



**BY-LAW NO. 2010-097**

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IN WHICH DOGS CAN RUN AT LARGE IN THE CITY OF  
OWEN SOUND"**

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND**

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WHEREAS by-laws may be passed by the Councils of all municipalities for Parks and Animals pursuant to Section 11 (3.5) and 11 (3.9) of the *Municipal Act*;

AND WHEREAS by-laws may be passed by the councils of local municipalities for regulating the running at large of dogs within any defined area of the municipality pursuant to Section 103 of the *Municipal Act*;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF OWEN SOUND HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Definitions

*By-law 2011-213*

1.1 **"Off Leash Dog Park Area"** shall mean an area of land designated in Schedule "A" of this by-law for which signs are posted indicating that dogs are permitted to run at large all year round.

1.2 **"Owner/handler"** includes any person who owns, keeps, possesses, harbours or acts as a guardian of a dog for any length of time, whether or not that person has a license for the dog, and, where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.

*By-law 2011-213*

1.3 **"Vaccinated"** includes rabies, distemper and bordatella (kennel cough).

*By-law 2011-213*

2.1 Subject to subsection 2(1.1), a dog owner may permit their dog licensed under By-law 2011-156, as amended, or any successor by-law thereto, to run at large in an Off Leash Dog Park Area all year round.

2.1.1 Owners of dogs whose dogs are required to be muzzled and secured by a leash, including Pit Bulls as required in the *Dog Owners' Liability Act, 1990*, may not permit the dog that is required to be muzzled to run at large in the Off Leash Dog Park Area and must be secured by a leash.

2.1.2 Aggressive Dogs are not permitted in the Off Leash Dog Park Area. Persistent aggressive action by dogs or people will not be permitted.

2.2 Deleted by By-law 2011-213

2.3 No person shall permit a dog to run at large pursuant to Section 2.1 unless that person is in the Off Leash Dog Park Area, within sight of the dog and under verbal control at all times.

3. No person shall remain in an Off Leash Dog Park Area between sunset and sunrise each day.

4. Deleted by By-law 2011-213

5. No person shall play or practice any sporting activity except walking within an Off Leash Dog Park Area, without prior permission of the City of Owen Sound.

6. No person shall convey to or on, or enter or be on any area in an Off Leash Dog Park Area while in the possession of any bottles, containers or any other articles, equipment, or utensils, made of glass, china, ceramic or other breakable substance capable of causing injury to a dog.

7. No person shall permit any animal other than a dog of which he/she is the owner/handler to be at large in an Off Leash Dog Park Area.
8. No person shall enter the Off Leash Dog Park Area with more than 2 dogs per handler. An owner/handler aged 12 or older must be present and in control of their dogs at all times.
9. Owners/handlers must abide by the Off Leash Dog Park Rules as outlined in Schedule 'B' attached to this By-law.
10. Dogs must be licensed by a Municipality and have a current vaccination for rabies; and both tags must be affixed to the dog's collar and visible at all times.
11. Owners/ handlers must stoop, scoop and dispose of excrement left by their dog.
12. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction thereof is subject to the penalty set out in the Provincial Offences Act.
13. The terms and provisions of this By-law shall be severable and should any term or provision be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be legally unenforceable, inoperative or invalid, the remainder of the By-law shall continue to be in full force and effect.
14. The Short Title of this By-law is "Off Leash Dog Park Areas By-law".
15. That Schedules "A" and B" form part of this By-law.
16. This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

FINALLY PASSED AND ENACTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"  
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Amended by By-law 2017-131

**SCHEDULE "B"**  
**OFF LEASH DOG PARK**  
**RULES OF USE**

The purpose of these rules is to make sure all users enjoy the park, and ensure the safety of the users and their pets.

1. Dog owners and park users assume all risk related to park use.
2. All dog owners are subject to the Ontario *Dog Owners' Liability Act, 1990*.
3. Hours of Operation – 24 hours.
4. Dogs must have current dog tags.
5. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations. Puppies under six (6) months are not allowed in the park as they will not have all vaccinations.
6. Dogs must be leashed when entering and exiting the park.
7. Aggressive dogs will not be permitted in the park.
8. Dogs that are required to be muzzled and secured by a leash, in accordance with the City of Owen Sound By-law 1993-132, as amended, or as required in the *Dog Owners' Liability Act, 1990*, must be muzzled and are not permitted to run at large in the Off Leash Dog Park Area.
9. Female dogs in heat are prohibited from entering the park.
10. Dog owners must be in the park and within view of their dogs at all times. Please do not bring more than three dogs to the park at one time to ensure you have control over your dogs. Be ready to take control of any situation, you are responsible for your dog's behavior.
11. As per By-law 1993-132, owners must clean up after their dogs, and deposit waste in designated containers. It is possible that you missed picking up after your pet, so next time you pass an item that needs cleaning up, please pick it up to maintain the park.
12. Failure to abide by park rules will result in loss of privileges.
13. Some dogs exhibit unpredictable behavior around small children. For safety of children please do not bring children in to the dog park unless closely supervised.
14. The Dog Park is for dogs, their owners/handlers and those accompanying them. **THIS IS NOT A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times and kept under strict supervision. Do not allow children to run in the area and chase after dogs.
15. Owners of a dog are responsible for the acts and conduct of their animal at all times when it is in the park. Park users and dog owners assume all risks related to the use of the dog park. Dog owners are subject to Ontario's *Dog Owner Liability Act*.
16. Fill in any holes created by your dog, or make appropriate repairs to disturbed areas.
17. Enjoy, and comments are welcome.