



**Perry Paw**  
DOG PARK

Honeygo Run Regional Park  
9033 Honeygo Blvd.  
Perry Hall, MD 21128



DEPARTMENT OF  
RECREATION AND PARKS

## **Dog/Owner Warning and Termination Protocol**

### **Dog-Related Issues:**

- 1) If a dog is reported in writing to the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee as an aggressor or nuisance dog exhibiting behavior that is beyond the scope of typical dog interactions, a notification e-mail will be sent to the owner stating that the incident will be discussed at the next Perry Paw Dog Park Committee meeting. The owner will have the option to provide additional information in writing to the Committee prior to the discussion. Following discussion at the Committee meeting, an appropriate course of action (e.g. incident dismissal or warning) will be determined with a simple majority vote. The decision of the Committee will be final. This decision will be relayed to the owner of the reported dog via e-mail. If determined that that incident merits a warning, the incident will be noted in the Perry Paw Dog Park files, the owner's record will be amended with a warning, and an e-mail receipt confirmation will be requested. If no confirmation is received by the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee, the Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 2) If a dog is issued a second warning, the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will confer with the owner of the dog to determine if the dog is a candidate for Perry Paw Dog Park. The Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will review all information related to the incident and formulate a decision on whether a second warning is valid and with merit using a simple majority vote. The decision of the Committee will be final. If a second warning is valid, the dog will be terminated from Perry Paw Dog Park. The owner will be contacted via e-mail and given notice of termination and an e-mail receipt confirmation will be requested. In addition, the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog's owner. All dog tags and access cards must be returned.
- 3) If a dog is an aggressor at any time, whether they have received warning or not, and they inflict an **INTENTIONAL** wound on another dog/person and/or injure or draw blood, it is an immediate suspension of membership for the owner and the dog. The Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will confer with the owner of the dog to determine if the dog is a candidate for Perry Paw Dog Park. The Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will review all information related to the incident and formulate a decision on whether a termination is valid and with merit using a simple majority vote. The decision of the Committee will be final. If termination is decided, the owner of the reported aggressor will be contacted via e-mail and given notice of termination and an e-mail receipt confirmation will be requested. In addition, the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog's owner. All dog tags and access cards must be returned.



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#### **Owner-Related Issues:**

- 1) If it is reported in writing by a Perry Point Dog Park member that another member/dog owner is in violation of the published and posted rules of Perry Paw Dog Park, a notification e-mail will be sent to the reported owner stating that the incident will be discussed at the next Perry Paw Dog Park Committee meeting. The owner will have the option to provide additional information in writing to the Committee prior to the discussion. Following discussion at the Committee meeting, an appropriate course of action (e.g. incident dismissal or warning) will be determined with a simple majority vote. The decision of the Committee will be final. This decision will be relayed to the owner via e-mail. If determined that that incident merits a warning, the incident will be noted in the Perry Paw Dog Park files, the owner's record will be amended with a warning, and an e-mail receipt confirmation will be requested. If no confirmation is received by the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee, the Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 2) If a Perry Paw Dog Park member/dog owner is issued a second warning, the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will then confer with the owner to determine if they are a candidate for Perry Paw Dog Park. The Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will review all information related to the incident and formulate a decision on whether a second warning is valid and with merit using a simple majority vote. The decision of the Committee will be final. If a second warning is valid, the owner will be terminated from Perry Paw Dog Park. The owner will be contacted via e-mail and given notice of termination and an e-mail receipt confirmation will be requested. In addition, the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog's owner. All dog tags and access cards must be returned.

#### **Right of Appeal:**

If a Perry Paw Dog Park member/dog owner is not satisfied with the decision of the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee, they may appeal this decision with the Board of Recreation and Parks.

#### **Definition of Suspension:**

- Owners and dogs are not permitted at Perry Paw Dog Park while under review during the suspension period.
- Suspensions of dog(s) and Perry Paw Dog Park member(s)/dog owner(s) are valid until a final decision is reached by the Perry Paw Dog Park Committee.

#### **Definition of Termination:**

- Terminations of dog(s) and Perry Paw Dog Park member(s)/dog owner(s) are indefinite.
- Perry Paw Dog Park member(s)/dog owner(s) are eligible to re-apply to Perry Paw Dog Park with a new dog if the previous termination was based only on a prior dog's actions.
- If a Perry Paw Dog Park membership is terminated, all dogs on that membership are terminated.