The off-leash dog park is open from May 1st until October 31st.

## **Rules and Regulations**

- Dogs must be wearing up-to-date license tags.
- Female dogs in heat, dogs with illness and dogs less than 4 months old are not allowed in the park.
- Aggressive dogs need to be out of the park. Please leash and remove any dog that becomes aggressive in the park.
- No dog may be in the park without an adult human attending at the same time. All dogs always remain the responsibility of the owner or guardian.
- Dogs outside of the park boundaries must be on a leash. When in the leash-free park, always carry a leash with you.
- Dogs are not allowed to chase people or wildlife, and may not dig up fencing, bushes, or trees. Dogs that dig holes must have their owners fill them in immediately.
- Pinch (prong) and spike collars are not allowed in the leash free area.
- Infants and toddlers are not allowed in the leash-free area. Children
  between the ages of 6-16 years of age must be with an adult. Do not
  allow your children to run and scream or approach a dog without
  permission from the dog's guardian.
- Glass containers are not permitted in the park.

- Smoking is not allowed, at any time, on the property.
- Dog guardians must clean and dispose of dog feces.
- Do not bring food or drinks into the dog park.

The Town of Midland is not responsible for any injury or damage from the use of the off-leash dog park. For emergencies please call 911.

Pursuant to the <u>Dog Owners Liability Act, R.S.O., 1980</u> as amended, all Pit Bull Dogs must have a muzzle and always leashed. Leash free zones are NOT exempt from the Act, Pit Bull Dogs are not allowed within the leash-free park. Dog Owners are liable to fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment for up to six (6) months for contraventions.

## **Strathroy Caradoc**

Hours: Open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.

## Conditions of Use

In an effort to promote safety within the off-leash park, the Municipality has developed the following conditions of use. These are not intended to hinder or limit anyone, but to prevent altercations and issues for dogs and owners. If the rules are followed, many problems can be avoided. Dog owners must take the initiative to be responsible and conscientious in their use of the park, ensuring that their actions support the privilege of sharing parkland and open spaces with the community. The following conditions of use apply:

- 1) Use the off-leash dog park at your own risk.
- 2) Up-to-date vaccinations and license tags must be on your dog's collar at all times.
- 3) Leash your dog while entering and exiting.
- 4) Keep your dog within sight and under verbal control.
- 5) Do not allow your dog to chase wildlife.

- 6) Fill the holes if your dog digs.
- 7) Pick up poop. Failure to remove excrement could result in a \$105 fine.
- 8) No glass containers are allowed at this park.
- 9) Help keep the park clean.
- 10) No puppies under 4 months of age, female dogs in heat, sick dogs, or aggressive/out of control dogs.
- 11) No play toys, balls, dog treats, or human food allowed at this park (any of these could cause aggressive behaviour to occur).
- 12) Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Unsupervised children under 14 years of age are not permitted at this park. You are responsible for your own children and their behaviour.
- 13) Off-leash area users are subject to the Dog Owners' Liability Act and the Strathroy-Caradoc Animal Care & Control By-law.
  - Strathroy-Caradoc Animal Care and Control By-law (PDF [161 kB])
  - Dog Owners' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D.16