

# Cruse News

Springfield-Greene County Park Board



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## Common Dog Myths:

- Dogs are not colorblind. They mainly see yellow and blue, however the canine retina contains two of the three photo receptor types required to see colors.
- Dogs eat grass because they're sick: Not always true. Sometimes as puppies they're curious! Sometimes they'll eat anything!
- Tail Wags = Friendly. False. Tail wags can also be a sign of anxiety or aggression, always check for other behavioral signs (i.e. relaxed eyes and ears) to make sure you are reading the situation correctly before assuming tail wagging means a dog is friendly.



## Park Reminders:

- Please be mindful as the days get warmer and sun gets hotter – the heat index will rise. Dogs communicate through behavior, being situationally aware will help you to know when it's time for them to take a break from the park.
- Dogs can also suffer heat exhaustion, heat stroke or sudden death from cardiac arrhythmias. Panting followed by disorientation and fast/noisy breathing could signal overheating.

- Another sign of overheating in dogs is the coloring of their tongue, gums, inside their ears. If they are bright red it could mean it's time for a break.

Tips to help an overheated dog:

- Take them to a cooler area.
- Place them in front of a fan to cool / dry off.
- Wet them with cool water, not ice or cold water. Rapid cooling can be dangerous.

If you as a park goer or notice another park user experience issues with your FOB, remember to reach out and find out why. Reach out to Leigha May at 417-864-1332.

### IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

The FOB you are issued when you join Cruse Dog Park is activated and deactivated through our system. If you accidentally let your membership or vaccinations expire, we can easily reactivate that FOB. When a membership is renewed, a new FOB will not be issued.

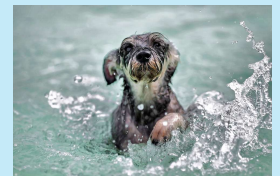
If you need to replace your FOB, you can do so at the

Chesterfield Family Center or at the Parks Administration Office. There is a \$10 replacement fee.

The hours of operation for the park are sunrise to sunset.

Remember Thursdays are mowing days. The park hours will adjust and be closed from 7 am – 8 am.

We are continuing to search for a solution for the large mud pit that forms after a rain on the large dog entry side. Several of you have sent in suggestions that I will present as the fiscal year changes over in July. Hoping to share some good news with you all soon about upcoming changes!



## Upcoming Events:

### **Dog Swim!**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fassnight Pool**  
**1301 S Campbell Ave.**  
**4 pm – 7 pm**

### **DogFest**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
**Chesterfield Park**  
**2511 W Republic Rd.**  
**10 am – 2:30 pm**