New York City's dogs love Central Park. To ensure visitors and pets alike stay safe, dog owners must follow the rules as outlined by NYC Parks.

**DOGS IN CENTRAL PARK**

**VISIT RESPONSIBLY**

Central Park’s dogs and their owners are part of the vibrant community that makes the Park a special place. Help us keep the Park clean and safe by respecting these rules:

- Dogs must always be under the control of their owner.
- Dogs must have a NYC license tag and valid rabies tag.
- Dogs must not dig, chase, or harm wildlife; damage Park property; or interfere with other Park users.
- Always clean up after your dog, including dog hair that you brush off in the Park.
- Please respect signs, fences, and red flags that may indicate temporary closures due to restoration, maintenance, or weather conditions.

These rules are part of the NYC legal code; dog owners may be fined for any violation.

**WHY ARE THESE REGULATIONS IN PLACE?**

The Conservancy staff works tirelessly to support flourishing Park plant life and wildlife, and we’re dedicated to protecting essential ecosystems found in the Park’s garden beds, root zones around trees, and lawns from heavy foot (and paw) traffic.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and consideration as we work together to keep Central Park a safe space for all species—our human and canine visitors, as well as the wildlife and plant life that live here.