

# Aggressive Dogs Policy

Dog owners have the right and responsibility to determine when their dog's or another dog's behavior is escalated into aggression, and intervene. As stated in the Canine Corners rules, dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals (whether the behavior results in injury or not) must be immediately restrained by the owner and leave the park. Sometimes, dogs (and people) just need a cooling off period to settle down.

We recognize that aggression is seen differently by different people. For our purposes, aggression is defined as any behavior that violates the rights of other dogs or humans, such as offensive, threatening, attacking, assaulting, hostile, injurious, or unprovoked invasion. The threat of harm to another individual involves snarling, growling, snapping, biting, barking, or lunging.

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## Reporting an Accident/Incident

**CALL 911 IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY** for any of the following emergency services:

**Police:** Crimes in progress or threat of safety.

**Medical/Paramedics:** Any serious injury or medical crisis.

**Fire:** Any fire or smoke/gas detection.

**Rockford Park District Police** can aid in the exchange of information between parties involved in an incident.

Police (Non-Emergency) Phone: 815-966-2900

Report incidents involving dog bites or attacks to **Winnebago County Animal Services**.  
WCAS Phone: 815-319-4100


**Contact Customer Service to report all accidents/incidents to the Rockford Park District by calling or texting 815-987-8800.** Collect information, and document it as much as possible. Record names, addresses, and phone numbers of witnesses. Collect whatever information you can. Document descriptions of individuals, and take photos if possible. Report all known information about the situation.

Individuals that witness any animal attack and/or aggressive behavior are also requested to provide documentation (i.e., pictures, witness statements, and/or contact information) to RPD Customer Service by calling or texting 815-987-8800.



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