

# TWINING VALLEY DOG PARK

*1487 Twining Road Dresher, PA 19025*



## Membership Guide and Information Packet

Upper Dublin Township Parks & Recreation  
370 Commerce Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034

215-643-1600 x3443

[www.upperdublinrec.net](http://www.upperdublinrec.net)



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## General Information

### Location & Hours

Twining Valley Dog Park is located at 1487 Twining Road, Dresher, PA 19025. The park is open from dawn to dusk each day.

### Parking

The primary 52-car parking area is located at the dog park at 1487 Twining Road, Dresher, PA 19025. Dog park users may also park in the main parking lot at Twining Valley Park, located at 1400 Twining Road, Dresher, PA 19025 by the former golf clubhouse. When parking in this lot, you must use the tunnel under Twining Road that connects the two sides of the park.

### Features

- 4.7 acre off-leash park with three different enclosures, including a 0.9 acre small enclosure (dogs under 25 lbs), 1.75 acre medium enclosure (dogs 26-49 lbs) and a 2 acre large enclosure (dogs 50+ lbs)
- Easy access and adjacent parking
- Registered member access only using key fob for safety and security
- Double-gated transition areas
- Complimentary doggie bags
- Benches, shelters and more trees (*coming soon as part of Phase 2 of the Twining Valley Park project*)
- Leashed dogs and their owners are permitted to utilize the trails and walking paths throughout the entire 102 acre park
- *Water is not yet available at the Twining Valley Dog Park but the Township is working on getting water to that part of the property - stay tuned!*



# Health and Safety Requirements

## Veterinary Records

A current copy of veterinary vaccination records is required at the time of registration. Thereafter, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure their dog(s) is/are kept up-to-date on vaccinations. UDP&R will contact you annually for updated information. Please submit a copy of the following vaccination records with your initial membership registration. Upper Dublin Township requires the following three vaccinations:

- **DHPP:** DHPP is a yearly vaccine administered to immunize your dog against (D) distemper, (H) hepatitis, (P) parainfluenza and (P) parvovirus.
- **Rabies:** 7 Pa. Code §16.41 (Rabies Vaccination Required) states, "A person living in this Commonwealth owning or keeping a dog or cat over 3 months of age shall have the dog or cat vaccinated against rabies under the act and this chapter."
- **Canine Bordetella:** Bordetella, also known as kennel cough, is a highly contagious upper respiratory condition that affects a high amount of dogs. Canine Bordetella is spread from dog to dog. It is often passed when there is a high amount of dogs in one contained area, such as with boarding kennels, shelters, obedience classes, dog parks and dog day care facilities. Infected dogs are not permitted at the dog park.

## PA Dog License

In accordance with Pennsylvania State law, all dogs are required to have a current license. You may apply for an annual dog license or lifetime dog license. Fees, application and more information is available at [www.montcopa.org/1790/Dog-Licenses](http://www.montcopa.org/1790/Dog-Licenses).

## Age & Sex

All dogs must be at least 4 months old to register for dog park membership. Dogs *are not* required to be neutered or spayed; however, they are not permitted at the dog park when in heat.

## Overall Health

All dogs must be in good health. Owners will certify that their dog(s) is(are) in good health and have not been ill with a communicable condition which could potentially jeopardize other dogs/persons.



# How do I Join Twining Valley Dog Park?

## ***Step 1: Obtain a required vaccinations.***

Up-to-date vaccination records are required for each dog. You will need to submit proof (copies) of these items when registering for dog park membership.

It is the sole responsibility of the owner to ensure that veterinary records are kept current for all dogs. UDP&R will contact you annually for updated information. Failure to comply will result in suspension of membership (without refund) until current information is received.

## ***Step 2: Review this manual and complete registration form online.***

Thoroughly review this Membership Guide and Information Packet. Once reviewed, visit [www.upperdublinrec.net](http://www.upperdublinrec.net) and click on the Twining Valley Dog Park page to complete the online registration form and quiz. This registration form will ask you to upload required vaccinations and a photo of the dog(s) you are registering.

## ***Step 3: UDP&R will contact you to collect payment and issue key fob.***

The UDP&R office will review your registration form and required proof of vaccinations. You will be contacted within 5 business days to complete payment over the phone and given instruction to pick up your key fob. Key fobs will be picked up at the Upper Dublin Township Building (370 Commerce Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034) on weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

## ***Step 4: Have a great time at Twining Valley Dog Park!***



## Annual Membership Fees

**Twining Valley Dog Park Memberships are valid for one year. Memberships must be renewed on September 15 each year.** Membership fees are non-refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances. The following Twining Valley Dog Park membership fees will apply:

- **Upper Dublin Residents:** Dog park membership for Upper Dublin residents is free. UDP&R will contact you annually for updated vaccination records. Submitting updated records will confirm continued membership each year.
- **Non-Residents:** Dog park membership for non-residents of Upper Dublin is \$50.00 per year. UDP&R will contact you annually for updated vaccination records. Submitting updated records will confirm continued membership each year, as well as the \$50.00 payment annual payment. \*Payment in 2024 will be valid until September 14, 2025.
- **Additional or Replacement Key Fobs:** Additional or replacement key fobs are \$15.00 per fob. If you lose your key fob(s), please contact Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation at 215-643-1600 x3443 or [prcsr@upperdublin.net](mailto:prcsr@upperdublin.net) to report the loss and purchase another.

# Dog Park Rules & Regulations

To ensure safety and enjoyment for all, Twining Valley Dog Park users must strictly observe the following rules and regulations. Upper Dublin Parks & Recreation reserves the right to suspend or revoke memberships without refund if an owner does not comply with the dog park rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are subject to change as necessary for the safety and well-being of dogs and humans.

1. The dog park is open from dawn to dusk. In the event of closure due to scheduled maintenance, inclement weather or special permits, advanced notice will be provided when possible. Dog park members will receive an email, and updates will be posted on the Upper Dublin Dog Parks Facebook page.
2. The dog park is for registered members and registered dogs only. Access key fobs are non-transferable and may be used only by individuals to whom they are issued. Members may not hold open the gate for any other individual. Keys fobs are the property of Upper Dublin Township and may be recalled or deactivated at any time.
3. Dog park users and dog owners assume all risk related to park use. Members are solely responsible for their own dog's actions and assume all liability for damages suffered by any person or dog while using the dog park.
4. Dogs weighing less than 25 pounds should use the small dog area, dogs 25 to 49 pounds should use the medium dog area and dogs weighing 50 pounds or more must use the large dog area.
5. Dogs must be under view and within range of the handler's voice control at all times. Members must accompany and monitor their dog(s) closely and avoid distractions.
6. Members must immediately leash their dogs and exit the dog park if their dog is acting aggressively towards people or dogs.
7. Handlers must remain with their dog(s) within the fenced in areas.
8. There is a maximum of three (3) dogs per handler. If members bring three dogs, all must qualify for and remain in the same size appropriate area of the park and remain with their owner.
9. Dogs must be kept on leash until inside the entry vestibule area of the dog park enclosure. A leash must be carried by the owner at all times to ensure safety.
10. Smoking, alcohol, glass and food are prohibited in the dog park.
11. Prong, pinch, spike and choke collars must be removed, prior to entering the fenced area.
12. Dogs in heat or under 4 months of age are not permitted inside the fenced areas.
13. Dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals must be removed from the park immediately. Animals who are known to have a history of aggressive behavior will not be permitted.
14. Puppies and dogs using this park must be properly licensed, inoculated and healthy. Dogs with contagious health conditions are not permitted in the park.
15. In accordance with PA law, all dogs must wear a collar, displaying their current rabies tag and license.
16. Owners must clean up after their dogs. All waste must be bagged and disposed of properly in the marked receptacles.
17. Members must ensure their dog(s) do not dig holes or cause damage to park property.
18. Children age 14 and under are not allowed in the off-leash dog area. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
19. Park is open for general use. Special classes, events and/or private business activities require Township permit. Please call 215-643-1600 x3443 for more information.
20. For all emergencies, dial 911. Any serious dog bite requiring medical attention to a dog or person should be reported to police.
21. Violators of these rules and regulations will be subject to removal from the Twining Valley Dog Park.





# Hold Harmless Agreement

Any participant and/or his guardian, in consideration for the Township of Upper Dublin through its Department of Parks & Recreation providing facilities, instruction, transportation and supervision in the activity for which he has registered does hereby:

1. Agree to assume all risks and responsibilities of possible damage or injury involved through participation in said activity. I understand I am to furnish my own insurance in case of injury.
2. Request permission to participate in the activity with the full knowledge that the said activity could result in damage or injury to me.
3. Agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Township, its department and agents from liability for personal injury or property damage resulting from my participation in said activity.
4. Waive the right to dispute all proper charges once he/she/they have registered and/or participated in the UDP&R program, trip, special event or membership for which a registration is received.
5. Agree to reimburse Upper Dublin Township for any and all fees incurred for wrongfully disputing a credit charge.
6. Agree to allow Upper Dublin Township to use any photos taken at an activity for future Township publications.

## Incident Notification Procedure

If an owner would like to file a formal report or make the Township aware of an ongoing Dog Park situation, the Incident Report Form must be completed. The Incident Report will enable us to document occurrences and properly investigate and resolve the concerns of our Dog Park members.

### **Violations that should be reported:**

- Person bit by a dog
- Dog bitten with/without medical treatment necessary
- Failure to abide by Dog Park rules
- Disruptive/abusive behavior to persons and/or dogs

### **Procedure for Review**

1. All reports will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department.
2. If the incident resulted in serious harm to a person(s) or dog(s), the offending dog will be suspended pending outcome of formal review and final determination.
3. The Parks and Recreation Department will discuss the incident and recommend a course of action, if any, to take. Actions may include but are not limited to restricted use of the park, temporary or permanent bans on using the park or evaluation from a trainer.
4. Any incidents where a person is bitten will be reported to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department in accordance with the PA Dog Law. The PA Dog Laws shall supersede all other rules, regulations and guidelines.

### **Human Infractions (any member who chooses to disregard the Dog Park rules)**

- First Incident: Verbal and/or written warning.
- Second Incident: The key fob must be relinquished and the member must re-take orientation.
- Third Incident: Suspension or termination of membership.

# Incident Report Form

Please note that any incident involving bodily injury to persons or dogs requiring medical attention should be immediately reported to the Upper Dublin Township Police Department by calling 911. This form should be completed for all incidents of aggressive dog behavior & those incidents noted above regardless of the severity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs. Color: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Other Individual/Dogs Involved

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs. Color: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description: \_\_\_\_\_

*If names are not known please provide a full description of the individual, their dog's name and anything that may be pertinent (i.e., make, model, color of their car, license plate number, etc.) or other additional information that may assist us in this review.*

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## Nature of the Incident

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  am  pm

Location:  Small Dog Area  Medium Dog Area  Large Dog Area  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Actions Taken:

None Ambulance Police Veterinary Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_