

1. What exactly is a dog run?

A dog run is an enclosed area within a park that gives dog owners a safe, legal place to allow their dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash.

2. Why is a dog run necessary?

Dog runs serve several purposes: a.) it brings together people who share a common interest, b.) it helps eliminate illegal off-leash activities in parks, therefore helping non-dog owners and c.) the dog run helps create better canine citizens because a well exercised dog is a better behaved dog.

3. Are there any dog run rules?

There are a number of rules, many of which are considered “common sense rules,” that are in place to ensure the safety of both the dogs and dog owners and to help ensure that everyone has a good time. A complete list of these rules is available at <http://louisvilledogs.netfirms.com/rules.html>.

4. How are the dog runs operated?

The dog runs are operated by the Louisville Dog Run Association through an agreement with Louisville Metro Parks (and Kentucky State Parks for the Sawyer Dog Run). The LDRA oversees all maintenance and operation of the facilities while paying an annual user fee to Metro Parks. Users are required to show proof of vaccination and license and then receive a tag and electronic key that allows them to access the park when they want.

5. How many dog runs are there in Louisville?

The LDRA currently operates three dog runs in Louisville: the Sawyer Dog Park in Sawyer State Park, the Vettiner Dog Run in Charlie Vettiner Park, and the Cochran Hill Dog Run in Cherokee Park. We are currently planning two more dog runs, to be located in Toonerville Trolley Park and Champions Park (the old River Road Country Club site).

6. How many people currently use the dog runs?

In 2009 there are nearly 2,400 registered dog run users. Through September 2009 there has been over 61,000 daily visits to the dog runs.

7. How will my donation be utilized?

The constant maintenance (ie, parking lot upkeep, new benches, fence and lock repair, lawn care, tree and stump removal, bags, clean up) is all very expensive. Donations and dues are the primary source of funds to keep the parks suitable and safe for our dogs to play and run and therefore very important and necessary.

8. Will my donation be tax deductible?

Yes, the Louisville Dog Run Association is a 501(c)(3) approved non-profit organization and all donations are eligible for a tax deduction.