

# Rules and Regulations

For the enjoyment of City residents and their dogs, the following rules apply in City parks and dog exercise areas:

- 🐾 All dogs must be under the owner's/handler's control.
- 🐾 Only three dogs per person (owner/handler) are allowed.
- 🐾 All dogs must be on a leash, unless in a designated dog area.
- 🐾 No female dogs in heat are allowed in public areas.
- 🐾 Only dogs 4 months and older are allowed in public areas.
- 🐾 Dogs must be legally licensed, vaccinated and wearing both current tags.
- 🐾 Dog owners/handlers must keep their dog(s) in view at all times.
- 🐾 Dogs are not allowed to bark incessantly or to the annoyance of the neighborhood.
- 🐾 Dog owners/handlers must immediately pick up and dispose of, in trash receptacles, all dog feces.
- 🐾 Aggressive dogs, posing a threat to human beings or other dogs, are not allowed at any time.
- 🐾 Any bite of a person or other dog must be immediately reported to Alexandria Animal Control and parties involved must wait for an officer to respond, except in the case where immediate medical care is needed.
- 🐾 Owners/handlers are legally responsible for their dog(s) and any injury or damage to facilities caused by them.

In addition to the above rules, the following applies at fenced dog parks:

- 🐾 Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult when inside a fenced dog park.
- 🐾 Food is not allowed inside the fenced dog park. Non-alcoholic beverages are allowed.

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



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## DOG OWNER'S GUIDE to enjoying the parks of Alexandria



# Dogs in Alexandria Parks

## Open Space Areas

Dogs are welcome in public parks but are to be kept secured by a leash unless in a designated dog exercise area or dog park. Dogs are not permitted in certain areas as marked by official City signage, including athletic fields, playgrounds, and school grounds.

The leash may be removed from a dog on private property, provided that the owner or person in control of such private property has permitted such dog to be present without a leash.

## Off-Leash Areas

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities provides eighteen dog exercise areas and fenced dog parks for the convenience and enjoyment of City residents.

Unfenced off-leash 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.

**Please remember that regardless of whether a dog is in an off-leash or open area, if it defecates on public property the owner/handler of the dog must immediately remove the waste and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.**

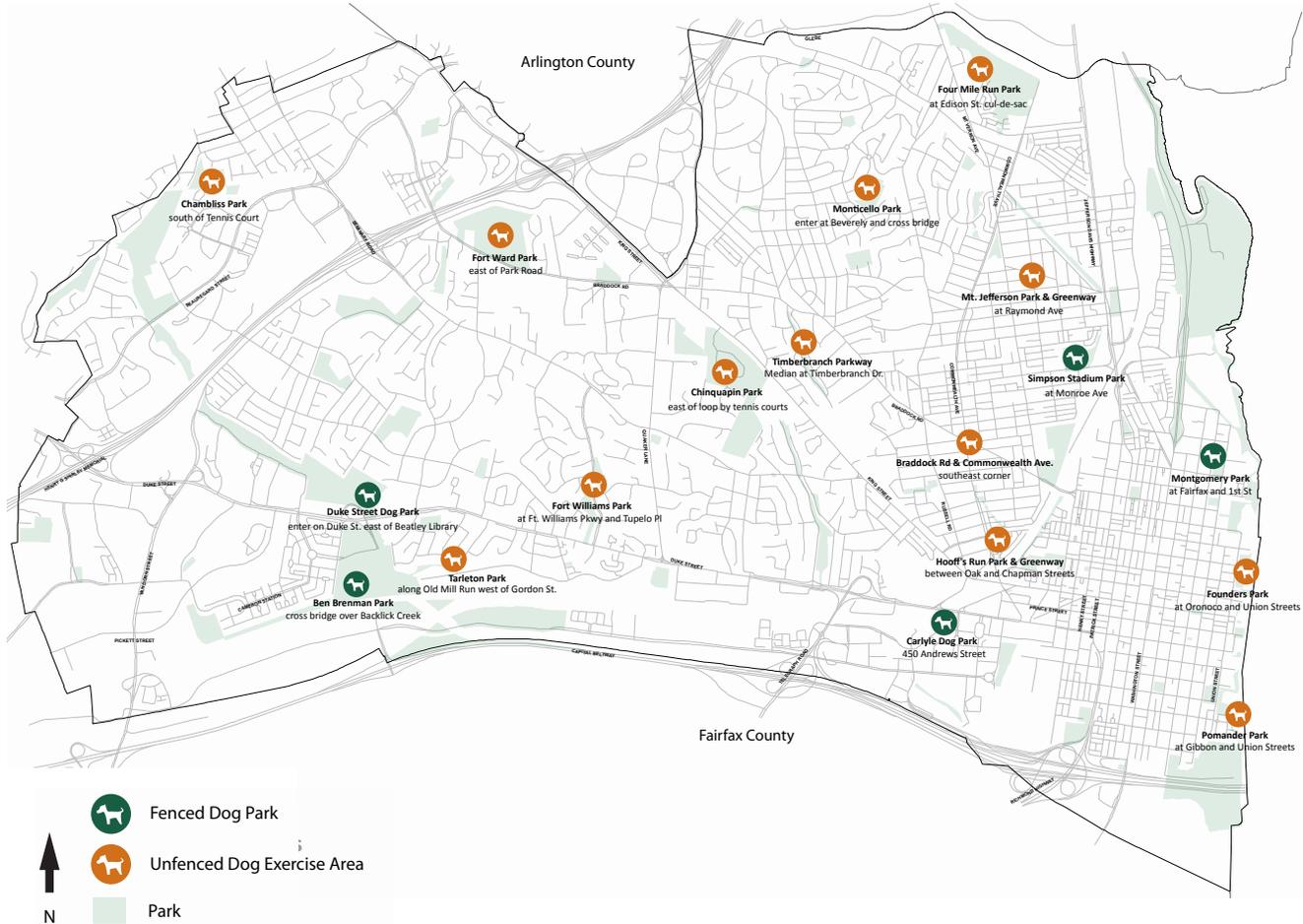
## For additional information on:

 City of Alexandria rules and regulations regarding pets refer to City Code Sec. 5-7 and visit [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com)

 Pet ownership in Alexandria, contact the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria at 703.746.4774 or [www.alexandrianimals.org](http://www.alexandrianimals.org)

 Dog exercise areas or public parks visit [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation)

# Designated Dog Areas



Dog water fountain in Dog Run at Carlyle



Double gated entrance at Duke Street Dog Park

Signs and bollards define unfenced dog exercise areas

