INFORMATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR THE
BONEYARD DOG PARK

**** REVISED RULES ***

Welcome to the Boneyard Dog Park
A Town of Kingston Park

BONEYARD PARK RULES (revised 8/21/18)

1. Users of the Park whether Kingston residents or non-Residents are subject to all the fines, bylaws and rules of the Town of Kingston.

2. Access to Boneyard Dog Park is restricted to Town-approved users only. Suspension or revocation of the Park Access License remains solely at the discretion of the Kingston Animal Control Officer and will be considered based on a reportable and verifiable incident.

3. Park Access Licenses (PALs) are required to be affixed to handler(s) in a clearly visible manner at all times. Sharing badges or giving access to unregistered dog(s) will result in an immediate suspension of privileges.

4. As per state and local by-laws, all dogs 6 months of age or older, must be properly licensed and vaccinated for rabies.

5. Small dog area is restricted to dogs under 25lbs or with special needs.

6. Handler(s) are limited to a maximum of 3 dogs and are required to keep a leash with them at all times for each dog.

7. Dog(s) must never be left unattended. Handler(s) must keep an eye on their dog(s) at all times. Handler(s) must clean up after their dog and dispose of the waste properly. Scoop your poop! Only Frisbees and toy balls are allowed. No non-dog toys or treats.

8. No aggressive, sick or in-heat dogs are allowed. No animals other than dogs are allowed.

9. No group training is allowed.

10. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, glass containers, or open food of any kind. Agility components are for dogs only. No children allowed on the equipment.

11. Children 12 years of age or under are prohibited from any portion of the fenced-in area of the park. Children 12 years and under must remain outside of the fenced in area and cannot accompany any dogs or humans into the park under any circumstances. Children Age 13-15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18.

12. Access is restricted to the designated double-entry gates. Gates must be closed as all
times. No congregating near entry gates.

13. Dog(s) must be leashed at all times outside the designated fenced area to avoid injury to any person(s) or dog(s).

14. All dog bites resulting in broken skin (puncture or scratch) must be reported to the Town of Kingston Animal Control Officer (ACO) 781-585-0529 or Kingston Police Department 781-585-0523.

Use of the Dog Park is at your own risk and person(s) making use of the Park shall be responsible for injuries caused by their dog(s) and shall hold the Town of Kingston, the Friends of Kingston Dogs and their representatives harmless for same.

Dog Park Access Licenses (PAL) can be acquired at the Town Clerk’s Office in the Kingston Town House during normal Town business hours. Proof of valid dog license and current rabies vaccination is required. The PAL is free and available for both residents and non-residents of the Town of Kingston.

Accepting a Park Access License indicates your understanding and agreement to the PARK RULES and the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK. Park rules are subject to change. Any changes will be noticed at the Dog Park Kiosk.

ADDITIONAL PARK ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY SUGGESTIONS:

1. If aggressive action is observed, the dog causing the aggressive behavior should leave the area immediately.

2. Users already inside the park should call their dogs away from the gate until the new arrivals have entered.

3. Unleash your dog as quickly as possible after entering the park. A dog often feels vulnerable being on leash while other dogs around it are off leash.

4. You should always watch your dog closely and be prepared to intervene if the interaction seems to be getting out of hand or becoming too uncomfortable for a particular dog.

5. Mounting ("humping") is often a way by which one dog expresses dominance over another. Do not allow your dog to mount another dog, as this behavior is very likely to lead to a fight. Even if your dog means no harm, the other dog is very likely to take offense.

6. While dogs under 6 months are allowed to use the park without a Park Access License, for safety reasons, we discourage the use of the park by dogs under 6 months.

TOWN OF KINGSTON BONEYARD DOG PARK LIABILITY WAIVER

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

As a condition of use, I understand that the use of this park and recreational facilities means that I am taking and assuming certain risks of damage or injury to myself, my guest(s), my property, my dog(s) and to others in the park and associated facilities. I realize that when dogs are around people and other dogs, some accident or injury may result, and that people, dogs and property might be injured or damaged.
I hereby agree to assume these risks, for myself, my guests, my property, and my dog(s). I agree that it is solely my responsibility to determine whether the dog park property itself and any particular situation involving other members, guests and dogs is safe for myself, my guest(s), my property, and my dog(s).

In exchange for the opportunity to use this park and its facilities, according to the Rules and Regulations, I hereby release and discharge the Town of Kingston officers and employees; and the Friends of Kingston Dogs and its officers, directors, and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, loss, damage or injury to person or property, including any death, serious or other damage or injury which may result while I or my guest(s), my property, or my dog(s) are on the dog park premises. I will hold harmless and indemnify the Town of Kingston officers and employees; and the Friends of Kingston Dogs and its officers, directors, and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, loss, damage or injury to person or property, including any death and serious or other damage or injury which may be caused by myself, my guest(s), my property or my dog(s) while on the dog park premises.

I am 18 years old or older and have the legal capacity to enter into a binding agreement. I intend for this release to be binding upon my heirs, successors, beneficiaries, next of kin, personal representatives or executors, and assigns.

Dear Dog Park Access License Holder,

Welcome to the Boneyard! We are excited that you are interested in utilizing the new dog park in Kingston, MA.

History and Funding
The Boneyard Dog Park Project has been under development since the Off Leash Dog Area Study Committee was charged in August 2014 and followed-up with an Off Leash Dog Area Implementation Committee in 2015. Both Committees were empowered by the Kingston Board of Selectman to deliberate, publicly debate and plan for a potential dog park somewhere on public land in Kingston.

After many public meetings and analysis, the chosen site was a beneficial re-use of the Kingston Capped Landfill adjacent to the current Transfer and Recycling Station and the Sewerage Treatment Plant on Cranberry Road. With 100% design and 90% construction funding through the private Stanton Foundation (www.thestantonfoundation.org) coupled with a 10% match by the Community Preservation Committee, a Dog Park Management Committee was formed to develop the chosen site into a fully-functioning dog park called, The Boneyard in 2016-2017.

Park Use
Working with Animal Control and Town Counsel, the Board of Selectman decided that the park will remain free for use. However, a permit for use will be required through the Town Clerk’s office to both Kingston residents and non-residents with the proof of a valid dog license (and rabies certification). These Park Access Permits MUST be worn on the DOG HANDLER at all times during use of the Boneyard Dog Park. Park Access Permits (PALS) can be obtained at the Town Clerk’s Office during normal Town business hours only. Use of the park without a PAL is not allowed and you will be asked to leave the park immediately.

The use of the dog park is SOLELY at your own risk and you retain liability for any injury or issue that arises at your or your dog’s fault. By using the dog park, you are agreeing to the liability waiver included herein. PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE OF THIS HANDOUT FOR PARK RULES.

Management and Upkeep
While the Boneyard is officially managed through an MOU with the Stanton Foundation by the Dog Park Management Committee appointed by the Board of Selectman, the day-to-day operations of the park will be cared for by the Friends of Kingston Dogs – a 501c3 charitable organization. This benevolent and charitable institution has been organized and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and/or educational purposes, including the following:

a. Allow dogs to exercise and socialize safely while off-leash;
b. Promote responsible dog ownership;
c. Provide outlets for dog owners to socialize;
d. Make for a better community by promoting public health and safety, and
e. To build and maintain Off Leash Dog Areas (OLDA) in Kingston, Massachusetts.

This unique partnership with the Town of Kingston ensures proper operation and maintenance of the dog park in perpetuity.

Costs for upkeep of the Boneyard are to be borne by the Friends of Kingston Dogs through fundraising and donations. To keep the park opening and operational, tax-deductible donations to the Friends of Kingston Dogs are encouraged. For more information on the Friends of Kingston Dogs, please visit their website at www.kingstondogs.org or their Facebook Page @FriendsofKingstonDogs.

If you would like to volunteer as a Friend, please sign up on the Facebook page and/or send an email to friendsofkingstondogs@gmail.com