



PARK HISTORY

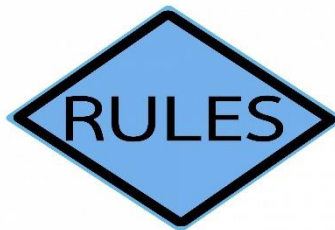
Pet Owners Organization of Citrus Heights was incorporated in 1997 to develop an off-leash dog park. In partnership with Sunrise Recreation and Park District, POOCH dog park at C Bar C was opened in 2000. The two organizations work together to maintain and upgrade the dog park.

In October 2005 we opened "Buddy's Park" for small dogs in memory of Buddy, a Boston Terrier. 10 years later we expanded Buddy's Park to its present size.

POOCH members, with their dues and donations, pay for improvements to the park, waste bags, pools, chairs, shade structures, etc. as well as liability insurance for special events at the park. There is no charge for use of the park.

POOCH Dog Park is accessible for those with special needs and our long-term goal is to raise the funds for a walking path around the park to improve access for the elderly and handicapped and to just make a walk around the park safer and easier for everyone.

The park is open every day from dawn to dusk with the exception of Thursday when the park opens at 10am after maintenance and mowing by S.R.P.D. POOCH is a 501c(3) Non-Profit Organization supporting POOCH Dog Parks at C Bar C Park in Citrus Heights, CA All contributions are tax deductible.



- City law requires all dogs must be licensed and vaccinated with proof readily available.
- Citrus Heights City ordinance requires that you pick up your dog waste. Bags are provided as a courtesy by POOCH and paid for by your membership, donations and fund raisers.
- No running, climbing on trees or structures or rough housing are permitted.
- For their safety and the safety of other park users, it is vital that children and dogs are closely supervised at all times.
 - Owners of dogs displaying aggressive behavior must remove their dog(s) from the dog park to ensure the safety of their dog, other dogs and their people.
- **Report incidents of dog bites to Citrus Heights Animal Services 916-725-7387**
 - Keep your dog in sight and under control at all times.
 - Please review the rules posted at the entrance.

PARK USERS UTILIZE THE OFF- LEASH PARK AND ITS FACILITIES AT THEIR OWN RISK(S). We, the members of POOCH are dedicated to the health and well -being of our companion animals and their guardians.



Help keep the dog park clean!

Take pride in your community and parks and do your part to take care of the facilities. Pick up your dogs waste and we suggest you pick up any waste you see that may have been inadvertently missed by other park users and dispose of properly. If we all did this, we would have the cleanest dog park in the area and we all probably miss one once in a while, so please pay it forward. Bags are provided as a courtesy by POOCH and paid for by member dues, donations and fund raisers. There is a donation box by the gate in both dog parks. No donation is too small, every little bit helps towards achieving our goals.

Please welcome new visitors!

That new dog coming in may just be the new best buddy of your dog so make an effort to welcome new- comers. **Please do not congregate around the entrance.** If the dogs make a “gang” at the gate when someone is trying to enter, please move your dog(s) away from the gate so the entering dog does not feel threatened. (**“Fear Aggression”**) is the number one cause of dog fights. Even though your dog may just be friendly and greeting, the new dog does not know that and can very quickly become overwhelmed from several dogs rushing in to greet them.

Important Numbers:

- City of Citrus Heights Animal Services 916-725-7387 (animal problems)
- Citrus Heights Police Department 916-727-5500 (any problems)
- Sunrise Recreation & Park District 916-725-1585 (maintenance)
- Paladin Security 916-331-3175 (security-minor concerns)

We also welcome everybody to become involved in our fundraising efforts by attending our POOCH member meetings. Come join us to see how you can help out POOCH and make a few new friends in the process. They are held at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of every month except December at Rusch Park in meeting room #4.

In the last several years due to relocation, health and aging our volunteer numbers have drastically decreased. We desperately need some new member volunteers to become involved and help us with our fund- raising events. If you have some time to help us out our board of directors and friendly volunteers will welcome you with open arms. Our primary fund- raising events are:

- 1) Annual Pawsta dinner (all you can eat spaghetti dinner) traditionally held the last Saturday in February
- 2) We have a spring, summer and fall bake sales and membership drive.

To find out more about POOCH and our upcoming fundraising events please:

Visit our website: www.poochdogpark.org

Go to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/poochdogpark/ and request to be added as a member.