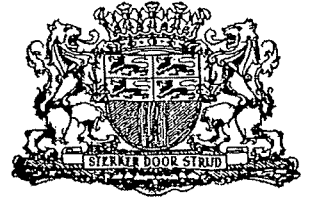


TOWN OF ROTTERDAM

Town Clerk



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 Email * mgriffin@townofrotterdam.gov

Juracka Park

Town of Rotterdam Annual Dog Park Permit Application

Instructions

Complete application along with proof of current Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella, current photo of dog and dog license. Present all documents including application to the Rotterdam Town Clerk's Office, 1100 Sunrise Boulevard, Rotterdam, NY 12306. Attention: Diane Marco

Dog permits are annual permits expiring December 31 each calendar year.

Resident- \$0.00 per dog

Non-resident- \$25.00 per dog

Owner's Name

Address

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Description of Dog/s

Name

Breed

Color/s

Name

Breed

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Name

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For Official Use Only

License#	_____	Exp.	__
Rabies Exp.	_____		__
Distemper Exp.	_____		__
Bordetella Exp.	_____		__
Dog Park Tag#	_____		__

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I have read and agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Town of Rotterdam Dog Park. I understand that violation of these rules subjects my dog to removal from the park and revocation of the usage permit. I hereby acknowledge that there are risks to me and my dog when using the dog park, and I agree to hold the Town of Rotterdam harmless for any damages or injuries I may incur as a result of the use of the Town of Rotterdam Dog Park.

Signature

Date

Town of Rotterdam Juracka Dog Park Rules & Regulations

The Town of Rotterdam provides designated off-leash dog parks for responsible pet owners to exercise and socialize their dogs. Properly licensed, vaccinated, and tagged dogs without aggressive or dangerous tendencies may be exercised off-leash in these designated areas, subject to the following rules and regulations.

By entering the dog park, users agree to comply with these rules, assume all risks associated with off-leash areas, and accept full responsibility for their dogs' behavior.

1. Hours of Operation & Closures

- a. Dog Park hours are 7:00 AM to Dusk, unless otherwise posted.
- b. The Dog Park may be closed at any time at the discretion of the Rotterdam Parks Supervisor for maintenance, weather conditions, or special events.
- c. Weather-Related Closures: The park may be closed during severe weather conditions, including thunderstorms, heavy snowfall, extreme heat advisories, or flooding.
- d. Closures will be posted on the Town's website and at the park entrance.

2. Supervision & Responsibility

- a. Owners must remain in the park at all times while their dog is inside the designated off-leash area.
- b. Dogs may never be left unattended. Any dog left alone for more than 15 minutes may be removed by Animal Control.
- c. Owners must closely supervise their dogs and maintain voice control at all times.
- d. Children under 12 are not permitted inside the off-leash area. Children between 12 and 16 must be supervised by an adult (18+ years old).
- e. Owners must carry a leash at all times. No dogs shall be leashed inside the off-leash area to prevent leash aggression.

3. Dog Eligibility & Health Requirements

- a. Dogs must be at least 4 months old, up to date on vaccinations, and free from contagious diseases and parasites.
- b. Proof of rabies, distemper, and Bordetella vaccinations must be provided upon request by Town officials or Animal Control.
- c. Sick, injured, aggressive dogs, or dogs in heat are not permitted inside the dog park.
- d. Dogs must wear a collar with identification tags, including the owner's contact information.

4. Leash & Entry Procedures

- a. Dogs must be leashed (maximum 6' leash) at all times outside the Dog Park fence. Do not unleash your dog between your vehicle and the entrance.
- b. Leash and unleash your dog inside the double-gated area. Ensure your dog is fully unleashed before entering the main off-leash area to prevent leash aggression.

5. Behavior & Aggression Policy

a. Aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Any dog showing signs of aggression, including growling, lunging, snapping, excessive barking, or bullying, must be removed immediately by its owner-NO EXCEPTIONS.

b. If a dog is involved in an altercation resulting in injury (to another dog or person), the owner must provide contact information to the other party and report the incident to the Rotterdam Parks Supervisor within 24 hours.

c. Aggressive dogs may be banned from the park, following this enforcement policy:

- First offense - Written warning.
 - Second offense - One-month suspension from the park.
 - Third offense - Permanent ban.
 - Severe incidents (e.g., biting) may result in immediate permanent expulsion.
- d. Owners disputing an aggression classification may request an appeal review by the Town's Animal Control Officer.

6. Maximum Dogs Per Owner & Dog Size Restrictions

a. Owners may have a maximum of three (3) dogs in the park at one time.

b. No dogs under 30 lbs are permitted in the main off-leash area, unless the town designates a separate small-dog section.

7. Prohibited Items & Activities

a. NO human food, dog food, or treats are allowed in the park. Sealed training treats are permitted for obedience work.

b. NO toys, ropes, bones, or high-value items that may trigger possessive behavior.

c. NO smoking, vaping, alcohol, glass containers, or amplified music.

d. NO bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or strollers are permitted inside the dog park.

8. Waste Cleanup & Sanitation

a. Owners must clean up after their dog immediately and dispose of waste in designated receptacles.

b. Failure to clean up may result in fines or suspension of park privileges.

9. Indemnification & Assumption of Risk

By entering the Dog Park, owners and handlers acknowledge that use of the park is at their own risk and agree to the following:

a. Assumption of Risk

- The Town of Rotterdam is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from the use of the Dog Park.
- Owners assume full responsibility for any damage, injury, or loss caused by their dog, including harm to other dogs, people, or property.

b. Hold Harmless Clause

- Owners and handlers agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Town of Rotterdam, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including attorney fees) arising from:
 - o Injuries or damages caused by their dog's actions.
 - o Failure to comply with park rules.
 - o Any incident occurring in the park, regardless of cause.

c. Release of Liability

- By entering the Dog Park, owners waive any right to sue the Town of Rotterdam for any personal injury, property damage, or loss incurred while using the park.

d. Reporting & Legal Compliance

- Any incidents involving bites, serious injury, or aggressive behavior must be reported to the Rotterdam Parks Department and, if necessary, filed with Animal Control.
- Owners are subject to local and state dog laws, including leash laws, licensing requirements, and liability statutes.

10. Enforcement & Penalties

- **First violation:** Verbal or written warning.
- **Second violation:** Fine and/or temporary suspension from park use.
- **Third violation:** Permanent loss of park privileges.
- Owners refusing to comply with removal requests may be subject to citation or legal action under town ordinances.

11. Contact Information

For park rules, closures, or to report an incident, contact:

Rotterdam Parks & Recreation - 518-355-7575 Ext. 395

Email- DPW@townofrotterdam.gov

Animal Control - 518-630-0911

Acknowledgment of Rules

By entering this off-leash dog park, you agree to comply with all park rules and acknowledge that failure to follow regulations may result in fines, suspension, or legal action.

At the regularly scheduled public meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Rotterdam, held at the John F. Kirvin Government Center, 1100 Sumise Boulevard, Rotterdam, New York 12306 on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the following resolution was duly adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 171.25

**TO ADOPT THE RULES FOR THE NEW JURACKA DOG PARK IN THE TOWN OF
ROTTERDAM**

THEREFORE, UPON MOTION OF Councilmember **SCHLAG**, seconded by Councilmember **DODSON**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Town Board of the Town of Rotterdam hereby recognizes and adopts the Juracka Dog Park Rules for use of the Park by residents and non-residents.

SECTION 2. The Town Board of the Town of Rotterdam hereby authorizes the Juracka Dog Park rules to be posted on the Town Website.

SECTION 3. The Town Board of the Town of Rotterdam hereby authorizes signage to be made and posted at the Juracka Dog Park of the rules for the Juracka Dog Park.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective April 23, 2025.

DATED: April 23, 2025

NAME	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN
Dodson	X		
Mastroianni	X		
Gallucci	X		
Schlag			
Collins	X		

I, Diane M. Marco, Town Clerk of the Town of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, New York, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing resolution was approved by the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Rotterdam on April 23, 2025, and that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct transcript of the original resolution and of the whole thereof and that said resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that each of the members of the Town Board had due notice of the said Town Board meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Rotterdam this April 25, 2025.

Diane M. Marco, Town Clerk

