Approximately 120,000 dogs live in Austin. Please be a responsible caretaker of our four-legged friends!

This brochure contains information on:
- Off-Leash Areas
- Animal Regulations
- Etiquette and Safety
- Off-Leash Area Guidelines
- Help Keep Austin a No-Kill City
- Resources
- Volunteer Opportunities

Resources:

**Austin Parks and Recreation**

*Services include:* Park services, educational materials, pet waste bag dispenser refills and more

Call 3-1-1
www.austintexas.gov/parks
http://austintexas.gov/department/leash-areas

*Facebook: Austin Parks and Recreation Department
*Facebook: Off-Leash Area Advisory-Committee

**Austin Animal Services**

*Services include:* Lost and homeless animal sheltering and adoption; community animal control and protection; educational programs and resources for responsible pet ownership; volunteer, foster, and partnership opportunities

Call 3-1-1
www.austinanimalcenter.org
*Facebook: Austin Animal Services

**Scoop the Poop and Watershed Protection**

*Services include:* Pet waste problems, water quality protection, and more

Call 3-1-1
www.ScoopThePoopAustin.org

*Facebook: Scoop The Poop Austin
*Website: www.austintexas.gov/growgreen/downloads/fleas.pdf

(least toxic solutions for flea problems)

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Pet fostering –
www.austintexas.gov/health/pets/rescue_pet.htm

Animal Shelter –
www.austintexas.gov/health/pets/volunteer.htm

Adopt a Park program –
www.austintexas.gov/parks/volunteer.htm

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

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ANIMAL REGULATIONS (Austin City Code - Title 3)

- Provide adequate shelter
- Ensure pets have current rabies vaccinations
- Pick up and sanitarily dispose of pet waste left on public or private property
- Confine animals transported in unenclosed vehicles in a manner that prevents the animal from falling or jumping from the vehicle or otherwise being injured
- Keep dogs under restraint, except in designated off-leash areas
- DO NOT leave a dog alone on a chain or tether
- It’s unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten that is not spay/neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped

ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

- Know your dog’s physical limitations and tolerance levels
- 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
- 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
- Bring water when you leave home with your dog

OFF-LEASH AREA (OLA) GUIDELINES

For a complete list, please visit
www.austintexas.gov/parks/offleasharearules.htm

- Keep your dog in your sight and under voice control at all times. Intervene in any inappropriate play. Be aware of, pick up, and dispose of your dog’s waste
- Stay in the OLA with your dog
- Bring only spayed and neutered dogs into the OLA
- Bring only non-aggressive dogs into the OLA
- Do not bring dogs under four (4) months old into the OLA
- Do not bring children under six (6) years old into the OLA
- Leave your dog’s favorite toys at home to discourage problem behavior

HELP KEEP AUSTIN A NO-KILL CITY

- Please 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

http://austintexas.gov/department/leash-areas