

Case of 'kennel cough' closes dog park until May

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Port Republic, MD - The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation announces Grays Road Dog Park is closed, effective immediately, until May 3 to mitigate the spread of a reported K-9 respiratory disease known as kennel cough. Kennel cough is a contagious disease that is commonly contracted in areas and facilities where many dogs congregate. Calvert County Government staff is currently on site disinfecting the facility.

Symptoms of kennel cough include a strong cough, runny nose, sneezing, lethargy, loss of appetite and low fever. Kennel cough is easily treatable and citizens are urged to consult a veterinarian if they believe their dog may have contracted the disease. Citizens are also urged to avoid Calvert County dog parks if their animals have not received the Bordetella vaccination.

Grays Road Dog Park is a 2-acre park that offers grassy areas for citizens to walk dogs and an off-leash area for dogs to run, and is equipped with public restrooms.

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