

## **I. General Rules and Regulations for Use of the Dog Park**

1. The Allamuchy Dog Park is for dogs only. No other pets/animals will be permitted.
2. The Allamuchy Dog Park may only be used by registered members and their registered visitors. [See **Registration Section** below]
3. All dogs must wear a collar while in the Park with their membership tag and current rabies tag attached. The following collars are NOT permitted in the Dog Park: Choke, Prong (pinch) and spike collars. Remote training collars are allowed.
4. Only small dogs are permitted to use the small dog area, with the exception of training large dogs if no small dogs in that area are present. Should a small dog approach the small dog park entrance it would be required to ask for ample time to exit the small dog area prior to entry. Small dogs are those weighing up to 40 pounds; large dogs are considered to be those 40 pounds and over. While small dogs are permitted in the large dog area, owners/handlers of the dogs do so at their own risk.
5. All dogs must be accompanied at all times by at least one person who is eighteen years of age or older and who is capable of maintaining physical and voice control over the dog(s) at all times. Dogs may not be left unattended.
6. Dogs must be leashed before entering the designated play area and after leaving the play area.
7. Owners/handlers **MUST** clean up **IMMEDIATELY** after their dogs. Disposable waste bag dispensers are placed throughout the Park, however owners should also carry their own bags since they are ultimately responsible for their dog's waste. All waste bags must be properly disposed of in the appropriate waste containers.
8. No children under the age of 8 will be allowed in the fenced dog play area. Only children between the ages of 8-17 are permitted inside the fenced area with adult supervision.

9. No food of any type, including dog food or treats, is allowed inside the Park. Owners/handlers are responsible for supplying a water dish for their dog.
10. Alcohol and Drugs are STRICTLY FORBIDDEN, SMOKE FREE area. NO glass containers are allowed inside the park.
11. Dispose of all trash in appropriate trash containers and/or recycling containers prior to entering the Park.

## **II. Hours of Operation/Closures**

1. The Allamuchy Dog Park is open from sunrise to sunset, during Spring and Summer.
2. In the Fall/Winter lights will be on from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. No one is permitted after 8:00 p.m.
3. The Park is subject to closure without notice for maintenance and inclement weather.

## **III. Registration Requirements**

1. The Allamuchy Dog Park registration/membership is separate from licensing and required of all individuals wishing to utilize the Park. The dog's registered owner must apply for, and be granted, a registration pass prior to being permitted to use the Park through the Recreation Commission.
2. In order to be eligible for registration, dogs must be 6 months of age and neutered or spayed. Owners must present a copy of the dog(s)' municipal license and a completed Veterinarian Form which includes verification that the dog is current on all vaccine requirements including rabies. As these requirements change from time to time, please refer to the Veterinarian Form as to which vaccines are required.

3. The Dog Park tag is non-transferrable. **Gate codes are not to be given to anyone other than those who have registered or their representatives.**
4. Violation may lead to suspension or revocation of membership of both giving and receiving parties.
5. This practice is unfair to those who have paid their membership fee.
6. It is recommended that dogs be on a flea and heartworm preventative medication as the Park is located in a rural setting and is not treated to reduce the occurrence of fleas and ticks.

#### **IV. Aggressive Behavior**

1. The Allamuchy Dog Park maintains a zero tolerance policy in regard to a dog's aggressive behavior. Dogs demonstrating threatening or aggressive behaviors towards people or other dogs must be removed from the park by their owner/handler immediately.
2. Dogs that exhibit a history of repeated aggressive behaviors will not be permitted in the park. It is the responsibility of the owner/handler to control excessive barking.
3. If an owner/handler is asked to leash his/her dog due to behavior, the request should be honored. In the event that an owner/handler repeatedly refuses to leash their dog, the member's registration will be revoked.
4. No refund will be given if membership has been revoked due to aggressive behavior and/or failure to comply with the rules and regulations.
5. All dog owners/handlers are reminded that this park is for their use to enjoy exercising their dogs off leash. Any negative behavior on the part of the owner/handler will detract from the mission of the Allamuchy Dog Park. Shouting and verbal abuse is not acceptable.
6. Violation of the rules may result in suspension of a Member(s) and/or the dog from the dog park. The decision on whether to suspend or file trespassing charges shall be at the sole discretion of the Township of Allamuchy Board of Recreation Commissioner for the dog park.

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If a member's dog is involved in an incident involving aggressive behavior one and/or all involved parties will have the use of the dog park suspended pending investigation.

Appeals must be requested in writing and scheduled to be heard at a regular Township of Allamuchy Board of Commissioner meeting.

If a complaint is found to be justified after an investigation by an authorized representative from the Township of Allamuchy Board of Commissioner, the Member(s) and/or the dog are subject to further suspension of Dog Park privileges, up to and including permanent revocation of Dog Park privileges.

A determination of revocation may be appealed by the Member(s) to the Township of Allamuchy Board of Recreation Commission.

**V. Park Supervision/Limitation of Liability**

1. The Township of Allamuchy does not provide supervision or control over the Dog Park. All persons using the Park assume any and all risks associated with the use of the Park.
2. The Township of Allamuchy is not responsible to any individual or dog who is injured during the use of or while on the premises of the Allamuchy Dog Park.
3. Every individual who uses the Dog Park does so at their own risk. Members are to acknowledge that they understand the nature of using the Dog Park and that there are inherent risks and dangers associated with use of the Dog Park. Members by their use of the Dog Park, voluntarily and knowingly accept and assume responsibility for all risks and dangers associated with their use of the Dog Park.
4. Members will be required to sign a Release and Waiver as a condition of membership. A member who fails to sign the Release and Waiver is still bound by the foregoing assumption of risk.
5. Owners/handlers are responsible and shall be held responsible for the actions and behavior of their dog(s) at all times. In the event that a dog causes any injury to the person or property of another individual using the Dog Park, the Owner/Handler agrees that they will indemnify, defend and hold the Township of

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Allamuchy, its employees, agents and assigns, harmless from any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, that result from the member's or visitor's use of the Dog Park.

6. If you or your dog is injured, please fill out the Allamuchy Dog Park Incident Report available on the Allamuchy Township Website. Incident forms are also available at the Allamuchy Town Hall. *All incidents must be called into the Allamuchy Town Hall within 24 hours and the completed incident report submitted to the Animal Licensing Official at the Allamuchy Town Hall within 48 hours of the incident. Dog Park Commissioners Ellen Nadeau (908) 850-6448 and Bill Barney (617) 680-0628 must also be contacted.*
7. ALL DOG BITES AND OTHER INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. (cell# 908-246-3239) IF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT THE NJ STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY DIALING 911.
8. The foregoing rules and regulations may be changed, altered or modified without notice.

**Enjoy the park and come out and play!**

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