#### **Guiding Principles and Goals**

## The Paw Park Guiding Principles

- We are responsible pet guardians
- We are considerate of other offleash users
- We are dedicated to the natural environment

#### The Paw Park Goals

- To encourage exercising in the off- leash area
- To promote friendship and cooperation among dog walkers
- To cooperate and provide input to the Town of Unity on matters relating to the off leash park

#### **Recommended Vaccinations**

Rabies – fatal nervous system disease. A major health hazard that is extremely important to have your pet vaccinated against

<u>Distemper</u> – a nervous system disease that is often fatal if contracted. Most dogs will be exposed at some time during their life.

<u>Parvovirus</u> - a highly contagious viral disease spread thru infected fecal material and can survive in the environment for up to 2 years or longer.

Symptoms – lethargy, vomiting and bloody diarrhea. Most untreated dogs die. This is a disease seen on a regular basis in our area.

<u>Canine Cough (kennel cough)</u> – bacteria and viruses cause inflammation to the lungs and respiratory passages. Risk increases in areas where dogs congregate. Symptoms range from very mild cough to severe pneumonia.

<u>Hepatitis</u> - a virus which causes liver disease and in severe cases death. Spread by contact with infected feces and urine.

For further information contact Dr. Travis Ducherer @ Unity Veterinary Services at 306-228-2491

#### What you can do?

Support the off-leash area and abide with the signage posted at the park

Contact any of the following committee members for more information on The Paw Park

Laura Howdle 210-8088 Karen Dyck 228-9885 Travis Ducherer 228-4184

Anyone who sees unattended dog(s) or other problems should call the Animal Control Officer at the Town of Unity 306-228-2621

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#### Benefits of an Off-Leash Area

#### **Education:**

We believe that off- leash etiquette guidelines are essential for dog owners/walkers to access the off leash area. Please abide by the guidelines set out within this pamphlet and the signage at The Paw Park.

#### The Community:

Off- leash areas bring people together within the community, not only having a safe area for pets to run but a place for families and friends to spend time together in the great outdoors.

#### Dogs:

Creates happier and healthier pets by providing opportunities to socialize and play with other dogs.

Exercise often improves the overall behavior of a dog.

Off-leash areas offer a level of exercise that is difficult to achieve in a leashed walk.

#### **Off-leash Rules**

Town of Unity Animal Control bylaws apply

- All dog(s) must have a license and current vaccinations
- Owners or dog walkers must obey the orders of an Animal Control Officer
- Any damage and/or injury caused by such dog will be the owners responsibility

#### Off-leash Rules

## The owner or dog walker of the dogs must:

- Accompany the dog in the off-leash area at all times
- Carry a leash not longer than 1.5 m
- Must cleanup and dispose of your pet's waste
- Not bring food into the off-leash area
- Not allow any bicycle, etc. in the off-leash area
- Have an adult closely supervise young children
- Shall not allow an animal other than a dog to enter into or remain in the off-leash area

## Dogs Prohibited from the off-leash area include:

- Female dog in season
- Puppy under 4 months of age
- Dog(s) that has been declared dangerous by court order
- Dog who has exhibited aggression towards other dogs and/or people in the past

# Activities that constitute a nuisance include but are not limited to following:

- Dog owners or walkers shall not allow their dog to become a nuisance to other people or animals in the off-leash area.
- Allowing a dog to run at a distance from the owner or dog walker where it cannot respond to voice or sight commands
- Dog performing an act that injures a person or other animal
- Dog chasing or otherwise threatening a person or another animal
- Excessive barking, howling or otherwise disturbing any person or other animal
- If your dog becomes a nuisance in the offleash area, it MUST be leashed and removed from the park immediately
- Failure to leash and remove the dog may result in seizure and impounding of the dog

# The Town of Unity nor The Paw Park committee will be responsible in any way!

Enter the off-leash dog park at your own risk! Please scoop the poop®