

**For membership, bring the following:**

1. Application form
2. Check payable to "Swansea Government Center"
3. Copy of rabies vaccination
4. Signed Waiver of Liability

**Bring to:**

Swansea Government Center  
1400 N. Illinois Street  
Swansea, IL 62226  
Phone: 618-234-0044

**Application for Swansea Dog Park Membership**

Name of Owner and Co-owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Veterinary name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your dog(s) have a current rabies shot? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is your dog(s) wearing the current rabies/license tags? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a renewal application? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, please enter all information)

If yes, enter last year's tag number \_\_\_\_\_ Please enter the following only if information has changed:

1<sup>st</sup> Member Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ has this dog ever shown aggressive tendencies toward people or other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe below. Has this dog ever bitten a person or another dog? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe below.

2<sup>nd</sup> Member Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_ has this dog ever shown aggressive tendencies toward people or other dogs? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe below. Has this dog ever bitten a person or another dog? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, describe below.

3<sup>rd</sup> Member Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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If answered yes to any of the aggressive dog questions above, please explain here.  
(If needed, use back of this page.)

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## **Contract Regulations**

By signing this contract you, the Buyer(s), have purchased for your dog(s) a membership in the Swansea Dog Park. Buyer(s) agree(s) that the membership fee is **nonrefundable**.

Buyer(s) agree(s) that the membership is not transferable to another dog owner. Other dogs owned by the Buyer(s) may be substituted for those named above provided they are approved of by the Village of Swansea.

**Additional dogs** owned by the Buyer(s) may be added to those named above provided the dogs are approved of by The Village of Swansea and an additional membership fee is paid.

Buyer(s) may **cancel this contract** without penalty or obligation (and receive a full refund) within 7 calendar days of the date membership begins. The Village of Swansea reserves the right to deny entry to the facility or membership in the facility for a violation of the Rules & Regulations of the SDP, and to terminate membership or expel a person and/or dog from the facility for a violation of the Rules & Regulations of the SDP. If the Village of Swansea terminates a membership, they reserve the right to return pro-rated fees or no fees.

### **RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

#### **Acceptance of Risk and Release of Liability**

Acceptance of the terms and conditions of this release and adherence to dog park rules are conditions of approval, retention, and renewal of membership for the Swansea Dog Park, hereinafter referred to as SDP. The Village of Swansea may revoke membership at any time for non-compliance.

I understand that (1) unleashing my dog and being physically present at a dog park area involves risks of injury to me, any individual accompanying me, other people, my dog(s) and other dog(s), including but not limited to, risks resulting from aggressive dogs, unpredictable behavior, and lack of training; and (2) that despite the efforts of SDP to ensure owners have complied, there is a risk that not all dogs present in the dog park are licensed and vaccinated for rabies, distemper, or parvo, as required by law, which could result in injury to a human or dog; and (3) SPD does not guarantee that dogs in the park are safe or healthy; and (4) additional risks include, but not limited to, dog fights, dog bites, theft, disappearance or unlawful capture, escape over and under fences, being knocked-down, chased or tripped by a dog, and vegetation or standing water that may be unhealthy if consumed, and (5) there is a greater potential for harm to small dogs who play in the large dog area and that it is recommended that small dogs play in the small dog area only; and (6) use of the dog park is self-directed and not directly supervised by an agent of SDP or Village of Swansea, IL; and (7) violation of these terms, conditions, rules and regulations may result in suspension or revocation of membership and/or dog park privileges.

I further acknowledge that I (1) agree with, and accept the terms and conditions of this release; and (2) have received a copy of the rules for dog park usage and agree to abide by these rules and to inform others I bring into the dog park, including supervised children age 10 or older, of these rules and will ensure their compliance; and (3) agree to immediately report any unsafe property conditions to the Village of Swansea; and (4) am not aware of any instance in which the dog I am requesting an annual permit for has shown aggressive, fighting, or biting behavior towards other animals or people.

I assume all risks associated with using the dog park, including its fixtures and equipment, in an unsupervised manner, including the risk of injury to me, or any individual.

In consideration of the Village of Swansea permitting me to use the dog park, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge SDP and the Village of Swansea and its officers, volunteers, and agents from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my use or intended use of said off-leash area premises. I fully and forever release and discharge the Village of Swansea and their agents from any and all negligent acts and omissions in the same, and intend to be legally bound by this release. I hereby assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save harmless The Village of Swansea, their agents and volunteers for any damage because of bodily injury, death or damage or loss to property, including legal and expert witness fees, caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties, employees, agents or volunteers of SDP or any other persons using the facility or animals thereon.

I have carefully read this release of liability and understand and fully agree with its contents. I agree to obey and enforce all rules of the dog park.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please initial each rule to indicate that you have read it, understand it, and agree to abide by it.

- \_\_\_ Dog Park hours of operation: dawn to dusk.
- \_\_\_ Patrons will use the park at their own risk.
- \_\_\_ Leaving dogs unattended is prohibited. Owners will watch their dogs at all times.
- \_\_\_ No more than two dogs per family are allowed in the dog park at any one time. Dogs are pack animals. When an owner has more than two dogs, the dogs tend to act as a “pack” which could lead to displays of aggression. Also it is extremely difficult for an owner to watch more than two dogs at one time.
- \_\_\_ Puppies must be older than 4 months to use the park.
- \_\_\_ No smoking, food or dog treats are allowed in the dog park.
- \_\_\_ Owners are legally responsible for the actions of their dogs.
- \_\_\_ Excessive barking is prohibited. Dog owners should quiet their dogs or remove them from the dog park as a consideration of our neighbors and other users.
- \_\_\_ Children under 16 must be under the direct supervision of an adult
- \_\_\_ Pinch and choke chains must be removed from dogs prior to entering the park.
- \_\_\_ Dogs are required to wear a basic flat buckle collar or harness with i.d. tags at all times.
- \_\_\_ **Keep an eye on your dog at all times**, and keep your dog’s leash with you.
- \_\_\_ **Feces: Clean up after your dog! No exceptions!**
- \_\_\_ **Do not let anyone other than your own people guests and paid-for dog guests through the member gate at any time**, regardless of whether the people wanting in have a dog with them or not, or if they say they are a member or not. Direct them to the Swansea Government Center. If the Government Center is not open tell them they will need to call the Swansea Government Center at 234-0044 or return when the office is open. Make sure you close the member gate after you even if people are waiting to go through the gate.
- \_\_\_ Dogs must be on leash unless they are in the off-leash dog park; in the off-leash dog park, dogs should be off-leash(unless they are being led from one area of the dog park to another).
- \_\_\_ **No bullies! Rough play is fine as long as it is consensual. Rough play and chasing are not acceptable if any of the dogs involved are not comfortable with the situation. Just because a dog’s intent is to play does not make the dog’s behavior acceptable or tolerable if the other dog is not enjoying itself. Mounting should be discouraged as it is generally not enjoyed by the dog being mounted. All dogs deserve to have a good time at the Park!**
- \_\_\_ **Digging holes:** Do not let your dog dig holes.
- \_\_\_ Dogs must be up-to-date on shots, including rabies. **Rabies tags must be worn.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Un-neutered male dogs.** For safety reasons, we strongly prefer that male dogs over 7 months of age be neutered to use the Park, especially for the large breeds noted for sometimes being dog aggressive. Some exceptions may be made. Please note that even if the intact (un-neutered) male is wonderfully behaved, the presence of an intact male may cause other males, even neutered males, to become more aggressive.

\_\_\_\_\_ If aggressive behavior is observed, take immediate action: move your dog to another area of the park, leave the park, or do whatever you have to do to prevent the behavior from reoccurring (time-out, redirect behavior, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog fights. Some experts recommend the following method for breaking up a dog fight: each owner grabs his/her dog by the hindquarters or tail, pulls the dog away from the other dog, and holds onto the dog until it calms down. Even this method is not risk-free – even your own dog could still bite you. Under no circumstances should you ever grab a fighting dog by its collar or anywhere near the face or mouth of the dog!

\_\_\_\_\_ Dogs in heat, dogs that are sick, and dogs with obvious external parasites (e.g. fleas) are not allowed in the SDP.

\_\_\_\_\_ Violators of rules are subject to removal from the Dog Park and/or suspension.

\_\_\_\_\_ In an emergency, please contact the Swansea Police Department at 233-8114.

**I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the Contract Regulations, the Release and Waiver Liability and Assumption of Risk, and the Rules and Regulations. I understand that the Village of Swansea reserves the right to alter or amend its rules at any time.**

**Owner Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Owner Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR STAFF USE ONLY** **TAG Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership is for fiscal year (May through April)**

Membership: Dog 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Dog 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Dog 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Swansea Resident Fee \_\_\_\_\_ Nonresident Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Begins \_\_\_\_\_ Ends \_\_\_\_\_

Payment received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Number and amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Copy of Rabies Shot Verification is attached** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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