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Dog Park Tag # \_\_\_\_\_

## **CITY OF AMES DOG PARK – RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate and use, with my dogs, the Ames Dog Park owned and operated by the City of Ames Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department / Animal Control Division. I understand that being physically present within or near the Dog Park involves unleashed and unfamiliar dogs, and involves risks of injury to me, other people, my dog(s), and other dogs. I understand that if I bring guests or other family members, they are also subject to these risks. I understand that these risks are entirely my responsibility and I expressly assume all of these risks.

I understand that the Dog Park's permit system is not established for the purpose of assuring that dogs in the park are healthy, vaccinated, neutered, well mannered or safe. I understand that dogs at the park may carry distemper, rabies, or other transmissible diseases. I also understand that dogs, regardless of training or past temperament, may act or react unpredictably at times, which can include fierce, vicious or aggressive behavior. I understand that this creates a risk of serious and permanent injury, illness, or death to me, any individuals accompanying me, including children, and to my dogs. I understand these risks and expressly assume these risks.

I understand that additional risks include, but are not limited to: dog fights, dog theft; dog escape; plants, foods, or liquid sources in the area that may be poisonous to dogs or people; the presence of stinging, biting or disease carrying insects; the presence of wild or feral animals and birds, including stray dogs; the presence of unneutered dogs; the possibility of entanglement; and vegetation which may have burrs or seeds that could become lodged in an animal's coat, feet, nose, eyes or mouth. I also understand that persons may cause injury to dogs, especially in seeking to intervene in or disrupt interactions between them. I understand and expressly assume these risks.

I understand that no agent or employee of the City of Ames will supervise the Dog Park premises at any time. I expressly assume all risks associated with using the Dog Park, its fixtures, equipment located therein and grounds in an unsupervised manner.

By signing this release of liability, I hereby fully and forever release and discharge the City of Ames, the Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department / Animal Control Division, and their employees, agents and volunteers from any claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out my use or use by my family members or my dogs of the Dog Park.

I fully and forever release and discharge the City of Ames, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Police Department / Animal Control Division and their employees, agents and volunteers from any and all negligent acts or omissions in the same. I hereby assume sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ames, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Police Department / Animal Control and their employees, agents and volunteers for any damage because of bodily injury, death, mental injury or damage or loss to property caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties, employees, agents or volunteers of the City or any other persons using the facility or animals thereon.

**OVER**

I have carefully read this release of liability and understand its contents. I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Dog Park rules and I agree by my signature below to fully comply with these rules and inform others I bring to the Dog Park, including children, of these rules and will supervise them and insure compliance with these rules.

My signature also confirms that I am not aware of any instance in which the dog for whom I am requesting an annual permit or daily/weekly pass has shown aggression toward, fighting with, or biting of other animals or people.

**Dog Owner (Must be a minimum of 18 years old)**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Handler(s) (Must be a minimum of 16 years old)**

1. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other family members of this Dog Owner that may be at the Dog Park (Minimum of 10 years old; children between the ages of 10 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult that is 18 or older at all times)**

Please print names:

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