

Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy : Amenities

As outlined in the Dogs in Open Spaces Strategy, all off-leash areas should include amenities that meet basic user needs or enhance the experience for dogs and owners. Standard and special amenities for off-leash areas are defined below.

Neighbourhood off-leash areas may have fewer amenities, as they serve a smaller population. District off-leash areas may offer more amenities.

Standard Amenities

The City can feasibly install and maintain recommended standard amenities at all off-leash areas.



Waste Bins
(in-ground are preferred)



Waste Bag Dispensers



Signage
(clear and effective for site rules, code of conduct and boundaries)



Open Space and Trees
(room to run off-leash, with trees for shade and shelter)

Special Amenities

**** Addition of special amenities is outside the scope of this pilot project. Once a process is established for enhancing off-leash areas, community groups may be able to fund these amenities. ****

Seating
(can be fixed or moveable)



Drinking Water
(two level drinking fountain or hydrant / hose bib and water dish)

Dog Wash Station
(can be a hydrant / hose bib with durable surfacing)



Washrooms
(can be seasonal, year-round or simple portapotties)

Notice Boards
(stand-alone structures used by the City and the public)



Separate Area for Small Dogs
(may also be used by shy, elderly or injured dogs)

Shelter Structure
(provides shelter for dog owners during inclement weather)



Agility Features
(for training and mental stimulation)

Lighting
(can extend the usable hours of off-leash areas, especially in the winter months)

