



# Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District Fair Oaks Responsible Dog Owners Group



## INFRACTIONS POLICY

### Introduction

FORDOG and the Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District (FORPD) recognize that – because “dogs will be dogs” and “people are people” – there will occasionally be rough-and-tumble play among the dogs and disagreements among the people using the Phoenix Dog Park. The occasional nip from one dog to another, or harsh words between their owners, is not considered cause for either alarm or action.

However, the safety and well-being of the dogs using this facility should be a primary concern for everyone using it. And while users are advised to “use at your own risk,” it is the policy of FORDOG and of the Park District to minimize that risk as much as possible.

Therefore, the following procedure will be followed when either FORDOG or the Park District has reason to believe that

- (1) a dog has clearly demonstrated that it is a threat to the safety of other dogs or to people, or
- (2) a person has demonstrated behavior that is abusive or intimidating to other people, or in some way a threat to the safety of people or dogs.

### Procedure

1. The FORDOG Coordinating Committee will formally document the first incident involving disobeying rules, aggressive behavior, etc. and will attempt to resolve the issue through interaction with the perpetrator(s).
2. If there is a second incident of disobeying rules, aggressive behavior, etc., the FORDOG Coordinating Committee will document this second incident, and again attempt to resolve the issue through interaction with the perpetrator(s). FORDOG will also inform the party(s) involved that the issue will be elevated to the FORPD Office for review and formal documentation. Documentation will be sent to the FORPD providing a brief chronology of the events (including attempts toward resolution).
3. If there is a third incident, the FORDOG Coordinating Committee will formally document the incident. FORDOG will, in writing, advise FORPD of the incident.
4. Upon receiving notice of the third incident, FORPD will issue a written statement to the appropriate individual(s) describing the disciplinary action that will be applied (banned from use of the facility, etc.). Depending on the severity of the incident(s), legal action may be considered.

*It should be noted that, if the first or second incident is considered sufficiently severe, FORPD may be informed and immediate action may be taken to ensure the safety of both canine and human users of the dog park.*