Is your dog ready for a dog park?

1. **Does your dog come to you when called at least 9 times out of 10?**

   If your dog still ignores you half the time, then use treats, praise, affection and other training methods. Return to the park when your dog is responding reliably to you.

2. **Can your dog tell when other dogs don’t want to play?**

   If not, you can help your dog by recalling him/her and moving to a different part of the park.

3. **Does your dog avoid running in a pack?**

   Be on the lookout for dogs exhibiting pack behavior. Be prepared to leave and come back another day.

4. **Is your dog at least 6 months old and been vaccinated for rabies and other diseases?**

   Keep your dog and other dogs safe. Bring only vaccinated dogs to parks.

5. **Is your dog at least 20 lbs?**

   If not, it is strongly recommended that your dog use the small dog area. Large dogs can harm small dogs even when they are just playing.

6. **Does your dog like to poop?**

   Great! Be sure to pick it up and throw it away.