

**AMENDED CHAPTER 19.13 OF THE WINNEBAGO
COUNTY GENERAL CODE RELATING TO THE HANDLING OF
DOMESTICATED ANIMALS IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE
WINNEBAGO COUNTY PARK SYSTEM**

19.13 PETS AND ANIMALS.

No domesticated animals shall be allowed onto Park property, except as follows:

- (1) With the exceptions as noted in Section 19.13(4)(5)(11)(12)&(14), no person shall bring or permit any domesticated animal onto Park property at any time unless the animal is on a leash of suitable strength with a maximum length of six (6) feet.
- (2) Leashed animals are allowed on the WIOUWASH and Mascoutin Valley State Recreation Trails and at specified times at the Sunnyview Expo Center during scheduled events and per the edicts set-forth within the Sunnyview Exposition Center Policy Statement/Administrative Directive.
- (3) Persons shall be allowed to have domesticated animals on-leash at County boat landings only when being transferred from vehicles to boats, or boats to vehicles.
- (4) With the exception of the section of Community Park shared use path crossing through the Community Park Natural Way, persons shall be allowed to have domesticated animals on-leash on the Community Park shared use path and such persons shall be permitted to utilize those Community Park parking lots that abut the shared use path to facilitate direct transfer of their animal(s) from vehicle to path, or from path to vehicle.
- (5) No person shall bring or permit any animal except a service animal access into any building or onto any Nature Area, nor onto any parkland including disc golf courses, rugby and soccer fields, prairie plantings, playgrounds or play areas, shade shelters, ballfields, ponds, picnic or lawn areas, or public event areas.
- (6) While on the Community Park shared use path domesticated animals shall yield to bicycles, strollers, roller bladders, skate boarders, walkers, runners, those using mobility assistance devices, and, with the exception of marked crosswalks, all motorized vehicles.
- (7) No leashed animals shall be allowed on the segment of shared use path within the Community Park soccer complex during sports tournament events unless written permission is granted by the Director.

- (8)** Persons making use of either the Community Park on-leash or off-leash facilities shall be allowed to shepherd a maximum of two dogs at any given time.
- (9)** Animals must be under control at all times so they will not disturb the park setting or prevent the public from enjoying the facilities provided.
- (10)** No person shall bring a horse into or ride a horse onto Park property except that horseback riding shall be permitted in areas specially designated for horses.
- (11)** Nothing within Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.13 shall prohibit or restrict dogs from being present in posted off-leash dog park areas.
- (12)** Service animals as defined by the ADA are allowed onto all Park property with on-leash restrictions excepting where these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices.
- (13)** Owners are required to clean up any waste deposited by their domesticated animal and properly dispose of it off-site.
- (14)** Rules set forth in Winnebago County General Code Chapter 19.13 may be waived by the Director or his/her designee as circumstances may require for fixed periods of time.