

# Off-Leash Play Pet Owner



# Safety Pledge

As a responsible and caring dog owner I pledge to make exercise activity choices for my dog that keep them physically safe. I am aware that dogs can have bad experiences during any activity and will strive to choose activities for my dog that allow him/her to return home from the activity behaviorally and emotionally better than when they arrived. Whether my dog goes to the dog park, attends dog daycare, or plays with a small group of play buddies, safety comes first. I specifically pledge that I will:

- Be my dog's advocate by choosing exercise activities that are the best fit based on my dog's size, age, playstyle and health, and based on my dog's enjoyment of a particular activity.
- Learn basic dog body language so I can gain a better understanding of my dog's behavior and emotional states and so that I can be a better advocate for my dog.
- Only select off-leash dog play options that strive for both physical safety and the emotional well-being of all dogs.
- Accept responsibility to personally research off-leash play options and professional pet care service providers prior to letting my dog play to ensure my dog is in the safest environment possible.
- Continue to monitor my dog's off-leash play environments to make sure they remain an ongoing good fit for my dog even as the dog matures.
- Acknowledge there are inherent risks when dogs play together. Therefore, I will be responsible for minimizing those risks by understanding the factors that contribute to those risks.
- Take my dog only to safe off-leash dog play environments and be my dog's advocate at all times.

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