



Dog Policy and Rules for Registered Dogs at the Arboretum

The Morgan Arboretum is a multi-use facility dedicated to forest conservation, university teaching and research, as well as public recreation and education. Dog walking in the Arboretum is a privilege which is restricted to dogs registered on an annual basis.

There are a limited number of memberships with dog privileges and various conditions need to be met before a dog is admitted and registered with the Arboretum. Owners must attend an evaluation session when the rules will be explained and their dogs will be assessed for temperament etc. Certain restrictions apply to where dogs may go within the site and where and when they may be off-leash. There is a fee in addition to the owner's membership fee for each dog registered.

The following basic rules and regulations must be acknowledged and followed by all registered dog owners.

Rules:

- 1) All dogs must be registered and evaluated with the Morgan Arboretum. Each dog must have current vaccinations and wear its Arboretum ID tag at all times.
- 2) Park only in the designated Dog Car Park. Show your coloured dog card when you stop at the entrance. In the parking lot, display it in full view on the dashboard.
- 3) Feces are to be picked up immediately and placed in the provided receptacles.
- 4) Members are fully responsible for their dog(s) and will be held accountable for the behaviour of their dog(s). Dogs must be within sight, on trails (not loose in the woods) and under the owner's command at all times.
- 5) Dogs may be on the three designated trails (Yellow, Orange and Red). Dogs are not allowed on the Blue, Black or Green Trails or any other trail not specifically designated for dog use. Walk in a clockwise direction on the Orange Trail to reduce face to face encounters with other dogs and users of the Arboretum. Ski with your dog on the Yellow Trail only.
- 6) Dogs must be on leashes around the Conservation Centre, in the parking lots and when the white board on-leash sign is posted and whenever appropriate during special events.
- 7) Aggression by dogs of any sort, actual or perceived is forbidden and bears serious consequences. Dogs that bite will have their access privileges revoked immediately. Uninvited/unwanted approaches towards people or other dogs must be prevented.

Regulations:

- 1) Pit Bull and Pit Bull crosses are prohibited in the Arboretum.
- 2) Dogs without valid Arboretum dog tags DO NOT have access to the Arboretum with the sole exception of guide dogs providing essential support to the handicapped - eg: seeing-eye dogs. Guide dogs must be registered with the Arboretum.
- 3) Memberships with dog privileges are limited to 500 with the maximum number of dogs per membership being set at two (2).
 - a) A member is required to contact the gatehouse before acquiring a new dog to replace a currently registered dog, or before bringing in a second dog. Every new dog must be evaluated before access to the Arboretum is granted.
 - b) The cost of a membership with dog privileges includes an extra fee for each dog. A "one time" dog evaluation fee will also be charged at the time of evaluation. Should the member obtain a new dog or add a second dog to the membership, said dog must be evaluated with the evaluation fee applying. Renewal of membership must be received by May 31 to retain the dog privileges.
 - c) If during the current membership year, a member's dog dies and is not immediately replaced, the dog membership fee must be paid for the following year(s) if dog privileges are to be retained.
 - d) Any recorded complaints against a dog will be considered before renewal is granted.

If a member ignores any of the aforementioned rules and regulations, the lack of respect or act of non-compliance will be recorded in the gatehouse database, and the owner notified. In the event that more than two (2) demerits are recorded, the member will forfeit their dog privileges.

Members who wish to walk registered dogs of another member may do so provided that all dogs under his/her custody are on leash during the entire time that they are in the Arboretum and that all dog ID tags are clearly visible. Note that the member may walk no more than four (4) registered dogs at one time. Failure to follow all or any of these conditions will result in demerit points documented in the walking member's file.

There will be no leniency if a member is jeopardizing the rights and privileges of the other dog members or other users of the Arboretum through careless or thoughtless actions.