

Butler Farm Dog Park Incident Policy:

- All active members of the Butler Farm Dog Park must fill out and submit an application. When submitted, only dogs that are classified as “Shy” or “Social” will be permitted to enter the park. If someone circles “aggressive” as their dog’s personality type, we will ask them to clarify and make a decision about whether they are to be members or not.
- All Dog Park members must sign the application stating they have received, read and agree to abide by the Official Butler Farm Dog Park Rules. These rules include instructions for owners to know that they are legally and financially liable for any damage or injury caused by their dogs. In addition to this, owners sign off know that all dogs must wear a valid license and should be up-to-date on rabies, distemper, parvovirus, adenovirus, and Bordetella (kennel cough) vaccinations. Also, owners are to report all bites and scratches to the Millbury Animal Control Officer as required by State Law. And finally, owners must remain with and be in control of their dog at all times. Dogs shall not harass people, dogs or wildlife who may be in the park. If your dog is exhibiting threatening behavior (i.e. mounting, excessive barking, growling), you must immediately leave the park. To minimize fighting, no dogs in heat are allowed in the park until one week after estrus.
- As clearly stated in our rules and posted on the fence at the Dog Park, owners are to enter at their and their dogs’ own risk.
- Any aggressive behavior that should be brought before the Dog Park Committee is to be written and signed and sent to the Director of Planning & Development (Laurie Connors) at the Millbury Town Hall. All written incidents will be discussed at the next monthly meeting and filed for official use.
- If one owner or dog receives three or more written complaints, they are to be brought in front of the Dog Park Committee to discuss the issues. If the owner does not attend the meeting, their dog park privileges will be revoked indefinitely and no refund for the tag fee will be issued.
- The Dog Park Committee reserves the right to make decisions about the outcome of the incident reports and to enforce repercussions. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, restricted duty at the park (only allowed in the fenced area when no other dogs are present), a suspension period, or park privilege revocation.

Send written and signed complaints to: Laurie Connors, Director of Planning & Development, Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm St, Millbury, MA 01527. Reports should include: Your name, phone number, address, you dog’s name and breed, offender’s name and any contact information you obtain, a description of their dog – including name, breed, colors and markings and gender) and a complete history of the incident.

Sending a written report is separate from reporting a bite or scratch to the Millbury Animal Control Officer