

CHILDREN IN DOG PARKS – DOG PARKS ARE NOT PLAYGROUNDS

While children are permitted in MonDaug Bark Park, there are precautions parents need to take. In a split second, a dog can easily turn on a child and bite the child. Parents must teach their children to respect a dog's space. This dog park is NOT for child's play.

For your child's safety, as well as the safety of the dogs:

DO NOT bring strollers into the dog park.

Children are NOT permitted to run inside the fenced in dog area.

Children are NOT permitted to play within the fenced in area. This includes games of tag, kicking a soccer ball around, throwing a football, playing hide-and-seek, etc.

Children are NOT permitted to climb the trees or the fence.

Children are NOT permitted to tease or chase the dogs.

Children are NOT permitted to get involved in dog play.

Children are NOT permitted to feed unfamiliar dogs and should NEVER take anything from a dog's mouth.

Children should NOT approach unfamiliar dogs without the owner's permission.

Children should NOT yell or do anything that will excite the dogs.

MonDaug Bark Park is NOT the place for your child to play soccer, run in circles, climb the fence, climb the mulch pile, chase the dogs, climb trees, or yell. This can excite the dogs and expose your child to undue risk of injury.

Do not assume that just because your child is "used to" getting knocked over by a dog that your child is SAFE with unfamiliar dogs. Do not risk your child's safety. Keep your child close to you at all times, and teach your child to respect a dog's space.

DOGS ARE NOT TOYS. Do not let your child poke, prod, chase, pull, or try to pick up a dog like a toy.

Children ARE permitted to play in the grassy, open area to the left of the fenced in dog park.

Here are some general tips to teach your child before entering the dog park:

Not every dog that wags its tail is friendly.

Never approach or play with a dog unless an adult is present.

Never approach a stray dog, or a dog you do not know.

Get permission from the dog owner before approaching a dog. (When you approach the dog, it is a good idea for the owner to be present.)

Remain calm and still when a dog approaches you.

Do not tease dogs.

Do not make loud noises around a dog.

Do not stare into a dog's eyes. Avoid making direct eye contact.

Do not try to help an injured dog. Get a grown-up to help.

Don't put your hand between two dogs.

If a dog is behind a fence, don't reach through the fence.

Keep your face away from dogs.

Don't back away from a dog - it may think that you are playing.

If a dog seems scary: (a) If you are scared by a dog, do not run away, scream, or shout; (b) If a dog knocks you over, stay on the ground, and stay completely still. Protect your head, face, neck and arms; (c) Tell a grown-up about the dog.

If a dog bites: (a) Try to give the dog something else to bite or chew, such as a backpack or jacket; (b) Protect your head and face; (c) Tell a grown-up right away.