SOLDAN DOG PARK RULES

Ingham County Parks Department (517) 676-2233
Ingham County Animal Control (517) 676-8370
City of Lansing Parks and Recreation (517) 483-4277

SOLDAN DOG PARK HOURS 8:00AM – SUNSET, 7 DAYS A WEEK

Soldan Dog Park is a "LEASH FREE" area. To reduce aggression in our dog visitors, remove the leash from your dog while inside the Dog Park.

1. **Use of the dog park is at your own risk.**
   a. Take responsibility for the actions of your dog.
   b. By state law, you are responsible for damages or injuries inflected by and/or to your dog.
   c. Report serious incidents involving dogs such as biting and/or fighting to Ingham County Animal Control. (517) 676-8370.
   d. Please report all incidents to the Ingham County Parks Department utilizing incident report forms located at entrances/exits to the dog park. Completed forms should be placed in the "incident form" mailbox located next to the entrance door of the Hawk Island Maintenance Building or given to staff if present.

2. **Dogs must be under owner's control at all times-leashed or not.**
   a. Owners must have voice control of their dogs.
   b. Owners must prevent aggressive behavior such as biting, fighting, and excessive barking.
   c. Owners must carry a leash for each dog at all times.
   d. Owners must be prepared to leave the park if their dog(s) persists in any inappropriate dog park behavior.
   e. No digging allowed. Holes are hazardous to dogs and humans.
   f. Dogs must be leashed outside the Dog Park.

3. **All dogs must be licensed and wear a license in the park.**
   a. No dogs younger than four months allowed because of inoculation and licensing requirements.
   b. Keep licenses and shots up to date. Ask your vet about an appropriate shots and vaccination schedule for your dog.

4. **Owners must pick up after their dogs.**
   a. Pick up after your own dog(s).
   b. Make an effort to take an extra bag and also pick up "orphan poop."
   c. Bring extra bags to contribute to the clean-up bag supply (a great way to recycle those shopping bags).
   d. Pick up litter and leave the area cleaner than you found it.

5. **No dogs in heat are allowed in the park.**

6. **No more than three (3) dogs per adult.**
   a. Do not bring any more dogs than you can closely control.
   b. You must carry a leash for each dog at all times.

7. **Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.**
   Never leave young children alone with any dog in any situation, even if it is your dog.
   a. Keep your children away from unfamiliar dogs.
   b. Never allow children to play or sit on the ground when dogs are present.
   c. Keep children close and quiet when visiting the dog park. Actions and movements by children can trigger a dog's instinct to chase and bite.
   d. Remember that you are visiting a DOG park with your *children*; it is not a playground or children's park.

8. **Bicycles, strollers, skateboards, skates and motorized vehicles (except park maintenance vehicles) are not allowed in the dog park.**

9. **Suggestions when situations arise:**
   a. Persons involved in incidents should exchange names and phone numbers and file an incident report as indicated under rule #1.
   b. Witnesses to incidents should identify themselves to the dog owners.

10. **Smoking in the park is prohibited.**