



MEMBERSHIP PACKET

Upd. 6/2026

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park at Valley Animal Center! We are very happy to have you and your dog(s) come to visit, and hope that you and your furry, four-legged friend(s) have a wonderful time in our dog park!

MEMBERSHIP TYPE AND FEES

DAILY

\$10 per dog, per day:

Daily rate paid at the time of each visit. ***Must meet membership requirements.****

MONTHLY

\$38 per dog, per month:

Membership renewal due monthly from date of submission. Includes one keycard (per dog) to the park. ***Must meet membership requirements.****

QUARTERLY

\$108 per dog, every 3 months:

Membership renewal due quarterly from date of submission. Includes one keycard (per dog) to the park. ***Must meet membership requirements.****

ANNUAL

\$434 per dog, per year:

Membership renewal due quarterly from date of submission. Includes one keycard (per dog) to the park. ***Must meet membership requirements.****

*MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ My dog(s) are 4 months of age or older.
- ☐ My dog(s) are spayed/neutered.
- ☐ I have submitted my completed application.
- ☐ My vaccination form(s) have been completed and approved.
- ☐ I have submitted a copy of my dog's vaccination history **from a veterinarian.**
 - Required proof of an up-to-date **Rabies, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, Canine Influenza (H3N2), and DA2PPv (or equivalent).**
- ☐ My dog(s) have passed their Canine Temperament Test.
- ☐ I have signed the Dog Park Rules Read Receipt.
- ☐ I have signed the Liability Waiver.
- ☐ I have paid my membership fee.

ADDITIONAL DOGS 50% OFF

- **Daily Pass: \$5**
- **Monthly Membership: \$19**
- **Quarterly Membership: \$54**
- **Annual Membership: \$217**

At Valley Animal Center, we highly recommend that your pet receive monthly flea and tick treatments and dewormer for the safety of your pet and other pets.



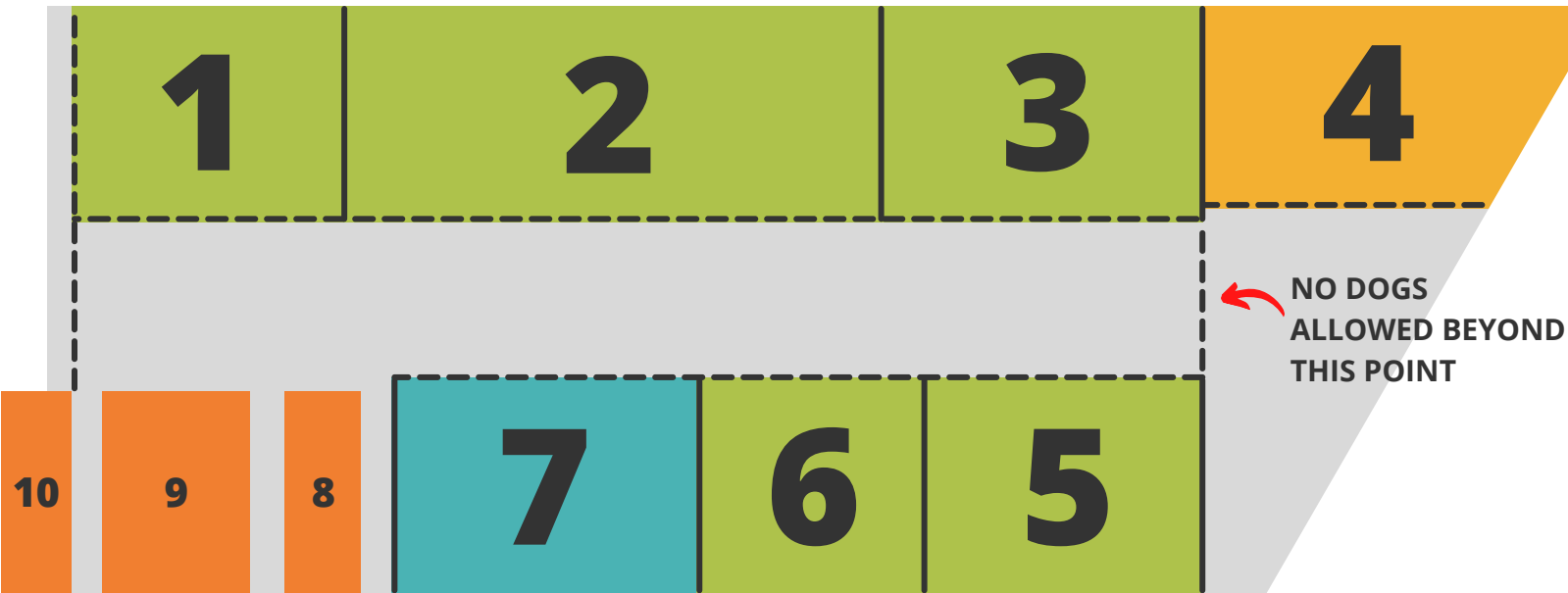
GENERAL INFORMATION

The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park is a **members-only dog park** and is a part of Valley Animal Center, the Central Valley's premier no-kill shelter for dogs and cats and low-cost spay, neuter and vaccination clinic.



3934 N. Hayston Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

To view our most recent dog park hours, please visit the website. We close on all major holidays. Hours are subject to change due to events, unsafe conditions in the Dog Park, such as maintenance, protocol changes, etc. Please note that our Dog Park office hours are different than our park hours and are subject to change at any time.



The park occupies 1.5 acres of grassy land and features the following amenities:

- Separate dog runs for canines under 25 pounds and over 26 pounds
- A 2,000-gallon canine wading pool with water jets (for dogs only)
- A canine agility course with a variety of obstacles
- Several water stations that are filled with fresh water daily
- Toys of all varieties included in each run
- Doggie bag dispensers throughout the park
- Bathrooms, water fountains, and a beverage vending machine

- 1 Small Dog Run (25 lbs. and under)
- 2 Large Dog Run (26 lbs. and over)
- 3 Private Yard
- 4 Feral Cat Outdoor Sanctuary
- 5 Shelter Dog Run
- 6 Canine Agility Yard
- 7 Canine Wading Pool
- 8 Restrooms
- 9 Building 3
- 10 Dog Park Office



DOG PARK RULES

All dog park rules are established for the safety of your dog(s) and other dogs. Valley Animal Center reserves the right to suspend or revoke park privileges at any time to any member who fails to follow the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park rules, or where it is determined that a member dog or dog owner is at risk of being dangerous to others or is in violation of any applicable animal ordinances or regulations.

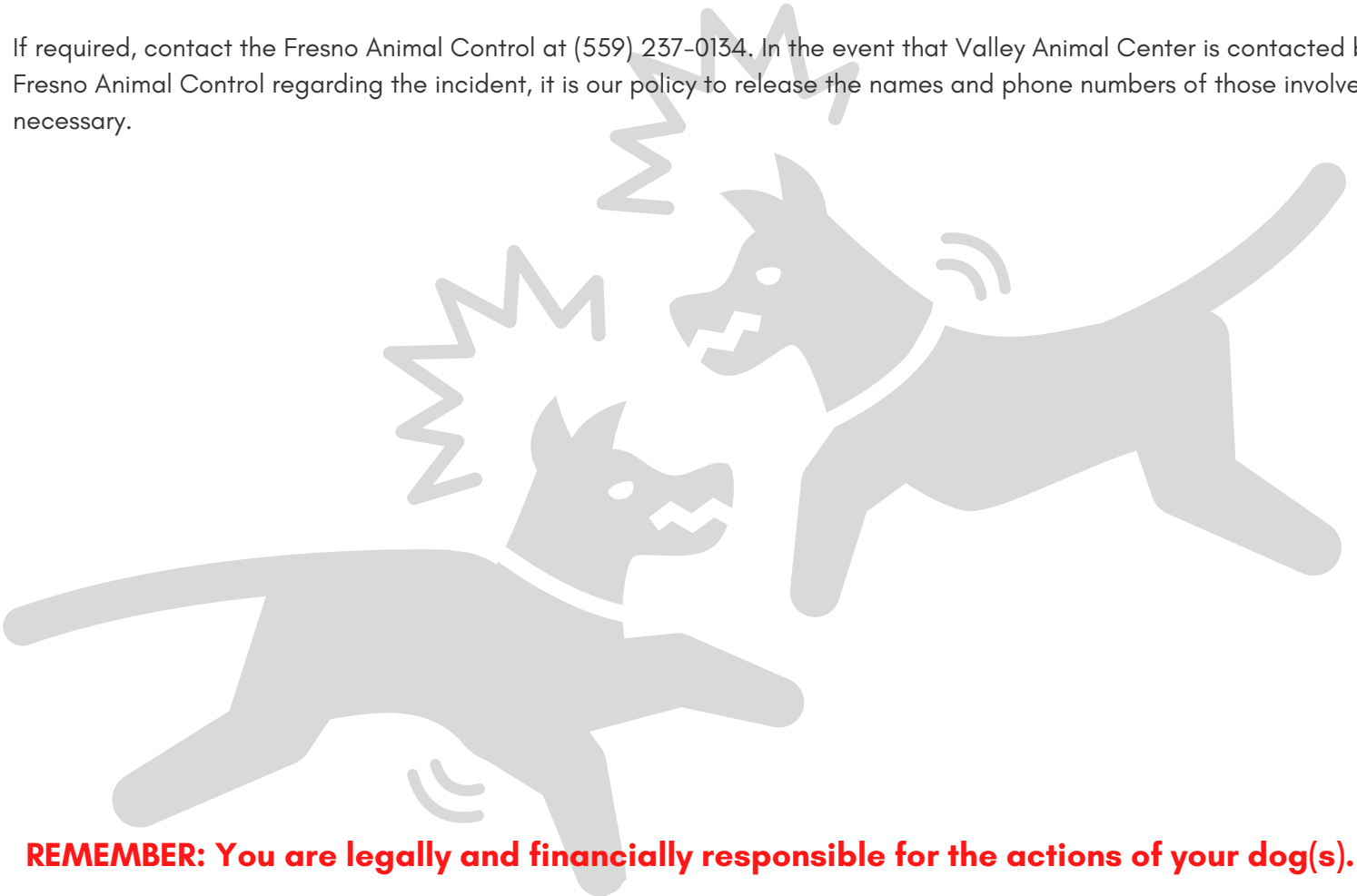
- All canine members must be at least 4 months of age.
- All canine members must be spayed/neutered and up-to-date on their vaccinations from a veterinarian. It is the member's responsibility to annually verify/submit required proof of vaccinations to the dog park staff.
- Pet owners use the dog park and pool area at their own risk and accept full responsibility for themselves, their dogs and their visitors.
- No **visiting dogs** are allowed.
- There is a \$25 fee for additional or lost key fobs.
- No more than two (2) dogs are allowed per adult (18 years or older) handler.
- Do not leave your dogs unattended.
- Children under 18 years of age are not allowed in the dog runs or pool area without adult supervision.
- We require your dog to have a collar or harness on at all times to assist separating dogs in case of incident or pool retrieval.
- In the event of a dog incident, the best method to break it up is to grab both dogs' hind legs and direct them in opposite directions, then block eye contact between the two dogs. If your dog injures another dog or person, be sure to exchange contact information with the injured party and dog park staff (**see the Dog Incident Policy**).
- Dogs that exhibit chronic aggressive or extreme dominant behavior toward other dogs or people should be removed immediately to avoid potential injury to other dogs or owners.
- The dog owner is legally and financially responsible for the dog's actions and any harm he/she may cause to others.
- Always pick up after your dog (including feces).
- Keep your dog on a leash until inside the dog run or pool area.
- Make sure your dog is leashed when entering and exiting the park or between play yards. Take your dog off-leash only after entering the outer gate of the double-gated entry to the dog runs and pool area. Please make sure to keep the gates to the runs closed for everyone's safety. Never open the interior gate until the outer gate is secured, and vice versa. Please do not allow your dog to block or crowd the gate entrances to the dog runs or pool area, as some dogs feel threatened in a crowd. Dogs should never be leashed in any play yard for any reason.
- Large dogs are not allowed in the small dog yard. Small dogs (25 pounds and under) may enter the large dog yard (26 pounds or over), but at the small dog owner's risk.
- For the comfort and safety of all dogs, **fence running and excessive barking are not allowed.**
- No smoking, glass containers, weapons, alcohol, skateboards, rollerblades, or bicycles allowed in the park.
- Dog treats are not allowed in the park except for dog training purposes in the agility yard.
- Toys, balls, wading pools, agility equipment, etc., are provided by Valley Animal Center and are the property of Valley Animal Center. These should be left in the park so others may enjoy them.
- No dogs are allowed beyond the private yard and shelter dog run (**see map on page 2**).
- There are felines located at our Feral Cat Outdoor Sanctuary. Do not allow your dog to visit, chase or bark excessively at the cats in this area.



DOG INCIDENT POLICY

The Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park rules and information has been provided to you in an effort to reduce the chance of a dog incident. If an incident does occur, our policy and recommendations for the owners of the dog(s) are as follows:

- If your dog is involved in the incident, immediately separate your dog and remove them from the dog run or pool area.
- Once your dog has been removed from the run or pool area to the double-gated entry, leash your dog and inspect your dog for injuries. Do not inspect the dogs near one another in case of further incident.
- Notify Valley Animal Center dog park staff as to the nature of the incident and fill out an incident report.
- Exchange contact information (names and phone numbers) with the owner(s) of the other dog(s) involved in the incident.
- Get contact information (names and phone numbers) of anyone present who witnessed the incident.
- If required, contact the Fresno Animal Control at (559) 237-0134. In the event that Valley Animal Center is contacted by Fresno Animal Control regarding the incident, it is our policy to release the names and phone numbers of those involved if necessary.



REMEMBER: You are legally and financially responsible for the actions of your dog(s).



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Owner

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address **(required)**

Membership Type

☐ Daily

☐ Monthly

☐ Quarterly

☐ Annual

Renewal is due one year from the submission date for annual memberships, every three months from the submission date for quarterly memberships, or every month from the submission date for monthly memberships.

Membership allows the owner to bring no more than 2 dogs with them to the park at a time. Please note that membership fees are per dog.

Number of Dogs

Names of Dogs

Please read the statements below and initial on the lines.

I acknowledge receipt of the dog park Incident Policy and General Information Packet.

I have read and understand the dog park rules, the dog park Incident Policy, and all that is included in the General Information Packet.

I understand that there are no refunds of membership fees.

I understand that my dog may be asked to leave if he or she becomes aggressive or extremely dominant.

I agree that the information provided on my dog's health and vaccinations are accurate and up-to-date. I agree to provide updated medical records if and when my dog's vaccinations expire. I understand that if I do not provide these records, my membership will be deactivated and will not be reactivated until I submit updated records.

I affirm that my dog is at least 4 months of age, is spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations, and is, to my knowledge, not aggressive or extremely dominant toward people and other animals.

I acknowledge that I have read and agreed to all terms in the dog park Liability Waiver.

Member's Name (printed)

Date

Member's Signature



VACCINATION FORM

Name of Owner

Name of Dog (only **ONE** dog per form)

Breed

Color

Size

Sex: MALE / FEMALE

Neutered/Spayed: YES / NO

Approximate Age / DOB

Please fill out the above information and attach a copy of your dog's up-to-date vaccination history from your veterinarian or clinic to include vaccinations, rabies certificate, and spay or neuter certificate for us to include with your membership file. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Procedure	Performed?	Date Given	Date Expires	STAFF USE ONLY
DA2PPv Vaccine AND/OR one of the following equivalents: Distemper Parvo, DA2P2v, DA2PPv + Lepto, DHLPv, DHPP, DA2PPv + Lepto + Coronavirus, DA2PPv + Coronavirus, DHLPv	YES / NO	__ / __ / __	__ / __ / __	
Leptospirosis Vaccine (OK if included in above vaccine)	YES / NO	__ / __ / __	__ / __ / __	
Bordetella Intranasal	YES / NO	__ / __ / __	__ / __ / __	
Rabies Vaccine	YES / NO	__ / __ / __	__ / __ / __	
Canine Influenza (H3N2)	YES / NO	__ / __ / __	__ / __ / __	
Spay or Neuter	YES / NO			

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Vaccination Form(s)
- ☐ Waiver
- ☐ Read Receipt
- ☐ Copy of Medical Record(s)
- ☐ Temperament Test
- ☐ Paid

Valley Animal Center Staff Name (printed)

Valley Animal Center Staff Signature

Date of Submission

☐ Approved

☐ Denied

Assessment Notes



LIABILITY WAIVER

I recognize and acknowledge that the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park and the surrounding grounds of Valley Animal Center for participating in dog activities entail certain risks of damage, loss or injury to animals, persons or property (including to me, other persons, my dog and other dogs or animals).

I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of and responsibility for any injuries, damages, loss, liability, costs and expenses, regardless of severity, that (a) I, or my dog might sustain or incur as a result of my use of this facility and surrounding area or my participating in any and all activities connected with, or associated with, the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park and surrounding area; and (b) any other person or animal might sustain as a result of me or my dog's actions or conduct in connection with, or associated with, the use of this facility and surrounding area.

I do hereby agree to waive, relinquish, release and forever discharge (a) Valley Animal Center and its employees and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of Valley Animal Center from any and all claims or causes of action for injuries, damages, loss, liability, or expenses that I may have or which may accrue hereafter to me or any other person claiming through me or on my behalf and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the use of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park or the surrounding area on the grounds of Valley Animal Center.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend (a) Valley Animal Center and its employees and (b) any volunteer assisting or working on behalf of Valley Animal Center from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions, and expenses (including, but not limited to court costs and attorney fees), occurring, growing out of, incident to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my use of this facility and surrounding area, including without limitation any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, cause of actions and expenses on account of personal injury to or death of any person or animal, or damages to property of any person or entity.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WARNING OF RISK, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.

Member's Name (printed)

Date

Member's Signature



DOG PARK RULES READ RECEIPT

AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE DR. JAMES W. THORNTON DOG PARK INCIDENT POLICY AND RULES:

Membership applicant agrees that the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park membership packet exclusively sets forth the Dog Park Incident Policies and Rules and represents and expresses the complete agreement regarding the terms and conditions of membership. Membership applicant further agrees that none of these policies and procedures can be amended, modified, or altered in any way.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the Dr. James W. Thornton Dog Park Incident Policy and Rules. I have thoroughly read and understand the policies and rules set forth in the Dog Park Membership Packet of the Valley Animal Center and agree to abide by them.

**BY SIGNING BELOW, I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND THE INFORMATION IN THE DOG PARK INCIDENT POLICY AND
RULES AS FOUND IN THE MEMBERSHIP PACKET.**

Member's Name (printed)

Date

Member's Signature



STAY CONNECTED!

Be sure to join our dog park's Facebook group for updates, event announcements, and adorable pup highlights.

www.facebook.com/groups/vacdogpark



PHOTO UPLOAD FOR MEMBER FILE

As part of your membership, we ask that you submit a clear photo of your pup. This helps us keep accurate records and makes it easier for our staff to identify members' dogs. You can email us the photo at dogpark@valleyanimal.org, or we're happy to take your dog's photo in person at the park!



EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Member's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Dog(s)
Name _____

Special Instructions:

In the event of a medical emergency, are there any emergency procedures or restrictions on medications of which emergency personnel should be aware? If yes, please explain.

Emergency Contacts: In case of an emergency at the dog park, please list someone you would be ok with to pick up your dog(s) from the park. Please make sure the person you list is aware that in an emergency event they will be responsible for your pet.

Primary Contact in case of emergency:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone Number _____

Secondary Contact in case of emergency:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Alternate Phone Number _____

Member Authorization

I have voluntarily provided the above contact information and authorize Valley Animal Center and its representatives to contact any of the above individuals on my behalf in the event of an emergency.

Member signature _____

Date _____