

# PawPrints

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## What's New...

**IT'S OFFICIAL!!!**  
The Fullerton Dog Park Foundation is now a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit.



### What's the Fullerton Dog Park Foundation?

The Fullerton Dog Park Foundation (FDPF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity organization formed by the members of the Fullerton Dog Park Advisory Board.

### Why was the FDPF created?

The main reason FDPF was created was to provide us more flexibility in fundraising. As a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, The FDPF is able to apply for grants from companies such as Petsmart, Petco and other large corporations. We can also organize food related fundraising events with restaurants like Soup Plantation and Papa Murphy's, as well as receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or other gifts.

### So what's new?

On June 21st, 2011 the Fullerton City Council voted unanimously to accept the Operations Agreement between the City of Fullerton and The Fullerton Dog Park Foundation. This contract defines the relationship between the City of Fullerton and FDPF. Once executed, the FDPF will officially be the organization in charge of operations at the park. However, the Rules and Regulations have not changed. The rules that are in place now will be maintained under FDPF operations.

### How does this affect donations?

All previous donations still belong to Fullerton Dog Park and will be used for Fullerton Dog Park maintenance and functions. However, after May 1, 2011, all donations for Fullerton Pooch Park should directed to Fullerton Dog Park Foundation. Please make all checks payable to:

Fullerton Pooch Park  
c/o Fullerton Dog Park Foundation  
P.O. Box 2877  
Fullerton, CA 92837-9998

## To Chip or Not to Chip

by Wendy Gillroy

I've recently seen some news headlines that have brought sadness to my heart. One article on Yahoo News reported a dog that was mistakenly released into the wild.

"Frankfort [Kentucky] Police found the dog [Cooper] on the loose, and turned it over to the Humane Society last week. The Humane Society thought the dog was a coyote, and dropped it off, into the wild. Lori Goodlet [owner] says she's been coming to the spot several times a day for the last week, just hoping Copper's nearby. She says people she's never even met came out today to help search. She says she'll keep searching until Copper can be found."

A second story I saw on TV reported that in 2010 San Bernadino Humane Society has over 800+ dogs in their facility after July 4th because scared canines fled from unsecured gates during fireworks shows. Many of these dogs do not have any identification and they had no way of contacting the owners. In addition, rescue shelters in Japan are having difficulty reuniting pet with their owners because the vast majority of them do not have any identification.

All these tragedies could easily be prevented by microchipping their pet. A microchip is a permanent identification chip that is about the size

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 **Recycling**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Sat. July 9 • 8am to 1pm**

  
**Souplantation**  
salads • soups • bakery

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Have a great meal and support Pooch Park at the same time.  
Eat at Soup Plantation on **Thursday, July 21, 2011** and 15% of your bill will be donated to Pooch Park. **Note: YOU MUST BRING IN A FLIER and purchase a drink with your meal.**  
You can download the flier at [www.FullertonPoochPark.org](http://www.FullertonPoochPark.org)



[www.FullertonPoochPark.org](http://www.FullertonPoochPark.org)  
or [www.FullertonDogParkFoundation.org](http://www.FullertonDogParkFoundation.org)

# It's up to you to keep Pooch Park safe and clean! Please scoop the poop!

From Reader's Digest CANADA **Reader's Digest VERSION**

## 8 Ways to Practice Proper Etiquette in Dog Parks

### 1. Don't bring a favorite toy.

By all means bring a plaything, but leave your pet's absolute favorite toy at home because chances are good that it won't make it out of the park unscathed.

### 2. Pick up the doo-doo!

A dog park is not a public pet toilet. Always dispose of your "doggy bags" properly.

### 3. Don't bring a sick pet.

When pets are under the weather they can be really grumpy and overly aggressive, and can risk passing something on to other pets. Most importantly, make sure that your pet is completely vaccinated.

### 4. Control your dog.

Your dog should know and respect the basic commands (come, sit and stay) before you take it to a dog park, so you can prevent it from harassing other dogs and their owners. "Your dog has to respect you as a strong pack leader," says Smith. Also avoid correcting the behaviors of other people's dogs without receiving permission from the owner first -- or the scrap might end up being between humans!

### 5. Don't bring small children.

A dog park is no place for small children. They run and yell, and dogs will instinctively chase them because that's what dogs do.

### 6. Repair any damage.

Besides stepping in doggy droppings, there's nothing worse than twisting your ankle in a hidden hole in the ground. If your dog is a chronic digger, take the time to refill the holes.

### 7. Don't bring food and treats.

Unless you want a pack of scavenging mutts descending on you and your pet, leave the food at home.

### 8. Don't bring dogs in heat.

Aside from the potential for an unsplayed dog to become pregnant, the mere presence of a hot-to-trot female can send normally well-behaved males into a frenzy, which can be traumatic for your pooch. In general, it's best to have your dog spayed or neutered.



### Pooch Photos

Left: "Maggie"  
Age: About six  
Breed: American Eskimo mix  
Favorite Game: What's under the blanket.  
Right: "Kali"  
Age: About 10  
Breed: Australian Shepherd mix  
Favorite Game: Wrestling

Want to see your pooch in the next issue? Send your photo to [poochpark411@yahoo.com](mailto:poochpark411@yahoo.com). Include the dog's name, age, breed, owner's name (optional) and something interesting about him/her.

There was an unfortunate incident at Fullerton Pooch Park in June where a lady's adult disabled son who went to the small dog area was prevented from entering because he had a small pet dog and large Certified Service Dog. A man barred the disabled person's entry because of the service dog's large size.

**PLEASE NOTE: Certified Service Dogs (of any size) are exempt from park "dog size" restrictions and are allowed in any part of the park.** Certified Service Dogs, because of the training and testing they receive, ARE allowed to be with and stay with their owner at all times -- anywhere the person is allowed to be. This means that a large Certified Service Dog is welcome to enter the small dog area with its owner, as long as the owner is there with his small dog pet. That also means that a small Certified Service Dog is welcome to enter the large dog area with its owner, as long as the owner is there with his large dog pet. To deny the disabled person entrance to a public facility because of his service animal is illegal and cannot be tolerated.

With that said, any person bringing a small or large Certified Service Dog to Fullerton Pooch Park should make sure the Certified Service Dog is wearing some type of identification stating it is a Certified Service Dog. Please also remember that, although your dog is a Certified Service Dog, 99% of the dogs at Pooch Park are not certified. This means that a large dog may not welcome a small dog (regardless of its certification) into the large dog area. **Please carefully consider the situation before entering any area for the safety of all animals and people.**

To all visitors: if you see a disabled person at the park, please do your best to assist that person. And as always, be kind, be thoughtful and be aware.

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of a grain of rice. A veterinarian uses a needle and places the chip under the skin near the animal's shoulder blades. The chip contains the information the owner provides and is registered in a national database. A found pet (dog or cat) can be checked by any veterinary clinic for a microchip.

At one time, microchipping was not urged because different chips were read by different scanners depending upon the manufacturer. Luckily, manufacturers have changed and have worked to create an industry standard for all microchips.

The cost of microchipping varies by veterinary charges but generally ranges from \$15 to \$50. You can contact your vet or local animal shelter to inquire on low-cost microchipping in your area.

Vaccination Station also provides veterinarian-staffed mini-clinics that feature low-cost microchips (\$15), vaccinations and overall health exams. That's a very small amount to insure your best friend can be located in case something happens. They are held on weekends at two locations in Orange County. Check their website for schedule and locations: [www.thevaccinationstation.com](http://www.thevaccinationstation.com)