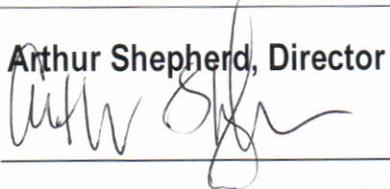


	<b>St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks</b>	
	<b>Title: Animal and Pet Policy</b>	Policy No. P9
	AFFECTS: General Public	Public
	Arthur Shepherd, Director 	Original Approval date: 1/15/2020 Amendment Date: 3/13/2021; 10/13/2021

**PURPOSE**

To establish clear guidelines for animals and pets in County Parks.

**SUBTITLE**

Animal and Pet Policy and Lancaster Park Dog Park Rules

**PROCEDURES**

1. Feeding of ALL animals at any park or facility is prohibited.
2. Pets are allowed in outdoor county park areas yet must be on a 6ft maximum leash at all times.
3. Pets are to be under direct supervision of an adult while in the park area.
4. Pets are not to be tied to trees, picnic tables, chairs, etc. or left unattended.
5. Pets are not allowed on athletic fields.
6. Pets must have up-to-date vaccinations.
7. Pets are not allowed inside indoor facilities except for assistance animals.
8. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and disposing of waste in the proper manner.
9. Pet owners are legally responsible for their pet's behavior.
10. Pet owners must obey all park signs that prohibit the entry of pets into specific areas.

## *DOG PARK AT LANCASTER PARK*

-  Owners must be inside the fenced off leash area at all times, with leash in hand. Outside of fenced area, dogs must be leashed.
-  Dogs showing any sign of aggression must be removed immediately from the park.
-  Owners are legally responsible for their dog's behavior. St. Mary's County Government is not responsible for injuries to persons or pets. Use park at your own risk.
-  Owners must immediately clean up after their dogs and fill in any holes.
-  Bring children at your own risk. Young children must be with an adult and remain seated on benches provided.
-  Dogs in heat are prohibited.
-  Puppies under four (4) months are prohibited.
-  No more than two (2) dogs per handler allowed.
-  Dogs must be licensed and immunized. No dogs with communicable diseases or infections.
-  Professional dog trainers may not use this facility to conduct their business.
-  Dog toys are not allowed in dog park.
-  No food or treats (human or dog) are allowed in dog park.
-  No smoking, vaping, or tobacco products in/around the dog park.