

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN
BUENAVENTURA MUNICIPAL CODE
SEC2: CHAPTER 8.050, SEC. 8.050.515
DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH AREAS

A. Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, properly licensed and tagged (i.e., ownership identification) dogs without vicious, dangerous or aggressive propensities may be exercised without a leash in the designated areas at the designated times established by the Parks Manager, at the Arroyo Verde and Camino Real parks subject to the following rules and regulations:



1. No dog is permitted in the off-leash area unless it is under the care, custody and control of a person 18 years or older (the "caretaker").
2. Dogs are permitted off-leash in the designated areas only during the posted hours of operation.
3. All dogs must be vaccinated for rabies, and have a current animal license. No dog that is sick, in heat, vicious, aggressive or has previously bitten any person is permitted in the off-leash area.
4. All dogs must be under the voice control of their caretakers at all times. The caretaker must remain present within the off-leash dog area at all times, must carry a leash, and must leash the dog at the first sign aggression.
5. The caretaker must promptly remove and dispose of the dog's litter. Caretaker bears full responsibility for filling any holes and repairing

damage to the park created by the dog.

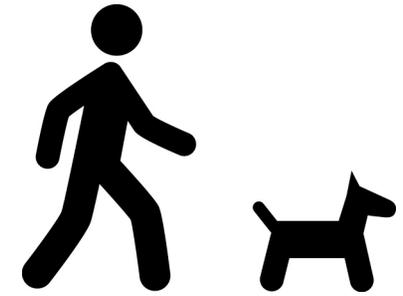
6. No animals other than dogs are permitted in an off-leash area. No dog obedience classes may be conducted in an off-leash area.

B. The use of an off-leash area by a dog and its caretaker will constitute the caretaker's agreement to comply with the rules contained in this section as well as those regulations posted by the Parks Manager with respect to the use of such off-leash area.

C. The use of the off-leash area by a dog and its caretaker will constitute the caretaker's agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city from any claim, injury or damage arising from or in connection with such use.



SPECIAL NOTE: Please remember that these are public parks and are used daily by the entire Ventura community. We cooperatively share the space.



**WELCOME TO
THE OFF-LEASH AREA
ENJOY YOUR VISIT**

CAMINO REAL PARK
(Dean Drive and Varsity)
Every Day Dawn - Dusk

ARROYO VERDE PARK
(Foothill Road and Day Road)
Tues. - Sun. 6:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

**OFF-LEASH AREAS ARE
CLOSED ON CITY HOLIDAYS
AND
SPECIAL EVENTS**

Welcome to the off-leash area.

Use of this area is a privilege. The off-leash areas are a cooperative venture between the City of Ventura and COLLAR. Please follow these guidelines and the city regulations so these areas are safe and fun places to visit.

WHAT IS COLLAR?

In 2002, interested dog owners formed a Dog Owners Group (DOG) and worked with the City of Ventura, the City Council, and the public in a successful effort to amend the Municipal Code, effective August 29, 2002, to allow for limited off-leash canine recreation.

COLLAR (Citizens for Off-Leash Laws And Recreation) organized in July of 2004 to work with the city in overseeing off-leash recreation areas within the city's public parks.

COLLAR annually elects an all-volunteer Steering Committee that communicates between COLLAR and the city, organizes Volunteers at each park, and distributes informational flyers to the public.

As the name implies, COLLAR is made up of citizens like you, and we invite you to attend regularly scheduled meetings with the city, become involved, serve on the Steering Committee, and be a Volunteer at our parks.

COLLAR MISSION STATEMENT

- ☛ To provide safe, conveniently located recreational opportunities for citizens who want to spend time with their dogs.
- ☛ To provide opportunities for people to meet and socialize with others who have a shared interest in dogs.
- ☛ To provide opportunities for dogs to socialize and become better canine citizens.

- ☛ To provide public places for pet-related education and information exchange.
- ☛ To provide responsible dog caretakers by encouraging positive activities between people and their dogs.
- ☛ To encourage the human-dog bond.

COLLAR GUIDELINES FOR USE OF DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH AREAS

- ☛ Please respect others, respect the dogs and respect the off-leash areas.
- ☛ We are responsible for our dogs and each one of us is legally liable for his/her dog's behavior.
- ☛ You must walk your dog on-leash to and from the off-leash areas. If you don't have your dog on a leash, you could get a ticket (\$135).
- ☛ Stay with and supervise your dog at all times in case play gets too rough. Just like children, dogs sometimes get over-excited and that's when altercations and injuries can occur.
 - ☛ If your dog exhibits overly aggressive behavior, a Volunteer may ask you and your dog to leave the off-leash areas. If the aggressive behavior continues, you may be asked to leave the off-leash areas, and law enforcement may be summoned to enforce the existing ordinance.
- ☛ Pick up your dog's waste and your litter. If you see someone who forgets to clean up, gently remind the person to help keep the park clean. Try to leave the area cleaner than when you arrived.
- ☛ For your children's safety, you must closely supervise them. Children should not play any sport in the off-leash areas. Dogs may become excited around jumping, shouting and screaming. Dogs will often chase a running child. We want you and your dog to enjoy your

visit to the off-leash areas, so for the safety of all, please keep your children under strict supervision.

☛ Veterinarians and trainers say shared water bowls could spread disease. Please bring your own bottle.

☛ Quick release collars are recommended for dogs in the off-leash areas.

☛ Dogs under four months of age and unvaccinated dogs are vulnerable to disease and parasites. They may not be brought into the off-leash areas for their own protection as well as the protection of other dogs.

☛ It is recommended that food not be brought into the off-leash areas. Some dogs might try to get the food and possibly become aggressive. Bring dog treats at your own risk.

☛ Bring a scared or timid dog to the off-leash areas when there are just a few easy-going dogs, not when it's a free-for-all. Peak hours at Arroyo Verde are 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and at Camino Real 4:00 p.m. - Dusk.

☛ Be aware that dogs tend to be more aggressive when on a leash.

☛ If you smoke, please extinguish cigarettes and put remains in the trash. Cigarette butts can be harmful to dogs if they eat them.

☛ Please be gracious if a Volunteer asks for your name, address, and phone number. COLLAR tries to keep an updated list for reference and emergencies.

Respect the dog park Volunteer's advice. They have your dogs' best interests in mind. If you would like to be a Volunteer at either park, please call The Parks Department at 652-4551.

COLLAR
Ventura, CA