Austin guide to...

DOGS & CATS
in our city

Volunteer!

Go Play!
Off-Leash Dog Areas

Know the Laws

Contact Us

Be Safe

Keep Austin No-Kill

www.austintexas.gov
Make a donation or volunteer for your favorite off-leash park
www.austinparks.org

Laws (Austin City Code - Title 3)
- Keep dogs on a leash and under control in all areas that are not designated as “off-leash”
- Pick up and sanitarily dispose of pet waste left on public or private property
- Provide adequate shelter
- Ensure pets have current rabies vaccinations
- Confinement of pets transported in unenclosed vehicles in a manner that prevents the animal from falling or jumping from the vehicle or being injured
- DO NOT leave a pet alone on a chain or tether
- It’s unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten that is not spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped

Safety
- Keep cats INDOORS to protect the health of pets, people, and Austin’s wildlife
- Train your dog to respond to behavioral commands
- Train your dog to walk by your side when on-leash. Do not use a retractable leash
- Know your dog’s physical limitations and tolerance levels
- Pay attention to the weather. It doesn’t take long for an active dog to overheat, and certain breeds are very susceptible to the heat or the cold
- When you leave home with your dog, bring water

Off-Leash Areas For Dogs
- Keep your dog in your sight and under voice control at all times. Intervene in any inappropriate play
- Stay in the area with your dog
- Aggressive or vicious dogs are not permitted
- Do not bring dogs in heat or under four (4) months old
- Use caution when bringing children
- Scoop the Poop!!

Keep Austin A No-Kill City
- Adopt your pets from shelters or rescue groups instead of buying them
- Spay or neuter all of your pets
- Make sure your pets are microchipped and wear a current ID tag
- Make a lifetime commitment to your pets
- Volunteer, foster, or donate to a shelter or rescue group

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Contact Us:

Austin Parks and Recreation
For pet waste bag dispenser refills and park-related services
Call 3-1-1
www.austintexas.gov/parks
Facebook: AustinParksandRecreationDepartment
Twitter: @AustinCityParks

Austin Animal Center
For lost and homeless animal sheltering and adoption, animal control, and pet-related services
Call 3-1-1
www.AustinAnimalCenter.org
Facebook: AustinAnimalServices
Twitter: @AustinAnimals

Scoop the Poop and Watershed Protection
For pet waste problems and educational materials
Call 3-1-1
www.ScoopThePoopAustin.org
Facebook: AustinWatershed
Twitter: @AustinWatershed

Volunteer!

Pet fostering and general pet volunteering
www.AustinAnimalCenter.org

Adopt a Park program –
www.austintexas.gov/department/partnerships

Park cleanups and improvements –
www.austinparks.org & www.keepaustinbeautiful.org