

Dog Ordinance Update, [O-10-26](#) – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where are dogs permitted to be off leash?

Dogs may be off leash **only at the South 80 acres** and only if the dog is registered with the Village, displays a valid Village-issued ID tag, and remains under positive voice control.

Can I still let my dog run off leash in other Village parks?

No. Under the updated ordinance, dogs must be on a leash and under control in all other public areas, including Village parks.

Why is registration required for off-leash dogs?

Registration allows the Village to maintain records of participating dogs and owners, verify compliance with Village requirements, and support accountability and safety within the off-leash area.

How do I register my dog?

Registration will be handled through the Mariemont Police Department. Owners will be required to provide information about their dog and pay a one-time registration fee of \$50 per animal. To register, submit attached [registration form](#) and payment (cash or check, payable to the Village of Mariemont) to the Mariemont Police Department at 6907 Wooster Pike.

https://mariemont.org/download/371/updated-dog-leash-info/37641/south80_dog-registration

What does “positive voice control” mean?

Positive voice control means the dog responds immediately to the owner’s commands and remains under the owner’s control without the use of a leash.

Can any dog be registered for off-leash access?

Owners must have no record of violations under the ordinance to qualify for off-leash registration. The Chief of Police may revoke registration for violations of Village rules or applicable laws.

What happens if my dog is off leash without registration?

Dogs found off leash outside the permitted area may be considered running at large, and violations may result in penalties under the Village ordinance.

Are dogs allowed in the Dogwood Park Tot Lot?

No. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in the enclosed Tot Lot area of Dogwood Park, except for assistance dogs as permitted by law.