

Mount D.o.r.a. Dog Park

An Environmentally Friendly Park

The City of Mount is a leader in developing one of the few **environmentally friendly Dog Parks** in this country. Their decision to go “green” at the Mount D.o.r.a. Dog Park not only offers a better environment to socialize pets, but places this new Park among the best in the country.

What’s so different about this Park? For starters, it is maintained by using a minimum of synthetic fertilizers, chemical pesticides and herbicides. Many studies show that each of these items alone can have a detrimental impact on pet’s health. When put down in combination, the health effect can be severe.

The City of Mount Dora’s Parks & Recreation Department’s Operations Manager, John Burt, made a decision to incorporate **natural organic products** into the Dog Park care program. His decision reduces the risk of health problems from synthetics and chemicals, and also make great strides toward lowering the impact chemicals have on the overall environment.

How does it work? The Parks Department selected a “Fertigation System” to apply fertilizer and soil amendments through irrigation. Fertigation in conjunction with soil amendments lessens the amount of fertilizer needed, eliminates most runoff and reduces percolation into the ground water. And, the use of the Fertigation saves water – something that is becoming extremely important in Central Florida.

Fertigation allows the Parks Department to incorporate organic soil amendments (*Turf & Garden Pro*) and **odor control** products (*Ark Pro 1*) into the process to further enhance the soil while eliminating many of the effects of dog waste.

The soil amendment product used at the Mount D.o.r.a. Dog Park is, Turf and Garden Pro by Turf Pro USA, a 100% natural organic product that carries the **USA Environmental Protection Agency’s “Design for the Environment” seal**. Its purpose is to add necessary trace elements and natural biology to the soil to strengthen turf and plants so they can fight heat and cold stress, drought disease and insects. Turf & Garden Pro grows deeper, stronger roots that choke out weeds and helps hold the applied nutrients in the root zone so very little of the nutrients pass through to become pollutants.

Turf Pro USA’s Ark Pro 1 is another 100% organic product that carries the USA EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) “Design for the Environment” seal. Ark Pro 1 eliminates animal odors by absorbing them and breaking down the animal waste into biologically friendly nutrients which are then utilized by the biology in the Ark Pro 1 product.

The Fertilization system supplied by Turf Pro USA is manufactured by EZ-Flo Systems. This is a non-mechanical injection system that automatically supplies fertilizer and soil amendments through the sprinkler system during normal watering.

The City of Mount Dora (*website CityOfMountDora.com*), the Parks & Recreation Department (*phone 352-383-7183*) and Turf Pro USA (*website TurfProUSA.com*) are proud to offer residents and visitors to the Mount D.o.r.a. Dog Park a safe and healthy place to take their dogs.