

Dog Walking Area Regulation



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Art. 6 „Charges and obligations of the users of the area“

1. For security reasons, the access to the dog walking area is reserved exclusively for owners/handlers and their dogs.
2. The owners/handlers, in order to access to the dog walking area, must carry a leash and muzzle to restrain their dogs whenever the need arises to protect other users' (people and dogs) safety present in the area
3. The owners/handlers have to enter one by one to the dog area for a maximum period up to 15 minutes, except for unanimous agreement (for proven knowledge as well as for friendly behavior among the dogs) between the owners using the area in order to preserve the right for all citizens to enter to the area also for those who do not feel comfortable entering if other dogs are present; the first user of the area has the right to stay there with the dog not carrying a leash or muzzle for a maximum period up to 15 minutes.
4. If the area is already occupied by other users for a period of more than 15 minutes and there are difficulties evident or hypothesized between the present dogs and the ones to be introduced subsequently, it's expected that if a single person asks for the present owners to enter, those are required to leave the area with the dog in their own custody in order to allow an equally long period of dog walking on its own to the dog of the person seeking.
5. If within the area, occupied by several consenting users, difficulties emerge in cohabitation among present dogs and the ones to be introduced subsequently, the owners of the more aggressive dogs are required to leave the area with their dog on own custody.
6. Minors may enter to the area exclusively if accompanied by their parents and/or adults. Those over 16 years of age are allowed to carry out their own dog to the walking area without being accompanied by their parents and/or other adults.
7. The owners/keepers can let their dogs loose within the public dog area as long as this happens under their constant supervision, after having verified that the area is not already occupied by other users and incompatibility among various dogs can be excluded.
8. The access to the dog area has to be evaluated by the owners/keepers regarding gender, dimensions and behavioral characteristics of the dogs in order not to affect the function of the dog area itself.
9. The owner/keeper of a female dog during reproductive period (in heat) is not allowed to enter the public dog area with her.
10. The owner/keeper of a male/female dog that's particularly excitable and molesting repeatedly other dogs is required to abound the area.
11. In the whole dog walking area it's forbidden to carry out any type of training activities in order to maintain the purpose of the dog walking area, allowing a full use (access to all parts of the area during the whole day, in accordance to the opening times of the public area in which they are located) for all citizens.
12. It's forbidden to feed dogs within the walking area in order to prevent competition phenomena among them. It's also forbidden for the users of the area to introduce and consume food of all types.

13. To guarantee the hygienic and the decorum of the dog area, the owners/keepers are obliged to be equipped with suitable equipment for the collection of excreta.
14. It's obligatory to collect the own dogs excreta and ensure to dispose it to the dedicated container located in the dog area.
15. The users of the dog area have to verify that the fences are always closed properly, as well for the entrance as for the exit.
16. The owner/keeper is obliged to hinder his dog digging holes and in case this happens, he's obliged to close them.

Art. 7 "Opening times of the area"

Unless otherwise provided, the dog area is open during the opening times of the green area it's located in.

Art. 8 "Supervisory activities and sanctions"

1. The supervisory of the use of the dog walking area is performed by agents and officers of the municipal police and other police forces. The staff of the Area Sanità Pubblica Veterinaria ASL di Forlì-Cesena performs all supervisory functions in the areas of competence.
2. Pursuant to art. 7 bis D.Lgs. 267/2000 and Capo I of the law 689/1981, for violation of the rules of the present regulation, if not penalized more strictly, the administrative sanction from €25.00 to €500.00 will be applied.
3. The violations are established according to the provisions that regulate the application of the public administrative sanctions.