Alexandria is a dog-friendly community. There is an off-leash dog park within a mile of virtually every residence in the city. Dog exercise areas are under the jurisdiction of the City’s Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; please direct questions about the location and maintenance of dog exercise areas to RPCA. These are the only areas in the city where dogs may exercise off-leash.

When using the dog parks, please follow these rules:

- Dogs must be attended at all times (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 6-1-2.2)
- Only three dogs per person in these areas (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 6-1-2.2)
- Dogs must be 4 months or older (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 6-1-2.2)
- Dogs must have a current rabies vaccination (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 5-7-38)
- Dogs must be licensed (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 5-7-47)
- No female dogs in season (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 5-7-42)
- Owners must clean up feces (City Code Chapter 7, Article C Section 5-7-42)
Off-leash exercise area locations:

**Fenced**
- Simpson Stadium Park at Monroe Ave. *(lighted)* (map)
- Duke Street east of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library (map)
- Montgomery Park at the corner of Fairfax and 1st Streets (map)
- Dog Run Park at Carlyle, 450 Andrew’s Lane (map)
- Ben Brenman Park by Backlick Creek (map)

**Unfenced**
- Founders Park at Oronoco Street and Union Street (map)
- Windmill Hill Park at Gibbon and Union Streets (map)
- Southeast corner of Braddock Road and Commonwealth (map)
- Hooff’s Run, east of Commonwealth between Oak and Chapman Streets (map)
- Ft. Williams Parkway at Dearborn Road (map)
- Tarleton Park (map)
- Chambliss Street (map)
- W. Timberbranch Parkway and Parkway Terrace (map)
- Chinquapin Park (map)
- Monticello Park (map)
- Four Mile Run Park / Edison Street cul-de-sac (map)
- Mount Jefferson Park / W&OD Railroad at Raymond Avenue (map)