

## ***Paws in the Pool-ooza Rules***

Crawford Park Pool has established rules to ensure the safety and an enjoyable swimming experience for all. Staff is present to prevent accidents, not to supervise children/dogs. Therefore, parents are expected to closely supervise their children/dogs and assist in enforcing the facility's policies for the safety and enjoyment of all patrons.

***Small Dog Weight: 25 lbs. or less - Large Dog Weight: 26 lbs. or more***

### **Rules for Participants and Owners**

All dog owners and pets are required to adhere to the following event rules. Failure to do so will result in removal from the event and park property.

- 1. All dogs must be current on rabies vaccinations, and owners must bring digital or paper documentation of vaccination.**
- 2. All dog handler must be 16 years of age or older.**
- 3. DO** remove any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior immediately. Staff may ask you and your dog to leave the facility if deemed necessary.
- 4. DO NOT** bring young puppies less than 6 months old.
- 5. DO NOT** leave dogs locked unattended in your vehicle. When the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly and high temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death.
- 6. DO NOT** unleash your dog outside the designated gate.
- 7. DO NOT** assume that your dog knows how to swim.
- 8. DO NOT** force your dog in the water if they are uncomfortable. Once it is clear they are truly scared or averse to being in the water, get them out.
- 9. DO NOT** bring dogs that are in season.
- 10. DO** monitor your dog for inappropriate behavior. Handle any conflicts with kindness and good manners.
- 11. DO NOT** bring people food to the event. Dogs may show undesirable behavior in the presence of food.
- 12. DO** keep to areas appropriate for your dog's size; if you have a smaller dog; take your pet to the baby pool area, which is designated for smaller dogs.
- 13. DO** know dog owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.
- 14. DO** know dog owners waiver liability to the City for any injury or damage caused to or by dogs during the event.
- 15. DO** keep the park clean by picking up an unclaimed "pile" and prevent your dog from digging. Also, keep an eye on your dog so you know when to clean up his piles or holes.

### **Suggestions for Participants and Owners**

In an effort to make your Pool-ooza more enjoyable, we have developed the concept of *Petiquette*, behavior-based guidelines or "pet etiquettes" for furry, four-legged visitors and their two-legged companions.

- 1. DO** provide your dog with fresh drinking water before, during and after the event.
- 2. DO NOT** use a retractable leash.
- 3. DO NOT** roam too far from your doggie or be distracted talking to other pet owners. Make sure your dog's interactions are safe.
- 4. DO NOT** overdo it with your dog. Just make sure to know your dog's limits and take him or her home when they've had enough.
- 5. DO** remember, this is a "DOG" event. Dogs and children both frighten and excite easily and react differently, which can create a dangerous atmosphere. Please keep a close eye on your children.
- 6. DO NOT** pick up or carry your dog as this sometimes causes excitement in other dogs that may jump up and nip at them.
- 7. DO** play and interact with your pet while here. Exercise is good for humans too.
- 8. DO** be prepared for behavior you may not like that is natural and not necessarily aggressive. Examples include growling, barking, charging, humping, posturing, play biting, curling of lips and wrestling.
- 9. DO NOT** bring your pet's favorite toy if he doesn't like to share.
- 10. Finally...** have fun swimming with your dog.