



Surfacing for Dog Parks

One of the most important aspects of building or revitalizing a dog park is the surfacing. There are environmental factors to consider, maintenance, and often most importantly, the cost. Each option has its benefits and considerations, so we've created a handy comparison guide between our two most popular solutions below.

Engineered "Woof" Fiber – Benefits	Synthetic Turf – Benefits
Low initial cost - \$2-4 per sq foot	Long lifecycle to amortize your costs
All natural, chemical free and contains "good" bacteria for smell reduction	Has a neat and clean appearance, plus antimicrobial backing to help prevent smells
Installs over existing surfacing (grass, asphalt, etc) and follows the natural ground contours	Extremely durable – even in high use areas and it's also "dig proof"
ADA Accessible	ADA Accessible
Easily installed by volunteers or parks maintenance staff	Most contaminants can be hosed off or blown away and it drains quickly
Fibers interlock to create a flat, cushioned and splinter free surface	Looks like real grass without the maintenance

Engineered Woof Fiber – Considerations	Synthetic Turf – Considerations
Requires top offs every 2-3 years	Professional installation is recommended
Can wear away in heavy use areas such as entrances and fence lines	Requires substantial base preparation
Can be costly if not ordered in bulk quantities of 30+ Cubic Yards	One of the more expensive solutions – installed pricing can average between \$9-12 per sq foot
Can be contaminated by dirt or mud	Repairs may require a professional

There are other surfacing options such as decomposed granite, grass stabilizers, rubber mulch, wood chips and pea gravel. Like any product, these also have their pros and cons so be sure to do your research before deciding on what's right for your dog park.

Have a question? Feel free to contact one of our dog park experts at: sales@dog-on-it-parks.com or toll-free at 877-348-3647!

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