

Welcome to Pool Paws in the pool-ooza.

Crawford Park Pool has established rules to ensure the safety and an enjoyable swimming experience for all. Staff is present to prevent accidents, not to supervise children/dogs. Therefore, parents are expected to closely supervise their children/dogs and assist in enforcing the facility's policies for the safety and enjoyment of all patrons.

All Aquatic staff will be strictly enforcing all rules for our patron's safety and comfort. Safety is our first priority for all. Some situations require additional rules and regulations to be implemented and/or changed without notice by the City of Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Aquatics Staff.

Any patron with questions or concerns can contact the Manager on Duty for assistance.

In an effort to make your trip to *Paws in the Pool-ooza* more enjoyable, we have developed the concept of *Petiquette*, behavior-based guidelines or "pet etiquettes" for furry, four-legged visitors and their two-legged companions.

***Dogs must display current vaccination tags.
All dog handlers must be 16 years of age or older.***

DO provide your dog with water before, during and after the event.

DON'T use a retractable leash.

DO make a note where the exit points are located in the pool.

DO monitor your dog for inappropriate behavior. Handle any conflicts with kindness and good manners.

DO remove any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior immediately. Staff may ask you and your dog to leave the facility if deemed necessary.

DON'T bring people food or dog treats in the pool area. Dogs may show undesirable behavior in the presence of food.

DON'T assume that all dogs know how to swim.

DON'T force your dog in the water if they are uncomfortable. Once it's clear they are truly scared or averse to being in the water, get them out.

DON'T leave dogs locked in cars. This is never safe. When the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly. High temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death.

DO leash and unleash your dog at the gate.

DON'T roam too far from your pooch or be distracted talking to other pet owners. Make sure your dog's interactions are safe.

DO know owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.

DO know owners waive liability to the City for any injury or damage caused to or by their dogs during the event.

DO keep to areas appropriate for your dog's size; if you have a smaller dog; take your pet to the baby pool area, which is designated for smaller dogs.

DON'T overdo it with your dog. Just make sure to know your dog's limits and take him or her home when they've had enough. Know when to leave.

DO remember, this is a "DOG" event. Please closely watch your children. Dogs and children both frighten and excite easily and react differently, which can create a dangerous atmosphere.

DON'T pick up or carry your dog as this sometimes causes excitement in other dogs that may jump up and nip at them.

DO know leashed dogs may experience anxiety, fear or defensive posturing when approached by unleashed dogs? Please unleash your dog upon entering.

DO keep the park clean by picking up an unclaimed "pile" and stop dogs from digging. Also keep an eye on your dog so you know when to clean up his piles or holes.

DON'T let your dog poop in the water.

DO play and interact with your pet while here. Exercise is good for humans too.

Don't bring dogs that are in season.

DON'T bring young puppies less than 4 months old.

DO be prepared for behavior you may not like that is natural and not necessarily aggressive. Examples include growling, barking, charging, humping, posturing, play biting, curling of lips and wrestling.

DO keep your leash with you so you're prepared to enforce a "time out" and remove your pet from the park if he misbehaves.

DON'T bring your pet's favorite toy if he doesn't like to share.

Finally not all dogs like to socialize, so if your dog is timid or aggressive, leave him or her home for their safety and enjoyment. Also spaying or neutering your pet will not only decrease pet overpopulation but will also make your visit a more pleasant one.