

**We have been fielding complaints from the community about dogs off leash at city parks, on the canals, on the streets, etc. Fido is required to be on a leash at all times unless in designated areas (p.2). Review the following laws pertaining to dogs at large and penalties.**

**City Code 8-14 Dogs not permitted at large; wearing licenses; penalties.**

- A. No dog shall be permitted at large. Each dog shall be confined within an enclosure on the owner's or custodian's property, secured so that the dog is confined entirely to the owner's or custodian's property, or on a leash not to exceed six feet in length and directly under the owner's or custodian's control when not on the owner's or custodian's property. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a park, or an area within a park, that is designated by the Director or the Parks and Recreation Board as a dog park. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Director or the Parks and Recreation Board from prohibiting dogs or unrestrained dogs in a particular park, preserve or area under its jurisdiction, or any part thereof.
- B. Any dog over the age of three months which is off the owner's or custodian's property shall wear a collar or harness to which is attached a valid license tag. Dogs that are used for control of livestock, being used or trained for hunting or dogs, being exhibited or trained at a kennel club event or engaged in races approved by the Arizona Racing Commission, and while the dogs are being transported to and from such events, need not wear a collar or harness with a valid license attached provided that they are properly vaccinated, licensed and controlled.
- C. Any owner, custodian, or other person acting for the owner allowing his or her dog to be at large is in violation of this Section.

**Penalties.**

1. Any dog owner, custodian, or other person acting for the owner or custodian who fails to comply with subsection A or B of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
2. Any dog owner, custodian, or other person acting for the owner or custodian who fails to comply with Subsection C but who is otherwise in compliance with Subsection B is responsible for a civil violation subject to a civil sanction not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars.
3. A second misdemeanor violation of this section within twenty-four months shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars.
4. A third or subsequent misdemeanor violation of this section within twenty-four months shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars.
5. Any misdemeanor violation of this section when the dog has previously been determined to be vicious pursuant to Section 8-16.01 shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars and imprisonment for a term of not less than five days.
6. In no case shall a person convicted of a misdemeanor violation of this section be eligible for suspension or commutation of sentence unless such a person is placed on probation with the condition that the minimum fine be paid and term of imprisonment be served.

**Review the Phoenix City Code 8-14 for additional information and enforcement action taken when any dog is found at large.**

State law reference—Dogs at large, A.R.S. § 11-1012; penalty for ordinance violations, A.R.S. §§ 9-499.01, 9-240(B)

# Let your pooch run free, exercise, and have fun at a Phoenix off-leash activity area.



## **Echo Mountain Off Leash Arena**

17447 N. 20th St. & Located in Grovers Basin  
on 20th Street at Cave Creek Road and Grovers.  
Phone (602) 262-6696 (for wet condition closure updates)

**Hance Park Dog Park**– Located in the northwest section of the park at 323 W. Culver St. (between 3rd and 5th Avenues) and is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Paradise Valley Park Dog Park** –Located at 17642 N. 40th St. The dog park can be found in the west end of the park north of the softball fields (tentatively scheduled to open in the summer of 2014)

**PetSmart Dog Park at Washington Park** – Located at 21st Avenue north of Maryland (between Bethany Home and Glendale Roads). The park is open from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone (602) 262-6971.

**RJ Dog Park at Pecos**– Located at 48th Street and Pecos Parkway (enter from 48th Street via Chandler Boulevard). The dog park, named for a Police service dog that died in the line of duty, is located in the southeast corner of the park. Hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Phone (602) 534-5252.

**Rose Mofford Sports Complex**-Located at 9833 N. 25th Ave. (north of Dunlap). The park will be open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone (602) 261-8011.

**Steele Indian School Park Dog Park**-The off leash activity areas are located just north of the park's parking lot on the west side of 7th Street, just north of Indian School Road. They are open during normal park hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

**Any location other than these designated areas, you are required to keep your dog on a leash.**