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WHY LARGE AND SMALL DOG AREAS?

The Jody Giannini Family Dog Park is a beautiful spot set aside for dogs to exercise, socialize, and play in a controlled environment under the supervision of their owners.

Separate large and small dog areas are provided to help protect the dogs and to provide peace of mind for their owners, especially the owners of small dogs that could be injured by roughhousing or aggressive larger dogs.

Even a well-behaved dog can unexpectedly and suddenly injure another. The injury can be severe when one dog is much larger than the other. Step into the shoes of a small dog owner. You want maximum possible safety for your dog to roam freely within the park. Respect those wishes.

The Nancy Mellen Small Dog Area is for dogs weighing 25 pounds or less.

Larger dogs may use the small dog area only if it is unoccupied by small dog(s) or if the owners of all small dogs occupying the small dog area consent to a request by the owner of the large dog. Consent may be especially appropriate if the large dog is elderly or infirm, but small dogs always have priority. If consent is not given or is revoked, the large dog should be moved immediately to the large dog area.

Small dogs are not excluded from the Jack E. Robinson Large Dog Area. Use of the large dog area by a small dog is at the discretion of the owner and may be a better choice for more rambunctious small dogs. However, it is recommended that dogs smaller than 15 pounds use only the small dog area.

Remember to watch your dog at all times. Safety requires supervision. Under California law the owners are legally and financially responsible for damage or injury their dog causes.