



PARK PETIQUETTE

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Here are some simple things that will make your dog a great Doggie Ambassador.

- **Pick up and dispose of dog poop.**
It's gross, but this is the best thing you can do to weaken the arguments against off-leash dogs in parks. Pick it up even if your dog didn't do it.
- **Keep your dog in sight at all times. Be aware of what he or she is doing.**
Anticipate potential problems. It's always easier to stop a problem from happening than deal with it after it's occurred.
- **Ask if it's okay for your dog to approach before letting it go up to leashed dogs or strangers, especially children.**
Call your dog when you see strangers coming. This eliminates the possibility your dog will jump on someone who will then complain about it. Be considerate of people who are afraid of dogs and ask them if they want to interact with your dog.
- **Control excessive barking.**
No one likes to hear constant barking.
- **Prevent digging and destructive behavior.**
Dogs playing fetch can get hurt if they step in a hole dug by a gopher-hunting pooch. If your dog starts to dig, fill the hole back in immediately.
- **Control aggressive dogs.**
If you know your dog growls at people or other dogs, keep it on leash or under tight control so it doesn't ruin the park experience for others.
- **Be considerate of other park users.**
Share the parks and we'll all be able to use them. You wouldn't like people to play Frisbee right where you're having a picnic, so don't let your dog bother others enjoying the park. If you know your dog steals balls, keep it away from kids playing ball games. Keep it out of flowerbeds.
- **Carry a leash.**
That way, if you need it, you've got it.
- **Always carry a bag, a spare, and one to share!**

Does Your Dog Come When You Call?

Park Petiquette assumes your dog is under voice control. If your dog is slow to respond, there are dog trainers in the Bay Area who can help. Ask people at your park or your vet for recommendations. Check out your local pet store for information or classes. The following groups responded to SFDOG's request for information on training classes. Talk with several trainers and choose the one who works best for you and your dog! SFDOG does not recommend or endorse any one trainer, method, or organization.

A Better Way Dog Training

(415) 587-2663 www.abetterwaydogtraining.com
Puppy & up. Saturdays, Brisbane

Dog Gone Good

(415) 437-0848 www.doggonegood.org
Puppy & up. San Francisco

Perfect Paws

(415) 647-0848 www.perfectpaws.org
Puppy & up. San Francisco

San Bruno Dog Obedience School

(650)583-4044 www.SanBrunoDogObedienceSchool.com
Puppy & up. Saturdays, San Bruno

San Francisco Dog Training Club

Puppy (415) 386-2611 Outdoor, Saturdays, San Francisco.
Intermediate and Advanced (415) 661-1881 email for info:
LynnandRon@earthlink.net
Indoor, Wednesdays, Brisbane

San Francisco SPCA

(415) 522-3509 www.sfspca.org/dog_training/index.shtml
Check website for schedule. San Francisco

Sirius Puppy Training (800) 419-8748 or
(510) 658-8588 Puppy & up. Sat & Wed classes, San Francisco

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