

# **Dr. James W. Thornton**

# **DOG PARK**

## **at the Valley Animal Center**

## **Membership Packet**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park at the Valley Animal Center! We are very happy to have you and your dog come to visit, and hope that you and your furry, four-legged friend have a wonderful time in our dog park!

### **Membership Types and Fees:**

#### **Daily Membership: \$5 per dog, per day**

*Daily rate paid at the time of each visit.*

***Must meet membership requirements.\****

#### **Annual Membership: \$50 per dog, per year**


*Membership renewal due 1 year from date of submission.*

*Includes a keycard to the park.*

***Must meet membership requirements.\****

#### **\*Membership requirements:**

1. Submitted completed application.
2. Signed Liability Waiver.
3. Vaccination Form(s) completed and approved.
4. Submitted copy of dog(s) vaccination history **from a veterinarian.**
  - Required proof of an up-to-date Rabies, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Canine Influenza (H3N2 AND H3N8), and DA2PPv (or equivalent).
5. Read Receipt Signed for Dog Park Incident Policy and Rules.
6. Paid membership fee.



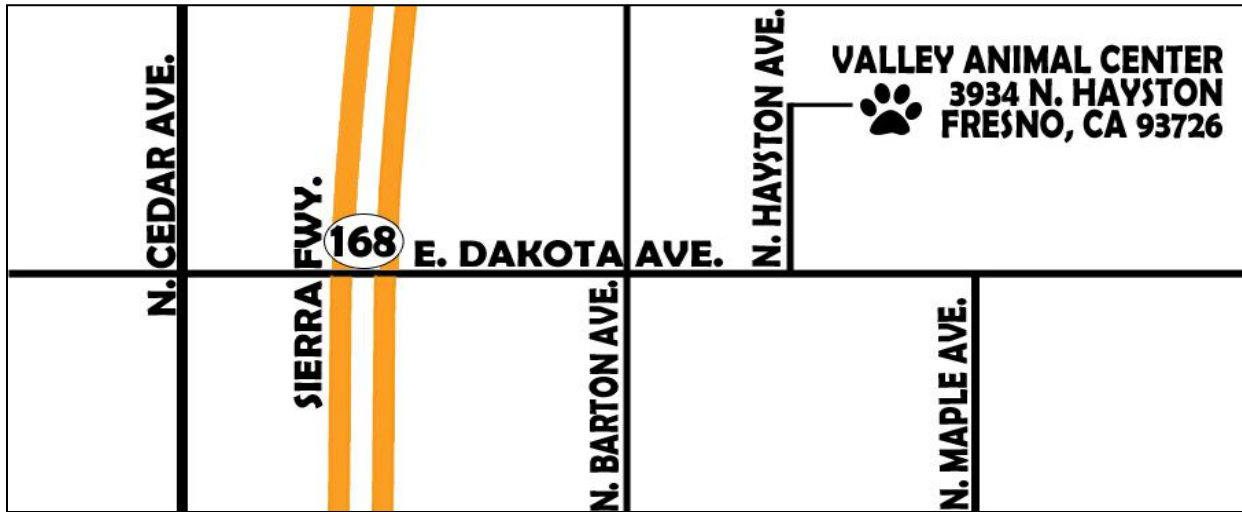
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### General Information

The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park is a members-only dog park and is a part of the Valley Animal Center, the Central Valley's premier no-kill shelter for dogs and cats and low-cost spay, neuter, and vaccination clinic.

- Address: 3934 N. Hayston Ave., Fresno, California, 93726. It is located near Highway 168. Hayston is a cul-de-sac street off of Dakota between Cedar and Maple Avenues.



- HOURS: 10 AM – 7 PM, year round, 7 days a week (closed major holidays)
- Membership pricing: \$5/dog for daily memberships or \$50/dog for annual memberships.
- The park occupies 1 ½ acres of grassy land, and features the following amenities:
  - Separate dog runs for canines under 25 pounds and over 26 pounds
  - A 2,000 gallon canine wading pool with water jets (for dogs only)
  - A canine agility course with a variety of obstacles
  - Several water stations that are filled with fresh water daily
  - Toys of all varieties included in each run
  - Doggie bag dispensers throughout the park
  - Bathrooms, water fountains, and a beverage vending machine
- All potential canine members must be spayed or neutered, up-to-date on their vaccinations from a veterinarian, and temperament-assessed before being admitted into the dog park.



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## **Dog Park Rules**

- Pet owners use the dog park and pool area at their own risk and accept full responsibility for themselves, their dogs, and their visitors. Please do not allow anyone to use the park that does not have a membership or borrow your key card to the park. Visitors are permitted in the dog park only if accompanied by a member who assumes all responsibility for their visitor. No “visiting” dogs are allowed without a membership.
- If you lose your key card, you will be charged \$25 for a replacement card to the park.
- Dogs must be at least 6 months of age, spayed or neutered, and current on their vaccinations (see the Vaccination Verification form).
- No more than 2 dogs are allowed per adult (18 years or older) handler, and the dogs must remain in the same run or pool area with their owner and in view at all times. Owners cannot leave their dogs in runs or pool area unattended.
- Children under 18 years of age are not allowed in the dog runs or pool area without adult supervision. Children and parents should be aware that dogs can be unpredictable and may not respond well to children running, yelling, waving their arms, etc. Children should be careful when picking up dog toys and should always ask the handler before petting a strange dog. Please keep children off agility equipment and out of the pool for their safety.
- Dogs must wear a soft collar with a permanent ID and a current rabies tag. If your dog wears a prong, pinch, or choke, remove it and exchange it with a soft collar before entering the dog runs or pool area for safety.
- Dogs that exhibit aggressive or extreme dominant behavior toward other dogs or people should be removed immediately to avoid potential injury to other dogs or owners. At the first sign of aggressive behavior, retrieve your dog(s) and take them to the double-gated entry. Chronic or habitual offenders and abusers will result in the loss of their Dog Park privileges.
- In the event of a dog incident, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions, then block eye contact between the two dogs. If your dog injures another dog or person, be sure to exchange contact information with the injured party and dog park staff (see the Dog Incident Policy). You are legally and financially responsible for your dog's actions and any harm he or she may cause to others.



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## **Dog Park Rules p. 2**

- Always pick up after your dog using the doggiewalk bags provided in the runs and pool area. If a dispenser is empty, please alert our staff. You are also responsible for filling in any holes your dog digs in the park. Please notify park staff of any holes you may observe that were not dug by your dog that may pose a danger to other dogs or people.
- If your dog barks repeatedly while in the park and you are unable to quiet it, you must leave the dog park and return at another time.
- Make sure your dog is leashed when entering and leaving the park. Take your dog off-leash after entering the outer gate of the double-gated entry to the dog runs and pool area. Please make sure to keep the gates to the runs closed for everyone's safety. Never open the interior gate until the outer gate is secured, and vice versa. Please do not allow your dog to block or crowd the gate entrances to the dog runs or pool area, as some dogs feel threatened in a crowd.
- The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park is divided into 5 main areas, which include:
  - Small Dog Area (25 lbs. and under)
  - Large Dog Area (26 lbs. and over)
  - Agility Yard
  - Pool Area
  - Shelter Dog/Employee Area
- Large Dogs are not allowed in the Small Dog Run. Small dogs (25 lbs. and under) may go into the Large Dog Run (26 lbs. and over), but owners take small dogs into the run at their own risk.
- There are no more than 20 dogs allowed in the pool area at any one time.
- There are no more than 10 dogs allowed in the agility yard at any one time.
- No smoking, glass containers, fireworks, firearms, weapons, alcohol, or food allowed in the park.
- Dog drinking stations are provided in each dog run.



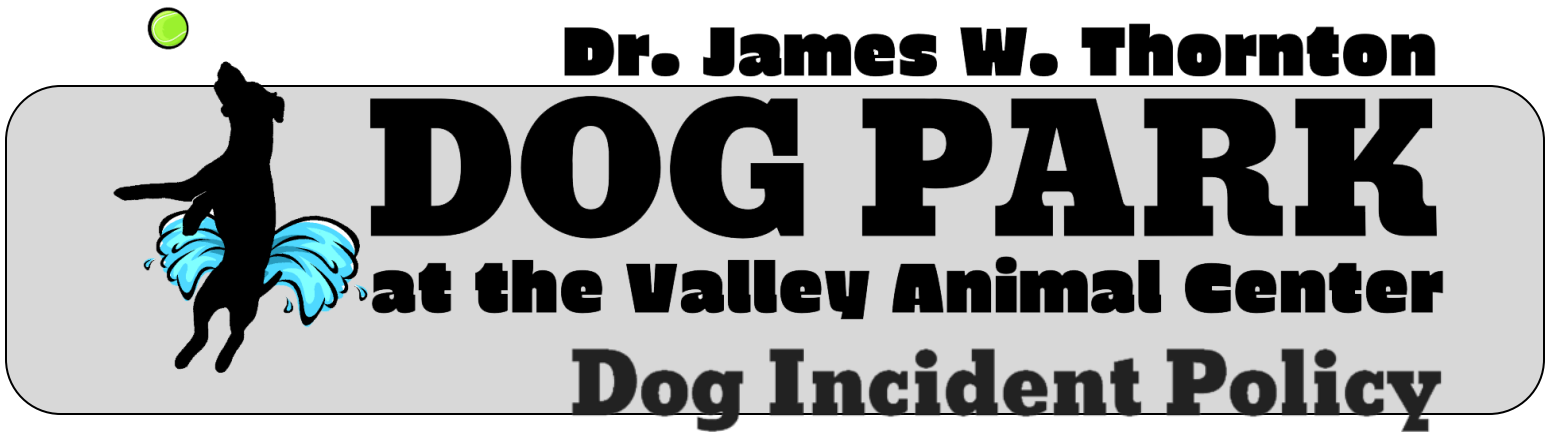
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- **Dog treats are not allowed in the park** except for dog training purposes in the agility yard.
- No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or motorized vehicles are permitted in the park.
- Toys, balls, plastic pools, agility equipment, etc. provided by the Valley Animal Center in the park is the property of the Valley Animal Center. They are provided for general use and should be left in the park so that others may enjoy them.
- We recommend you call your dog to you from time to time and interact with him or her to maintain control.
- Please note that there are felines throughout the park. Areas include:
  - Jerry Chappell Perpetual Care Sanctuary for Cats
  - Art O'Brien, Jr. Feral Cat Retirement Village
  - Feral Cat Outdoor Sanctuary
- Do not allow your dog to chase or bark excessively at the cats in any of these areas.
- When entering the park with your dog, please stay to your left. We ask that you try to avoid interaction with the felines in the adjacent buildings.



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**Dog Incident Policy**

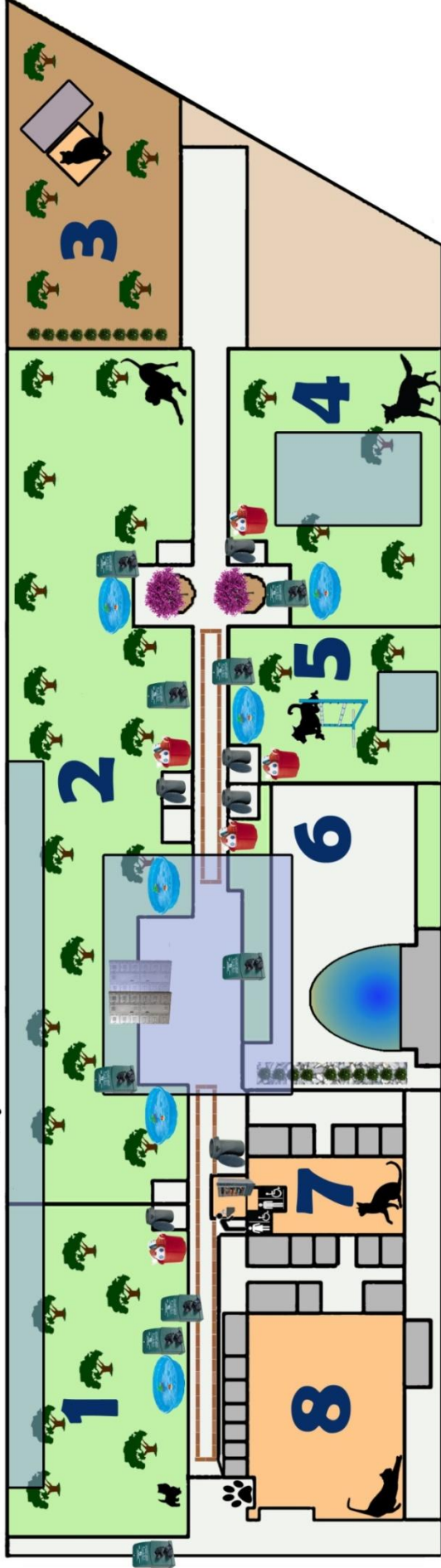
The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park rules and information has been provided to you in an effort to reduce the chance of a dog incident. If an incident does occur, our policy and recommendations for the owners of the dog(s) are as follows:

- If your dog is involved in the incident, immediately separate your dog and remove them from the dog run.
- Once your dog has been removed from the run or pool area to the double gated entry, leash your dog and inspect your dog for injuries. Do not inspect the dogs near one another in case of further incident.
- Notify the Valley Animal Center dog park staff as to the nature of the incident.
- Exchange contact information (names and phone numbers) with the owner(s) of the other dog(s) involved in the incident.
- Get contact information (names and phone numbers) of anyone present who witnessed the incident.
- If required, contact the Fresno Animal Control at (559) 237-0134. In the event that the Valley Animal Center is contacted by Fresno Animal Control regarding the incident, it is our policy to release the names and phone numbers of those involved if necessary.

**Remember, you are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog.**

The Valley Animal Center reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges at any time to any member who fails to follow the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park rules, or where it is determined that a member dog or dog owner is a risk of being dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animals ordinances or regulations. **Membership fee refunds will not be given for suspended or revoked privileges.**

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	Main Gate Check-in Area
	Restrooms
	Beverage Machine
	Drinking Fountain
	Waste Station/Trash
	Dog Walk Bag Dispensers
	Dog Toy Bin
	Lockers
	Dog Pool Water Station
	Trees
	Naming Opportunity Bricks
	Solar & Shade Structures

- 1** Public Dog Run - Small Dogs (25 lbs. and under)
- 2** Public Dog Run - Large Dogs (26 lbs. and over)
- 3** Feral Cat Outdoor Sanctuary
- 4** Shelter Dog Run
- 5** Canine Agility Yard
- 6** Canine Wading Pool
- 7** Art O'Brien, Jr. Feral Cat Retirement Village
- 8** Jerry Chappell Perpetual Care Sanctuary for Cats



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## **Membership Application**

Name of owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type:  Daily  Annual Membership (Renewal due 1 year from submission date.)

Membership allows the owner to bring no more than 2 dogs with them to the park at a time.  
Please note that membership fees are per dog.

Number of dogs: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please Read the Statements Below and Initial on the Lines.**

_____	I acknowledge receipt of the dog park Incident Policy and General Information Packet.
_____	I have read and understand the dog park rules, the dog park Incident Policy, and all that is included in the General Information Packet.
_____	I understand that there are no refunds of membership fees.
_____	I understand that my dog may be asked to leave if he or she becomes aggressive or extremely dominant.
_____	I agree that the information provided on my dog's health and vaccinations are accurate and up-to-date. I agree to provide updated medical records if and when my dog's vaccinations expire. I understand that if I do not provide these records, my membership will be deactivated and will not be re-activated until I submit updated records.
_____	I affirm that my dog is at least 6 months of age, is spayed or neutered, current on vaccinations, and is to my knowledge not aggressive or extremely dominant toward people and other animals.
_____	I acknowledge that I have read and agreed to all terms in the dog park liability waiver.

Member's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





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## Vaccination Form

Name of owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of dog (Only **ONE** dog per form): \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: MALE / FEMALE      NEUTERED / SPAYED: YES / NO      Approximate age: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out the above information and attach a copy of your dog's up-to-date vaccination history from your veterinarian or clinic to include vaccinations, rabies certificate, and spay or neuter certificate for us to include with your membership file. Thank you.

### For office use only:

Procedure	Performed Yes/No	Date Given	Date Expires	Staff use only
<b>DA2PPv Vaccine</b> AND/OR one of the following equivalents: Distemper Parvo, DA2P2v, DA2PPv + Lepto, DHLPPv, DHPP, DA2PPv + Lepto + Coronavirus, DA2PPv + Coronavirus, DHLPPv,	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	___/___/___	___/___/___	
<b>Leptospirosis Vaccine</b> (OK if included in above vaccine)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	___/___/___	___/___/___	
<b>Bordetella Intranasal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	___/___/___	___/___/___	
<b>Rabies Vaccine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	___/___/___	___/___/___	
<b>Canine Influenza</b> (H3N2 AND H3N8)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	___/___/___	___/___/___	
<b>Spay or Neuter</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

- Application     
 Vaccination Form(s)     
 Waiver     
 Read Receipt  
 Copy of Medical Record(s)     
 Temperament Test     
 Paid

Valley Animal Center Staff Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Valley Animal Center Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_       Approved       Denied

ASSESSMENT NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Liability Waiver**

I recognize and acknowledge that the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park and the surrounding grounds of the Valley Animal Center for participating in dog activities entail certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals). I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, that (a) I, or my dog might sustain or incur as a result of my use of this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park and surrounding area; and (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of me or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with or associated with the use of this facility and surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) the Valley Animal Center and its employees and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Valley Animal Center from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability, or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park or the surrounding area on the grounds of the Valley Animal Center.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend (a) the Valley Animal Center and its employees and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of the Valley Animal Center from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including, but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.

Member's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **Dog Park Rules Read Receipt**

**AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park Incident Policy and Rules:**

Membership applicant agrees that the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park Membership packet exclusively sets forth the Dog Park incident Policies and Rules and represents and expresses the complete agreement regarding the terms and conditions of membership. Membership applicant further agrees that none of these policies and procedures can be amended, modified, or altered in any way.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park Incident Policy and Rules. I have thoroughly read and understand the policies and rules set forth in the Dog Park Membership Packet of the Valley Animal Center and agree to abide by them.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION IN THE DOG PARK INCIDENT POLICY AND RULES AS FOUND IN THE MEMBERSHIP PACKET.

Member's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_