Water Stations

### **Water Station 1** (Freeze Proof) Used Nov 1-Mar31

Located mid-Main next to fenced storage area.

### **Water Station 2** (Not Freeze Proof) Used Jun 1-Oct 31

Located mid-Main next to fenced storage area

### **Water Station 3** (Not Freeze Proof) Used Jun1-Oct 31

Located back Main; Used as Pool Pad Area

### **Water Station 4** (Not Freeze Proof) Used Jun 1-Oct 31

Located in Alternate Dog Park

### **Water Station 5** (Freeze Proof) Used Year-Round

Located right of entry in Dog Wash

## Reminders!

### **Digging:** You must refill any holes dug by your dog.

We have a supply of dirt in a bin next to Water Station 3 (Pool Pad). Do not allow your dog to dig or tear up the turf.



**SWCDP Tag:** Every valid dog member must wear tag or member must carry it and show when asked. Please don't create turmoil amongst your fellow members, put the tag on your dog. If you loose it – contact Joan immediately. [secretary.swdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.swdogpark@gmail.com)

**Leash:** Everyone is required to keep their leashes with them. Do not hang them in the entry area where they will be rendered useless if a dog fight breaks out. You must be ready to immediately leash and control.

**Dog Roster:** Did you know, we have a list of dog members along with their breed, color, tag number, and owner's first name on a roster which is updated frequently during the summer; monthly during winter.

**Hot Line:** Did you know, we have a Hot Line, so you can find out if dog park is open after heavy rain/snow melt or other safety, weather, or construction issues. **314/567-2012 #2**

**Pool in Alternate:** There is no pool pad in Alternate Dog Park. Users of the small pool must move the pool each time it is refilled. Please don't make muddy areas or drown our turf by keeping the pool in same location and flooding the area.



## Turf Work

### Can You Smell It



### Bye Bye Maze

Our doggies enjoyed the straw maze, but by the time we closed, it was pee soaked and really disgusting. Thank our lawn crew next time you see them; it took 3-4 truck loads to haul it off.

### Heavy-Duty Tilling



We dealt with lots of rain in early April and had only 1 dry day to put the seed in and then a gully washer came and washed out some of seed. We had to re-seed a few areas, and hold our breadth. Growing was tuff, but the turf finally became healthy in mid-May – and then we had to wait for it to get strong enough for the hundreds of paws and feet.

### It Was Worth It



Let's try to keep our turf as long as we can this year. Please don't let your dogs dig – and realize if the turf is water soaked or taking a beating for any reason, we may close temporarily to give it a chance to recuperate. We all love the clean, green, natural park.

### Let's Keep It

## Do You Have News?

Has your dog earned the CGC designation yet?

Did you have any interesting experiences during our Spring Break – or throughout the year?

Contact Judi for inclusion in upcoming newsletter (tentative publish date Aug/Sept) [willow.nic07@yahoo.com](mailto:willow.nic07@yahoo.com)



## Volunteers Needed

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWCDPvolunteersignup>

If you are interested in helping throughout the season – either "On Call" for special projects or "Ongoing" for specific tasks, please sign up at our Volunteer Page (link above). There is a list of tasks in which we need help; check the ones of interest to you. We will contact you, as help is needed. We are an all volunteer organization, if we don't do it, it will not get done.

Thanks to those who have helped in the past – or who have already signed up. We will contact you as things come up that match the boxes you checked or comments you left.

## Thank You

**Bill A** (Cowboy) will take care of emptying trash cans again this year; he needs some b/u.

**John B** (Mac) will empty the recycle cans and take to the recycling bins; he need some b/u.

**Kay J & Steve S** (Cinnamon, Gus) will manage our community project, taking the donated pet food to Bi-State Pet Food Pantry.

**Mary R** (Wyn, Zuma) will manage our phone line and has for many seasons!



### SWCDP Merchandise

Stop by our tent during the Kick-Off to see our shirts, tank tops, hoodies, & koozies. Cash & carry and special orders.

## Rainbow Bridge

Several 4-Legged SWCDP members crossed the Rainbow Bridge recently. We are working on memorial tributes for the owners who wish to have one – will be in the next newsletter.

**Beau**, English Pointer – Carol D

**Captain**, Boxer – Bill W

**Jazz**, Boxer – Mary R

If you have lost a canine pal and wish to have a Rainbow Bridge tribute in the newsletter, contact Judi.

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# Water Station 3 – Pool Pad

Help us monitor & manage this area. Remember, there are no drain pipes other than a few corrugated pipes serving as a holding area; water needs time to settle into the ground.

**Pool Pad will close, as needed, for dry out periods.**



## STATION LAYOUT

### **Zone 1 – TRANSITION AREA** *(in front of light post)*

Emergency Shut Off valve is here; this is a water overflow and maintenance area. **No pools or hoses here.**

### **Zone 2 – DRINKING WATER AREA** *(pebbled patio at water bowl)*

Push button on green stationary water bowl for fresh drinking water; or, fill white buckets with hose. If you empty drinking buckets, dump water on gravel. Please don't flood patio. **No pools here.**

### **Zone 3 – POOL PAD AREA** *(largest gravel surface)*

Only 3 containers allowed: round pool, round tub, oval tub. Large tub has "fill line" and drain holes to self-regulate. Only small "kiddie" pools.

### **Zone 4 – DRIP ZONE** *(flagstone around edge)*

Dogs carry water with them as they leave pool pad; flagstones provide a buffer area before they reach the turf. **NEVER put pools here** as that will defeat the purpose.

## POOL RULES & ETIQUETTE

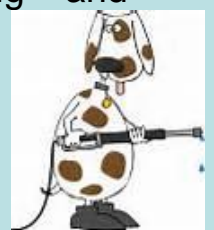
**Use community attitude.** Make your hose & pool activities based on what is good for majority of dog park members – not just what is good for you. Will your pool behavior flood the water station?

**Do not dump pools constantly.** Use restraint; it is not necessary to dump pools every few minutes; wait until the water is dirty.

**Do not dump pools through fence.** Empty pools by pouring waste water directly on gravel. We cannot have water collect around the light post or wash out the garden buffer.

**Do not put pools on edge of pool pad.** Keep pools well within the large gravel area. Pools on the pool pad edge create mud around perimeter – and that mud is immediately tracked back into pools – which increases pool dumping – and generates more waste water!

**Do not run the hose endlessly.** Hoses are provided to quickly fill the pools or drinking buckets – not to add more water to a difficult drainage situation. If you want to play with a hose – do it at your home. Or rinse your dog in the Dog Wash area.



# Agility

Develops self-confidence  
Builds physical coordination and muscle strength  
Builds bond between human & canine  
Enhances communication & judgment  
It's fun!

**KEEP GATE CLOSED** Only supervised dogs should be in agility area



**Be Safe  
Be Smart**

## MEASURE AT WITHERS

AKC Guideline

**Measure Withers**



**10" and under. . . . . 8" jump height**  
**Over 10" and under 14". . . . 12" jump height**  
**Over 14" and under 18". . . . 16" jump height**  
**Over 18" and under 22". . . . 20" jump height**  
**Over 22". . . . . 24" jump height**

Dogs can sustain injuries (such as a back injury or sprained-fractured leg) by jumping too high or using agility equipment incorrectly. When using the jumps - First measure your dog from the ground to the top of his "withers", or shoulders (which is the highest point at the nape of the neck, where the bottom of the neck meets the back). Measure from the side; use a yardstick or measuring tape. **SWCDP** has yellow yard stick attached to agility entry post.

## Wish List Come True

Plans are underway to bring two new items to our agility course this summer.

*Watch for their arrival.*



**Dog Walk**



**Tire Jump**

## Repairs & New Stuff

Several items are "in the shop" and will soon be repaired and back on the agility course.

Our donated sand bag covers finally wore out – we recently purchased new ones – they should be in use soon.





Party!  
*Let's  
Play*

# Kick-Off

2015-2016 Season

Saturday

June 27

9:00am to 3:00pm

Fun  
Event

*In Alternate Dog Park*

Free  
Event

- Walk your dog or let blow off energy in Main before coming to party
- Dogs with food or toy aggression should not come to this event
- Next SWCDP Event: Puppy Pool Party in August



# Kick-Off Activities

Start your visit at SWCDP Tent (blue/red/white)

- Get name tag
- Drop **DOOR PRIZE** ticket in bucket
- Make new friends
- Have fun

## Human Treats

Popsicles, bottled water, maybe watermelon

## Doggie Treats

Frozen treats, (*banana, yogurt, peanut butter*) – and loads of other treats during games

## Prizes for Humans

**First Prize:** Movie Tickets - Landmark Theatres

**Second Prize:** SWCDP Shirt or Tank Top

**Third Prize:**  
SWCDP Shirt or Tank Top

**Fourth Prize:**  
Pedigree Tote Bag

**Fifth Prize:**  
SWCDP Koozies (2)

**Drawing at 2:15pm**

Do not need to be present for drawing to win – but – be sure to put contact info on ticket

## Find the Treat Course Schedule



**9:00–9:30**

**10:15–10:45**

**11:30–12:00**

**1:30–2:00**

## Peanut Butter Licking Contest Schedule

**9:30 – 9:45**

**10:45 – 11:00**

**12:00–12:15**

**2:00–2:15**



**Doggie Prizes**