

What is a Dog Park?

A “dog park” is a special park made for dogs. Sometimes these parks are called “bark parks,” or “canine parks.” They also are called “off-leash” parks, because dogs can run inside the park without a leash. In urban areas, dogs are usually required by law to wear a leash. It is attached to a dog’s collar.

Dog parks are a small section of land that is fenced off within a city park. There is usually a parking lot close by. This part of the park may be near a baseball diamond or tennis court.

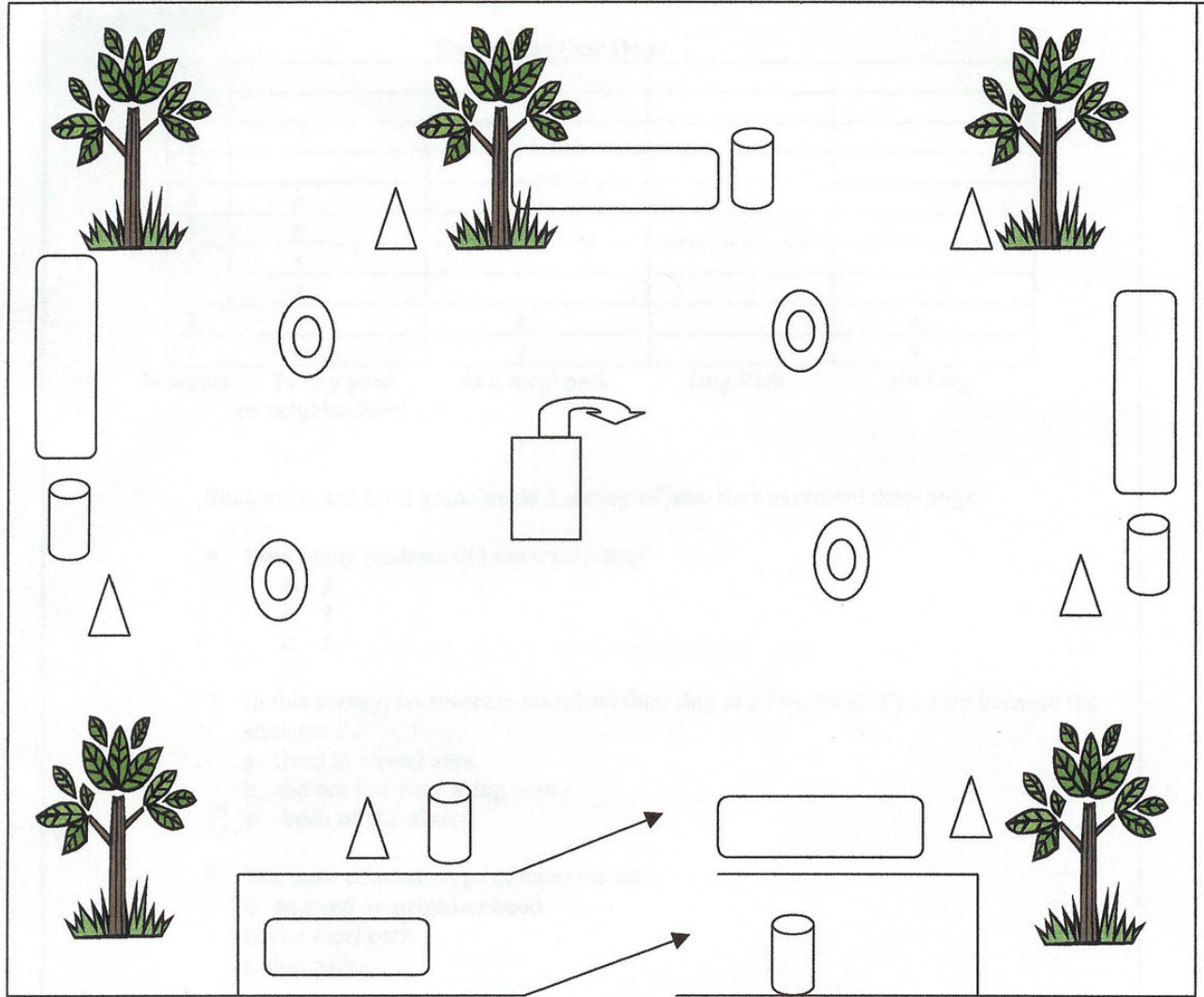
The dog park entrance usually has a double gate. People and their dogs enter the first gate and are in an enclosed area. This is where owners can remove the dog’s leash. Then they enter the second gate that goes into the dog park. Inside the dog park, dogs can play with other dogs and have fun. Some dog parks have two separated fenced areas – one for big dogs and another for little dogs.

Some parks have an obstacle course for dogs to exercise. The dogs can jump through hoops and hop over steps. Other parks have toys such as balls or frisbees. There is also usually a water fountain for dogs and a shaded area.

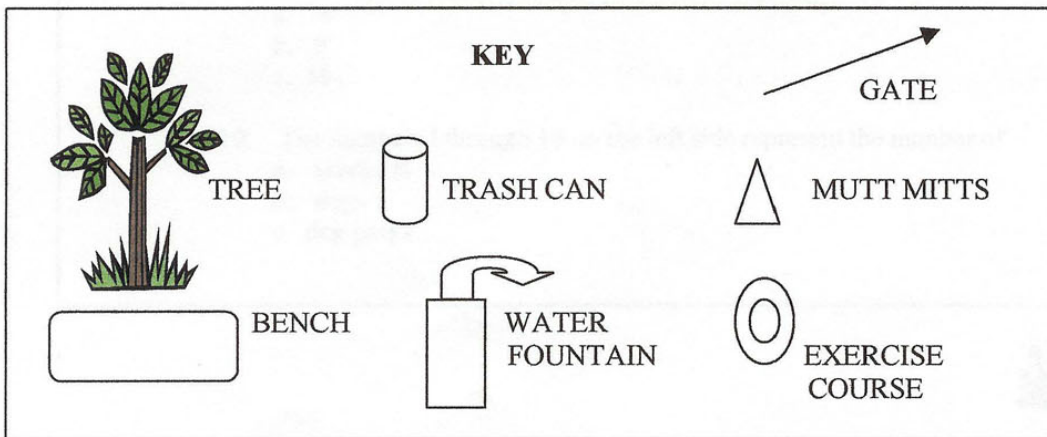
There are many rules at a dog park. These rules are written at the entrance of every dog park. These rules are important in order to keep everyone safe. Children under 13 may not be able to enter this type of park or must come with an adult. Food or dog snacks are not allowed inside the parks. Owners must clean up any mess their dog might make. “Mutt mitts” or plastic bags are provided for owners to use for cleaning up after their dog. There are also many garbage cans around the park to keep the park clean.

Dog parks are becoming popular in the urban areas. It is a safe place for dogs to exercise and play with other dogs. It is important to obey the park rules and keep the park clean so everyone can enjoy these special parks.

AN URBAN DOG PARK MAP



DOUBLE ENTRANCE



Student Survey

Name _____

No matter how large or small a dog is, it needs exercise everyday. Let's take a survey of how our class exercises dogs.

1. Pick the way you exercise your dog. If you do not own a dog, choose the last column.
2. Record each student's answer in one box in the graph by starting at the bottom and coloring in a box for the student's answer.
3. Which type of exercise was the most often used and least often used?

HOW WE EXERCISE OUR DOGS!!

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	In your yard or neighborhood	At the local park on a leash	At a dog park without a leash	Don't own a dog

The type of exercise most used _____

The type of exercise least used _____

Name _____

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Student Activity

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Fountain Hills	1	1
Gilbert	1	3
Glendale	2	3
Kingman	1	3
Lake Havasu	1	3
Mesa	1	3
Payson	1	3
Phoenix	1	11
Prescott	1	3
Scottsdale	3	3
Tempe	3	6
Tucson	4	7

1. Which city has the most dog parks in 2020? _____
2. For these cities, what is the total number of dog parks in 2002? _____
3. For these cities, what is the total number of dog parks in 2020? _____
4. How many cities have three dog parks in 2020? _____
5. Which city gained the most dog parks from 2002 to 2020? _____
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1. Which city has the most dog parks in 2020? __Phoenix__
2. For these cities, what is the total number of dog parks in 2002? __23__
3. For these cities, what is the total number of dog parks in 2020? __55__
4. How many cities have three dog parks in 2020? __8__
5. Which city gained the most dog parks from 2002 to 2020? __Phoenix__
6. Which city did not gain any dog parks from 2002 to 2020? __Fountain Hills__

Answer the following questions. Circle the correct letter:

1. Dog parks provide a safe place for dogs to
 - a. eat.
 - b. sleep.
 - c. exercise.

2. Urban dog parks are a section of land that is fenced within a
 - a. city park.
 - b. farm.
 - c. zoo.

3. To enter a dog park, you must go through how many gates?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

4. Dog parks are called different names. One name is canine park. Canine is a Latin word that means
 - a. candy.
 - b. dog.
 - c. cat.

5. Someone who lives in a rural area would be less likely to use a dog park because

More questions on the next page.

Use the chart to answer the questions. Circle the correct letter.

Exercising Our Dogs

8				
7				
6	x			
5	x			
4	x			
3	x			
2	x	x		x
1	x	x		x
Students	In my yard or neighborhood	At a local park	At a dog park	Don't have a dog

6. How many students did not own a dog?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 5

7. In this survey, no students exercised their dog at a dog park. This may be because the students
 - a. lived in a rural area.
 - b. did not live near a dog park.
 - c. both of the above.

8. The most common type of exercise was
 - a. in yard or neighborhood
 - b. at a local park
 - c. at a dog park.

9. How many students were surveyed in this sample?
 - a. 8
 - b. 9
 - c. 10

10. The numbers 1 through 10 on the left side represent the number of
 - a. students.
 - b. dogs.
 - c. dog parks.

Dog Park Student Assessment ANSWER KEY

**#1-5 ARE GEOGRAPHY RELATED.
#6-10 ARE MATH RELATED.**

Circle the correct letter:

1. exercise
2. city park
3. two
4. dog
5. Dog parks are built in urban areas where there is a lack of space for the dogs to exercise. (Rural areas have a lot of space.)
6. 2
7. both of the above
8. in yard or neighborhood
9. 10
10. students

Name _____

Dog Park Map Scoring Guide (20 points)

Complete a Dog Park Map* with the following information:

_____ Name (1 pt)

_____ Date (1 pt)

_____ Title of Map (2 pts)

_____ Compass Rose (Orientation) (3 pts)

_____ Key (Legend) at the bottom of the map (3 pts)

_____ At least 5 Items in their Key (5 pts)

_____ Fence around the Dog Park (2 pts)

_____ Double Gated Entry Area (3 pts)

_____ Total Points Earned (20 pts)

For Teacher Information Only Dog Park Rules for Glendale and Phoenix Dog Parks

Glendale Dog Park Rules - Off Leash Recreation Dog Park

- Enter at Your Own Risk
- **Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Keep small children and infants under strict supervision.**
- You are required by law to pick up your pet waste and to properly dispose of it.
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed. Remove dogs at the first sign of aggression. Owners are liable for any injuries or damage.
- All dogs must be licensed, vaccinated and wear their identification and permit tags.
- Dog owner must be in attendance with dog at all times and carry a visible leash.
- Limit three dogs per visit – dog owners must be able to maintain control of their dogs.
- LEASH dogs while entering and exiting the Dog Park.
- Any damage done to the park (such as digging), must be repaired immediately.
- Female dogs in heat are not allowed in the Dog Park.
- All dog owners who fail to comply with the above rules may be asked to leave or be ticketed.
- Dog owners must comply with all city park regulations.
- **No food or dog treats in the dog park.**

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PetsMart Dog Park – Washington Park, 21st Avenue/Maryland, Phoenix, AZ

Open from dawn to dusk daily

- Owners/custodians must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs must be on leash until both owner/custodian and dog are inside the dog park enclosure.
- Dogs must be older than 4 months, currently licensed, and vaccinated, not in heat and preferable spayed or neutered.
- **For safety's sake, children under 12 years of age are not allowed inside the exercise area.**
- Dogs must be accompanied by their owners/custodians, who must also maintain voice control over their dogs, keeping them in sight while visiting the park.
- Smoking, alcohol and **food are not allowed inside the enclosure.**
- If dogs display aggressive behavior, owners/custodians are asked to remove them from the area.
- Owners/custodians are responsible for the acts and conduct of their dogs at all times and assume the risks related to use of the dog park.