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The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities provides  
**18 Dog Parks** consisting of **Unfenced Exercise Areas** and **Fenced Dog Parks**  
for the convenience and enjoyment of park visitors and their dogs.

## OFF-LEASH AREAS

Unfenced dog exercise areas have defined boundaries marked by bollards and are designated locations for dogs and their owners to exercise and recreate without disrupting other uses of the parks.



Dog owners who believe their pets are not safe in an open exercise area are encouraged to visit a fenced dog park.

## OPEN SPACE AREAS

Dogs are welcome in public parks, not designated as a dog exercise area, but are to be kept secured by a leash. Dogs are not permitted on athletic fields or playground equipment.

The leash may be removed from a dog on private property, provided that the property owner has provided permission to the owner.



## ALL DOG PARKS

**Please remember that regardless of whether the dog is in an off-leash or open area, the owner must immediately remove any waste and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.**

For the enjoyment of park visitors and their pets, the following rules apply at all dog parks:

- All dogs must be under the handler's control.
- No dangerous dogs.
- Handlers must clean up after pets and place in receptacles.
- Handlers are responsible for the actions of their dog(s) and damage to facilities.
- Dogs are not permitted on athletic fields.

Complete regulations are posted at each site.

To report use inconsistent with these regulations, please contact Alexandria Animal Services at 703.746.4774.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 City of Alexandria rules and regulations regarding pets: See City Code Sec. 5-7 at [municode.com](http://municode.com)

 Pet ownership: Visit [alexandrianimals.org](http://alexandrianimals.org) or call 703.746.4774.



 Dog exercise areas or public parks: Visit [alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/Recreation)



# MUST LOVE DOGS

## ANNUAL DOG SWIMS

City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities celebrates the end of the summer outdoor pool season with two dog swims:

### Itty Bitty Doggie Dive

for small dogs 50 lbs. and under  
Memorial Pool, 901 Wythe St.

**Big Dog Day Swim** for dogs any size  
Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron St.

For dates and times, Visit [alexandriava.gov/Aquatics](http://alexandriava.gov/Aquatics).

Admission is free to Alexandria residents thanks to a generous donation by our sponsor, Your Dog's Best Friends.



## DOG- FRIENDLY OUTINGS

Animal Planet named Alexandria one of the most dog-friendly cities in the U.S. For a complete list of dog-friendly things to do in Alexandria, including hotels, retail stores, restaurants, spas, and more, visit [visitalexandriava.com](http://visitalexandriava.com).

## GET INVOLVED

PARKnerships support the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities' goal for a healthy and thriving City of Alexandria by collaborating with the community to enhance the projects and programs they enjoy. For information about becoming a volunteer, partner, sponsor, participating in the Adopt-A-Park or Adopt-A-Bench programs, visit [alexandriava.gov/PARKnerships](http://alexandriava.gov/PARKnerships).



Simpson Dog Park



Adopt-A-Bench



"Engaging in public-private partnerships allows citizens to actively contribute... It is all about working together to continue the positive developments in making Alexandria a great place to live, work and have fun!"

- Paul Linehan, Simpson Park Dog Owners Group