

## Red Fern Dog Park Pass Application **for North Liberty Residents**

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Application for dog(s) whose owners live in North Liberty. One application per household.



**Administration**

(319) 626-5700



**Email**

pets@northlibertyiowa.org



**Website**

northlibertyiowa.org/dogpark

### DOG OWNER INFORMATION

NAME

PRONOUNS

SHE/HER

HE/HIM

THEY/THEM

OTHER

HOME ADDRESS

APARTMENT/CONDO UNIT #  
(if applicable)

NORTH LIBERTY, IA 52317

PHONE #

TEXT OK?

YES

NO

EMAIL

### RED FERN DOG PARK ANNUAL PASSES

Red Fern Dog Park Passes run the calendar year, meaning they are good through December 31 of the year of purchase. Each dog of a North Liberty resident must possess a current North Liberty Pet License to be eligible for a pass. If a license application was submitted but you do not have the tag number yet, then please write "pending" in the box next to the dog's name.

Dog Park User Fee	
First Dog in Household	Each Additional Dog
\$50	\$25
\$25 after 9/1	\$15 after 9/1

1

DOG NAME

NL PET LICENSE #

2

DOG NAME

NL PET LICENSE #

3

DOG NAME

NL PET LICENSE #

4

DOG NAME

NL PET LICENSE #



## ANIMAL CONTROL

HAS AN ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCY EVER DECLARED ONE OR MORE OF THE DOGS LISTED ON PAGE 1 TO BE "POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS" OR "DANGEROUS"?

YES

NO, move on to next section.

IF YES,  
PLEASE  
EXPLAIN

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MUST  
CHECK

I \_\_\_\_\_ AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.

MUST  
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I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I POSSESS A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT TITLED "**NORTH LIBERTY RED FERN DOG PARK MAP, RULES & ETIQUETTE**," AND I UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT THEREIN. I AM AWARE THAT THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY AND THE MOST RECENT VERSION CAN BE FOUND AT [NORTHLIBERTYIOWA.ORG/DOGPARK](http://NORTHLIBERTYIOWA.ORG/DOGPARK) AND ON SIGNAGE AT THE PARK.

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I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM PURCHASING AN ANNUAL PASS WHICH ALLOWS FOR RED FERN DOG PARK ACCESS FOR THE INDIVIDUAL DOG(S) IDENTIFIED ON PAGE 1. MEMBERSHIP CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED OR REFUNDED. MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR HUMANS.

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I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PARK PRIVILEGES FOR MYSELF AND/OR MY DOG(S) MAY BE REVOKED FOR A PREPONDERANCE OF RULE INFRACTIONS - AS DETERMINED BY CITY STAFF.

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I WILL CALL 911 FOR ANY DOG PARK INCIDENT INVOLVING BLOOD, A BITE, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. I WILL REPORT ALL DOG PARK INCIDENTS TO THE CITY BY LEAVING A MESSAGE AT 319-626-5700 OR BY USING THE ONLINE FORM AT [NORTHLIBERTYIOWA.ORG/DOGINCIDENT](http://NORTHLIBERTYIOWA.ORG/DOGINCIDENT).

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I HAVE RECEIVED A MAP OF THE RED FERN DOG PARK PROPERTY AND WILL DO MY BEST TO NOT INFRINGE ON THE NEIGHBORING PRIVATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING - BUT NOT LIMITED TO - DRIVING ON OR PARKING IN THEIR DRIVEWAY OR ALLOWING MY DOG(S) TO TRESPASS ONTO THEIR PROPERTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DAWN-TO-DUSK RULE & LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES WERE ESTABLISHED - IN PART - TO KEEP NOISE FROM INTERFERING WITH NEIGHBORS' SLEEP & ENJOYMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY.

----- BELOW FOR STAFF USE ONLY -----

EMPLOYEE  
NAME

DATE OF  
PAYMENT

AMOUNT  
APPLICANT  
PAID

METHOD OF  
PAYMENT

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## WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

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**As a condition for the approval by the City of North Liberty of my application for membership and usage of Red Fern Dog Park, (the "Activity"), I represent that:**

1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY, and that the Activity involves risks of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, to myself or any persons present under my custody or care (my "Guests"), which may be caused by my own actions or inactions, those of my dog or dogs, those of my Guests, my those of other Activity participants or their dogs, the conditions in which the Activity takes place, or the negligence of the "RELEASEES" named below; and that there may be other risks either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time. I acknowledge that if I believe conditions are unsafe, or if any participant or animal present at Red Fern Dog Park poses a threat to my safety, my Guests' safety, or my dog's safety, I will immediately discontinue my participation in the Activity.
2. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES FOR THE ACTIVITY, and I will abide by those rules and any instructions given by City staff.
3. I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY for losses, costs, and damages I may incur as a result of my participation in the Activity.
4. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the City of North Liberty, its elected officials, officers, agents, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and landlords of premises on which the Activity takes place (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein), from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages that I or my Guests suffer which are caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence (but not reckless or intentional conduct) of the RELEASEES or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations.
5. I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS each RELEASEE from any loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur, if, despite this release and waiver of liability, and assumption of risk, I or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any RELEASEE.
6. I HAVE CONSIDERED that if this waiver of liability was not as broad as it is, the costs of membership would be considerably higher, and as I do not wish to pay a considerably higher cost, I waive the right to bargain for different waiver of liability terms.
7. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, (collectively the "Agreement"), UNDERSTAND THESE TERMS AND UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature. No Releasee or person on behalf of any Releasee has told me anything that is inconsistent with or contrary to the terms of this Agreement. I understand that, in reliance upon my signature on this form, voluntarily given, I may be permitted to participate in the Activity noted above. I intend it be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. If any portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU AGREE TO THE TERMS SET FORTH ABOVE. DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING.**

**PARTICIPANT PRINTED NAME**

**PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

*A Red Fern Dog Park Pass for each dog and a photocopy of this application will be mailed to the pet owner after application and payment have been received. Allow ten (10) business days for processing & delivery. **Contact** [pets@northlibertyiowa.org](mailto:pets@northlibertyiowa.org) or 319-626-5700 if there is a delay or issue with your license.*

## Red Fern Dog Park Map, Rules & Etiquette



### Administration

(319) 626-5700



### Email

[pets@northlibertyiowa.org](mailto:pets@northlibertyiowa.org)



### Website

[northlibertyiowa.org/dogpark](http://northlibertyiowa.org/dogpark)

## MAP

Red Fern Dog Park is located at 980 North Liberty Road, North Liberty, Iowa. The entire property extends over 11 acres, with 5.1 acres developed for public access.

The Dog Park is divided into three fenced sections: the southern area is 1.8 acres for all dogs, the northern area is 1.1 acres for all dogs, and the central area is 0.3 acres for small dogs only (18 inches or less at the shoulder), as indicated on the map below.

The dog park features a 20-stall parking lot, interior trails, benches, trash receptacles, and two park shelters. When the parking lot is full, then the park has reached the City's desired maximum capacity and no additional dogs may enter at that time.

Take care not to enter neighboring driveways or trespass onto private property.







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## RULES

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By passing through the gates into the park yards, you agree to abide by the park, yard, human, and dog rules outlined in this document, posted at the Red Fern Dog Park, and online at the City's website. Violations and reported incidents will impact membership. Questions about the dog park passes, pet licensing forms, or the dog park should be communicated to the City by emailing [pets@northlibertyiowa.org](mailto:pets@northlibertyiowa.org) or by leaving a voicemail message at (319) 626-5700.

### Strictly Prohibited from Property:

- Alcohol possession or use
- Cigarette or smokeless tobacco use
- Wheeled devices, except wheelchairs and strollers
- Large personal items on the ground, like duffel bags or chairs, which pose a tripping hazard
- Human food, except non-alcoholic beverages
- Dog food, except small training treats
- Glass containers
- Pronged, pinch, or choke collars
- Electronic training devices.

### Yard Rules:

- Toys are allowed, taking into account the potential hazards to other dogs and your dog's willingness to share. Toy use must be discontinued, if requested.
- Small training treats are allowed. Do not share without explicit permission from dog handler.
- Small Dog Yard is for small dogs only (18 inches or less at the shoulder).

### Dogs Must:

- Be at least 16 weeks old to enter.
- Be vaccinated for rabies.
- Not be in heat.
- Not have a communicable disease.
- Not be deemed "vicious," "dangerous," "potentially dangerous," or "aggressive" by any animal control agency, including the North Liberty Police Department.
- Carry your Red Fern Dog Park pass (and dog license tag, if a North Liberty resident) on your human.
- Stay visible to your human at all times and be ready to listen to a command.
- Leave if you are involved in a reportable incident, whether as the instigator or the target. Use the Dog Park Incident Report Form at [northlibertyiowa.org/dogincident](http://northlibertyiowa.org/dogincident) to submit an incident report.

### Humans Must:

- Be at least 16 years old to enter; if under 16, you must be accompanied by a responsible adult (over 18 years old).
- Not be feeling sick.
- Not be handling and/or responsible for more than two dogs.
- Carry a leash for each dog.
- Use a leash on your dog(s) before entering and after leaving a yard, and remove any leash while dog(s) is in yard.
- Clean up after the dog(s) in your care. Biodegradable waste bags and trash receptacles are provided.
- Not conduct lessons or other for-profit activities on park property without written permission from the City of North Liberty.
- Stop displays of dominance, charging, excessive barking, hole-digging, and bullying.
- Be responsible for your dog's actions and behavior at all times, including compensation for repairs to damage of property or medical expenses.
- Communicate reportable incidents and rule violations to the City of North Liberty so they can be documented.

### Other Park Rules:

- Red Fern Dog Park hours of operation are dawn (1 hour prior to sunrise) to dusk (1 hour after sunset). Vehicles remaining after dusk will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Yards must be vacated while maintenance tasks are being performed.
- Users of the North Liberty Dog Park do so at their own risk.
- Any City of North Liberty staff person has the right to ask users to leave park property.
- Violations of Dog Park rules may result in membership revocation.
- Other City of North Liberty park rules and ordinances also apply.



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## ETIQUETTE

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Etiquette is appreciated! Let's encourage **D.O.G . F.R.I.E.N.D.S.**

**DISCIPLINE:** Displays of dominance, charging, and bullying are not welcome behaviors. Don't allow them!

**OBSTACLES:** Large objects are collision hazards to playing dogs... and will probably get peed on. Leave the lawn chair and the giant bag in the car.

**GARBAGE:** Show your North Liberty pride by maintaining a clean park! Place trash in the appropriate receptacles.

**FOCUS:** Give all the attention to your dog and your children, not your screen.

**RECALL:** Make sure your dog is ready to obey when you call.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** A polite hello is encouraged between all community members... for both human and canine friends.

**EXERCISE BEFORE PARK:** Over stimulation can lead to problems! Get all the energy out of your dog's brain and body before arriving.

**NO FOOD & TREATS:** Allergies and dieting dogs are amongst us. Don't share any edible items.

**DISTANCE:** Recognize when your dog might need a time out... or leave if you sense trouble. Always better to be safe, than sorry!

**STEREOTYPING:** Don't blame the breed for bad behavior. Courtesy comes with successful training and discipline.

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## HELPFUL COMMANDS WHILE AT THE PARK

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### *SIT*

Stay sitting until human says otherwise.

### *LIE DOWN*

Lie down to calm down, focus on human, and wait for next command.

### *STAY*

Do not move.

### *COME*

Return to human without fail or delay.

### *DOG'S NAME*

Attention off the distraction and to human.

### *FOCUS*

Zone out everything else.

### *LEAVE IT*

Ignore something that is tempting and/or potentially dangerous.

### *DROP IT*

Drop something from mouth or stop a game that is turning aggressive.

### *WAIT*

Stop midstride, pause for a moment, and focus attention on human.

### *HEEL*

Walk next to human until told otherwise.

*Also, teaching a dog not to eat something from strangers keeps the dog safe and prevents begging behavior.*

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## DOG PARK INCIDENT REPORT FORM

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Call 911 in the event of a medical emergency or bite to a human that breaks skin. If a wild animal is an immediate hazard to the public, call the Joint Communications Center at (319) 356-6800 and an officer will be dispatched.

Use the Dog Park Incident Report Form at [northlibertyiowa.org/dogincident](http://northlibertyiowa.org/dogincident) to submit an incident report when:

- You witness any failure to heed park rules;
- An incident results in property damage;
- You see a dog displaying signs of a communicable disease;
- Your own dog gets sick and used the park before symptoms appeared and within the contagious period;
- Abandoned animals are located on property; or for
- Other concerns about park visitors or pets.