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Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to Board of Health
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Dear Ms Bryant:

I am opposed to allowing dogs off the leash between 9:00 PM. and 9:00 A.M. The State Law prohibits dogs off the leash except in designated dog runs, and this law supersedes the city's authority

Dogs running freely pose a public danger. I was almost bitten by a large snarling, snapping dog roaming freely. I would have been forced to take tetanus vaccine and might have become infected had that dog bitten me. My friend was twice hit by running dogs. In the first instance she sprained her ankle. The second event her knee was injured. A few years ago an elderly woman was knocked down, was bleeding and sustained injuries.

Dogs dig holes. It is easy to trip in these holes and become injured perhaps break a bone. I have heard stories of bikers and joggers who were injured from dog collisions.

I saw owners watch their dogs form a pack (in the Ramble woods) and chase wildlife. Many neo-tropical migrants and other migrant birds visit central Park and other city Parks. Roaming dogs make it very difficult for sparrows and ground birds to feed themselves. They also destroy precious ~~Many~~ habitat.

Many dog owners refuse to leash their dogs after 9:00A.M. The majority of people in this city do not own dogs. Most of us love dogs, but know that the present policies are illegal and irresponsible.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

P.S. - My friends clothes were soiled by a dog off the leash

Very truly yours,
Anne Lozares

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>NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 161 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH
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In post 9/11 America in general and especially in New York in particular one has to ask, whatever happened to the Constitution of the USA? What makes us a democracy and a civilization among other things is rule of law. So the obvious remedy with regard to unleashed dogs running amok in the parks of New York City is enforce the law. Do we not have a local leash law? Are there not protected plant and animal species (under Federal Law) in NYC Parks?

Unleashed dogs injure pedestrians and indigenous wildlife and plant life and in a number of cases kill the latter two repeatedly. Armed with fangs, claws, urine and excrement unleashed dogs are doing a great job on our public property - our beloved Central Park is dying a slow and painful death. Do unleashed dogs and their impudent owners deserve eminent domain; are they the dominant species; are their owners more equal than the rest of us; if their unleashed dogs are so tame and obedient why not let them roam free on the streets with the rest of the traffic? Apparently New York City officials and particularly the NYC Parks Department think so.

On October 5th at 8AM while walking south on Central Park's East drive at 67th street on the PEDESTRIAN path, my walking companion and I were menaced by two unleashed, untagged pit bulls racing at us in crisscross fashion. Their owner walked behind them in an oblivious state doing nothing to control these two animals. I reported the incident to PEP Officer Bruce who saw the dogs running wild. He noted that dogs are free to be unleashed anywhere in the park from 9 PM to 9 AM and "there is nothing we can do about it." Isn't there?

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gerritson

October 13, 2006

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Members of the NYC Health Board
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DOGS NEED EXERCISE
DOGS ARE LESS AGGRESSIVE
WHEN EXERCISED OFF LEASH.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

E. Ross

Oct 13

Dear Mr. Bryant

This letter is a plea to allow dog owners to have the freedom to have them off leashes before 9:00 a.m. This is such an important time for all of us — and if everyone could see the large dogs, esp., running you could realize how much they need that exercise. It just can't happen when dogs are always leashed!

Yours.

Dorothy DeLardo

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THIS the only time that dogs have to enjoy the 5% acres of the park.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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My first dog in 20 years came to me w/behavior problems. All problems disappeared when I began to bring him to a run. Over the years I have fostered aprox 12 dogs with behavior problems. Every single one of them not only lost their behavior problems but became great neighbors. The off-leash facilities kept them from the shelters. I love dog runs.

Sincerely,

Lynn Pacifico

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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I'm writing in support of formalizing legal off-leash hours for dogs in New York City parks.

I've been bringing my dogs to Prospect Park for off-leash recreation for the better part of eight years. It's the highlight of my day as well as my dogs'. We all get exercise and see our friends. It's important, I think, to stress that we dog folks form a community – we are a kind of moving neighborhood, part of the social fabric of the city.

Yes, occasionally – occasionally – something untoward happens in the park; isn't that the case with everything we can do in life? Seeing this wonderful, fundamentally benign activity through the eyes of its opponents is like looking at myself in a funhouse mirror. I can more or less tell that that's me I'm looking at, but what a distorted picture!

I will keep the main part of this letter short, simply to express, as strongly as I possibly can, how much I value the daily opportunity to take a long walk with my dogs off lead. Plenty of activities take place in the parks that I have no interest in, and some of them I'd be perfectly happy to see disappear completely. Ball playing, for example, is also not without risks, and it takes up a good chunk of Prospect Park's Long Meadow all weekend every weekend for a large part of the year. But I respect the fact that in a densely populated area, open space has to be shared with many people whose ideas of fun are different from mine. Why long walks with one's companion dogs are less worthy of consideration than the opportunity to hit a ball with a stick is a mystery to me.

In the attachment to this letter I'll try to address some of the arguments I've heard for ending off-leash hours in New York parks, and also to explain why I believe that, even from the opponents' point of view, eliminating off-leash hours would be counterproductive. Please support the amendments to Section 165.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jolanta Benal

Anti-Off-Leash Statements and Counterarguments

I. "Off-leash dogs are dangerous."

It is certainly true that some dogs are dangerous. But in considering the degree of danger presented by allowing off-leash hours, let's bear in mind that this practice has been going on for two decades. How many serious attacks on people have taken place *in that context* over that time?

The fact is that **the people who take the trouble to get their dogs regular aerobic exercise are also the people who are likeliest to provide the training, socialization, and care that produce the friendliest dogs.**

Also, those of us who bring our dogs to the park don't like to be bitten any more than anyone else does, nor do we like to see our dogs attacked. There is strong peer pressure to remove unsuitable dogs and to seek behavioral advice for them.

Finally, this is one respect in which opposition to off-lead hours, if successful, is likely to produce exactly the result it seeks to avoid. I write here as a dog trainer and behavior counselor. ***Dogs do not do well when underexercised and undersocialized.*** A young, active dog who doesn't get exercise will be less relaxed than his well-exercised counterpart. Less relaxed = more tense; more tense = likelier to aggress.

Another reason why banning off-lead hours will be counterproductive to human safety is socialization: the more experience a dog gets early in life with various kinds of people and situations, the more that dog is able to take in stride. Undersocialized dogs are spooky and fearful. Spooky, fearful dogs are at much higher risk to bite than calm, unflappable dogs. Even dogs adequately socialized as puppies will "desocialize" if they live in a narrow world as adults.

Our dogs don't choose us; we choose them. It's not an anti-human conspiracy to say that, having chosen them, we should do our best to meet their legitimate needs. Regular doggy exercise, running and trotting and sniffing, is a genuine need, like food and water and veterinary care. Those of us who have dogs find our lives and our families' lives enormously enriched by them – why is it so terrible to ask that the dogs receive something in return?

II. "Dogs damage the natural areas of the park."

They do if they're allowed to run off-leash there. **No one is asking for that to be permitted, nor does anyone object to ticketing owners whose dogs are off-leash in wildlife areas.**

This is another situation in which I believe banning off-leash recreation will be counterproductive. As I explained above, dogs need regular aerobic exercise. When I first got a dog in the city eight years ago, I didn't know about off-leash hours and my dog didn't get enough exercise from on-leash walks. She would lie on the floor licking off the varnish for hours, just for something to do with her pent-up energy. It was really quite sad to see. The behavior disappeared as soon as she got an hour in the park every morning.

As behavior problems go, my dog's was mild. Underexercised dogs often bark, pace, become destructive.

If off-leash exercise is foreclosed, some formerly law-abiding owners who love their dogs and see their behavior begin to deteriorate for lack of exercise may well feel that their dogs' health trumps the ban. To avoid tickets, they'll stay out of the parks' open areas and unleash their dogs in the woods. Is that what off-lead opponents want to see?

The point isn't to defend the owners who make this choice, only to say that some inevitably will. **Damage to the sensitive natural areas of the parks is likely to increase, not decrease, if people have no legal way to adequately exercise their dogs.**

III. "Dog owners don't pick up their dogs' feces."

This is plain nonsense. If you see how many dogs are in the Long Meadow on any clement morning before nine a.m., and then go around looking for unclaimed feces, you will be astonished by how little there is.

All dog owners know that we sometimes miss a "deposit." Just as we don't like being bitten, so we don't like stepping in feces! I make a practice of picking up any dog feces I see in the park. I am not unusual in this.

There are always going to be people who don't pick up after their dogs. It's hard to see how banning off-leash hours is going to change *their* behavior – especially since I see far more dog feces on the sidewalk, where dogs are presumably on lead, than I ever do in the park. **The non-picker-uppers are the same kind of people who leave the park littered with water bottles, soda cans, chicken bones, and dirty diapers every summer weekend. Perhaps we should have a ban on picnicking, too?**

IV. "Dog walkers leave their dogs off leash after off-leash hours are over."

This does have a *kernel* of truth – but there's no malice or deliberate lawbreaking involved.

The dog-walking crowd that bumps up against nine a.m. tends to be composed of the self-employed, stay-at-home parents whose children are in school, and retirees, not of people who have to be someplace at exactly such and such a time. Most of us don't wear watches to the park – well, perhaps we should.

What happens is that those people who do wear watches (or have a particularly sharp sense of time) start leashing up at nine, then those who don't wear watches take their cue and start leashing up in turn; and so on.

Yes, this means that every morning *some* dogs remain off leash in the Long Meadow for a few minutes after nine a.m. No, they're not supposed to. But … is this really so heinous an offense? Does it merit the vitriol that's expended on it? **Is everyone who suddenly realizes that it's ten after nine and he hasn't leashed his dog a selfish, human-hating jerk?** Or can we please inject some sense into this discussion?

Consider this: I took a look at the cars parked along the street on my way home from the park this morning and noticed that many of them were more than six inches from the curb. Those drivers are in violation of the law and could not offer any defense if they were ticketed. Cars that stick out far enough into the street to obstruct traffic are dangerous. And yet we would rightly think it absurd if some "civic" group began a campaign stigmatizing as social menaces all drivers, and as vicious scofflaws all of us whose cars had ever been parked eleven inches from the curb.

Enough said, I think.

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October 11, 2006

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Via e-mail: resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov

Re: Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161.05 of the New York City Health Code

Dear Health Department:

I am aware of your reputation as crusaders for protecting the health of the residents of New York City. The fact that you have chosen to tackle the subject of hidden Trans fat in foods is admirable and I believe will save plenty of lives and trips to the ER in the long run.

However, I am dismayed by your willingness to provide a loophole for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation by amending the leash law to allow for off-leash recreation in parks without a dog run. This will no doubt put more park users at risk. In fact, it will even put those outside the park at risk, as evidenced by a recent dog attack in Maspeth, Queens. A man was allowing his rottweiler to run around off-leash when it spotted a man walking his small dog on a leash outside the park. The rottweiler bolted out of the park and attacked, causing serious injury to both of them.

The problem with "off-leash hours" is that this DOPR policy depends on the public to police themselves. There are no requirements that need to be met before an owner allows his of her dog off of its leash. An owner doesn't have to prove that his or her dog is well-behaved before bringing it to a park and allowing it to run free. As a result, many rollerbladers, bike riders, birders, pedestrians and horses have been chased, knocked down or bitten.

The fact that the Parks Department lists reasons on their website for why they enforce the leash law as currently written is plenty of evidence against this "relaxation" of the leash law. FIDO, a dog owners group in Prospect Park, told their members to stop allowing their dogs to harass migrating birds in the most recent issue of their newsletter. Even this "responsible dog owner's group" admits that many dog owners are simply not acting responsibly.

Here are some comments from people in my neighborhood who have had run-ins with off-leash advocates who believe that their "right" to exercise their dogs supersedes the rights of people who are using the park:

> *"While walking through Juniper Valley Park at 8:15 this morning, I could hear from behind me a dog rapidly approaching. I was walking on a path. I turned around to see a LARGE and aggressive looking dog running towards me. The dog came up to within 5 feet of me and then veered off."*
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> *"It was 8:20 a.m. and once again I had to call the police about being threatened by an unleashed dog. This morning, while walking the kids to school, we were approached by one of the eight unleashed dogs on the paved walking path in Juniper Valley Park."*

Do you need further proof that there are irresponsible dog owners and that parks is not enforcing their own rules? Well, here it is, from the very department that is now lobbying you to change the health code:

"There I stood, on a cool crisp winter day in Central Park, gazing down at the frozen body of a dead raccoon. This was the second dead raccoon that day, the fifth that week. Something was very, very wrong. Who, or what, was killing the raccoons?

... why do we find squirrels and ducks mauled to death? Because someone's uncontrolled (read: unleashed) dog attacked them. The moral of this story is: dispose of your garbage properly, and leash your dogs!

Have you solved by now the mystery of the dead raccoons? We sent the bodies to Ward Stone, pathologist for the Department of Environmental Conservation, for necropsy. He discovered tooth marks on the wounds: sure enough, an uncontrolled dog was the culprit. We increased our patrols, and the killing did stop."

That was taken from the Winter 2001 issue of the *Redtailer*, a newsletter published by the Urban Park Rangers, a division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. What exactly has changed between then and now? Are unleashed dogs only a threat to other people, pets, wildlife and vegetation during daylight? From 9pm to 9am, dogs cannot possibly frighten, intimidate or annoy park visitors? Dog poop deposited under cover of darkness does not carry disease? Unleashed dogs that enter flower beds and lawns at night do not do damage, and plants are not killed by uric acid after 9pm? You must admit, these concepts sound pretty ludicrous.

The fact of the matter is that we are at a crisis point in our parks because of the 20-year illegal policy put in place by the DOPR. Henry Stern instituted the off-leash hours in the 1980s because his agency could not afford to hire Parks Enforcement Patrol officers to cover the parks at night. The public is paying the price for this today. The number of people who have taken advantage of the off-leash hours has ballooned out of the control of the still undermanned Parks Enforcement Patrol. Parks is now stuck, and now they are scrambling to change the leash law to save face. And they are trying to use you to sanction what they have done. Please do not be a part of this embarrassment.

The number of dogs in the city is estimated to be 400,000 by conservative estimates; 1.4 million by liberal estimates. According to the Mayor's 2006 Management Report, there were 105,000 dog licenses issued last year. This means that far less than even the conservative estimate have been properly documented and vaccinated. Of this number, a small percentage of these dogs are walked in public parks. Of the dogs walked in parks, an even smaller percentage take part in off-leash activity. Of those taking part in off-leash activity, even fewer owners are members of "responsible dog owner groups." NYC DOG states that it represents all the dog owner groups in the city, and this number is only 20,000. Please do not put the rest of the city at risk in order to appease a vocal minority of selfish people. Concentrate instead on increasing the number of dog licenses applied for and rabies vaccinations which are measures aimed at protecting all of us.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Christina Wilkinson

From healthypets.com:

Parasites:

Toxocara: An infection caused by the parasitic roundworms found in the intestine of dogs. It is extremely prevalent in puppies because they acquire infections from their mothers, which transfer larvae prenatally or from their milk. Unless treatments are administered before 4 weeks of age, puppies will contaminate the environment, because female worms become fully mature and produce eggs when puppies are 3 weeks of age. **The eggs can remain in most environments for months or even years.** The two major forms of Toxocara are Occular larva Migrans (OLM) and Visceral larva migrans (VLM). **OLM is an eye disease that can cause blindness. VLM is more rare, but can cause serious damage to the nervous system and organs.**

Roundworms: These worms are spaghetti-like worms found in infected cat and dog feces. **In humans, they can cause fever, cough, loss of appetite, and congestion.** Never touch feces with your bare hands.

Hookworms: Hookworms are an intestinal parasite that attaches to the inside of the intestinal wall and literally drains the blood from the host animal. It is an extremely common parasite seen in the majority of all puppies that can cause diarrhea, vomiting, bloody stools, anemia and even death. They may penetrate the skin of human and cat and dog hosts. **When people have contact with soil or sand contaminated by the feces of dogs and cats infected with hookworms, they can develop progressive linear eruptive lesions, a syndrome called cutaneous larva migrans, or creeping eruption.**

Although more than 100 zoonotic infections exist, the most common culprits are bite-related, gastrointestinal, and skin-related diseases.

Gastrointestinal Illnesses:

Campylobacter: These infections result from the ingestion of contaminated food or water or **from the exposure to feces of infected humans or animals, including household dogs...Common symptoms include diarrhea, abdominal pain, and fever.** Puppies sometimes carry this bacteria in their stool.

Giardia: This is one of the most common intestinal parasites found in people and usually causes diarrhea in people and animals. **This disease can be transmitted to people from other people, or from wild or domesticated animal**...The symptoms may last weeks, and infected people may be contagious for months.

Leptospirosis: **A bacteria in dog and cat urine that can cause flu-like symptoms or more serious illnesses.** It is spread mainly through ingestion and through contamination of cuts and abrasions by the urine of infected animals and is usually not transmitted from person to person. Direct contact with animal urine is a risk. Indirect contact from water that has been contaminated with urine is also a risk.

Cryptosporidium: **This is a bacterial disease carried in the feces of cats, dogs, and horses. In humans, it can cause diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting.**

Salmonellosis: **This bacteria, which is passed through animal feces, can cause diarrhea, fever, and vomiting.** The organisms most likely to carry salmonella include poultry, livestock, reptiles, and pets. Although most frequently transmitted from contaminated food or water, occasional transmission occurs from infected people as well as from pets.

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Via fax (212) 788-4315 and e-mail: resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov

Re: Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161.05 of the New York City Health Code

I have always admired the Department of Health's role in protecting the general public from harm. However, as a health professional, I find it troubling to hear that your department is now considering relaxing the leash law, an act that will no doubt put the public at greater risk for falling victim to disease and attack. This is being considered in order to give an "out" to the Commissioner of Parks who is bowing to pressure from a minority of vocal dog owners, not because dogs have suddenly ceased to be dangerous or incapable of spreading illness.

If most dog bites are occurring in people's homes, as off-leash advocates have claimed, then why would you allow these same dangerous dogs to roam free in city parks? This will expose the general public to unnecessary risk of attack. Most dogs that bite have never before had an incident, and it is impossible to tell which dogs are likely to bite.

Dogs can also threaten human safety in ways other than biting. Off-leash dogs have seriously injured bicyclists, joggers, rollerbladers and pedestrians by running at and knocking them down. This has sent many unsuspecting park goers to the emergency room. Amending the leash law so that the Parks Commissioner may sanction off-leash hours would be tantamount to saying that dogs are only dangerous during a certain time of day. This is simply ridiculous.

In your "notice of intention to amend," you state, "The Department, like DOPR, realizes that alternative space for dogs to exercise is not generally available in our urban environment." Dogs are considered personal property, and before obtaining one, the owner should carefully consider the availability of space for the dog. This should not be a concern for the Department of Health. Your responsibility lies in protecting the health and safety of people, not exercise space for their pets. DOPR not having enough enclosed dog runs in the city to serve the large dog population sounds more like an internal budget problem than a defect in the leash law. There also are more baseball players, hockey players, and tennis players than there are facilities for them to play on, but we don't allow them to play their sports on park lawns in order to appease these groups' need for space. Doing so would not only destroy vegetation and disturb wildlife, but would most importantly present a hazard to patrons who use parks for passive

purposes. Off-leash dogs present the same problems, and therefore should only be allowed in fenced off dog runs. The Parks Department's website gives clear reasons as to why:

> "First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life."

This came from the very agency that is now petitioning your Department to amend the leash law so that they may sanction unleashed dogs. They can't have it both ways.

In your notice of intention to amend, you mention that off-leash dogs are at greater risk for contracting rabies, and that all dogs are required to have a rabies vaccine in case they are bitten or should happen to bite. Neither DOPR nor DOH have addressed the fact that there are not enough enforcement officers available now to screen dogs for rabies tags; the potential number of off-leash dogs is expected to more than double if this law were to be amended, yet the number of park police is not expected to increase in response to this change.

Also, neither of you addressed the Parks Department's assertion that "unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners." The amount of waste disregarded by dog owners will only increase with more unleashed dogs. Wildlife, people and other dogs will all have greater exposure to "pernicious zoonotic infections" (see attached list). Especially susceptible to these diseases are young children and people with AIDS. There are a good number of people with AIDS who use city parks. I know this because I am a health care professional who works with this population. Parents frequently bring their young children to visit parks and these children are also at greater risk for contracting a disease from pet waste as they tend to crawl and roll around on the ground. It's important to note that direct skin contact with dog feces is not required to contract many of these diseases. A person who visits a park where off-leash activity occurred may inadvertently step in dog feces and then contaminate their home. Dogs are also not required by the city to be vaccinated against these diseases, and for some diseases, vaccinations do not currently exist. With all due respect, these are issues that should be of concern to the Department of Health, not how much park space is available for people to exercise their dogs.

Owners who walk their dogs on leashes generally do so along park paths. If they should fail to clean up after their pet, it is usually both noticeable and avoidable. Those who allow their dogs off-leash let them roam anywhere. Off-leash dogs should be confined to dog runs for this reason, because dog runs are fenced off and therefore contact with waste and risk of contracting disease would be greatly reduced for the general population.

It is a shame that the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation has abandoned its duty to protect the health and safety of park users, and instead has chosen to cave into

pressure from off-leash dog advocates, a minority of dog owners, who feel that exercising their personal property takes precedence over safeguarding the well-being of their fellow New Yorkers.

Department of Health, please do not follow the Parks Department down this slippery slope. The people of New York are counting on you to protect their health. One easy way to do this is to keep the leash law on the books as written.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Christina Wilkinson

BERLIN

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Sheep in Central Park, New York.

Sheep grazing in Prospect Park, 1914.

Leo and Rudy Rolling in the Grass approx. 8-13-06

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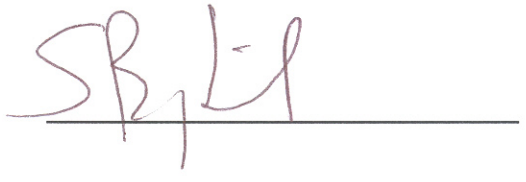
1) **Dog socialization:** Read literature published by Professor Clinton Sanders, a sociologist at the University of Connecticut at Storrs who stresses the point that dogs that are off-leash at least 30 to 45 minutes each day are more mild manner and obedient.

2) **Owner socialization: owners** are more attentive to their pets and involved with their immediate communities when their furry friends run off-leash.

3) **Dog owners accept financially liability:** Dog owners are generally reliable owners and

understand they must take full accountability for their pets' actions.

Sincerely,



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Dogs need free exercise - they are better socialized when they are on leash after they have had proper canine-type physical activity. Therefore less dog bites, etc.
They make the park much safer - if not for the dogs the park would be much less utilized & safe during off-peak human hours.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Karen Lerner

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INTERNAL MEDICINE

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October 10, 2006

Dear Ms. Bryant;

I have been walking my dogs twice a day in Central Park for the past 15 years, off the leash when permitted, on when not. I am not aware of a single incident of anyone being threatened or injured by an off the leash dog during that time. Many of my fellow dog owners are solitary people, sometimes young, sometimes old, whose only close companions are their dogs. It would be cruel and pointless to submit these animals to a life of total confinement, in an apartment or on a leash, and cruel and pointless to deprive the owners of what might be their best or only friends. I urge you to continue and if possible formalize the courtesy and kindness of allowing our dogs off leash from 9 PM to 9 AM in Central Park.

Sincerely,

George Falk

George A. Falk, MD

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To Whom it May Concern:

I respectfully support any provision allowing domesticated dogs to run without leashes in Central Park during the traditionally designated times of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

The following points relate solely to health issues:

1. Sanitation: There should be strict enforcement of pick-up rules, with significant penalties for offenders. On leash or off leash.

2. Disease: Responsible dog owners don't bring sick dogs to the park. On leash or off leash.

3. Dog bites: They happen, albeit very infrequently. On leash or off leash.

4. Mental health: We each benefit from being free from restraint, master and dog alike.

When is a leash warranted? I believe dogs should be leashed in crowded or unsafe conditions, when tight control is needed by both dog and master. Such conditions would apply to city streets; building lobbies, hallways, elevators and staircases; retail stores and restaurants, and parks during peak hours.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kenneth Metviner

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Debra Jane Seltzer
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October 9, 2006

In support of Amendments to Section 165 (Off Leash Hours for Dogs in City Parks)

Hello --

I am a 20-year resident of Park Slope and have always enjoyed and cherished exercising my dogs in Prospect Park in the morning during off-leash hours. It is an enriching experience in many ways and the best part of my day. I have made many good friends during Off Leash hours over the years. My dogs are very active, rescue dogs and it is essential for their well-being and my sanity to get this activity. I recognize that it is a privilege and treat it as such. Neither I nor my many friends venture out of the designated areas, we always pick up after our dogs, and hook up leashes at 9am. In the many years I have been going to the Park, I have not seen any negative encounters with dogs and pedestrians, joggers or bike-riders. I'm sure these are rare events.

I have witnessed many children's first exposures to dogs and have always found it to be positive. I have three small dogs, under 20 pounds, that love to chase balls and frisbees. I have sometimes invited toddlers (with their parents' permission, of course) that could barely throw anything to participate with my dogs and their toys. All parties have had delightful and touching experiences.

I have been a dog trainer for many years and have also been able to give tips on positive training techniques to many new dog owners. Many dogs that have been lost have been reunited through the networking of this tightly knit community. Strays have also found homes when they have been brought to the Park.

Without access to exercise, I'm sure there would be many bored dogs getting into trouble with barking and destructive activities. Quite possibly, there might be more dog to dog aggression and even dog to people aggression without the ability of dogs to socialize at liberty and get the exercise they need. I fear there would be many more dogs turned over to shelters and eventually put down if the off leash hours are taken away. I do believe the Park is a safer place for joggers, pedestrians and cyclists because of the presence of the great many dog-owners. I believe the present scenario is working well and sincerely hope that it will continue.

Debra Jane Seltzer
Brooklyn, NY

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Message: Dear Sir/madam, I am traveling in Europe and I just saw on TV that NYC is planning to allow dogs to "run wild" off their leashes after 7PM in city parks. If this news story is correct, it is a terrible idea since many people are afraid of dogs and our parks are for people! We have already given up a portion of our parks for dog runs. Allowing dogs to run around is a huge mistake and dangerous for the public at large. Thank you for your time.

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October 7, 2006

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JoA

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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I have participated for the last 8 (off-leash) years. When I have I see a more responsible group. It brings families together. They leave the park cleaner than they've left it.

WE VOTE TOO!!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 7, 2006

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Both the dogs and their owners are good park citizens. We self-police reminding one another to scoop the poop and keep the park tidy. We keep the park safer at the off-peak hours that we are allowed to use it. This is a good valid use of the parks. More people are there at the parks, having fun, at dog-hours than at other times. The park should be used. We are good stewards. Please pass these amendments.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,
A dog owner who has used the park to walk the dogs for 26 years

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We have been responsible participating in offleash activities in Prospect Park for years without incident. Because of offleash privileges, our dogs are better socialized. Please allow us to continue to enjoy this privilege.

Thank you

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Rina Deych

October 7, 2006

Roghan Kirchner
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Roghan Kirchner 41 Eastern Pkwy #E Brooklyn NY.

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Sincerely,

Roghan M Kirchner

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Parks are safer during off-leash hours (more people); dogs are better socialized; more fun for owners as well (I never used to go to any parks until I got my dog & now I enjoy coming to the park every weekend - my dog LOVES IT)

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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And don't forget the fact that off-leash privileges bring in tourist dollars – this is a great resource for all!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

M. H.

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because mental health depends on ability to live with my 4 legged friends, and physical health depends on our daily visits to the park.
I pick up waste as will my friends do
I ask you consider off leash hours
[redacted]ain

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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Lucy Rumack
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Thank you.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 07, 2006

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This is a playground for dogs. Keep the hours in the morning open for the people an for their pets to run & play in the open surface parks.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Julie Retzloff

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- the off-leash hours make neighbors people who would otherwise be strangers and contribute to a tighter-knit community.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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Jonathan Janov

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I am a VOTER AND USING the PARK with MY DOG IS of GREAT IMPORTANCE to ME.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 7, 2006

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Dogs have made the parks safe. The complaints to get how many muggings have been PREVENTED.

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Sincerely,

Jana Brenning

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OFF leash hours promote socialization as well as physical fitness. It's a necessary part of maintaining a healthy dog - both physically & mentally.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

JM

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HOWARD SPIELMAN
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THANK YOU KINDLY FOR ALLOWING MY DOG TO SOCIALIZE AND EXERCISE.

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Sincerely,

Howard Spielman

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Dogs who do are very responsible people. (We do clean after dog pa's) and will continue to.

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Sincerely,

E. Joseph

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Ms. Ella Helene Oblas
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A community thrives on diversity. Pets, especially dogs, contribute to community unity & activism. Having a healthy space for them to exercise, socialize & socialize their owners will enhance the lives of all constituents.

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Sincerely,

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October 07, 2006

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Daily use of Prospect Pk off leash hours

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Encouraging park use by dog owners makes the parks safer for everyone! Parks would be much more deserted without off-leash walking.

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Sincerely,

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Anthony Miscuglio
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1) Keeps the parks safer
2) Provides healthy exercise for dogs
3) Allows dogs to socialize with other dogs

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Sincerely,

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Dr. ANDREA AUERBACH - Coordinator
- NYC has better socialized dogs because of off-leash opportunities

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Sincerely,

Andrea Auerbach

October 14, 2006

Michele Pagnotta
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It allows the dogs the opportunity to exercise which makes dogs less aggressive.

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Sincerely,

Michele Pagnotta

10/6/06

Dear Ms Bryant,

This is to inform the members of the Board of Health that I support the off leash hours policy. It is a wonderful thing to see so many people with their pets enjoying the carefree environment which off leash hours permit.

I support amendments to Section 165.

Sincerely

Mary Ellen Bosch

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Very truly yours,

Karen L. Sacks

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Ziggy is calmer and better because of his runs and interaction with other dos, and the exercise keeps him healthy. The responsibility that we feel for Ziggy brings us to enjoy the park at times when we otherwise would not. Prospect Park is beautiful, and our community of dog-walkers makes up a large and dedicated portion of its users. Im sure you know that we are a politically aware group that votes and frequently talks politics over a morning coffee on the long meadow, nether mead or peninsula. Before and after 9 o'clock (5pm in the winter) we are nearly the only ones in the park.

Pia and I have been involved in volunteer projects to clean up the trash left by picnickers on the peninsula and our organization FIDO provides garbage cans (which we use). Our presence is good for public safety at off hours, and we are using the parks for what they were designed; to enjoy some outdoor space in the midst of the city.

Please do whatever you can to keep our parks open to us and to our furry friends. I'm including a photo of the three of us in Prospect park during off-leash hours.

Sincerely

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Oct. 24 2006

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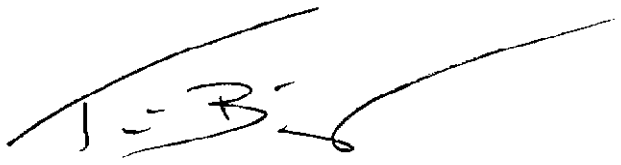

Terri Bishop

I support any proposed amendment that might strengthen (+ clarify) the current off-leash hours policy in New York City parks. So that my dog might continue to exercise + socialize

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Thank you

Jan Ann

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leash after all these years of enjoyment.

Sincerely,

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At night I feel safe walking in the park with my dog.

I pick up after my dog and I also pick up after other dogs --- it's good Karma.

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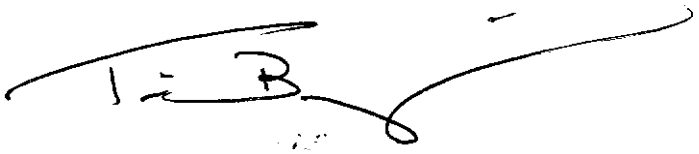

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Robert J. Lewis

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Because we need open spaces around the city, the dog runs are't enough for each Boro, the upper East side in Manhattan just has one and for many people elderly o families with kids is so hard to get there, we enjoy the park every morning and night, Plus we are part of a beautiful comunity (dog comunity) that beside be dog owners, we help to rescue dogs from the shelters, and the streets →

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Sincerely,

Viviane Garcia

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Members of the NYC Health Board
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c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
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I live at 83rd & York but walk my Beagle every day to Central Park at 8 AM to take advantage of the off-leash period before 9 AM. Carl Schurz is closer, but my dog does not get exercise there. The 20 minute walk to Central Park and the half hour to 45 minutes there gives both of us exercise and a great deal of pleasure. I doubt I would make the trip daily without the dog. In addition, as an artist I have

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Sincerely,

Gail Rodney

Paula A. Bendall
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October 24, 2006

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to you to lend my support to the off-leash policy, particularly in light of the upcoming hearing on November 1, 2006.

I predicated my choice of breed based upon the off-leash policy. I own a Sprenger Spaniel, who needs to run daily. I take him to the Park through the Engineers' Gate at 76th St and begin to let him off leash to play with other dogs. I generally arrive about 7:30 AM in order to give him plenty of time to exercise in designated areas. I leash him promptly at 9:00 AM.

My observations of other owners indicate nearly 99 3/4 % of all dog owners observe

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~~I don't know~~ why take away something that works well. If we have respectful dog owners - why can't we have some freedom with our dogs. This will make for a better society. Let build back our friendly societies not use gestapo laws.

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Correa

Cat. 24

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing in defense of the Off-Leash Policy which for 20 years has brought thousands of people into the parks to responsibly exercise their dogs, building community and making the parks safer in the evening and early morning.

Dogs which can run

October 24, 2006

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1. NYC HAS BETTER SOCIALIZED DOGS BECAUSE OF OFF LEASH OPPORTUNITIES
2. OFF LEASH HOURS BRINGS PEOPLE INTO THE PARKS EARLY IN THE MORNING & IN THE EVENING - THEIR PRESENCE & VIGILANCE MAKES PARKS SAFER
3. THE AMENDMENTS TO THE "LEASH LAW" WILL FURTHER ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP SINCE THEY WILL PROMOTE LICENSING & VACCINATION.
4. THE OFF LEASH POLICY PROVIDES A REASONABLE BALANCE AMONG ALL PARK USERS SINCE IT IS ONLY DURING LIMITED TIMES & IN DESIGNATED PLACES.

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Sincerely,

Vicki Sutton

SARA G. STONE
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The off leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off leash policy. I support this clarification of the off leash policy because during the current off leash policy with dogs allowed off leash between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., dog owners are in the park at off hours when their presence and vigilance makes the parks safer. Unlike other park users, dog owners are there rain, shine, cold, snow and ice protecting the city's parks!!! Without the off leash law, dog owners will not protect the parks in this way.

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161-03 Powells Cove Blvd.
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Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Members of the NYC Health Board
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c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013 Re: Parks Department Courtesy Off Leash Hours

Gentlemen:

I am a retired senior citizen of New York City and have resided at the above address in Queens County for nearly 40 years.

Every morning at about 6:30 AM my dog "Charlie" brings her Frisbee to my bedroom to tell me it's time to get dressed, get out and go to Crocheron Park for our early morning fetch exercise and walk.

We have our little area in Crocheron where for 20 minutes or so Charlie gets the exercise necessary to keep her healthy and I get the exercise, the fresh air and the mental stimulation that I need to help kick start my day.

Since Charlie has been doing this since she was a puppy, she got to play and interact with other dogs in the park which has helped to make her the sweet and friendly dog that she is. In fact, many of the early morning walkers in the park will stop to watch Charlie and applaud. Ever so often a child will stop and ask me if they can toss the Frisbee to Charlie. Charlie and I love when this happens.

I've been going to Crocheron Park with Charlie for the past 5 years. Not once have I seen or even heard of any incident where an off leash dog during these morning courtesy hours has caused a problem. Most of the people that I meet with their dogs in the morning are responsible retired people or young people who need to exercise their well behaved dogs before they go to work.

Now I hear that a local civic association is trying to revoke the off leash courtesy period that I and many other dog owners have relied on for more than two decades. I cannot understand how they or the City of New York could be served by rescinding a program that has given so much joy to so many people and their pets.

I urge you, please, to let the Parks Department retain the courtesy off leash privileges that has worked so well for so long.

Sincerely,

Sheldon M. Cohen

Subject: Dog Leash Laws
Date: October 1, 2006

On Wednesday, November 1, 2006 a hearing of the current dog leash laws will occur in the Board of health building.

There is currently a non-written agreement that allows dogs off the leash between 9PM and 9AM in certain areas/parks in New York City. We would like your help in creating a law so that no further problems will occur in the future.

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The following are reasons for the current system:

Allowing dogs to be unleashed at certain hours has many benefits – not only for dog owners but the general public as well. The early hours and late nights that we have our pets off the leash protects the public and stops muggers and other unpleasant people who frequent the park. The health of the dogs and their ability to be socialized with other dogs and people make them and everybody around them happier. It does help the quality of life in this city.

The petition below is a protest against a law enforcing dogs on leashes at all times.

Carole Wright Haber	Olivia B. Wolman
Barbara A. Orgles	
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October 1, 2006

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During off-leash time dogs learn to interact and socialize without being aggressive. It helps them to become better dogs (and citizens!).

We - dog-owner - feel very responsible toward our dogs. Off-leash time - up to now - has also been a time for exercise for many of our pets. The results are great. We hope you will give us the chance to continue to raise good and well-mannered dogs.

Also: dog-owner presence in the park, makes the park safer!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Ingrid Rossellini

From: Gregory Klosek
To: resolution-comments@health.gov.nyc
Date: 10/1/2006 2:21:00 PM
Subject: Say YES to dogs!

Dear Ms Bryant:
Wanted to add my support for allowing dogs off-leash in all City parks 9PM to 9AM and at other hours where locally permitted. I don't own a dog (my two cats wouldn't allow me), but over the years, I've been active in making my coop (Parkway & C Owners Corporation, 403/409/415/421 Avenue C, Brooklyn) officially pet friendly. I've also had the delightful experience of seeing FIDO (Federation of Independent Dog Owners) in action in in Prospect Park. People pick up after their dogs, and both people and dogs (dozens of both!) are clearly having a great time! All the animals are carefully monitored and well behaved, and in the long run, people are probably safer from muggers with dogs allowed loose. I've read that some people in Queens are concerned that some people are afraid of dogs. This may well be true, but wouldn't they be more afraid of a mugger? If someone's all that phobic, 1.) therapy is readily available and 2.) perhaps they really shouldn't be living in NYC. This is a big, scary city, and there are lots of scarier things than some puppies romping and frisking in the park.
Sincerely,
Gregory Klosek
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Member, Prospect Park Alliance; Member, People for Parks; Past President & Board Member, Parkway & C Owners Corporation

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Bets Amongst the Raindrops in Central Park – 10-01-2006

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RE **The Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code**
COMMENT:

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear M. Bryant:

There are several false assertions regarding unleashed dogs that require thorough analysis:

- **Assertion**: Dogs need exercise, and unleashed exercise is best.
- **Analysis**: Dogs do need exercise. Dogs can get all the exercise required on a leash, with the responsible adult controlling the dog. And, the adult can get needed exercise as a result. The adult can jog, walk, and run, rollerblade, bike and have the dog alongside on a leash.

- **Assertion**: Dogs need to socialize, and unleashed socialization is best.
- **Analysis**: Dogs do need to socialize. Dogs can get all the socialization required while on a leash under the control of a responsible adult. The responsible adult in control of the leash can correct any poor behavior with other dogs or, far more importantly, people, immediately. The dog can be given and learn the commands needed to behave properly. An obedient dog is a socialized dog. An unleashed dog is an uncontrolled dog.

- **Assertion**: Unleashed dogs improve the security of park patrons because the criminals stay away.
- **Analysis**: Criminals may actually stay away from big dogs. But, if the owner is 50 to 100 yards away, the criminal can attack the owner and be gone long before the dog can react. In any event, the assertion is not believable because no one purchases a dog big enough to frighten away criminals from committing a crime against some stranger. The "big dog" owner expects the dog to protect only the owner and family. Any other protected people are simply extras. It's obvious to anyone concerned about criminal attack that a large dog on a six-foot leash is vastly preferable to a dog far away.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Doocey

9/28/2006

In post 9/11 America in general and especially in New York in particular one has to ask, whatever happened to the Constitution of the USA? What makes us a democracy and a civilization among other things is rule of law. So the obvious remedy with regard to unleashed dogs running amok in the parks of New York City is enforce the law. Do we not have a local leash law? Are there not protected plant and animal species (under Federal Law) in NYC Parks?

Unleashed dogs injure pedestrians and indigenous wildlife and plant life and in a number of cases kill the latter two repeatedly. Armed with fangs, claws, urine and excrement unleashed dogs are doing a great job on our public property - our beloved Central Park is dying a slow and painful death. Do unleashed dogs and their impudent owners deserve eminent domain; are they the dominant species; are their owners more equal than the rest of us; if their unleashed dogs are so tame and obedient why not let them roam free on the streets with the rest of the traffic? Apparently New York City officials and particularly the NYC Parks Department think so.

On October 5th at 8AM while walking south on Central Park's East drive at 67th street on the PEDESTRIAN path, my walking companion and I were menaced by two unleashed, untagged pit bulls racing at us in crisscross fashion. Their owner walked behind them in an oblivious state doing nothing to control these two animals. I reported the incident to PEP Officer Bruce who saw the dogs running wild. He noted that dogs are free to be unleashed anywhere in the park from 9 PM to 9 AM and "there is nothing we can do about it." Isn't there?

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gerritson
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It is important to keep the 9:00 pm to 9:am policy. It is the only time for the dogs to exercise We live in a very small apartment. Plus! lets off most the dogs make the park safe. Please allow the policy to continue!

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Sincerely,

Veronica L. Hewitt

October 14, 2006

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- OWNERS OF OFF-LEASH DOGS EXPECT VERY HIGH HEALTH AND BEHAVIOR STANDARDS OF OTHER OWNERS & DOGS
- RUNNING FREE CHALLENGES DOGS & THEIR OWNERS MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY TO A FULL SOCIAL LIFE
- OFF-LEASH HOURS ARE LIMITED TO WHEN FEW OTHERS USE THE PARKS THUS ENHANCING USE & SAFETY
- I & MANY OTHER DOG OWNERS WILL LEAVE NEW YORK IF THIS POLICY IS NOT PASSED - ALMOST 100% of NON-DOG-OWNERS I KNOW LOVE INTERACTING WITH MY DOG (stress release)

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Sincerely,

Susan

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I've been getting up early every morning for 2 years — the age of my dog — for the benefits of having her play off leash in Central Park. She needs the release of energy and interaction with other dogs & people, too. All dogs are better because of this. And I've never seen any problems whatsoever!

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People get more exercise if they run with their dogs off leash

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Sincerely,

Phil Balchi

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People + dogs keep the Parks safe at all hours.

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Sincerely,

Pam C-S

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- Dogs are beloved members of thousands of NYC families.
- These families are a significant constituency of parks users. Like other parks users, they deserve to be accommodated
- They visit parks every day, all through the year, in all kinds of weather, and help keep them safe.
- Walking and playing with a dog is great exercise and helps keep (human) New Yorkers healthy.

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Sincerely,

October 15, 2006

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1) It is a beneficial balance among the competing needs and wishes of all. Part of community living means compromise, accommodating whenever possible the needs of all. Ending an off-leash policy would not be a balance.

2) The presence of people with their dogs early in the morning and later in the evening makes the park safer for all.

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Limited space & finances prevent dog runs throughout the city - therefore, off-leash in the City parks is vital to exercise & Socialize dogs.

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Sincerely,

L. Becker

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Dogs in New York need exercise like everyone else. And socialization. The off leash rule provides this and gives them an outlet for their energy which could turn destructive without it.

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Sincerely,

Linda K Biel

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Sincerely,

Kelly Becker

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Sincerely,

Ken Oser

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Please keep the current Policy

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Sincerely,

Judith Epstein

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JOHN SPROAT
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Sincerely,

John V Sproat

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Dogs need the freedom to run & socialize
To restrain them 24/7 makes for an unhappy
& unfriendly frustrated animal. Please they
are wonderful companions and 9-9 should
not bother anyone

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Sincerely,

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DOGS HAVE BECOME A MUCH MORE IMPORTANT PART OF NYC'S FAMILIES. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THEY ARE, INDEED, FAMILY MEMBERS — AND OUR DOG'S "OFF-LEASH" TIME IS VERY VALUABLE TO HER AND TO US! WE PURPOSELY MOVED TO OUR CURRENT ADDRESS TO BE CLOSE TO CENTRAL PARK! AND, AS YOU CAN READ IN THE ENCLOSED ARTICLE, WALKING WITH HER IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR HEALTH! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR KEEPING THE OFF-LEASH POLICY.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Edwina & Marvin Marks

Dog walking helps seniors meet exercise goals

Last Updated: 2006-10-05 14:48:07 -0400 (Reuters Health)

By Charnicia Huggins

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) - Man's best friend may also help keep their elderly owners healthy, but only if the dog owners regularly walk their pets, new research shows.

"Dog ownership, per se, does not equate to better health -- walking the dog appears to facilitate health benefits," study co-author Dr. Roland Thorpe of the Johns Hopkins Bayview Care Center in Baltimore told Reuters Health,

"Dog owners who actually walk their dog are more likely to meet the U.S. Surgeon General's recommendation for physical activity, have a quicker walking pace and exhibit better fitness," he reported.

Previous studies have found that older adults who own pets engage in more physical activity and have less disability than seniors who do not own pets. One study found that dog owners, for example, were not only more likely to walk, but were also likely to walk farther and more often than did study participants who did not have any pets. Whether the increased walking among pet owners protected them against a loss of mobility is not known, however.

In the current study of 2,533 seniors, aged 71 to 82 years, Thorpe and his colleagues compared walking behavior among dog owners and those who didn't own a dog, all of whom had no difficulty walking a quarter of a mile or climbing 10 steps without resting.

Overall, 394 of the study participants reported owning a dog, but less than half (36 percent) said they regularly walked their dogs three or more times a week, the researchers report in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

Seniors who did walk their dogs were more likely to walk 150 minutes per week, however, which is considered "sufficient" walking behavior, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's report on Physical Activity and Health.

These seniors' walking speeds were also faster than their counterparts who did not own dogs or walk three or more times a week. Faster walking speeds were also observed among seniors who walked 150 minutes or more each week but did not own dogs, the researchers note.

At follow up, three years later, seniors who initially reported regularly walking their dogs were almost twice as likely as other seniors to continue to walk the recommended 150 minutes or more each week.

All of the seniors experienced a decline in their walking speeds over the study period, yet the decline among those who walked regularly -- whether or not they owned a dog -- was not as great as that reported among seniors who did not walk regularly.

Thus, "the mobility advantages associated with dog walking were no greater than those associated with walking in general," the authors write.

Still, in light of the overall findings, Thorpe offered the following advice to seniors who own dogs: "Enjoy a nice walk with your dog on a regular basis."

SOURCE: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, September 2006.

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Re: In support of Amendments to section 165

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing in emphatic support of offleash policy for dogs and their owners in public parks. We are a family of four in Park Slope Brooklyn, and we got our dog knowing he would be able to run free each day during offleash periods. We take "Floyd" our standard poodle to the park every single day. It is a source of leisure and recreation for our family and for our pet; one that should be preserved, not threatened.

I believe this use of the park has equal merit with other uses of public space should as playgrounds, ball fields and use of space for concerts, cookouts, picnicking, sports and even bike riding. Like offleash access, each of these activities is not for everyone, but non are under threat.

Exercising our dog is a pastime that is good for the owners and for the dog. It is a wonderful daily experience for our family and our pet and very positive for our pet's disposition. Offleash time has many benefits:

- It allows dogs to become better socialized with people and other dogs resulting in better offleash and on leash interactions.
- Offleash provides dogs needed exercise which benefits their behaviors indoors and out.
- Offleash is a wonderful form of social interaction – just come and see the group of
- Those who care enough to exercise their dogs off leash are largely positive, community oriented people
- Offleash owners are generally considerate and clean up after their dogs, other dogs as well as trash left by other humans.
- Offleash time and dog ownership promote mental health

Offleash is limited to a few daylight hours per day and therefore has little impact on those who do not like or are afraid of dogs. It is a regular period so those who don't wish to interact wit dogs can go avoid offleash time and go to the park for the bulk of the day when offleash hours are NOT available. Eradicating this outlet would be very bad public policy in my view.

I hope you consider the points I have made. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding my views.

Sincerely,

David C. Collins

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I'm not a dog owner, but I love the idea of dogs having off-leash time. I think the 9-9 rule is a good compromise for everyone, but the dogs really should have more time.

Thank you for your consideration

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Carl E. Anderson

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Lilian Massey
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Good for people's health & safety in the park.

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Dogs Need To Be Able To Roam around to play & engage with other dogs.

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Sincerely,

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As long as your dog (ours) is vaccinated and harmless to children, other dogs I feel that they should be allowed to be off leash during certains hours and in certain areas. The dogs need to run for exercise due to living in the city. Off leash allows you to run your dog, which provides healthy habits

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1. It allows dogs to spend their energy in a natural, free environment
2. Allows for natural, free Socialization.
3. This is America, and our forefathers would balk at the restrictions.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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Best for my Dog
Great Exercise

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Sincerely,

R Gallon

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1) Off leash brings people & pets into the park and helps to build friendship & keep the park active, safe & interesting.

2) Children faces light up seeing the dogs & help them build trust in animals.

3.- Not enough Dog Runs

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Lisa Moser

if have a dog, he step on leash, of
which we would have had the opportunity
for him to have socialized as a puppy
(grew up on L.I.).

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2- GOOD, WELL-BEHAVED DOGS ADD TO THE COLOR AND LIFE OF NEW YORK. DOGS NEED TO BE WELL-EXERCISED TO BE WELL-BEHAVED AND THAT MEANS OFF LEASH TIME.

3- WE LOVE OUR DOGS AND MOST OF US ARE RESPONSIBLE WITH THEM. ANY POLITICIAN THAT HARMS THE LIFESTYLE OF OUR DOGS HARMS US... AND WE VOTE.

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Sincerely,

SUGGESTION ON BACK.

4. PERHAPS A MEANING COULD MAKE DOG OWNERS PAY MORE CITY FEE WOULD BE A COMPROMISE. ONLY DOGS WHO PAYS CAN GO OFF-LEASH ... AND IT WOULD GIVE THE PARKS & CITY FEE MORE $$$.

October 14, 2006

Michele Pagnotta
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It allows the dogs the opportunity to exercise which makes dogs less aggressive.

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Sincerely,

Michele Pagnotta

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Mary Yellen
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Sincerely,

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This is wonderful opportunity for dogs to get exercise they need & socialization

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Mary S

October 14th, 2006

MARC GENDRON
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They don't, leave beer bottles around like humans do.
It does not harm anyone between these hours. People against need to get a LIFE!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Marc Hendron

October 14, 2006

Leslie
NAME

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Dogs need freedom, they need to interact w/other dogs as well. Es mucy importante.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Leslie D. Adu

October 14th, 2006

KATHERINE Miller
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Keep off-leash time!

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Sincerely,

Kathe R Miller

October 14, 2006

Juan C. Lopez
NAME

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Joseph Fernandez
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Dogs are [illegible] in [illegible] of New York City. They are members of our family and deserve to have the freedom to run off leash.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

[signature]

October 14, 2006

Jessica Schwartz
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Sincerely,

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It has been this way for 20+ years. Please let us keep it. It gives doggies additional a chance to get exercise. It makes them happy!!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jerutis

October 14, 2006

Jan Singer
NAME

408 E 92nd St #5W
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This is a health issue. It also helps with socialization.

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Sincerely,

October 14, 2006

Jane Martin-Watson
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I have two dogs and live in Manhattan. This would add to the dog's and my enjoyment of the city, while ensuring everyone's safety.

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Sincerely,

Jane Martin-Watson

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FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS,

As someone who -- with my dog -- has enjoyed the current off-leash policy, I support its continuation because, in my experience, it has led to well-socialized dogs who interact in a friendly AND SAFE manner with other dogs AND WITH PEOPLE!! I cannot count the number of strangers, often with small children, who have come up to my dog, and others off-leash in Central Park, to pet him and introduce their children to the

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Sincerely,

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joys of human-canine interaction. In the time I have been with my dog in the park I have noticed that owners of off-leash dogs are almost all good citizens: they watch the interaction of their dogs with other dogs and people; obey posted rules; and virtually always clean up after their dogs -- if a dog-owner fails to clean up, frequently because (s)he doesn't see the dog defecate, other dog owners immediately call it to the attention of the owner. The ability for dogs to run off-leash brings many people to the park during hours which are generally "off peak", allows dogs living in apartments to get exercise which is beneficial to their mental and physical well-being, and gets many sedentary people (such as myself) off the couch and out and about.

There are probably many other reasons to support a reasonable off-leash policy, but they presently elude me. However, I cannot stress strongly enough how much I am in favor of the off-leash policy.

Sincerely,

Jack M. Greenberg

October 14, 2006

Howard Theresa Weiss
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While few persons who aren't dog owners walking their dogs use the park (Central Park) after dark and early mornings, those who do that may want to avoid dogs can do so if they know the dog free zones. Also fellow dog owners can ensure that the dogs playing together are all vaccinated and have documentation. Ultimately, dogs provide many irreplaceable services to their owners and need sufficient roaming ground for exercise in exchange.

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Sincerely,

Ely R

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Deborah Churchill
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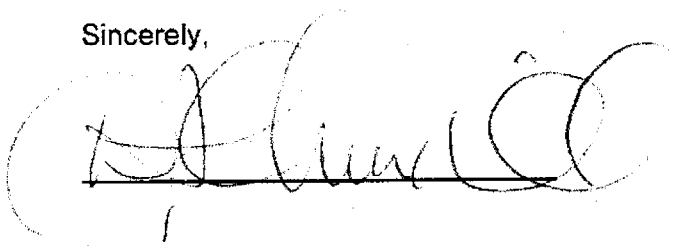

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- Socialized Dog
- Exercise for Dogs
- MAKES the PARKS More FUN
- I PAY TAXES!!

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Sincerely,

David

October 14, 2006

Cynthia Genesini
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not all dog owners are responsible
to have the freedom they is entitled to.

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Genesini

October 17, 2006

Craig Warnick
NAME

130 W. 82nd St
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Please Please Please unleash Our Dogs!

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Sincerely,

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The company of dogs is enjoyed by many New Yorkers. Unfortunately, being New Yorkers means that access to open outside space in one's home is beyond financial resources for most of us - Therefore, the off-leash policy is important to dogs and their owners. It allows for the best of both worlds: living in one of the greatest cities of the world and owning a happy, exercised + well socialized dog. It is one of the beauties of NYC - the abundance of dogs + their keepers; the owners. Without the off-leash policy, dogs wouldn't get PTO

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Sincerely,

Sharpe

enough exercise + socialising with other canines. This would lead to a population of aggressive dogs which would endanger the public. As it is, the off-leash hours provide a security system in the parks at hours where not many people are around.
Clarification of the rules and the requirement of proper documentation of dog owners ensures the continued safety ~~for~~ of non dog people.

Thank you for your support of dogs in the city.

October 14, 2006

AURORA ORTEGA
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Dogs are great for people!

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Sincerely,

Aurora Ortega

October 14, 2006

Hyacinth Helena
NAME

145 Copeland Place
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Just Exercise not to the dog.

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Sincerely,

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Andrea Chelnus
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Sincerely,

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October 14, 2006

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(1) need the exercise for our dogs.

(2) Too many people take care of their dogs off-leash. Don't penalize us!!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Agnes C. Alvarez

Valerie Sabet
465 Park Ave
N.Y.C 10022

Madam Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health.

Re: Article 161

I do not feel it would affect any children for Dog owners to keep the No leash Law 9-9p.M to 9.0am. As hopefully all children are at home and not in any of our Parks

I am an owner of 2 Poodles and like most dogs in Central Park do not Pose any threat to People - Children or otter dogs - I feel New York would not be the same if these laws were changed.

sincerly
V. Sabet

Oct 15th 2006

Members of the NYC Health Board
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125 Worth Street, CN-31
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Dear Members:

I am writing in support of continuing the off-leash policy in Central Park (and other NYC parks).

I am sure you have received many letters emphasizing the advantages: better socialized dogs, the increased safety of the parks due to increased numbers of people and dogs in the early morning and evening, etc.

I wanted to specifically address another advantage to having dogs off-leash that might not have been discussed: the health of the people walking the dogs. I have personally experienced the benefits. I have a heart condition, have had double bypass surgery, and also many other conditions, too numerous to mention here, almost all of which are improved due to my taking my dog to the park in the morning for a long walk off-leash, 7:30 to 9am, in all but the most inclement weather.

You might say I could walk anyway, with my dog on the leash, but the truth is that my motivation to do so would disappear, and I'm sure I would end up just walking him around the block for 15 minutes. On-leash strains my arthritis, and off-leash is a social time not only for him, but for me, reducing my sense of isolation, even depression. I cannot express adequately the joy I get watching him play with his friends, meeting new dog friends, sniffing around and walking by my side. I now know the names of many dogs and many dog people in the park.

Please keep the off-leash policy.

Thank you.

Bonnie Gray Oct 16 '06

Bonnie Gray
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October 22, 2006

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NYC has better socialized dogs because of off-leash opportunities which helps keep the rate of dog bites low. Additionally, the off-leash hours brings people to the parks early in the morning & in the evening & their presence & vigilance makes parks safer. Furthermore, the off-leash policy provides a reasonable balance among all park users since it's only during limited times at designated places. Thank you!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Abigail Campanie

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October 21, 2006

NYC Health Board
Attention: Rena Bryant, Secretary
125 Worth Street
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New York, NY 10013

To the NYC Health Board:

I'm writing to support the continuation of off-leash hours for dogs in NYC parks and the amendment of the NYC Health Law to codify such a policy, as proposed by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

As a dog owner and trainer with more than 30 years of experience, it's my observation that the current informal off-leash policy represents an overwhelmingly successful community experiment that has benefited not only the city parks and dog owners, for more than a generation, but the entire City and general public at large. Over the same period, this policy has had no negative results of consequence.

The positive aspects of the current off-leash policy have been well-documented in response to the Juniper Valley Lawsuit. They include better-socialized animals (and owners), the encouragement of responsible park use, 365 days a year and at otherwise off-times, and the development of one of the most active citizen support bases in the City.

The consideration of potential health issues is warranted; however, such issues have not been shown to be a significant factor in regard to the off-leash proposal. To the contrary, it is widely accepted that increasing opportunities to exercise and socialize pets reduces the potential for aggressive behavior that may result in injuries to animals and people.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. I strongly encourage its adoption.

Bill Tai
Brooklyn, New York

October 21, 2006

Susan Cimperman
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- The dogs are well monitored by their owners who clean up after their animals
- Ending at 9AM, it is minimal inconvience to other Park users
- The 'time' has become part of the fabric of the Park, almost an event
- The Dogs love it and there is NO other place for them to go. It allows them to stretch their legs + Tires them for the whole day. Please don't take it away

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Susan Cimperman

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New Yorkers share all public sites equally. Runners + Bikers have large parts of parks dedicated to them. Dogs are a major part of NYC life and should be treated fairly. If a well behaved, licensed dog has times to use the parks that is fair. The parks are 90% empty at <9AM and >9pm and this is a fair compromise. Please do not further limit our dogs to filthy - tiny dog runs.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 21, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to The Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to express my support for the current off-leash laws and to urge the Board of Health not to make any changes to the law. Doing so would have an extremely adverse effect on my family.

Sincerely,

Leslie Goldman
118 8th Avenue, Apartment 5A
Brooklyn, NY 11215

October 21, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to The Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am a homeowner in Park Slope, Brooklyn and I am writing to urge you to keep the off leash law in tact. Changing the law would be have a detrimental effect on my quality of life.

Sincerely,

Jim Margolis
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I believe dog behavior problems, like annoyance barking when left alone, aggression and destroying ones' apartment gets elimmated when dogs have enough excerise and social interactions with people and other dogs; off the leash time is frequently the only time dogs can get this. Also, off the lease time makes people in their community parks feel a strong sense of belonging to a community and therefore becoming responsible citizens.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Geraldine Gventer

In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation

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It keeps the parks safer.
It keeps the rat population down
Most Dog owners pick up waste & litter.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 21, 2006

Lisa Lauritzen
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When I walk in the park twice a day, I report safety hazards & unusual activity. If I didn't have my dog off-leash I wouldn't wander all sections of the off-leash areas & notice as much as I do. I know my dog, Bud, and I help keep the park safe.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Lisa Lauritzen

October 21, 2006

LOUIS SPITZER
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We live in Brooklyn. There really is no place for our dogs to run and be dogs other than the Park. Without the park off leash access our dog would be totally unruly and a nuisance to everyone on the street. He needs to run, run, run to be happy!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October 21, 2006

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Sincerely,

October 21, 2006

Rachelle Hendlin
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Dog and dogs keep Park safe,
Parks used to health of dogs + owners

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Sincerely,

Rachelle Hendlin

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Jeremy Falson
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I think this is a good policy.

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Sincerely,

Elvis Fernandez

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We enjoy the use of the Park - and the ability to see our Dogs Enjoy it as well.

It will also contain animal droppings - which we will be responsible for cleaning up.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Janine Rapisardi

October 21st, 2006

Sharon Silberg
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Woodside, NY 1377
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All Tax payers have the right to utilize all city public park allowing dog owners & non dog owners policy. There should be a Rotation of the park restricted for the use of dog owners and their dogs to Roaming freely-unleased.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Sharon Silberg

also the dog population should be the ability of the City to clean up after their Animals.

October 21, 2006

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To an observant dog owner, it seems clear that allowing your pet to play off leash with other dogs teaches him to be calm and friendly around other dogs. Experts call it "canine socialization." Off-leash play also is essential exercise for otherwise confined urban pets; that too has a calming influence. The proposed amendments regarding licensing and vaccination are a fine idea, but it is important to recognize that dog owners, congregating in the parks, make the parks safer places to be, especially at early and late "off-leash" hours. Since the parks are intended to be useable by everyone, allowing off-leash play, but restricting it to certain hours (the current policy), seems a fair policy that should be retained.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Carole Parsons Bailey

October 21, 2006

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I rescued a 10 week old pitbull in December of 2005. Everyone warned me that raising a dog, and high energy dog like a pitbull nonetheless, would be too difficult in the city. I lived in Brooklyn at the time. When I discovered the off-leash hours in Prospect Park, I realized that my worries could be cast away. Not only was my dog well-exercised and well-socialized, but I learned to view the city in a whole new light. The behind-the-scenes people, normal everyday citizens, that care for the parks are the dog owners since for them, it is the livelihood for a family member, their dogs. Dog owners know the true value of the parks. Dog owners make the parks safe before the sun comes up and after the sun comes down. There may be negligent dog owners that do not socialize their canine well, or always pick up their dog's waste, but this is not the majority. And there will always be negligent citizens in general. But we don't take away the parks from these non-dog owning people, why take it away from us.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Alice Kim

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Members of the NYC Health Board
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c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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The current law is fair to both people and dogs. It should not be changed.

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Sincerely,

V. Barber

TL McClendon

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October 20, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, New York 100013

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I'm writing to save the New York City Off-Leash Policy. My dog and I are relative newcomers to New York City. We moved here from Atlanta, Georgia nearly six years ago. My dog, Maggie, was never walked on a leash before we moved here because she always had amble room in the yard of our home to run and play.

Now that we've moved to New York, Maggie is better socialized than she was in Atlanta because she has the opportunity to meet other dogs off the leash and to run and play with them. Dog runs, while great for some dogs, are not great for Maggie. I am discouraged from using the dog runs in my neighborhood due to the lack of cleanliness. There is often feces in and around the park that I don't want my dog stepping in a tracking into the apartment.

The hours of the off-leash policy make it such that dog owners enjoying social time with their pets and other dog owners without interfering with other park users who have usually left the park by nightfall.

I hope that you'll consider saving the off-leash policy for the benefit of all City dwellers.

Best regards,

TL McClendon

October 10/20/06, 2006

Sheila Davidson
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- It helps to socialize our dogs - making them happier & less aggressive - therefore decreased incidents of bites
- Not enough dog runs due to financial restraints.
- Dog owners tell each other where strays - healthier dogs, happier owners - more spaying & neutering - fewer strays.
- Park occupied bet. 9pm & 9AM - safer environment.
- I strongly urge Dept of Health to retain the Off-leash hours policy in NYC - with clear policies & amendments.

I have been a tax paying resident of NYC for 51 yrs. + value the freedom my dogs have had however limited.

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Sincerely,

Sheila Davidson

Dear Miss Bryant, I hope you will vote to support the Amendments to Section 165.

I am a disabled senior, my dog is my constant companion. He lets me know when the telephone, the intercom & the door bell rings. The only way he can get the exercise he needs is by my going to Prospect Park in my wheelchair & letting him run - off leash. Pleas help us.

Regards Ruth Kirk

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My dog Baver is a very energetic dog whom loves the park and the grass! This is the only place where he can run free on grass! We do not own a car and this our "countryside"!! Please dont take away my dogs "country playground"! We are responsible owners and watch our dog at all times when he plays here. Dont take this away from us.

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Sincerely,

Raffaella Tasca's "Bane"

From:
Margaret Leveson
575 Seventh Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

To:
Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
NY, NY 10013

October 20, 2006

Dear Ms. Bryant.

I am writing to support amendments to section 165. I rescued a dog off the city streets over 10 years ago. She had been abandoned and was being abused by neighborhood kids. Being able to let her run off leash in Prospect Park not only benefited her but also me. Before that time, although I lived near to the park, I rarely used it. Being a woman I did not feel safe entering the park alone. In the 10 years that I have owned my dog, I have rarely missed an early morning walk in Prospect Park. Both my health and my dog's have benefited. Having a group of people there for the same purpose of exercising their dogs made me feel safe and I have come to know and love my park through this policy.

When I have visitors from out of town, they are impressed with the number of different groups of people using the park in an orderly and enjoyable manner.

I am a senior citizen whose health has certainly benefited from the opportunity to allow dogs off leash.

This policy is an important contributor to the quality of life in the city.

Sincerely,

Margaret Leveson
Long time resident of Brooklyn.

Cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Councilman Bill de Blasio, Councilwoman Yvette Clark

October 20, 2006

Lauren Rick
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For starters our presence in the park gives a lot more protection to others without dogs, especially on days with bad weather. And a feeling of security within any park determines it's value & all of us to share in it.

I own two dogs and the park and my animals are what make city living possible without insanity because of the pressures & close living circumstances.

Do it to support the well being of the owners & their dogs.

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Sincerely,

Lauren C. Rick

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Dear Board of Health Members,

I am writing to express my support for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. I have many reasons for my support, but let me preface it by saying New York City is a great place to live! I moved here in 1980 after graduating from medical school. During the 1980's I was afraid to go into the Park at certain hours, my car was constantly being vandalized on the street, there were many more homeless people living in the Park and on the streets and the picking up the poop laws were not being enforced.

I feel that there has been a whole sea change with regard to quality of life

issues since that time. You can now walk down the street without having to look down constantly because dog owners are picking up their dog's poop as well as other ~~garbage~~ garbage. Central Park is much safer! There are dogs with their owners there after hours (9 PM → 9 AM). If you rescind the off-leash laws, dog owners will take the easy way out and simply walk their dogs around the block and the Park will be a much less user friendly place to be. I personally take my dog to the Park every morning at 7:30 AM. The park at that time of day is a very vibrant place to be. People are commuting to work, taking their kids to school, exercising, doing photo shoots, looking for Pale Male and Lola or just sitting on a bench enjoying their morning coffee. I walk around the boat pond every morning with my dog unleashed and I have never had a single complaint; and I have befriended a homeless woman who is there every day. I wholeheartedly support the proposed amendment to the "leash Law".

Sincerely,

Joellen Foley

20 October 2006

Rene Bryant
Secretary to the
Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN 31
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to support the continuation of New York City's "Off-Leash Hours " Policy in our parks.

First, may I say how much responsible dog-owners (and in my estimation that number hits the 99th percentile) appreciate the opportunity to exercise their dogs as well as themselves at times when the parks (I use Central Park) hosts few pedestrians other than dogs and their owners. It has proven one of the most satisfying social interactions in my time in mid-town Manhattan. Amber has many many dog friends and I have made many many human friends over the last five years when I have had for the first time a dog living with me in mid-town.

I find our dogs in the city are very well socialized to both humans and other animals—for mine that includes the pigeons and ducks as well as dogs in Central Park, and even the squirrels

I remember my early days in New York—the late 60s-- when one was warned against walking in Central Park. It is so gratifying today to see the Park so well used. It is a treasure that we share so well with each other and with our visitors from elsewhere in the US and abroad. Certainly a very strong contributing factor to safety in early morning hours and later in the evening is the presence of dogs and their owners engaging in walking and exercising.

I know that for myself and I am certain for many other dog owners who so much appreciate the Park's availability it is the primary factor that prompts me to contribute to the Central Park Conservancy.

I urge you to continue the Off Leach Policy at those limited hours in our Parks. It is such a special positive characteristic of New York.

Sincerely,

Judith M. Mills
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October 20, 2006

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Having the park actively used by dog owners in the early morning and evening hours makes the parks safer in general. Also, studies confirm that dogs that receive off-leash exercise and are able to socialize with other dogs on a regular basis are much less aggressive and are much better able to cope with living in the city. My dog plays off leash every day, goes into stores, comes to work sometimes, loves all people and other dogs and is so well socialized that he has recently become a therapy dog and will soon begin making visits to the pediatric dept. of a hospital. This would not have occurred had he not learned (con't)

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(con't) early how to interact in a responsible way with other dogs. The park they play in is their owners park as well and they have a vested interest in its remaining safe, attractive and protected by all. Please continue the off-leash policy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Nelson

October 20, 2006

Kathleen Beirne
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NYC does NOT have SUFFICIENT Dog RUNS to Accomodate the Population OF Dogs. Having A Regulation THAT specifically outlines parameters FOR pet owners is essential. Dogs need exercise. The current regulation has caused Dog owners to be subject to public Ridicule And summons' which is UNFAIR. Dog owners are generally more Responsible for park Adhering to public hygiene Regulations than many NYC park users.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Beirne

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Sincerely,

L. J. Dobson

October 20th, 2006

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See attached letter

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Sincerely,

Frances Kazan

To Members of the NYC Health Board,

One of the greatest joys in my life has been walking my dog (a chocolate lab) in Central Park, before 9am, when they are permitted to run free without a leash. Mindful of the importance of caring for the park I have always observed the law. I have picked up after her, leashed her at 9am, and never let her free in the Rambles, the North Woods or on the bridle path. Neither I, nor my fellow dog walkers, would ever dream of allowing our pets on the great lawn, Sheep's meadow or any other area where dogs are forbidden

By permitting my dog to have this physical freedom she is better socialized around animals and people, all her energy has been spent running , walking and sniffing.

The presence of so many dog owners at such an early hour makes the park safer for people walking to work, and children on their way to school. I have never, ever in almost ten years of walking, seen a dog harrass or attack a human or even another dog. Errant bike riders cycling on the footpaths and racing round the drive present a greater danger to public safety.

In the months following the death of my husband walking the dog at this early hour helped my recovery. Watching her play and run with other dogs did wonders for my emotions. By way of thanks I intend to leave a generous six-figure sum for the maintenance and preservation of this city treasure. This decision is a direct consequence of have been able to walk my dog, off the leash, every day, and enjoying the company of my fellow dog walkers and their pets.

Sincerely

Frances Kazan

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Bette Rutman
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The parks are safer because they are used far more - off leash dogs are less likely to bite because they are exercised and socialized adequately - I have not heard of one off leash dog biting a child - Please consider the importance of continuing this policy.

Thank-you

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Sincerely,

Bette Rutman

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As dog owners using Riverside Park for 8 years we have been thrilled at the diversity of park users. We allow our dog off leash only at the specified hours (9PM to 9AM) We LIKE the park to have leashed dogs between 9 AM and 9PM. The early + late hours in the park are now safe for all because of well-behaved dogs who have learned how to get along with each other + non-dog-people park users.

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Sincerely, NO DOGS OFF LEASH EQUALS DANGEROUS EARLY + LATE PARK HOURS. There would be no incentive to walk dogs on leash at these hours.

Barbara Ross + Phil Ross

October 20, 2006

ANDREA LEE DIAMOND
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1) Better socialized dogs reduce rate of dog bites.
2) There are not enough dogs runs so City parks openspaces are crucial for proper exercise/socialization/stress reductions — for owners and dogs
3) Leash law amendments increase responsible dog ownership by promoting licensing & vaccinations.
4) The off leash policy is fair to all park users because it's limited in time and space so all get their share of enjoyment
5) Off leash hours make the parks safer.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Lee Diamond

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Sincerely,

Alicia Dempz

Victoria S. Robeck

25 West 68th Street
New York, NY 10023

October 19, 2006

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Members of the Board of Health
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Board Members:

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The proposed amendments will require the Department of Parks to require that dog owners keep appropriate licensing and health information about their dog.

I am a single woman with no children and no family. My dog is my family, and having a couple of hours in the morning for her to chase a ball and play with other dogs contribute to her health and provide ample social contact for me. The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as dogs. I support these amendments, for the sake of the public and dog owners – and dogs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

VS Robeck

Victoria S. Robeck

October 19, 2006

TERRILL T GAGNIER, Ph D
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Dogs provide companionship to many New Yorkers. These may be lonely individuals or families in need of a pet. In turn the dogs need to be well-socialized and exercised. This is most successful during their runs in the parks off-leash at agreed upon times. It would be detrimental to the happiness and sense of well-being of many - people and dogs - if this tradition were invalidated

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Sincerely,

T. Gagnier, Ph D
Clinical Psychologist

Peter J. Gager
39 W. 88th St #7
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10/19/2006

City of New York
Health Board
Dept of Health
C/0 Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth St, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Members of the NYC Health Board,

I am writing to express my support for maintaining the off-leash policy and for your proposed amendment to the Leash law. I believe there will be far more public health-related problems in the absence of an off-leash period.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Gager

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516 E. 78th Street, Apt. 6C
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October 19, 2006

Members of the NYC Health Board
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c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-13
New York, NY 10013

RE: Support for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code

Dear Board of Health Members:

As part of the public comment period regarding the City's successful **off-leash** policy, I am writing to **express my support** for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's **proposed amendments to Section 161.05** of the **Health Code**. I went to the Country Fair dog event in Central Park this weekend, and just knew I needed to voice my opinion to your board.

While I do not own a dog at the moment, I plan to one day. I am writing because I feel that the off-leash policy is a very humane thing for the City's thousands of dogs. I have many friends that are dog owners that utilize the off-leash times in Central Park. I know their dogs benefit from being off leash and having the ability to run with other dogs. I've been to the dog parks, but the space in Central Park is so much bigger.

As I said, I don't own a dog, but I work out in Central Park on the weekend mornings and I enjoy being around the dogs. I get a kick out of watching them play and having a good time. Sometimes I just sit on the bench after a workout and watch the dogs go by. I get my *dog-fix* on the weekends seeing the dogs and petting them in the park.

The off-leash policy also promotes **good health for dog owners** (not just the dogs) in that it gets them out walking (exercising) in our parks. These people might not otherwise spend the time walking in the parks, like they do taking their dogs for off-leash time.

So for all those NYC dogs, dog owners and those that wish they had a dog, please continue the multi-decade long practice of the off-leash policy with supporting the proposed amendment to Section 161.05 of the Health Code. It's another great thing the City can be proud of – the humane treatment of its huge dog population.

Sincerely, a New York dog lover,

Marc Trout

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October 19, 2006

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I believe off-leash Dogs socializing + interact with people + other Dogs in a positive way. This would result in fewer Dog bites. The Dogs will be healthy because they get more exercise. A tired Dog is a Good Dog! The presence of people + Dogs off-leash, before 9 Am + after 9 pm should make the parks safer. a lot of

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Sincerely,

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my neighbors support the amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code because there are many dogs + No Dog Run Nearby.

THANK YOU!

October 19, 2006

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The great majority of dog owners are conscientious, respectful people who take their responsibilities and privileges very seriously. We love our Parks and it is just part of our daily routine to get out to the Park early so the dogs can dash around. They then go home to wait patiently for us inside, for the rest of the day til we get home from work. Please don't take this natural pleasure away!

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Sincerely,

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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

RE: In Support of Amendments to Section 165

I am very concerned that the current dog offleash policy is threatened. I feel that the 20-year Offleash Hours policy has proven to be a good public health policy.

Responsible dog ownership is a benefit to the health of New Yorkers. Responsible offleash recreation brings thousands of people like myself into the parks, building community among people and fostering improved mental and physical health while both humans and dogs get some gentle, stress-free exercise.

Dog owners in NYC Parks have been credited with keeping parks safer in the evening and early in the morning.

Access to offleash recreation opportunities encourages people to adopt and socialize many, many abandoned dogs in NYC each year, thus sparing the city the cost of capturing, confining, and ultimately euthanising them.

In addition, offleash recreation is important to my quality of life. I meet at least 4 other women (aged 50+) and their dogs in Prospect Park at 5:45 each morning. Most of the year it is dark, and I have a 14-lb dog. We met through our dogs and have developed a lasting relationship. This would not have been possible without the offleash policy in Prospect Park. Prospect Park would not be the Crown Jewel it is without the offleash policy.

Sincerely,

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One reason concerns property values. Dog owners (& there are many) purchase & rent properties near the parks, because they wish to have a space where their dogs can exercise early in the morning off-leash. If the policy changes, many will seek homes in the suburbs instead, since off leash time is so important to the socialization & health of dogs

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1. It's good for everyone, with and without dogs, to know that dogs have been properly vaccinated.
2. Dogs will behave better if they are given a time to run and play. Without that opportunity, they will be more difficult to manage while on-leash.
3. A clear policy will clear up confusion.

Please keep allowing dogs to be off leash in the early morning hours! It is wonderful for all involved.

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I am a temporary resident of New York City. I must admit that the new friends and acquaintances made were through my dog that I take every morning to Central Park before 9 a.m. There is a "dog owner's community" which doesn't recognize age, economic status, race or ethnic group. Being able to watch your dog run free, even if for only an hour a day, brings New York City down to the size of a small rural town. Barriers are knocked down and friendships among the humans are inevitable.

The dog owners of Central Park are very strict in policing each other on the rules of the Park. I think it is safe to say that there is far less dog excrement on the paths of Central Park than there is in the City in general. And many the times, when I have been busy talking with friends, that someone reminds us "9 a.m. time to leash up the dogs".

I am sure that the dog owner community would follow the rules set by the NYC Health Board as long as they were given a time period and accessible location for dogs to be off leash.

Sincerely,

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Rena Bryant
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RE: Proposed Amendments to §161.05 of the New York City Health Code.

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I write to express my approval to the proposed amendments to §161.05 of the New York City Health Code.

From a public policy perspective, codification of the "Courtesy Hours" and subsequent adoption of specific rules concerning where and when dogs may be off leash in city parks and facilities strikes the appropriate balance between the competing interests of dog owners and non-dog owners. Additionally, codification of the "Courtesy Hours" provides the notice and uniformity necessary to plan park activities. Informal "Courtesy Hours" leads to arbitrary enforcement and conflicting use, which is neither legitimate nor efficient.

From a public health perspective, appropriately socialized and exercised dogs results in reduced rates of dog-related incidents, as supported in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene data from 2004 and 2005. Formalized adoption of the "Courtesy Hours" will continue to reduce dog-related incidents in city parks as notice and uniformity permit people to plan their park use accordingly. Additionally, responsible dog-ownership does not begin and end with a six-foot leash, but requires a holistic approach of which socialization and exercise are critical components. Since there are, admittedly, not enough dog runs available in the City, the "Courtesy Hours" empowers dog owners to achieve the socialization and exercise necessary for responsible dog ownership. Lastly, stricter enforcement of the licensing and vaccination rules associated with formalization of the "Courtesy Hours" provides obvious public health benefits.

From a public safety perspective, the "Courtesy Hours" encourage responsible park use during the late evening and early morning hours, contributing to the over all safety profile of the park and surrounding community. As stated above, formalized adoption of the "Courtesy Hours" will continue to reduce dog-related incidents in city parks as notice and uniformity permit people to plan their park use accordingly.

To conclude, formalized adoption of the "Courtesy Hours" with subsequent promulgation of specific rules regarding hours and facilities strikes the correct policy balance, provides public health benefits and increases public safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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Well exercised dogs are more friendly toward people and children especially. It creates a friendly & safe atmosphere and a sense of community within the sphere of the park AND it's activities. Please allow this practice to continue in Central Park, as well as in all of the other boros. My experience has been that all dogs are well kept and clean

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Scherr-Thoss

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My dog is better behaved in social environments because of her time spent off-leash in the park. She meets other dogs and people and knows how to respond. Dogs who are not exercised properly or have no social interaction are more likely to cause problems.

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Sincerely,

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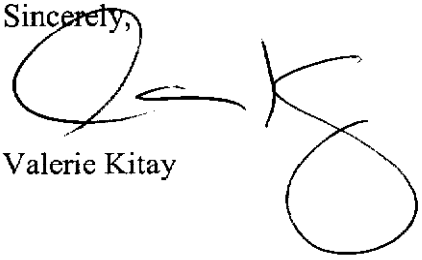

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Dogs provide warmth and joy to many individuals and families. They must be properly cared for and maintained. This means plenty of exercise off leash to keep them healthy and well-socialized. Dog owners are on the whole a caring and responsible group who add to their community. Destroying the "off-leash" tradition would break many spirits and hearts.

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Sincerely,

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There are many reasons why the off-leash policy should continue but the two major reasons that I would site are (1) that dogs that have the opportunity to be off leash are better socialized and healthier than dogs that do not have a chance to run and (2) the limited hours that are available make the parks safer for others to enjoy as this privalage is enjoyed by many people and their pets. As such a greater number of people are in the parks either early in the morning or late in the evening. To eliminate this wonderful N.Y. perk would destroy a sense of community that exists in the park. If you have not had an opportunity to experience the hours when dogs are off-leash I would encourage you to do so. Children, young adults, older senior citizens, all join together for a brief period during the day to experience the joy of watching dogs interact with each other in a safe responsible setting.

Sara Cassis

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The off-leash policy provides a reasonable balance among all park users since it is only during limited times & in designated places. It is a wonderful opportunity for better socialized dogs & for dog owners to enjoy the park in a safe & responsible way. The off leash policy encourages responsible dog ownership, with this amendment & makes our parks safer for everyone.

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Sincerely,

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It allows people as well as dogs to socialize in an open air setting. I have made many friends in the dog park. We all live within a 10 block radius of the dog park (the East Meadow at 97th & Fifth Ave.) and it has fostered a sense of community. Teachers, bankers, dog walkers, home makers - Chinese, Hispanic, Jews & Wasps - we all socialize and come together. Our dogs are socialized and (over)

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Sincerely,

Monica Millett M.D.

know how to behave around people and dogs. In over 3 years, I have never seen a dog bite another dog or human.

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Dear Ms. Bryant,

As a dog owner for nine years and a daily walker in Central Park I feel very strongly that the proposal to keep dogs on leash at all times would be detrimental to both the public, the dog owners and the animals. My reasons are as follows:

(1) In the hours currently permitted 9.00pm - 9.00am there are few people in the park other than dog owners and exercise people. However, the presence of both ensures a comfort level regarding safety and I think this would be lessened as fewer dog owners would make the effort to take their dogs to the park if they had to be leashed at all times. Many of us also contibute financially to the Central Park Conservancy because we appreciate the courtesy extended to us and I for one would really consider cancelling my subscription.

(2) 99% of dog owners are very responsible regarding their dogs. In nine years I have never seen a person attacked and when I have witnessed the odd problem that has occurred between dogs it is basically the fault of the dog owner who should be more strictly penalised. Generally, if the dog owner is aware that their dog is a problem then he/she does not allow the animal off the leash. However, on or off leash this type of dog can do damage to another dog or person.

(3) Many other types of people who use the parks are far more a health and safety problem than the dogs. Every day I see humans not bothering to clear up their garbage and others who use the parks as a public bathroom.

(4) Dogs that play and run and get exercise are much less likely to create a problem. Many times an adult or a child has tried to stroke my leashed dog approaching her from behind and fortunately I have a very calm dog.

In summary, the reason why problems can occur with dogs is mainly due to human ignorance and stupidity. I think the solution to that is that people need to be better educated about dogs and animals in general and more harshly penalised if they are at fault.....on or off leash is not going to solve the problem and in my opinion dogs being allowed only on leash in the parks will increase the problem of safety to the general public. Please don't take away this privilege from us dog owners and our dogs.

Yours truly,

Mavis J. Stevens

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① I have 2 Havanese Dogs who are around 10 LBS each – they are very lively AND need to get Exercise Every Day For physical & mental health. OFF-leash they are very well trained & Behaved & really Run. They are very well SOCIALIZED. I Am Sure that Better SOCIALIZED Dogs affect the "Dog Bite" Ratio My Dogs have Never Bitten Nor Showed Aggression ever. they love to play & love people.

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I adopted my dog, Sophie almost six years ago upon my retirement from Wall Street. Over the years, I have given this City and State millions of my tax money. In return, I hope and trust that I can derive some small benefits, such as allowing my dog the privilege to go off-leash in the Park at a time when it is least inconvenient to the other users of the Park. Furthermore, in adopting a shelter dog, I did what I thought was the right thing for New Yorkers to do. Specifically, I adopted a dog that might have otherwise been euthanized. I have provided a good environment for this dog. She also always gets her license and vaccinations renewed on time.

I sincerely hope that the proposed amendment to the "Leash Law" will be passed. If not, I will probably leave the City and the State.

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The following are a few of the reasons for my personally supporting the above-mentioned amendment:

- Sophie has arthritis and it is critical that she can run and strengthen her muscles to minimize her pain. Furthermore, exercise is good for her overall health.

- Sophie causes no harm to anyone when she is off-leash. She is very well behaved and a very happy dog. And, of course, I pick up after her and obey and respect the rules.

- The presence of Sophie and her dog friends in the Park often causes many locals and visitors to feel safer in the Park and creates a friendly environment. Many tourists have commented how nice NYC seems with all the dogs having fun and playing together.

- I strongly believe that the Park was created for all people to enjoy. My early morning exercise time with my dog also has many benefits for me too. I get to socialize and meet a wide variety of people. I get lots of exercise because I too run around with the dogs.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Rasmussen

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It is healthy for both owner & animal — it adds to the quality of life in New York. Please do not take that from us.

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Sincerely,

Marion Barak

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Re: In Support of Amendments to Section 156

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing you today to express my opinion about the off-leash issue that the health department is currently considering and explain why I support the amendments to Section 165. I have just read an article authored by Mr. Robert Holden, the president of the Juniper Park Civic Association (JPCA) that appeared in the Daily News, September 24,2006. I find his conjectures to be hyperbolic in nature and very inaccurate.

I have lived across the street from Prospect Park, in Brooklyn for the past 28 and a-half years. I have owned a dog (two of them) and used the park for my dogs and my own recreation on a daily basis since 1982. I got my first dog as an adult, so I would have a running partner since my husband does not get up early enough. Prospect Park at that time, 1982, was not a very safe place for a women to run alone and dog feces was everywhere around the perimeter of the park. I am happy to report that since the 80's when off-leash hours were established both of these situations have greatly improved. Dog owners go after other dog owners who do not clean up after their dog because it is the primary vector for dogs passing disease. Vet bills are just as costly as human medical care. We (dog owners) walk in the park as well and no one likes to walk in dog feces. I am sure you have been told and read in newspaper articles how Prospect Park has become a safer and more utilized park in large part because of dogs and their owners.

Mr. Holden and his association do not seem to understand that the off-leash hours take place at times when the parks are not heavily trafficked by other New Yorkers. As a dog owner I appreciate the fact that some people are afraid of dogs and that others find dogs annoying. When I sense either of these, I attempt to be respectful of their feelings and make sure that my dog is right with me as is the case for most dog owners I know.

I find the fact that JPCA wants to sue the city and force them to have all off-leash hours terminated in all city parks because of a single incident involving one dog in the perimeter of their park a bit over reactive. All my friends who are dog owners and I agree with Mr. Holden that responsible ownership of a dog is very important for the safety of humans and dogs alike. However we understand that there is already legal recourse that an individual can take if she or her dog suffers from a bite. Mr. Holden rails that the Dept. of Parks and Recreation does not keep records of dog bites. Perhaps someone could explain to him and JPCA that is the NYC Dept. of Health that monitors dog bite incidents.

I was diagnosed with a rheumatoid arthritis in 1990. I have mornings when it is very difficult for me to move and having to hold my dog's leash during our entire walk would be difficult and painful for me. Our off-leash walks permits both of us to enjoy the beauty of the park; watch beautiful sunrises, sunsets, changes of seasons and results in both of us my dog, Buddy, and myself being healthier physically and mentally.

One of the things that is so wonderful about the NYC Parks is they provide a place for all New Yorkers, including those who own dogs, to recreate and enjoy nature. I am a New Yorker by choice, as is our mayor and I have lived her for 32 years. I think what makes New York such a great city is its ability to be enriched by the incredible diversity of cultures, ethnicity, life styles, religious and political beliefs of the people who reside here. It would be a shame if in such a great city as ours, if our beautiful city park system does not continue to reflect this same glorious spirit.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

March Dolphin

Cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Yvette Clarke, Bill De Blasio

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I have just moved to NYC from Los Angeles. My two collies are no longer trapped in her yard but get to run and play with other dogs in the park in the a.m. & p.m. They are much better socialized now and no longer BARK at passersby or cars. I feel safe in

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Sincerely,

the park at night because there are
other dog owners there.
In the mornings, it is Beautiful
to watch the happy social
human-/dog interaction. The
2m/pm off-leash Laws
make this wonderful city
even Better. Dogs in L.A.
are much less socialized
and trapped in their yards.
NY Dogs are much
happier than L.A Dogs.
And happy dogs make
people happy, dog
and non-dog owners.

Save the NYC
off-leash Policy.

Thank-you

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Dogs in the city need to have some space to run free. They are much better behaved as a result of having enough quality exercise time. Off-leash running in the morning before 9am is a tremendous privilege & very beneficial to dogs and owners — as well as neighbors who may otherwise be annoyed by boisterous under-exercised dogs.

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Sincerely,

Linda E. Holt

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◀All Bets Are Off (Bets)
amidst the raindrops in Central Park

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Re: ARTICLE 161.05: off-leash time

Dear Members of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene,

I am in favor of allowing dogs off leash from 9:00p to 9:00a.

I am aware of the rabies problems in New York. My dog Bets is vaccinated against rabies (and other contagious diseases). I avoid the few raccoons I've seen in the southern part of Central Park. Bets is not allowed near them.

Regarding the relatively few dog bites on Park property, were the dogs leashed at the time of the incidents and did the incidents take place during the off-leash times? The number of bites in NYC as well as the percentage of bites occurring in the Parks have gone down over the years, hardly evidence of an epidemic.

Very, very few children are in Central Park in the early mornings. Most of the children I see are in the Park because their parents bring them to walk the family dog. Far from terrorizing children, Bets performs tricks for them.

Bets enjoys her mornings. Her off-leash exercise time allows her to be calm and quiet the rest of the day.

I took the above picture in early October 2006. As you can see, rain didn't stop us from enjoying our morning outing. I didn't see many non-dog people that day.

Please allow the Parks Department to continue a policy that has worked well for over a decade.

Sincerely,

Katharine Stewart
and All Bets Are Off

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DOG OWNERS ARE A SIGNIFICANT USERS OF THE PARKS, COME TO THE PARKS EARLY IN THE MORNING AND LATER AT NIGHT WHEN THE PARKS ARE UNDERUTILIZED BY OTHER CONSTITUENTS AND HAVE PROVEN - TIME AND AGAIN - THAT THEY RESPECT THE OFF LEASH HOURS, CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS AND ARE RESPONSIBLE USERS OF THE PARK.

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Sincerely,

Karen M Sharf

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Substantial improvement in lifestyle for families in NYC
Better socialized dogs are better behaved dogs
Promote licensing and vaccination
I would consider moving out of NYC if law is repealed. I pay considerable taxes to the City

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Sincerely,

Josephine Alger

Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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Regarding the Amendment to Article 161 of the New York City Health Code

Dear Ms. Bryant,

Over the past 20 years I have owned 3 dogs (I'm on my 3rd) and have been fortunate enough to live close to Central Park and enjoy the 'courtesy' that allowed them to be off-leash during the hours of 9PM – 9AM. I would never have used this privilege had my dogs not been well behaved and gentle. I am aware that that courtesy is in danger of being revoked and I wanted to write to urge you to support off-leash privileges for well mannered dogs. I consider it essential to my dogs' health and well being that they be allowed to run free during specified hours. Because of that and my joy to see them do so, I also consider it essential to my health and well being.

Respectfully,

Jamie Kaufman

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Dog walkers in Central Park at night help me feel safe and secure while walking home from work. I feel our current status of allowing dogs freedom at certain hours works well and keeps a happy respectful balance in our parks. It is something that I am proud of and speaks to the unique way our city respects + balances the concerns of all of its inhabitants. I hope that continues and I support and encourage it.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

As an involved New York City resident and dog owner, I am writing to voice my support for a hearing for an amendment to Article 161. I welcome this as a wonderful solution for those city residents who live in an urban environment, and who may not be living close to a dog run. "Courtesy hours", where applicable in City parks, is a great way for urban canines to get their exercises.

As your Departmental statistics show, only a minority (<5%) of dog bites occurred in City parks. Even if ALL those dog bites involved off-leash dogs, it is still a minority of dog bites in the City. Furthermore, off-leash courtesy hours in the last 15 years have proven that it is safe for dogs, dog-owners, and other users of City parks. It is logical to extrapolate from the last 15 years' experience that this amendment codifying courtesy off-leash hours will not significantly increase risk of dog bites in New York City.

Some might argue that free-running dogs can harm young children. However, the off leash hours are not popular hours for children to come into City parks: in the morning, they are usually getting ready to go to school, and I have rarely seen children early in the park on the weekends (I suspect the parents are trying to catch up on their sleep!). After 9pm, it is sufficient dark enough that children are also not seen in the parks. Therefore, it is not likely that off leash hours will lead to increased harm for children.

Moreover, while most dog bites occur with children, most of them actually involve a dog that is familiar to the child: e.g. family dog, a friend's dog. This has been proven in medical studies (82% of dogs involved in dog bites are familiar to the children[1]), and I can personally attest to that fact as a pediatric plastic/reconstructive surgeon who treats dog bites in children.

One other benefit of off-leash hours: one sees many dog owners walking their dogs in the park early and late in the day. We serve as eyes and ears for goings on in the park, and our presence make the park safer for all New York City residents.

Last but not least, we responsible dog owners also want a safe environment for our dogs to exercise and socialize as well. We do not want to put our dogs at risk anymore than we want to see other users of City parks at risk. Unless we are comfortable with the setting, we do not automatically let our dogs off the leash in the park, even during off-leash hours. Any attempt to paint our dogs, or us, as an irresponsible menace to the City is unfair propaganda.

I hope that the proposal to pass amendment to Article 161 will prevail. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Yours truly,

June K. Wu, M.D.
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[1] Schalamon J, Ainoedhofer H, Singer G et al. Analysis of dog bites in children who are younger than 17 years. Pediatrics 117: e374-9, 2006.

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I walk my dog off leash 2x's a day in Central Park (late evenings / after 9) and (early morning) before 9 and believe this policy promotes friendship, safety and cordiality amongst dog owners and non-dog owners alike. The park is safer, cleaner (proper scooper law abided and respected) and healthier. Park users without dogs during these hours tend to appreciate and respect the rights of others (dog owners) and vice-versa. How can improved communal respect, improved environmental safety and

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Sincerely,

Evan Pickman

better socialized dogs and people be bad? Eliminating this courtesy would cause such a situation and lessen the present "healthy and cordial atmosphere" of not only Central Park but all N.Y.C parks!

Yours

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Rena Bryant
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Dear Secretary Bryant:

I am writing because the off leash hours for dogs in Prospect Park are said to be at risk.

I have been walking my dog for 17 years in Prospect Park, every morning before 9 am. It is one of the great joys and privileges of city life to have this time in the park with our dog and other dogs and other dog owners. We are proud member of FIDO, a dog owner's organization in Prospect Park that represents us in many ways, provides additional trash receptacles, hosts a coffee hour in the meadow on the first Saturday of every month, runs a yearly sing at Christmas, etc.

In my seventeen years of exercise and social contact in the park with other dog owners and dogs, I have never seen a person harmed or even threatened by a dog.

I doubt that the current group opposing off leash hours even uses Prospect Park during the off leash hours or has experienced the delight of seeing all the happy dogs and dog owners strolling on the meadow in the morning.

It would enormously impoverish my life, my husband's life and my children's lives, not to mention our dog Arrow's life, to deny us the unalloyed pleasure of walking our dog off leash in the morning before work and on the weekends enjoying the company of other dog owners and dog lovers and all the wonderful dogs we meet. We love it and it does no harm to anyone.

Indeed, it is my understanding that, since dog owners have been permitted to walk their dogs in Prospect Park, park usage has soared in early morning and late evening

hours thus increasing security for other persons who wish to use the park. We are a real constituency, a group of diverse, socially responsible, dog-loving, amblers in the park who add to the sum of good in the city. There is no negative impact of our activities, only positive.

I invite you to join us in the park, if you do not do so already, on any morning before 9, to experience the delight of ambling with the dogs as they play with each other and we chat and wander and shepherd our pets.

Please help us by doing everything you can to prevent this group of malcontents from taking away this harmless and immeasurably beneficial privilege of city life.

Sincerely,

Elise A. Bloustein

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Sincerely,

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October 18, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I live and work near Prospect Park in Brooklyn and I am writing to you in support of maintaining the Off-Leash Hours for Dogs throughout New York City. These off-leash hours improve the quality of life for dog owners, dogs AND non-dog owners. There are many arguments for off-leash hours, but I believe one of the most important is the fact that dog walkers keep the parks of New York City safe for everyone. We patrol the parks in a way that could not be duplicated without great cost to the city.

It is impossible to calculate how many lives are saved because dog walkers abound, but it is important to contemplate that lives have been saved. How can these lives be weighed against the very small possibility of a dog off-leash hurting someone. Dogs attack on-leash, and in the home, just as frequently as they do off-leash, and usually it is a dog that has been inadequately exercised at fault.

Please protect our off-leash hours.

Thank you,

Deborah Pope

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b. Better socialized dogs have resulted in a historic low rate of dog bites
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d. Off-leash hours bring people into the parks early in the morning and in the evening, and their presence and vigilance makes parks safer
e. The off-leash policy provides a reasonable balance among all park users since it is only during limited times and in designated places
f. Dog owners also use the parks as parents, athletes and birdwatchers

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Sincerely,

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I strongly urge you to approve the proposed amendments to section 161.05 of the Health Code. Permitting designated off-leash hours and spaces in City parks is vital for keeping NYC healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Christine Poreba

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Sincerely,

Alan Graison

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I feel safe in the parks now that there are so many dog owners and dogs running through early in the morning and late at night. Tourists bring their friends and the playing, free dogs of NY have become one of NY's great attractions. The dogs are used to people which makes them more agreeable during off hours when they simply walk through the streets. Please continue to let the dogs run free mornings + evenings

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Sincerely,

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October 17, 2005

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Re: Notice of Public Hearing
Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code

To Whom It May Concern:

I bitterly resent the Park's Department's attempt to alter the leash laws and allow unleashed dogs in Central Park between the hours of 9pm and 9am.

I am a bird watcher and walk early in the morning several times a week. Today, I visited another location instead of my usual route. I crossed a grassy area near the Metropolitan Museum of Art and an unleashed dog jumped on me. I shouted no and the dog owners shouted no as well. The dog got down and I tried to walk away. The dog jumped on me at least six times before I was able to leave the area. I asked the owner if she didn't have a leash, meaning that she should restrain the dog until I could escape. She informed me that she didn't have to leash the dog before nine o'clock. If I didn't like it, I shouldn't go into the park.

Although I'm over 65, I'm a tall strong woman and as I saw the dog jumping toward me, I braced myself. I was fortunate in not being hurt.

How can the Parks Department allow dogs to run without leashes when their owners can't or won't control them.

Sincerely,

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Dogs are what helps make New York a more loving & fulfilling place. Dogs make all the single people in NYC happy &

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Sincerely,

Gale Counsel Office
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Message: I imagine you are aware of the Juniper Park lawsuit in progress to attempt to ban off leash privileges in our city parks. We, who walk our dogs in Brooklyn's Prospect Park, enjoy, respect, and appreciate the off-leash privileges we have been provided through the years. Individually and with the help of FIDO Brooklyn, we have worked to foster an atmosphere in which both people and dogs have a unique opportunity to socialize in a beautiful, green, setting, seemingly so removed from the drudgery of concrete city life. In addition to encouraging respect, and responsibility, educating dog owners on proper dog care and obedience, we as members of FIDO, have donated green trash cans to the park and conduct periodic clean-up days! If Judge Kelly rules against us, not only will he be depriving dogs and their human companions of this very necessary refuge, but he will be creating a situation in which there will be many more frustrated and under- socialized dogs in our midst. !
As a registered voter and taxpayer, I implore you to please support our efforts to maintain off-leash privileges in our parks. Heaven knows, our animals suffer sufficiently in our concrete jungle without being deprived of occasionally running and socializing with their fellow dogs.

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October 17, 2006

Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
N.Y., N.Y. 10013

Dear Ms Bryant,

I am a lifelong resident of New York City and currently reside at 131 East 66st.

I am retired and continually review a choice of changing my residence to Long Island where I also own a home, and spend considerable time. One of the key reasons for remaining a NYC resident, and paying a 4% tax for the privilege, is my ability to take my dog to Central Park before 9AM, letting him run off the leash. This is not a trivial consideration to a dog owner, particularly a retired one. Therefore, I object strenuously to the current effort to reverse the off leash rules.

I understand that there is a small community of people who fear dogs and would love to see them out of the City entirely, but there is also a very larger community of people in New York, particularly in Manhattan, who view the City as dog friendly and welcome their presence.

New York is a large and exciting city full of diversified activities, but suspicion of strangers is endemic. One of the exceptions can be found in Central Park before 9AM where people meet in friendship with strangers – a very unusual happening in NY.

If you were to visit Central Park before 9AM you would frequently find out of town visitors talking – as they probably do not do elsewhere– with New Yorkers, as they both watch dogs playing off their leash. Not infrequently, there are the foreign visitors taking pictures, not just of trees, but of dogs.

If there were a health issue, the issue of socialization, especially for the many elderly with pets, far outweighs any fanciful health issue of dogs off their leash. And it is not only the mental health that is involved. Encouraging people like me to walk a mile or more a day (which we did not do prior to owning dog) is an undeniable health benefit. Walking a dog on a leash on concrete is no great recreation for either dog or owners who have the opportunity to move to the country. For those who cannot move, the Park is their country home, and every effort should be made to encourage people to enjoy it. Dog owners are not an exception.

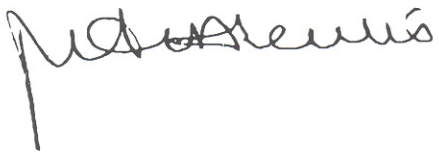
The compromise that limits off leash activities to the hours before 9AM should provide plenty of leeway for those unnaturally fearful of dogs.

I should add that in my experience, dog owners who frequent the Park are far more attentive to clean-up than dog owners who frequent the City streets. Most dog owners, however, welcome the clean-up requirement.

In France where dogs are even permitted at the table in Restaurants, I have not heard of a health problem. I am not suggesting NYC follows suit but suggest that any health problem from off leash dogs is fanciful. (There may be a greater risk of encephalitis from the presence of police and carriage horses in the City, and I have not heard of any complaints.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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The Dog's Health and Ability to Burn Energy will make the Dog more civil. If these Dogs are not allowed play they will become Aggressive. Then you will have Dogs on Leashes biting people.

What it should be is 9-9 Daily for Summer and 10 Am - 7 pm No Leash in Winter (Due to Day Light Savings)

Please Let us all Live in Harmony

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Sincerely,

Nathaniel Troy Kwit, Jr.
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RE: Proposed amendment to Article 161

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to you in support of the New York City dog owners and their petition to make permanent the present "courtesy" to walk their dogs "off the lease" before 9 AM.

I have been a resident of Manhattan for sixty-five years, having grown up on Central Park West and having enjoyed and loved the beauty and openness of Central Park; considering it as do so many as our "back yard."

As a long time dog lover and park lover, I feel the current "courtesy" has worked extremely well. The vast majority of dog owners are acting responsibly and recognize the fragility of their relationship with all citizens. The difference between the park today and before the Conservancy and the City embarked on the revitalization of the park's infrastructure is startling; dog owners know this well, and have generally acted with care to preserve their ability to exercise their pets.

The reality is that dogs off the lease, getting their morning run, socializing with other dogs and people without the leash restraint are happier dogs, calmer dogs, and much less likely to be aggressive. This salutary effect will be lost if dog owners are forced to leash their animals at all times.

The system is working; dog bite statistics are way down, dogs and owners are healthier and happier, the parks look terrific. It seems obvious that it would be a shame to reverse a win-win strategy, and "unleash" the ire of hundreds of thousands of currently happy dog owners, if their privileges are restricted, all at the whim of a few.

I respectfully submit that the present courtesy should not be rescinded and let dogs, owners, and all citizens co-exist in peace as they are now.

Sincerely,

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New York City's dogs are friendlier and a cause of more joy than any other city I've seen and this is because they can get the socialization and exercise in the morning while they are off leash. A Testiment to this is the number of mothers and fathers who come to the park with their toddlers and infants, to see all of the dogs playing! It's a major part of their morning too.

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Thank you for your support of this important Section

Sincerely,

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October 17, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
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Re: In Support of Ammendments to Section 165

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing as a New York City resident and dog owner in support of saving the Off-Leash Policy and amendment of section 161.05 of the Health Code.

The 20-year Off-Leash Hours Policy is a proven and successful public health policy which brings hundreds of thousands of responsible dog owners and their dogs to the parks on a daily basis, fostering a sense of community for both people and for better socialized and exercised dogs

Dog owners in NYC Parks have contributed to overall park safety since they are present and vigilant in the late evening and early morning hours; as well as responsible dog ownership, since the proposed Board of Health amendments promote City dogs being licensed and vaccinated.

The off-leash policy is a great compromise for dog owners and non dog-owners who use parks since it is only for certain hours and only in certain designated locations. Since there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in addition to fostering quality of life for dogs and owners alike.

I moved to Brooklyn, just outside of Prospect Park a little over a year and a half ago. I was concerned about the drastic decline in the quality of life that my dog and I enjoyed out in the suburbs, yet the move was inevitable. I was wonderfully surprised to find out about the off-leash hours in NYC Parks. I visit Prospect Park every morning before 9am with my dog and I can honestly say that it is the best part of my day and the best part about living in New York City. It is a time for my dog to socialize and exercise, as well as solace for myself before heading back into the fast-paced city life.

I make sure to make regular contributions to NYC Parks because of their commitment to the dog owners/lovers of the community and would continue to do the same in order to ensure that off-leash hours are not impeded upon. Preserving these privileges makes NYC a better place for dogs and especially their loving owners.

I hope that you will take these points and arguments into consideration during this very crucial time.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Meagan M. O'Connell

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Maxine Davis
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Members of the NYC Health Board
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
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I have had dogs in N.Y. for 22 years and it is clear to me that my morning walks with my dog able to run and play are good for my mental and physical health as well as my dog's. I've met a community of dog friends. We help each other out and are certainly part of the "neighborhood network" so important in a huge city like N.Y. We're out in the park in all seasons & inspite of rain and snow & we anchor the feeling of "safety" in the Park.

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Sincerely,

Maxine Davis

I knew the Park when people were afraid to go there and it is a different place now. For all the number of dogs there are very few problems because the dogs are socialized and the owners get to know each other. Please support these amendments and in so doing you will support this large part of the grand mix that is the real New York.

FILE Commissioner Office

October 17, 2006

CC: R Brown FYI
E Butts FYI
J Leighton FYI

Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner
New York City Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene
225 Broadway, 23rd floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: Off-Leash Laws

I have lived in Park Slope, Brooklyn for over 30 years. When I first moved here in 1967, Prospect Park was a safe place to bike ride and picnic, but only on the week-ends. I then saw the park get worse and worse, with incidents including a man being killed for his bicycle, and homeless people being torched in the park. I now visit the park every day and have never felt safer or seen more people enjoying this treasure, and I think it is because the community of dog owners and their dogs have brought back that feeling of safety and serenity that were threatened earlier.

I retired six years ago and fulfilled a childhood dream of having a dog. I rescued a six-week-old lab mix and named him Bandit (probably after the dog on Little House on the Prairie). Bandit and I walk in the park each day for any where from an hour to two hours, during the off-leash time before 9AM. What a wonderful way to start the day. Have you ever been to Prospect Park at this time? Out-of-towners who visit are amazed at how all of these dogs peacefully co-exist in the meadow. There are a number of people whom I've met who travel from the Village in Manhattan to let their dogs run in the mornings here. Not only do the dogs peacefully co-exist, so do the adults and children walking with their dogs. It's one place where age, race, politics, sexual-preference, have no bearing on the conversation. We're all out there enjoying the park and our dogs. Everyone is conscientious about cleaning up after their dogs, and fortunately there are plenty of garbage cans in the park so that the grounds are kept very clean. Some dogs can be aggressive with other dogs, and again, the owners are very conscientious about keeping their dogs under control.

I estimate that I have walked in the park with Bandit at least 1200 mornings. In all of that time, I have only once seen an incident where a pedestrian had a problem with a dog. In fact, it was my dog who was going close to where a man and his daughter were sledding last winter. The man yelled at me to get my dog under control and then yelled a lot more, as well. I called to Bandit and he came to me, but clearly this man was afraid of dogs and I imagine he would be in favor of halting the off-leash hours. This is one incident in 1200 mornings. However, I've heard that now there are people going into the park and purposely provoking dogs and taking pictures, to make a case against off-leash hours. What a horrible thing! Please do not believe these stories and see for yourself what it is like in Prospect Park during off-leash hours.

I love this neighborhood and will continue to live here because I enjoy the park so much. Please do what you can to preserve our idyllic setting.

Thank you,

Judith Becker
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Brooklyn, NY 11215

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I passionately believe that NYC dog owners faithfully follow the public health responsibilities that are required for responsible dog ownership (e.g. picking up, dog vaccinations, licensing).

As a public use policy matter, I believe that non dog-owners and dog owners can successfully co-exist in city parks with more reasonable off-leash times and places.

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Sincerely,

Jon Montgomery

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I am a resident of the Upper west Side. We have lived here for ten years, and a big part of our lives is going to the park every day with our dog. It is so important for dogs to run free during some part of the day. If this law is changed, maybe it can just alter the "off leash" times from 9pm at night to 8am in the morning. I think off leash policy is so important to New Yorkers.

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Sincerely,

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Owning a dog is good for people's mental health. And being outside where you can run and play with your pet is a natural part of having a pet. Pets need the exercise and socialization with other dogs and their owners, many of whom live alone in apartments need the social interaction too. Our society has us isolated in how we work & live. We all need more human/animal interaction.

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Sincerely,

Jane Warshaw

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(1) Dogs become socialized much more easily when allowed to play w/ other dogs
(2) Dogs get much needed exercise as there are not or not enough dog runs
(3) exercise is healthy for owners as well as dogs
(4) reported incidence of dog bites is at an historic low level
(5) dogs off leash don't bother anyone esp. children who are scared of dogs "as they should be in school before 9 and in bed after 9pm

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Sincerely,

Jane Perelman

Allowing dogs off leash before 9am and after 9pm adds immeasurably to the quality of life for dogs and their owners in Nyc. Please don't rescind this knowledge for the sake of a few people who ~~obvious~~ obviously don't like dogs Thankyou

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Dogs are important companions for humans and to be humane dogs need proper exercise and to be able to play off leash.

People with dogs get out and walk which is good for their health.

Many people who are old or depressed are greatly helped by the companionship of dogs. Thus these dogs need →

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Sincerely,

Jane P. Klein

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off leash to be healthy themselves

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9PM - 9AM O/L - Leash Ordinance for our dogs is necessary to provide safety in the park. Indoors, w. Your own - property / dog population in our city. O/L - Leash Ordinance and a Courtesy Around Welcome law (Security)

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Sincerely,

George Bernard

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October 17, 2006

I write to support the current off-leash laws in New York City Parks.

Off-leash socialization reduces aggressive behavior in dogs and offers the city's 1.4 million dogs a place to play in a city that offers only 50 dog-runs. New York City has had better socialized dogs during the past twenty years because of these off-leash opportunities, and these calmer, happier dogs have significantly decreased the number of dog bites in the city. Also, the amendments to the "Leash Law" will further encourage responsible ownership since they will promote licensing and vaccination.

Sincerely,

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Off-leash excercise and socialization contribute to less aggressive dogs which translates into fewer dog bites. During the 20 years of off-leash policy, the number of dog bites has significantly diminished. Also, the presence of dogwalkers in the parks early in the morning and in the late evening - people who go to the parks specifically to take advantage of off-leash policy - help keep the parks safe.

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Sincerely,

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy because of the following reasons:

1. **The off-leash policy keeps parks safer for people. Having so many vigilant and responsible dogs owners in the parks every day in the early morning and evening deters crime and aids the Parks Department in removing other possible dangers to people and animals. Just a few days ago, for example, I witnessed a dog owner whose dog had been stung by bees keep toddlers away from the nest and report the nest to the Parks Department.**

2. **Off-leash socialization and exercise keeps dogs friendly and reduces dog aggression and biting.** Dog bites are at an all time low in the city, dropping from approximately 40,000 per year before the off-leash policy to 4,000 in 2005, of which only 2.2% occurred in City parks! The off-leash policy permits dogs to get the exercise and socialization that they need to be happy and friendly [not to mention the positive physical and mental effects that having a well-behaved dog has on its owner(s)]. Removing the off-leash hours would be a tragic step backwards.

3. **City dog owners build responsible communities and help to enforce City laws and Park regulations.** Responsible dog owners do not condone inappropriate behavior from other owners or dogs. Support from the responsible dog owners I have encountered each morning during off-

leash hours have personally helped me to become a better new dog owner. I have received invaluable information about keeping my puppy safe, healthy, and well behaved. These owners also make clear to anyone in the park that not picking up dogs' waste or not complying with vaccination or licensing laws is unacceptable.

4. **Park space is limited and everyone should be able to enjoy it responsibly.** Right now there are not nearly enough to provide for the city's dogs. There are fewer than 50 dog runs for the city's estimated 1.4 million dogs! Although more dog runs would certainly be welcomed, financial and space limitations make it such that an off-leash policy regulating the spaces and times supervised dog play is allowed is necessary to keep all of these dogs and their owners happy and healthy. Dog owners are also parents, athletes, birdwatchers, artists, etc. who want to keep parks safe and beautiful for everyone. Most dog owners care very deeply about parks and contribute time and money to Parks organizations.

I strongly urge you to approve the proposed amendments to section 161.05 of the Health Code. Permitting designated off-leash hours and spaces in City parks is vital for keeping NYC healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Diana diZerega Wall

October 16, 2006

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BIG PLUS FOR MENTAL HEALTH :)

COMPROMISE IS WHAT MAKES DEMOCRACY GREAT...

LATE NIGHT/EARLY MORNING COMPROMISE WITH PARENTS/SENIORS IS A GOOD COMPROMISE -

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Sincerely,

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Hi Rena Bryant,

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I am writing this short letter to request Dogs off the leash from 9:00 p.m – 9:00 a.m not taken away. I have two long haired Dachshunds and they love the park (Central Park).

We walk in the Ramble area and around the 72nd Street Transverse.

I love central park + my dogs love Central Park, and off the leash they feel free and so do I. Please don't take our freedom away. Thank you very much.

Love

Susan, Rascal + Buttercup

Sung Andersen
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Re: Save NYC's Off-Leash Policy

To Whom It May Concern:

Since we moved from New Jersey several years ago, walking my dogs in the park every morning has been such a joy for us. Watching dogs running around freely, socializing with one another also gives the owners to socialize exchanging information.

Dogs in New York City are better socialized than any other places in United States, because they have the opportunity to socialize with their own kind under the careful supervision of their owners. I hope that you continue this "off-leash hours" for dogs in the park.

Sincerely,

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I wholeheartedly support the off-leash policy. City dogs should be allowed the freedom of being off-leash so they can enjoy socializing with other dogs & they also deserve the opportunity to have unrestricted exercise, for a happier & healthier life.

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Fussell

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FDOH Counsel Office

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To Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., NYC Commissioner of Health
Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York
Bill de Blasio, NYC Council
Yvette Clark, NYC Council

From Nora Freeman

Re Proposals to limit or eliminate off-leash hours for dogs in NYC parks

Date October 16, 2006

I write this letter to urge that the discretion of NYC parks administrators to permit "off-leash hours" be continued. My dog and I are in Prospect Park approximately 320 days per year, using the "off-leash" hours both morning and night.

When I first moved to Brooklyn in 1978 Prospect Park was in far worse condition than it is today. Credit for improvement is certainly due to Prospect Park administrator Tupper Thomas and to our local police precinct (the 78th), but I believe that the increased presence of dogs is also an important factor. Dogs and their owners can be found in the park from before dawn to well after dusk, and on neighboring streets as well, going to and from the park. When a friend expressed concern about her teenage daughter walking up Prospect Park West at six AM I was happy to tell her that she would see lots of dogs and owners on the street.

Being allowed to run and play off-leash is obviously good for the dogs, who need the exercise and who tend to be more relaxed and obedient when given a chance to play. The owners benefit from the additional exercise as well. Running and playing with a dog in the 90-acre Long Meadow is much healthier and more enjoyable than merely walking the Park perimeter on-leash. My doctor noticed an improvement in my overall health soon after I acquired my dog.

The community also benefits from having residents get to know one another. Meeting the other "regulars" in the Park gives busy New Yorkers a chance to create or solidify social relationships that are important to any community. (It's also a convenient way for political candidates to meet constituents; many have appeared on weekend mornings to "work" the Park.)

In closing, I wish to add that I have never seen a group of people more committed to following the rules. Dog owners are zealous in cleaning up after their pets and in disciplining them. We realize that off-leash hours are a privilege that must not be abused. Claims that this privilege leads to an increase in dog bites have not been documented. Circumstances can lead to dog bites that occur in the home or while a dog is leashed on the street. I believe the benefits of off-leash hours, both to the dogs/owners and the community far out-weigh the risks. Thank you.

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I have a large Dog & the off leash policy allows her to get the exercise a Dog of her size needs. It is imperative to the well-being of both my dog & we As owners that there ~~are~~ exists a place in which she can run, socialize, & get the ~~exercise~~ she needs in a park free of traffic, noise, & masses of people

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Sincerely,

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I like the fact that dogs can exercise + interact with other dogs at specially proposed hours. This also encourages people to make sure their pets are ~~AHHCOH~~ vaccinated + ~~DOG~~ licensed

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Sincerely,

Lisa Berg

Monday, October 16, 2006

144 East 7th Street
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New York, NY 10009

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I'm writing to you to voice my support for the proposed Amendements to Section 165 regarding off-leash hours for dogs in the city's parks.

I've been a dog owner for five years and I strongly believe that the off-leash hours are a significant benefit to the community. They allow owners and dogs to enjoy much needed outdoor exercise in a city where it can be difficult to be found.

Furthermore, I believe that this 20-year old off-leash hours policy makes for sound *public* policy, too. It encourages owners to be responsible, and provides a safe time window in which it's clearly understood that dogs may enjoy a brief amount of freedom. I feel that banning these off-leash hours would be a terrible mistake.

Please consider supporting the amendment.

Sincerely,

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Dogs are better socialized off-leash – they are often more aggressive when leashed.
I would support leashing laws if and only if there were many more enclosed (fully) dog "Runs" in the park and the city.
Rabies and other diseases are more likely caught from squirrel a raccoon or possum bites than from dogs. Owners could be required to carry and present proof of shots.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Katherine O. Whitbeck

October 16th

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For 25 years I have walked 3 different dogs in Central Park - always making friends with other dog owners and Rarely taking a very special interest in keeping the Park CLEAN - naturally picking up dog feces but other people refuse in the form of bottles and papers -

Please let us continue off leash & take care of the Park.

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Sincerely,

Joan Fisher

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It will make for better understanding for People with pets as well as without Pets. Dog owners also use the Parks as Parents athletes, and bird watchers - and want everyone to enjoy the Parks Safely and responsibly. Limited Space and finances prevent enough Dog runs throughout the city Therefore off-leash in City Parks is Vital to exercise and Socialize dogs

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Sincerely,

Jenny M. Hamero

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I look forward to daily morning walks with my dog and giving her the opportunity to run & play with other dogs. It gives her a chance to exercise and a chance for me to meet & talk with like minded people

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Sincerely,

Jayne Balick

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JAY G. BARIS
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Re: In Support of Amendments to Section 165

Dear Ms. Bryant:

We have a small white poodle named Trotsky (nothing political here; his father is Russian). Trotsky has been a Park Slope resident for more than six years. Trotsky looks forward to off leash hours in Prospect Park, where we go often so that Trotsky can visit with his canine friends and entertain others.

The off-leash policy has contributed to the quality of life in Brooklyn. Prospect Park is a much safer and friendlier place when it is filled with dogs and people. I, and my fellow dog owners, respect the responsibilities that this privilege imposes on us, and we behave responsibly, in our dogs' dealings with others and in cleaning up after our dogs.

Overall, this policy is good for Prospect Park and Brooklyn, both for dog owners and park users who do not own dogs. I urge you to support the amendment to Section 165.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay G. Baris

October 16, 2006

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City dogs need a place to run and get exercise. They are an important part of our families and deserve a quality of life.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Jannette Patterson

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

The off-lease law continues to serve the dog community well in Central Park. Because of this law, our NYC dogs are better socialized and are able to get sufficient exercise. As a result, NYC is enjoying an historically low rate of dog-related incidents (dog bites, etc.).

As there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in designated areas of City parks. The off-leash policy is a great compromise for dog owners and non dog-owners who use parks - it's only for certain hours (9pm to closing, and again when parks open until 9am), and only in certain designated locations.

The proposed Board of Health amendments promote responsible dog ownership, as City dogs should be licensed and vaccinated. Also, this off-leash law promotes the adoption of many sheltered dogs each year as new pet owners have a responsible way to ensure their pets much needed fresh air and exercise during the off-leash hours.

Please do not take away this privilege. Dogs and dog owners would like to continue to use the park and keep it safe!

Sincerely,

James A Ferency

October 16, 2006

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Please let dogs continue to enjoy the park!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Emily Pulice

October 16, 2006

DONALD H FRANK MD
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My dogs and I have enjoyed the opportunity for them to be off leash early mornings for the past eight years. I believe as a result my dogs have been healthier and happier, interacting with other dogs, running & playing. I and other dog owners I have observed are very meticulous in controlling the dogs and cleaning up after them. This is a win-win situation. I live near Central Park.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Donald H Frank, MD

October 16, 2006

Reva Bryant
Secretary to Board of Health
125 Worth St. CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Re: Off leash dogs

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing in support of the law allowing dogs off leash between 9:00 pm and 9:00 am in Central Park.

Please register my support.

Daire Serafin Beard
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#12F
NYC 10021

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Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
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RE: In Support of Amendments to Section 165

Ms. Bryant:

Trotsky, our small white poodle, has shared our home in Park Slope for more than six years. Trotsky very much enjoys off leash hours in Prospect Park, where we go often so that Trotsky can run around and meet with his canine friends.

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Overall, this policy is good for Prospect Park, both for dog owners and park users who do not own dogs. I urge you to support the amendment to Section 165.

Respectfully yours,

Carole Gould
October 16, 2006

Cc: Mayor Michael Bloomberg

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I am a PhD student of Animal Behavior and I am a dog trainer. I believe if we do not allow dogs to have "off leash" time there will be an increase in aggressive attacks by dogs to humans. The increased activity level that dogs maintain during this time is essential to their health and to the well being of people on the street. I have walked hundreds of dogs and have never experienced an attack towards a human. I beg you to consider that reversing this much needed rule will only increase problems for the City of New York

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Sincerely,

Amber Alliger

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I have had dogs for 55 years. A well socialized dog is very important in a dogs behavior. A dog that is socialized daily along with exercise make for a happy dog and owner.
Most people are not in the park from 9PM-9AM anyway. More people and dogs in the park during those hours make it a safer park.
Every other group - bikers - skaters - soccer players baseball - football players are permitted to use

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Sincerely,

Cary Meyers

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the park. Why should we be denied the right to use the park as we like. We are taxpayers also, as such we should not be singled out.

It is so rare that anyone is bitten or hurt by a dog.

More people are hurt by cyclists than by dogs.

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CC R BRYAN
E BUTTS
J LAIGHTON

Dogs and human beings have been companions for over ten thousand years. It is highly unlikely that this relationship would have continued unless humans found benefits in it.

In support of amending Section 161.05 of the Health Code to save the off-leash policy, I would like to point out some of these benefits, and discount arguments to the contrary.

1. Domestic dogs help to keep humans safe, and help to protect persons' property.

Canines have auditory and olfactory receptors that enable them to detect trouble to an extent impossible to human beings. For this reason, dogs can detect a predator -- human or otherwise -- before the dog's person knows of its presence. I am personally more comfortable walking or driving when my dogs are with me, particularly at night or in unsavory neighborhoods.

2. Dogs are noted for their ability to give and convey unconditional love.

A few years ago, I was under intense emotional stress from having been abandoned by much of my family. My dogs, however, stayed by my side, and showed their wonderful love for me on a daily basis. It is hard to express the comfort they gave me. *Pari passu,* it is well-known that elderly persons who live alone derive great comfort from having a dog in their lives. Similarly, persons who are ill often find peace from visits by therapy dogs.

3. Fear of dogs is just one of some 198 phobias that have been identified and named. (Listed in Webster's Roget's Thesaurus, 1999)

A friend of mine had severe gephyrophobia (fear of crossing bridges). She would have a panic attack if she had to drive across a bridge. In order for her to travel anywhere that involved crossing a bridge, I or other of her friends, had to drive her. To this day, bridges have not been eliminated, nor has it been suggested that I drive everyone who must cross a bridge. It is simply illogical to argue that because a few people have a phobia, the object of that phobia must be restricted in all cases. With 198 phobias on hand, that would involve rather a lot of restrictions.

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4. Dogs, in general, are tame animals.

Dogs have less adrenal hormone activity and more serotonin activity than their evolutionary ancestors. This is the physiological basis of tameness. I am not so naïve as to think that no dog has ever injured a person or another animal. But to punish all dogs (by denying them off-leash time) for the infractions of a few, would be like quarantining everyone in New York State because a few New Yorkers have a serious contagious disease.

5. It behooves an enlightened Board of Health to promote the health and well-being of animals who are so beneficial to the health and well-being of people, and so unlikely to cause harm.

For the maintenance of health, both dogs and people need food, water, sleep, exercise, and the companionship of each other. Off-leash time provides exercise and companionship for both the dogs and the people. I met many of the people I know in the Long Meadow of Prospect Park during off-leash hours. At the same time, my dogs got to know their dogs. And I got to know many other persons' dogs, and many other persons -- even persons who do not themselves own dogs -- got to know my dogs. The value of these experiences for canine-human relations cannot be surpassed.

Please amend Section 161.05 of the Health Code. Save the Off-Leash Policy.

Maureen Sanders
415 Third Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

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Please let us walk
with our dogs & look before
you.

There have been almost no problems
for 25 years plus. We help turn
the night people out before
the day people get here.

I used to be afraid to
walk in the Ramble because of
all the men having sex - but it's
the dog people who have made
that area safe + ok to walk
in again

Janet Oliver
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Ms. Rena Bryant
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am a strong supporter of the off-leash policy in the parks for dogs and their owners. If Health Board members were to visit the parks in the city during off-leash hours, they would find a community of people enjoying the park along with their dogs. There are literally thousands of NYC residents who enjoy this pastime, and the Juniper Park Association which is trying to ban off-leash hours in ALL parks is a very small minority.

You have heard by now all of the positive arguments for maintaining off-leash hours; only reason would have the Health Board conclude that an off-leash policy is beneficial to the dog-owning and larger NYC community.

Please support Amendments to Section 165. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Wacker

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To: Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health

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There are many reasons for recommending that you save the off-leash policy. I will address just one of them – the social aspect. Off-leash time in the park provides an opportunity for dog people to meet and socialize with other dog people. Frequently the only common denominator is our dogs. We learn tolerance and often gain respect for others whose education, race, age, or economic situation differs from ours. This in turn leads to a safer more civilized city for all.

For this and myriad other reasons, I urge you to adopt the off-leash policy for dogs.

Sincerely yours,

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of off-leash hours for dogs. My family has only owned a dog for a few months, but I have been running regularly in Prospect Park for nearly 10 years, and seeing the dogs and their owners in the park has always made me feel safer.

Running in the park on cold winter mornings, I sometimes will only see a couple of other runners, which makes me especially glad for the dogs going into and out of the park.

In my 10 years of running, I have never once had a dog approach me aggressively during off-leash hours or seen it happen to anyone else. I am 100% for enforcement of park rules, for dogs and everybody else, but as far as groups of park users go, the dog owners are definitely more self-policing than others, and while there are certainly scofflaw dog owners, I rarely see them during off-leash hours, when other dog owners are more likely to yell at them.

I have seen a higher percentage of irresponsible/dangerous behavior from bicyclists in the park, more litter left behind by weekend barbecues, and more lawn damage by the soccer and volleyball players. No one has proposed a wholesale ban of any of these groups from the park, nor should they.

I honestly wonder how many of those who are trying to ban off-leash before 9am actually use the park that early - during much of the year, there are so few non-dog-owning people in the offleash/meadow areas of the park that without the dog people there, I would think twice about leaving the main drive.

I sincerely hope that off-leash hours are maintained, for the benefit of the dogs and the safety of others who use the park during off-hours.

Thank you.

Deborah Orr
422 5th St.,
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In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation in Parks
Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor,
and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of New York City, and as regular users and supporters of the City's parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash privileges in all City Parks. We support the continuation of off-leash privileges where appropriate in parks throughout the City of New York.

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Washington Square Dog Run Association
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At One End of Every Leash Is A Voter!

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After consideration of the off leash laws, the Veterinary Medical Association of NYC representing the practicing and retired veterinarians of New York City gives its full support to amendment #161.05.

It is our educated opinion that off leash exercise provides dogs and citizens recreational time thereby increasing interaction with other animals and humans.

This interaction would reduce animal anxiety and reduce the propensity for animals to injure people.

The Veterinary Medical Association of NYC will provide petitions and updates on this matter to our clients.

We will be happy to respond to specific questions on this matter for the city.

Please address any questions to the Veterinary Medical Association of NYC at 331 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, or call 212-586-3949.

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The logic of the people against dog off leash hour is that dogs are dangerous and therfore no off leash hours should be allowed. In that logic it is well known that people are dangerous therefore should people not be allowed in the parks? (or off leas

I am in ~~favor~~ favor for designated areas with off leash hours.

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Canine Off-Leash Exercise and Socialization

Executive Summary of Selected Studies

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INTRODUCTION:

The following provides specific citations and summaries of several studies pertaining to the benefits of canine off-leash exercise and socialization. The full studies will also be submitted to the Board of Health.

1. **Study – Isaz 2003 12th Annual Conference**

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BY – Melissa Bain, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California

Injury to people and other dogs was never observed during the visits, and was reported by Park managers to be of extremely low incidence.

A Walk in the Park: An Ethnographic Account of an Interspecies Social Community.
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BY – Shelley Scott, Northwestern University

In a yearlong ethnography of resident who bring their dogs to a neighborhood park in Evanston, Ill. a northern suburb of Chicago

The small park does not contain a designated dog area and people are frequently warned and occasionally fined by patrolling authorities who find them with dogs off leash. This does not deter the folks who live in the nearby houses and condos from meeting at the park because social time has become an essential part of the day for the neighbors an their dogs. In my research I have noted what the park-goers talk about regarding their dogs and other issues.

Taking dogs to Baker Park each day provides as much of a social outlet for many of the neighborhood residents as it does for the dogs. This paper details how human-animal relationships can enhance human-human encounters and how humans and dogs together may form a social community.

2. **Study – Golden Gate National Research**

Suggestions of the Social Research Laboratory based on study

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- Limit off-leash dog walking to specific designated (not fenced) areas.

- Cite only irresponsible dog owners.
- Schedule specific times for off-leash walking
- Create separate and/or fenced areas for off-leash dogs.
- Create a licensing process for off leash dogs.
- Fence environmentally sensitive areas to reduce environmental impact of off-leash dogs.

3. **Eurobodalla Shire Council (Australia) Companion Animal Plan**

Page 4 Public Risk

Concerns expressed about risks from dog attacks and Council's exposure to an unreasonable level of public liability claims. It is important to understand the reason why dogs won't necessarily behave in the same way in the neutral territory of a public park. Attacks on private property frequently occur when a dominant, protective or injured dog is not adequately supervised with children and visitors. These triggers are not present in the neutral territory of a public park when a dog is with its owner. Most data collected on this issue suggests that dog attacks are more likely to occur in and around the family home or another home.

Page 10 Recognizing the benefits of Pet ownership

The health and social benefits of owning pets are now well understood and have been documented in numerous scientific studies. At one level this means a balanced approach to managing domestic pets. At another more implicit level, there is an emerging understanding that pets contribute to quality of life, a positive that could perhaps be fostered by local government.

4. **Establishing a dog Park In your community American Kennel Club**

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Dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.

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The love people share for their dogs reaches beyond economic and social barriers and helps foster a sense of community.

Well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively and destroy property. Their presence in the park along with their owners, also may help deter crime.

5. Meeting the Need: Providing Off-Leash Recreational Space in Santa Barbara

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The benefits of dog ownership are becoming clearer as scientific attention is increasingly directed toward the human-animal bond. Dogs are now recognized not just for their physical and mental health benefits, but for their role as companions and catalysts for human social interaction, and in helping children learn responsibility (Annual Review of Public Health, 1996; Psychological Reports 1996) For many single and elderly people a dog not only provides companionship but often is the only source of home and personal security.

The link between off-leash recreation and promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized to be good "canine citizens" (Canine Behavior, 1965). They also need appropriate exercise to reduce boredom and pent up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not on benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors, other park and street users, and authorities responsible for urban animal management, all of whom are affected by unacceptable behavior from unsocialized and underexercised dogs.

Another reason dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects on dog owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise, promoting physical and mental health. Taking a dog to a community park has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other people (Journal of Nutrition and the Elderly 1996). The community building that takes place in off-leash areas results in more cohesive neighborhoods, more local involvement in municipal affairs and a heightened sense of connectedness and community for all users.

The final reason, of most benefit to urban managers and animal control departments, is that a balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space results in higher levels of compliance with relevant laws by dog owners

6. Wikipedia
ref- Pets and People the bonds Grow stronger.

Off-leash dog areas provide a social setting in which people can gather and interact in friendship. Off leash dog areas are places where dog owners and nondog owners can delight in the entertaining and interesting interaction of dogs at play. Scientific studies have shown that people somehow find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual social barriers that make people in our society perceive others as "strangers". Research has also shown that companion dogs improve people's health and increase resistance to disease by providing pleasurable activity by providing a source of constancy in our changing lives.

7. PetNet
Prepared by Harlock Jackson Planning and Development Consultants in Association with Associate Professor Judith K. Blackshaw

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That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this study. As a principle we believe it should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. That is not to say that problems don't exist, only that the benefits should outweigh the disadvantages and that there is considerable scope for the problems to be better managed.

Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

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The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not immediately clear and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that they apply not only to dogs and their owners but also to the wider community as well as those responsible for urban animal management.

The most obvious reason why dogs need access to public open space is because of their popularity. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users.

The second reason has to do with its links with promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized in appropriate behavior. They also need regular outings to reduce boredom and pent up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure owners socialize their dogs and provide

them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors who are effected by unacceptable behavior at home, other park and street users and authorities responsible for urban animal management.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects it can have on their owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise and visit their local park. Taking a dog out has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other humans.

8. Dog Park Scandals
BY Wendy van Kerkhove of Owner of Fresh Air Training

This whole article is relevant

Summarization:

Off-Leash parks give owners the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a manner that is hard to do under any other condition. Nothing beats playing with other dogs when it comes to getting a dog tired out. In addition, one cannot underestimate the importance of allowing a dog to continually practice his or her social skills. Yes, each one of us assumes some risk when taking our dog to a dog park, but in my opinion, the reward substantially outweighs the risk.

9. FirePaw Newsletter
The Foundation for Interdisciplinary Research And Education Promoting Animal Welfare

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Dog play allows your puppy to learn his own language. A dog who knows how to communicate with other dogs is less likely to be afraid of them. Fear is the primary cause of aggression. Undersocialization is the primary cause of fear.

Frequent off-leash dog play throughout a dog's life is considered by behaviorists to be the first line of defense against fear and aggression in dogs.

10. The Bark Unleashed
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Jan Drago City of Seattle Councilmember

Issued a position defining press release on October 9, 1995. As I listed to the concerns of these Seattle residents I thought back to the time when I served as a member and chair of a Park Board, when I developed a personal philosophy that ALL residents of a community had a right to utilize park facilities, not just SOME residents. Why not have some area where dog owners could exercise and play with their pets, socialize with other dog owners? I came to agree with what Seattle dog owners from all over this city were saying: **This is not a DOG issue it is a PEOPLE issue.** It is about recognizing off-leash activity a valid recreational activity. It is about Seattle residents who pay taxes to support our parks system, who willingly pay for those swimming pools, tennis courts and fields that they may never use and who ask in return only that they be allowed in some places in some parks and to be able to engage in their favorite recreational activity. She then introduced legislation to implement Seattle's off-leash pilot program.

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John Etter, Parks Planning, Public Works Maintenance, Eugene, Or.

The trial period came to an end, and following public hearing , the decision was made to retain all five locations. Testimonials include the fact that people have moved into a neighborhood because of their existence, and that people derive enjoyment in sharing this activity with others; it is as if these locations are community centers for people as well as canines. There have been no complaints about people having failed to clean up after their dogs. Introducing a new activity to a park can bring out the kind of people you want in parks, which can help control some of the undesirable activity that may be taking place (in the park).

11. The Bark Unleashed
Page 1 of 4 - Dee Tilson, East Bay Regional Park District Park Supervisor

Dog fights are rare. In fact, there have been very few reported incidents involving fighting dogs in the last three years. Further, there has never been an incident resulting in

litigation in the history of the special dog park of leash use since 1975 over a dog fight incident. The interactions between dogs and people have been very positive.

12. The Bark Unleashed

Interview with Dr. Nicholas Dodman Leading Animal Behaviorist and Veterinarian

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The vast majority of dogs do benefit greatly from having exercise periods. And walking dogs on a leash is not sufficient exercise.

There's responsible pet ownership. But it is irresponsible behavior of the few that has made society make rules that are punitive for the many responsible owners. So it is not appropriate walk along Fifth Avenue with you dog off leash .

So whether it's continued petitioning to provide parks for dog owners, these things are necessary, considering how many dogs there are in the country. There are something like half as many dogs as there are cars. If you told car owners they could not park on the streets what would they do? So there is this massive problem. One in five people owns a dog, something like 40 percent of all American households have a pet. And to make a rule that people can't exercise their dogs off leash might even be one of the reasons that we are seeing an increase in problems these days. The demographics of the human population is such that people are moving into the inner cities, we are becoming a nation of city dwellers, and in the city it is a concrete jungle, as Desmond Morris would say. Life is very bizarre for dogs who live in Manhattan. It is not at all like the natural life. A dog needs to be provided with natural outlets-being able to run and exercise and chase things and do what dogs were bred to do. Say you have an apartment –dwelling dog who has little or no exercise and is fed one of these high-energy foods. Then add to that that there isn't much communication because the owner took the dog to obedience training as a puppy and doesn't do it anymore. So now you have a dog that is neither is communicated with properly, nor has appropriate outlets or diet. This situation, which is all too common, is an accident looking for a place to happen.

13. Cal-Dog.com

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Off-Leash recreation offers exercise for people and their dogs. The daily dog walk gives people a chance to exercise, to be out in nature, to meet with others and to create a community. Dog walkers find friends at off-leash parks; they also monitor each other and spread the word about courtesy, clean-up and control. A strong argument in favor of

creating off-leash spaces is that availability of legal off-leash areas cuts down on illegal off-leash use, making dog averse people more comfortable in public spaces because there is less chance of encountering off-leash dogs in unauthorized places.

The National Parks & Recreation Service notes in its booklet, Planning Parks for Pets:? Designating an area where dog owners can allow their animals to run off-leash successfully remedies this problem in parks where the concept has been introduced. Violations of the leash law and subsequent public complaints have decreased; and dog owners have a place to legally exercise their pets.

Additional benefits of Off-Leash

- Accommodate senior citizens and the disabled, who cannot always walk their dogs on leash.
- Promote Pet behavioral socialization, making dogs safer around other dogs and people.
- Discourage delinquent and criminal activity in city parks.

14. Better Health Channel

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People who walk their dogs are seen by other people as friendly and approachable.

Stroking and patting a pet can reduce the physiological indicators of stress, including high blood pressure.

The non-judgemental companionship and unconditional love offered by pets is known to have considerable mental health benefits for owners including increased self-esteem.

Research taken by the University of Western Australia has found that owning a pet can also benefit the whole community. The researchers found that pet owners, in particular dog owners, were more likely to:

- Acknowledge and greet other people in the street
- Exchange favors with neighbors
- Meet others in their neighborhood.

15. The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Statement to the City and County of SF Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force

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Perhaps most importantly, dogs also contribute to a more positive environment in our City by facilitating communication between people. Studies have found that the presence of a dog increases the likelihood of friendly contact. This is especially true and important for people with mobility problems or other special needs that keep them socially isolated. As one dog organization has noted, "neighbors who would otherwise have little reason to speak to one another will stop and chat when dogs are present" (SF Dog Owners Group SF DOG Managing Off-Leash Recreation in Urban Parks, March 1999 at P. 6) This fact is an important ingredient in the formation of a community. There are countless examples of dogs introducing people to other people, thus leading to the formation of neighborhood groups, park clean-up days, new friendships, and even marriage.

Dogs do so much good for the community: they give us a sense of optimism, safeguard us from depression and loneliness, and break down the barriers that isolate us from one another. Their presence improves our health, protects us from danger, and teaches us about caring and responsibility. While dog ownership may not be a fundamental right, it is unquestionable an integral aspect of our daily life – which cannot be dismissed lightly and should not suffer unwarranted limits.

Because dogs, like human beings are "pack" animals, they like us, need to socialize in order to remain psychologically healthy. Keeping dogs isolated from one another goes against a dog's most basic instincts. In addition, if continually frustrated by their lack of mobility, many dogs will react with intense enthusiasm, such as dashing around wildly.

As noted by the San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "Dogs require daily exercise and contact with other dogs in order to remain healthy and well socialized…A well socialized dog learns the skills required for getting along with the people and the other dogs (he/she) meets each day (SF DOG Page 7).

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There is no substitute for off-leash parks: Dogs socialize with each other through subtle displays of posture and behavior that can only occur when they are not impeded by a leash. A leash limits a dog's natural movement and can even cause some dogs to become territorial, protecting the area to which the leash confines them" (SFDOG at P.7)

Moreover as the Task Force recognized, the twenty-year old park system does not reflect the distribution of dogs and dog owners in the City, nor does it reflect an apparent increase in dog ownership in the last twenty years (p.3)

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As stated in the Task Force Report, the current off-leash areas "are by and large, poorly marked, poorly maintained, and inadequate to meet the needs of dog owners" (p.8). Just as our park system as a whole has aged, the areas available to dog owners have aged along with it. In some cases, simple maintenance and signage will help to improve dog areas. In other, the availability of trash cans, waste bags and benches will lead to a more successful park.

16. P.E.I. Humane Society

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The Benefits of a Dog Exercise & Education Park

Research shows that dogs are more than just companions. They provide both physical and mental health benefits to their owners. The importance of dogs in society has even helped spawn a new field of study, Urban Animal Management, which aims to ensure that animals are taken care of in the urban environment.

Off-Leash recreational areas not only foster the strong historical relationship between dogs and people; they also contribute to urban animal management and urban environment.

The Benefits of a Dog Exercise & Education Park to Dogs

Studies have shown that dogs that exercise and are allowed to run freely are not as aggressive towards people as dogs that are under-exercised. Allowing dogs to have an

off-leash area socializes dogs. It brings them in contact with other dogs and causes them to be less aggressive in each future encounter with dogs. Dog Parks improve the mental state of dogs. Many dog owners report that after a visit to the park their dog is less agitated, more relaxed and in general nicer to be around.

The Benefits of a Dog Exercise & Education Park to Dog Owners

The benefits enjoyed by dogs are also benefits to dog owners. A well adjusted, less aggressive dog is more enjoyable and easier to handle for the owner. In addition the Dog Park benefits owners research shows that these benefits include:

The provision of a vital public space allowing people to meet and form the bonds of community.

Allows people to have the pleasure of watching their dogs at play. Contributes to the overall physical fitness of people by encouraging them to exercise with their dogs. Provides an opportunity for owners to enjoy the outside.

The Benefits of a Dog Exercise & Education Park to Dog Owners

By providing socialization and exercise opportunities, the Dog Park can make dogs less aggressive, thus reducing the risks of dog attacks. In addition, well-exercised puppies and dogs are less likely to create a nuisance by barking excessively or destroying property.

Benefits to the Community that do not rest on Dog Behavior.

Designated spaces for dogs and their owners reduces the likelihood that dogs will be let loose in other recreational areas where they could infringe on the rights of other park users.

Dog owners have an interest in the safety of their community and can act as a neighborhood watch. Also designated off-leash spaces reduce the resources law enforcement and animal control officials must spend on enforcing leash laws, allowing of them to devote their time to other areas of crime prevention and animal cruelty investigations.

Dogs often help people break the ice, allowing people who share interests to socialize while exercising their dogs. These interactions help neighbors to get to know each other

and to build a sense of community. The social aspect of the off-leash spaces also tends to enforce the basic rules of dog ownership such as leaning up after one's dog and always controlling one's dog behavior.

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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CONCURRENT SESSION 1
A: Relationships
Dorn
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Discussion
B: Health
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CONCURRENT SESSION 2
A: Social Behavior
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Herzog
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B: Service I
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Suthers-McCabe
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CONCURRENT SESSION 3
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A: Cognition
Hart
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CONCURRENT SESSION 5
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Paxton
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ABSTRACTS

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Inviting Politics to Dinner: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Meat Eating

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Food is a constant presence in our lives, serving many functions from sustenance to social facilitation. Yet little research has examined the motivations involved in food choice from a socio-political perspective. Social movements often elucidate the private into a political context and have recently drawn attention to this previously unstudied issue. Examining food selection from the critical socio-political perspective of ecofeminism casts many commonly acceptable behaviors in a new light. This paper proposes meat eating is a social construct that normalizes this behavior and perpetuates patriarchal values.

Gender roles are also a social construct; feminine gender roles dictate a series of behaviors and beliefs that women have traditionally adhered to in Western society. Feminism, a socio-political movement, has called the system of male privilege into question and demands closer examination of women's treatment and role in society. The animal protection movement also calls into question the treatment of non-human animals, and reveals similar patterns of institutional oppression normalizing this behavior.

Ecofeminism sees oppression in broad strokes across a patriarchal society where women and non-human animals are both oppressed, and raises diet as a political issue important to both feminists and animal protectionists alike. At this junction between both movements, meat-eating is no longer a private issue. Some ecofeminists advocate eating that does not harm other beings and recommend strict vegetarianism as an expression of wholesale rejection of such oppressive values.

Curious how widely ecofeminist thought has penetrated the feminist community, interviews were conducted to gauge women's knowledge of and emotions concerning meat production and how/if ecofeminist ideals had impacted their lives. Three distinct groups of women were interviewed: self-identified feminists active in political organizations, evenly split between mainstream and ideologically radical feminism, and women not active in the feminist movement.

Knowledge of and emotions concerning diet were influenced by women's type of feminist views, with ecofeminists expressing the most potent ideology, women not involved in the feminist movement the least potent, and mainstream feminists showing varying degrees of

congruence with ecofeminist philosophy. This transmission of political ideology to women's thoughts and habits regarding meat eating can be interpreted best through a model of policy diffusion that likens levels of ideological penetration to concentric orbits or "onion skin

Dogs in the Lives of Brontë, Dickinson, Barrett-Browning, & Woolf

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The connection between early attachment history and the development of a coherent sense of self is clear from recent research in psychology and neurobiology. Through consistent, responsive, and nonverbal interactions with a caretaker, usually the mother, an infant learns how to regulate emotions. At the same time, he or she begins to experience a coherent sense of self. Ideally these both occur in the first three years of life, but it is possible to repair attachment deficits later in life within an attuned relationship with a partner or a psychotherapist (Lewis, 2000; Schore, 2002). My paper suggests that a relationship with a dog can provide a similar opportunity for healing and reveals the crucial roles played by dogs in the lives of Emily Brontë, Emily Dickinson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Virginia Woolf.

Each of these writers experienced the loss or absence of her mother and as an adult had difficulty in establishing and keeping intimate relationships. In very different ways, each woman depended on a dog for emotional support, to act as a buffer with other people, and as mirror of her inner world. They wrote about their dogs Keeper, Carlo, Flush and Pinka in their diaries and letters, and glimpses of the four dogs can be seen in poems, novels and essays. Using those sources, I trace the history of each relationship, pointing out similarities, such as the way all the dogs, no matter what their gender, breed, or temperament, represented a maternal presence to the women.

All the dogs served as companions and guardians, but each relationship met different psychological needs as well. Emily Brontë's attachment to Keeper was one of the few she ever made, although there were times when she used him as a scapegoat for her pent-up rage. Emily Dickinson depended on Carlo to soothe her anxiety and as an audience for her poems. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Flush helped her to emerge from a life-threatening depression. Flush witnessed her transformation from a dependent invalid to an autonomous woman. Virginia Woolf relied on the dogs in her life, especially Pinka, to connect her to nature and to play. She also used dogs as symbols of intimacy in letters and in Flush: a Biography. These analyses of specific human-dog relationships reveal the unique ways an attachment to a dog can be healing in itself and can also serve as a bridge between people.

Avian Wellness: The Proper Care Of Birds In Institutional Settings

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Since animal companionship has been demonstrated to positively influence human physical and psychological health, animals, including several species of birds, are commonly kept in institutional settings. However, in many cases, the people who care for these birds are

unaware of their needs and the birds suffer from a lack of understanding. This presentation focuses on the special health care concerns of birds kept at institutions (e.g., schools, daycare centers, long term care facilities, correctional facilities) and is directed toward the education of health care staff, educators, and others who may care for birds in institutional settings.

Recent advances in avian medicine, nutrition, and behavior reveal that birds have specific needs concerning air quality, nutrition, lighting, housing, sleep, and social and psychological stimulation. Avian behavior should be charted on a daily basis. The services of a qualified avian veterinarian are important in maintaining the health of the birds, and to prevent the spread of zoonoses, such as psittacosis, to clients and staff. It is important that caregivers understand how to visually evaluate the wellness of their avian charges, but this is not a substitute for proper veterinary care because subclinical illness can only be detected through diagnostic tests. The location and arrangement of the cage, and the materials that it is composed of, may also affect avian health and behavior. The role of enrichment, including proper toys, time out of the cage to socialize with caregivers, and or/the introduction of other avian companions, will be discussed. Other important topics of discussion include the costs to provide proper equipment, food and veterinary care, and how to safely introduce birds into schools and health care facilities that already have other residential animals.

With some basic understanding of their needs, health care professionals can create a safe and humane environment for birds, ensuring their wellness, longevity, and continued companionship.

Off-leash Dog Parks: What Makes Them Work?

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With increasing urbanization, dog caregivers are increasingly drawn to dog parks. However, expanding use of off-leash parks has sparked controversy in communities with dog parks. This project set out to learn what characteristics were important determinants of success with regard to achieving harmony with the community, while providing enjoyment for users. Seventeen dog-only and multiple-use parks were visited in California. Visits involved 2 investigators interviewing park managers, surveying physical characteristics, performing scan-samples, and interviewing users. Park success was measured with derived rankings assigned by investigators based on a combination of characteristics, including perceived harmony with the community and its appeal to park users.

In general, maintenance, size, and a qualitative score of the substrate type were significantly correlated with a derived measure of park success. For the 12 dog-exclusive parks, all being 3 acres or less, only maintenance was significantly correlated with success. Safety to people and other dogs, noise, and sanitation were most frequently mentioned by the community decision makers as concerns. Injury to people and other dogs was never observed during the visits, and was reported by park managers to be of extremely low incidence. Noise levels in periods of low-use and peak-use did not correlate with park success, nor did a measure of fecal density. Issues identified by investigators that appear to pose potential problems for the community include park users allowing dogs off-leash outside park boundaries, and use of parks by dogwalkers, who appear less responsible than

owners in picking up feces.

Animal and Human Interaction: A Survival Strategy for Both

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It is well documented that people denied wholesome interactions with others do not do well. One way people can be protected from the ravages of loneliness is animal companionship. Early laboratory observations of people with animals encouraged a period of research to identify, document, and assess the beneficial health implications of our relationship with companion animals. All indications are that companion animals play the role of a family member, often, a member with the most desired attributes. Ordinary interactions with animals can reduce blood pressure and alter survival after a heart attack. Pets, for some, afford increased opportunities to meet people, while for others they permit people to be alone without being lonely.
People are not the only beneficiaries of the human-animal relationship. Common companion animals appear to thrive with human contact. The very nature of the human-animal interaction predisposes both to experience improved health.

Cats, Houses and People

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Cats have traditionally been allowed outdoors by their owners on demand. However, evidence suggests that this has been changing in recent years for a variety of reasons (e.g. health issues, safety, predation on other animals). As part of a larger study on the behavior of cats and people in the home, data were gathered on whether cats were allowed outside to examine this behavior in a large population of owners.

Questionnaires were filled out by a diverse, self-selected, wide-ranging population of owners in response to a number of solicitations, including articles about the research in newspapers, magazines, and on websites. Data for this study came from single, two, three, and four-cat households, expanding on a previous study of just single and two-cat homes. Despite having almost double the number of cats (N = 503 vs 258) and nearly 1.5 times the number of homes (N = 256 vs 178), results were remarkably similar between the two studies. That is, 50% of all cats were kept indoors at all times; only 30% were allowed out on demand; 15% were allowed out with restrictions, such as being kept on a deck with the owner, walked on a leash, or confined to a yard enclosed by a fence with a top. However, looking at households directly provides a more complex picture. Although 50% of all households kept cats indoors, 54% let at least one cat out, with or without restrictions. That is, owners seemed to be making a mixed set of selections, based in part on the cats themselves. Understanding the implications of these seemingly conflicting data will play an important role in advising owners in the future about letting their cats go outside.

How to Change a Chimpanzee's Mind:The Impact of Enculturation

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Recent genetic and paleontological evidence provide strong evidence that the common chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes) and humans (Homo sapiens) have a long shared evolutionary history. Many more scientists now agree that differences and similarities between the two species are ones of degree, not kind. However, the uniqueness of speech and another possibly unique capacity in humans, theory of mind (ToM) are viewed by a segment of the scientific community as critical for some higher-order conceptual learning and problem solving capacities in humans. This, in turn, suggests that although the functional and anatomical areas of the chimpanzee and human brain appear to be quite similar, humans are alone in their ability to attribute mental states to others. Further, it has been suggested that this ability to name and conceptualize possible differences in knowledge states among others is dependent upon language.

Human language, while clearly unique, shares some features with other types of referential animal communication although, to date, no studies of the natural vocalizations of any of the great apes have shown representational features. Several recent studies with chimpanzees will be discussed, including recent work that provides preliminary evidence for referential information available from the acoustic features of chimpanzee food bark vocalizations, and new data from studies exploring ToM in chimps. Together with the archival literature documenting significant cognitive capacities in chimpanzees, the impact of enculturation of chimps within an artifact-laden human environment likely changes the anatomical structure, neural pathways, and dendritic density in the brains of chimpanzees raised under these conditions. Taken together, the considerable cognitive flexibility, neural plasticity, and referential content of chimpanzee food calls demonstrated by enculturated chimpanzees suggests new hypotheses to explain the apparently sudden, exponential leap in brain size in humans and shared ape adaptations for communication that ultimately emerged as spoken language.

Psychophysiological effects of positive human-animal interaction

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Positive human-animal interaction has been demonstrated to have stress-reducing and depression-alleviating benefits, as quantified by various physiological parameters. The present study examines the effect of spending time with a friendly pet dog or cat on electrophysiological phenomena associated with anxiety (especially frontal midline theta waves (4-8Hz) and depression (frontal EEG asymmetry). Subjects' perception of animals was measured via the Pet Attitude Scale. Their EEG patterns at the electrode sites F3, FZ, and F4 were recorded during each of 4 (counterbalanced) conditions: (a) resting with a real pet, (b) resting with a toy pet, (c) performing the PASAT (Paced Auditory Serial Attention Task—a standardized laboratory stressor task) with a real pet, and (d) performing the PASAT with a toy pet. Heartrate was also recorded for comparison with prior studies.

Preliminary results show that activation in the theta band was greater with the real pet across resting and PASAT conditions. EEG alpha asymmetry was attenuated in both conditions with real pets, and in some subjects the attenuation effect was more pronounced during the PASAT condition. Heart rate increased as expected during the PASAT.

Nature's Laws Broken: representations of modernity and postmodernity in du Maurier and Hitchcock's "The Birds"

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"If anything deepens belief in a Creator it is by watching wildlife in the countryside, a constant miracle, and nothing that changes in their routine through the seasons...they are obeying nature's law"
--Daphne du Maurier, "Things Unknown" from Enchanted Cornwall

It is this quote by du Maurier that sets up this connection between nature, specifically the migration of swallows, and humanity. Her view of the laws of nature and birds is explored in her short story "The Birds" which takes place in the English countryside. Here begins an examination of larger questions arising from the influences of war and politics, human creations, during the Cold War. These themes are reiterated in Alfred Hitchcock's film based on the story. Despite his contentions to Evan Hunter, the writer of the screenplay, that it had nothing to do with du Maurier's story other than the birds attacking people, the relationship between nature/culture, du Maurier/Hitchcock, modernity/postmodernity as represented in the short story and the film is the focus of this exploration.

Using Daphne du Maurier's short story and Alfred Hitchcock's film as the primary sources, the paper examines modernity/post-modernity and its connection between birds and humans (nature/culture) in these cold war texts. Linda Hutcheon's The Politics of Postmodernism, David Harvey The Condition of Postmodernity, and Alan Nadel's Containment Culture provide a theoretical base for this examination of modernist/postmodernist interpretation and criticism while du Maurier's biography Enchanted Cornwall, Hitchcock's notes and interviews on the firms from various sources provide both insightful and necessary connections to the texts.

The Social Life of Rabbits

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European rabbits are amongst the most gregarious of animals, living in the wild in large, complex warrens of up to one hundred individuals, yet their
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both the popular and academic presses.

This paper is an attempt to begin an understanding and appreciation for rabbit social life by focusing on the lives of twenty-five rabbits living in a domestic "warren" in my own home. Because the rabbits in my home are not struggling for survival, food, or reproduction, they are free to devote themselves to playing, napping, eating, and creating and maintaining social relationships and an ever-changing social hierarchy.

I have observed that rabbit social structure is based around multiple, overlapping circles, with a leader in each, along with a number of unattached individuals who don't fit with one group but who come and go between the groups. The groups themselves are arranged hierarchically, with some groups—and their leader—dominating the others. High status groups, or cliques, for example, pick the best nap spots, get first pick at food, and can offer protection to lower status rabbits (if they choose).

As a cultural anthropologist who simultaneously runs a rabbit rescue organization, I hope to not only demonstrate the complex social lives of an animal long ignored by behaviorists, but to widen the field by bringing in the perspectives of those who, like myself, speak from both an academic as well as an activist position.

Relating to Animals After Death: Virtual Pet Cemeteries and the Public Act of Grieving on Line

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This paper examines the current range of web-based pet memorial sites, from personal web pages to large professionally produced group sites called "virtual pet cemeteries," Language, visual design, motion and sound effects are analyzed for their contribution to the design.

I argue that these sites operate in the realm of the public/private domain, allowing for an expression of sentiment and sentimentality toward a specific animal that is only rarely socially acceptable off-line in everyday life. In this way women (as the chief architects of these sites) innovatively use the net to create new social relations (a virtual "community" of like-minded people who also post on and presumably "visit" memorial sites.)

However, unlike other on-line communities connected via chat rooms, newsgroups, etc., the posting of a memorial is usually a one-way communication. Therefore the "virtual community" of mourners for animals that it creates is always an imaginary/imagined one of unidentified like-minded people the only evidence of which is the presence of these sites themselves. Still, these practices of memorialization in the virtual realm of the web have the potential to model and validate behavior that may eventually carry over into non-web interactions such as seeking the publication of pet obituaries in local newspapers which is not currently done.

The paper will close with a comparison of virtual pet cemeteries and real ones. Pet burials, with their additional cost and three-dimensional location, are harder to achieve but provide a

place of pilgrimage and an on-going sense of physical relation to an animal that the virtual cemeteries, which function as a cross between obituary, eulogy, and memorial service, can never provide. Virtual cemeteries connect people to people via the death of a pet. Physical pet cemeteries, on the other hand, while providing a sense of shared grieving space for lost pets, primarily reinforce the relationship of the individual mourner to her/his individual pet. They give a material form to human/animal bond that survives death.

Understanding the mind of the horse: the relationship between scientific and non-scientific knowledge

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The pivotal importance of the horse to human civilizations has resulted in deep reservoirs of knowledge about horse behavior. However, this knowledge is primarily contained in non-scientific communities and is rarely tapped by science due to the reluctance of behavioral science to study domesticated species. Likewise, schools of horse handlers and other horse professionals have only sporadic access to scientific studies of animal learning and large ungulate behavior. This provides an interesting opportunity to examine the relationship between scientific and non-scientific knowledge.
I will be presenting a socio-historical paper looking at the ways in which knowledge reservoirs of horse behavior are accumulated within different communities. The study focuses on three major knowledge groups: traditional training schools, the more recent 'natural' training schools, and the scientific community. Traditional training methods primarily rely on negative feedback techniques such as "breaking" horses. Newer training philosophies claim to use information about horse ecology and social behavior to design their techniques. The scientific literature I will be focusing on deals with horse personality and cognition. Each of these communities makes its own set of assumptions about horse behavior. For example, natural training schools point to the social nature of horses to explain and predict many behaviors. I will be tracing how knowledge of horse behavior has developed within each community with a particular emphasis on the patterns of communication between science and the training schools. Communication between the different communities has been limited not only because of science's reluctance to study horse behavior but also because the trainers have limited access to scientific literature. Understanding the effects that these limitations have had can lead to improvements in scientific knowledge of large ungulate behavior and in the effectiveness of training schools.

"Psychiatric Service Dogs: Practice and Evidence" I & II

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Previously, dogs that provided companionship to persons living with mental illness were called 'Emotional Support Dogs'. They were viewed not as 'Service Dogs', as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Rather, they were household pets that provided comfort to their owners during episodes of acute illness.

In October 1997, Dr. Esnayra coined the term, 'Psychiatric Service Dog' (PSD) in response

to semantic limitations inherent to the 'emotional support dog' terminology. She established an online community called 'Service Dogs Invisible Disabilities' so that others like her would have a safe place in which to articulate how dogs could be trained to mitigate disabling psychiatric symptoms. Five and a half years later, this online community of mental health consumers has blossomed into a legitimate grassroots movement. Community members around the country speak publicly about PSDs, give interviews, write articles, develop websites, participate in television documentaries, and present at medical conferences.

Inspired by the passion and resiliency of this mental health community, Dr. Esnayra founded the Psychiatric Service Dog Society (PSDS), whose mission is to educate, advocate, conduct research and facilitate training of PSDs. In her presentation, Dr. Esnayra will share personal insights into severe mental illness, explain the evolution of the PSD consumer movement, describe a range of psychiatric symptoms that may be mitigated through use of a PSD and share her vision for the Psychiatric Service Dog Society.

Dr. Craig Love is a research Psychologist and board member of the Psychiatric Service Dog Society. In his presentation, Dr. Love will explain the importance of research in effecting change in our society. He will discuss the need for research on PSDs, in order to facilitate their acceptance and to better understand their potential. He will share a synthesis of anecdotal data resulting from over 2 years of PSD public inquiry and describe the research agenda for the Psychiatric Service Dog Society.

Human and Nonhuman Primate Cognition: new approaches using experiment field studies.

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Traditional approaches to the study of nonhuman primate cognition have centered on two contrasting methodological techniques. The majority of investigations have involved either captive research conducted under rigidly controlled experimental conditions or detailed field observations conducted under uncontrolled conditions. Despite the strengths of each approach in identifying the range of information primates' use in decision-making, each is subject to limitations. In captive settings, primates are often presented with problem-solving tasks that may not accurately replicate the social and ecological contexts in which these problems are naturally solved. In contrast, natural field studies generally lack sufficient control over, or information on, the range of behavioral options available to an individual, and therefore may lack robusticity in distinguishing among several competing hypotheses. A third approach, which minimizes several of the limitations of both laboratory and natural field settings, is experimental field studies. Experimental field studies offer the opportunity to examine individual and species differences in problem-solving skills and perceptual abilities under natural conditions in which the information available to the forager is controlled and systematically varied.
In this presentation, I describe the results of a series of experimental field studies designed to test the ability of wild primates to use social and ecological information in foraging decisions. Specifically, data are presented on the ability of wild white-faced capuchin monkeys (Cebus capucinus) to (1) solve a foraging problem using tools, and (2) use an array of three landmark cues to compute the spatial location of baited feeding sites. In

addition to examining how factors such as dominance, social role, access to resources, and opportunities for social learning influence primate problem-solving behavior, I use these studies as a framework for discussing how differences in terminology used by researchers have hindered our ability to identify both similarities and differences in human-nonhuman primate cognition.

Geographical Distribution of Human-Animal Bond Centers, ISAZ members, University and College Courses Dedicated to Anthrozoology and Animal Issues, and Members of Newly Formed A.S.A. Animals and Society Section

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Previous research revealed somewhat contradictory perspectives on the current state of the emerging field of Anthrozoology, also referred to as Human-Animal Studies (Balcombe, 1999 and Gerbasi, et al., 2002). The encouraging news is both studies revealed recent increases in academic interest in the area. Balcombe documented the increase in college courses and Gerbasi et al. found the numbers of doctoral dissertations recorded on topics of Anthrozoology doubled from the 1980's to the 1990's. This rate of rise in Anthrozoology dissertations significantly exceeded the relative increase in dissertations in all other fields combined. In addition to increasing numbers of dissertations, the diversity of academic areas that were producing these doctoral dissertations also greatly increased. However, Gerbasi et al. (2002) also revealed a lack of organization and focus in Anthrozoology at least as related to doctoral research. They concluded that Human-Animal Studies was a low status, high risk innovation which lacks an academic home. They suggested for the field to progress it must become better organized and valued. This current project proposal therefore represents an attempt to contribute to the organization of the field of Anthrozoology.

The presentation will be computer-generated maps of North America and Europe using Geographic Information Systems software. These maps will represent the following variables as they are currently known about Anthrozoology: locations and or/university affiliations of ISAZ members, colleges and universities that offer courses in the broad area of Anthrozoology (as identified by those listed on the Humane Society of the United States web site and through a web search), and locations of University housed Human-Animal Bond Centers, in addition it should be possible to add locations of members of the newly formed Animal and Society Section members of the American Sociological Association.

This mapping will reveal locations where several of these variables coincide, thus making it possible to better identify and organize people and institutions to support and promote the field of Anthrozoology.

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What Do "Top Selling" Introductory Psychology Texts Say About the Ethics and Issues in Animal Research and How Do Students Interpret These Texts?1

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The use of animals as subjects in psychological experiments is a topic which generates a wide variety of opinions. The purpose of this study is to explore the portrayal of this topic as it is presented in 12 top selling Introduction to Psychology Textbooks and to determine students' perceptions of these messages. The first phase of the study was a descriptive analysis of the content of these texts. The goal was to describe the extent to which texts varied in their coverage of the animals in research ethics issue.
A large number of variables were catalogued for each text: these variables included the area of expertise of the text's author (s), column inches devoted to human and animal ethics, visual portrayal of animals throughout the text, (animals as caged, manipulated ,or free), the indexing of various terms, topics and names which may be expected to appear in conjunction with animal research issues such Harlow, Goodall, Plous, Shapiro, animal communication, cognitive ethology, etc. While there was wide variation across these variables in the content of the 12 texts, there appeared to be no pattern or way in which any of these variables correlated with the content of the Animal Ethics section of the text.
To further explore students' interpretation of these text sections and the possible impact of these sections on the formation of student attitudes towards animals used as research subjects, the second phase of the study was undertaken. Animal ethics sections with no images were presented to students who were asked to rate the sections using a modified form of Plous (1996) survey of attitudes toward animal research. The twelve texts were then scored on the extent to which students perceived them as pro or anti animal research.
Three texts will then be selected, one rated as very pro animal use, one rated as the least supportive of animal use, and one rated by students as moderate. These 3 text passages will be presented crossed with 3 levels of animal research images. Level one is no image, level two is a photo which appeared in two of the 12 texts, and is a man seated playing with what appeared to be happy chimpanzees, and level three is an image of an animal with an electrical device implanted in its head. New students will be asked to read one of the passages, and decide based on the passage if a research study of moderate invasiveness would be acceptable according to the text. Students will also asked (using a modified Plous (1996) survey) about their own opinions and attitudes toward animal research.
This study should reveal the extent to which students' opinions about the appropriateness of animal research is influenced by their pre-existing attitudes about animal research and the presentation of text and images in introductory psychology texts.

Are cat owners more likely to be wolf lovers? A look at the wolf-cat connection

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People's attitudes towards wolves and towards dogs appear to be correlated (Hannan, this conference). This finding seems intuitive since wolves are viewed as wild relatives of dogs. Levinson (1972) stated that 'the way we keep pets reflects our stance towards the

natural world' so it seems reasonable to make a connection between our feelings towards dogs and our feelings towards wolves.

In the course of her study on people's attitudes towards dogs and wolves, Hannan (this conference) additionally found that cat ownership was also a significant factor in predicting positive wolf attitudes.

When it became clear from demographic data collected in the wolf and dog attitude survey that the 'cat only' pet owners were scoring higher wolf attitude scores than 'dog and cat', 'dog only' or 'no pet' owners, a follow-up survey was prepared to test cat attitudes. The follow-up survey solicited people's attitudes towards wolves, determined past and present dog and cat ownership patterns, and asked several cat characterization questions. The 'cat' survey was administered to 63 adults in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Respondents had strong positive agreement on only two of the cat characterizations: 1. Cats are good predators/hunters, and 2. Cats are independent creatures. The other four characterizations (cats are more wild than dogs; I love the wildness in cats; cats need lots of attention and affection; and cats are cuddly creatures) had equivocal response patterns.

When respondents' wolf attitude scores were correlated with the cat characterizations, only two were significantly different from no correlation and both of these were weak correlations.
1. cats are predators/hunters with Rs of .20, and 2. cats are more wild than dogs with Rs of.10.

The author concludes that current or previous ownership of household cats may provide an alternative predictor for positive wolf attitudes. She speculates that when people positively view their own cats as 'hunter', 'predator', and 'wild', this association may lead to greater understanding of the wildness and hunting nature of wild predators including wolves.

This particular association was not true for dog owners (in previous Hannan survey) who tended to view their dogs as companions and friends rather than wild animals and predators. The cat connection may provide a novel approach to educational programs aimed at greater appreciation of wolves and other wild predators.

Tracking the pet connection: influencing contemporary attitudes towards wolves

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Contemporary attitudes towards wolves and towards dogs are documented in numerous reports, but empirical evidence specifically linking wolf and dog attitudes has not been investigated. The author suggests that since dogs and wolves are closely related, and people tend to view dogs positively, then various methods of exposure to dogs may exert a positive influence on people's attitudes towards wolves.

This presentation examines two propositions: 1) 'people don't change attitudes formed in childhood and educational exposure only strengthens previously held biases' (Kellert, 1985, 1996), and 2) 'the way we keep pets reflects our stance towards the natural world' (Levinson, 1972). Additionally Serpell and Paul (1994) suggest that 'people's

perceptions of animals do change...and these changes can be encouraged through exposure to certain kinds of positive animal-oriented experiences.'

The first proposition is tested by exposing two separate groups of Michigan adults (college student in freshman science course, N=220, and a diverse group of adults, N=566) to photos of dogs just prior to administering a set of wolf attitude questions. Wolf attitude scores of photo-exposed respondents are then compared to a control group who answered the wolf attitude questions but saw no photos. A third treatment group viewed wolf photos then took the wolf attitude questions.

The second proposition is tested by asking a set of wolf attitude questions and then recording respondents' current pet ownership. Wolf attitude scores of the 'dog and cat', 'dog only', 'cat only', and 'no pets' groups are compared and trends examined.

Evidence supports Kellert's assertion of 'no change in attitude' if the pet treatment was simply an ephemeral exposure to dog photos. Additional evidence supports the 'Serpell/Levinson' proposition of 'possibility of change' in that there is a clear difference in wolf attitude scores between pet owners' and non-pet owners' wolf attitudes. There is a surprising result with current cat owners' wolf attitudes.

Short-term exposure treatments such as the photo treatment are not promising tools for affecting attitude changes. Our intimate and longer associations with pet dogs and cats does seem to hold greater promise as a method of affecting long-term attitude changes towards wild relatives of our pets.

Evidence from portions of this study could be used to promote different styles of appreciation for predators such as wolves: introduce children and adults to dogs and cats first during wolf advocacy programs, then stress similarities between species rather than differences.

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR IN HUMANS' OLDEST WORKING COMPANION, ELEPHANTS

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Perhaps the longest enduring relationship between humans and animals in a working relationship, without the genetic aspects of domestication, is with Asian elephants. Hannibal dramatized the extent to which humans could partner with elephants in war. The close relationships are built on three attributes of elephants: their large size and concomitant strength; their manipulative trunk that approaches the functions of a hand; and their cognitive abilities conferred by a large brain with twice the associative, non-sensorimotor cerebral cortex as humans. That is, they have a higher absolute capacity for cognitive behavior than any other terrestrial species. Elephants have been taught a broad range of tasks beyond that of other animals, for stage performance, warfare, logging, and transport. A hallmark of cognitive ability in animals is in the use and manufacture of tools, which is well-known among chimpanzees and orangutans who use tools for obtaining energy rich food items such as termites and nuts. Investigators of animal cognition may raise a question, however, about the infrequent spontaneous display of cognitive ability by wild

elephants, especially the use of tools. In contrast to the use of tools by chimpanzees and orangutans while foraging for energy-rich foods, elephants, not being omnivores seeking energy-rich foods, spend most of the day foraging on low energy food where tool use would be of little value. Probably the most frequent and creative use of tools by elephants is in the use of branches as fly switches by wild Asian elephants. Captive elephants living under naturalistic conditions and possibly wild elephants modify or "manufacture" fly switches from available branches.

Forty Thousand and One Dalmatians: Booms and Busts in the Popularity of Dog Breeds

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Established in 1884, the American Kennel Club (AKC) is by far the largest registry of purebred dogs in the United States. The organization recognizes 150 breeds with a million new registrations each year. We obtained data from the AKC on the number of new registrations of each breed between 1946 and 2001. This large data set (n = 48,280,840) provides a window into fluctuations in preferences for breeds of dogs in American culture. While most breeds had relatively stable populations, some showed explosive "boom and bust" cycles. This pattern was most evident in 11 breeds (Afghan Hounds, Alaskan Malamutes, Boxers, Chow Chows, Dalmatians, Doberman Pincers, Norwegian Elk Hounds, Irish Setters, Old English Sheep Dogs, Rottweillers, and Saint Bernards). At the height of their booms, these breeds showed an average increase of 1,165% above their baseline population (range = 512% to 4,238%). These increases were typically followed by precipitous declines in which the breeds dropped, on average, to 18% of their population high point (range = 5% to 28%). The boom stages of these cycles lasted an average of 11.2 years and the declines 14.4 years. The causes of these dramatic fluctuations were sometimes apparent. For example, explosions in the number of Old English Sheep Dogs and Dalmatians closely followed the release of popular Disney movies featuring the breeds. In other cases, causes of booms were unclear. These findings are discussed in the contexts of several questions: (1) Is there a population size threshold ("tipping point") associated with large increases in breed popularity? (2) Are "busts" associated with increases in the frequency in which unwanted purebred animal are relinquished to animal shelters? (3) Are dog breeds "memes"?

Looking at Animals "from Bottom-Up": For an Historical Perspective of Agency

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This presentation will ask the audience to consider the active role that nonhuman animals have played in the shaping of history. We will explore this possibility of agency by reexamining and further elaborating on two modern historical events--the agricultural and industrial revolution, and the creation of the animal rights movement.

The first step will be to look at the role of animals in the creation of capitalist agriculture and industry--that is, their unwaged labor. For example, horses and oxen plowed the enclosed fields. Horses and oxen powered the machines (whether crushing sugar cane,

ginning cotton, or milling textiles). Cows, chickens, pigs, and cattle fed the new urban, industrial, and plantation centers (which themselves could not exist without the supplying of flesh, milk, and eggs). Horses and mules transported the goods (both people and products) via roads and canals. Horses and oxen skidded and teamed the timber from the forests. And Pit-ponies hauled the coal from the mines. Indeed, the agricultural and industrial revolution was, in so many ways, produced by the work of the above animals.

The second step will be to reexamine the creation of the modern animal rights movement. It is not a coincidence, I argue, that this movement burgeoned out of the urban centers during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries--for these temporal localities were areas where one could not avoid witnessing the rapidly accruing exploitation of other creatures. Here, animals were working in greater and greater numbers. Here, they were resisting these impositions--whether through violence (kicking, biting, charging) or nonviolence (escape, crying out, refusal to work). Here, they were criminalized, both physically and ideologically, for that resistance--for there would be no need for the whip or bridle and bit if horses obeyed. And it was these actions--laboring, resisting, and being punished for it--which created the growing concerns for their welfare. Indeed, it is, again, not a coincidence that the birth of the animal rights movement occurred at the same moment in history (the dawn of the nineteenth century) as the birth of the working class--for their formation is interrelated and interwoven. Animals are part of the working class.

THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF PET DOG CHOICES

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People have a variety of practical and psychological reasons for sharing their lives with pet dogs. Protection, companionship, status, power, physical form, and function are only a few of the reasons that people choose specific types of dogs. Unfortunately, a poorly considered choice can lead to unhappiness on the part of the owner and, possibly, rehoming or even death for the dog. For these reasons it is important to understand the psychological processes that underlie dog choice in pet owners.

In human social psychological literature there are two areas that can be applied to human/canine relationships. These are stereotypes and attraction. The causes, process, and consequences of stereotypical thinking will be discussed. This information will be applied to common beliefs about specific types/breeds of dogs. Theories about interpersonal attraction and the reasons for specific choices will also be considered. Literature on status, power, and physical attractiveness will be applied to pet dog choices.

Several informal cognitive models of dogs ownership (the assumptions on which people base their relationships with dogs) will be presented. The models include 'Lassie', 'baby', 'macho', and 'dominance'. Each model leads to a very different way of perceiving and interacting with pet dogs.

The role of unconscious choices, motivations, and decisions will also be considered. Pet owners are often completely unaware of the underlying psychological factors that influence their behavior and expectations regarding their dogs.

Pegasus Farm: A Stable Environment II

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This presentation will focus on the behavior of the horse in the special situation of therapeutic riding. Pegasus Farm is a therapeutic equestrian center for persons with disabilities, located in Hartville, Ohio. Horseback riding is a recognized form of therapy that makes the most of the axiom "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man". At Pegasus Farm there is a powerful and beneficial connection between horses and humans, a connection that goes beyond physiotherapeutic exercises. The horse becomes both a partner and companion, offering an extremely rewarding relationship to their special riders.

Human Explanatory Style for Companion Animal Behavior

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It has been estimated that each year in the United States, 8-10 million unwanted dogs and cats are either released as strays or given to animal shelters (HSUS, 2000). Other estimates (e.g., Moulton et al., 1991) place this number closer to 15 million animals. Salman et al. (1998) indicated that behavior problems were one of the most common reasons for relinquishing dogs to shelters and it is likely that this is also a reason behind releasing animals as strays. It seems logical that individuals who relinquish their pets because of behavior problems may interpret the behavior problem as one that cannot be remedied. The cause of behavior (attribution) is internal to the animal and expected to occur again. This type of attribution would imply a potentially difficult future with the animal.

The process of attribution in humans has received a great deal of attention from researchers (e.g., Seligman, et al., 1990; Wiener, 1995), however, less is known about the attributions people hold of animal behavior (Rajecki et al., 2000). The present study sought to examine the possibility that humans have an explanatory style with which they understand companion animal behavior. Following from the concept of explanatory style of human behavior (e. g., Seligman, et al., 1990), a questionnaire was developed to assess whether individuals generally view animal behavior as internally or externally caused, permanent or temporary and global or specific to a given situation.

One hundred twenty-three undergraduate students (83 females and 40 males) completed a questionnaire containing 24 scenarios. Twelve scenarios involved cat behavior (6 positive and 6 negative behaviors) and 12 addressed dog behavior (6 positive and 6 negative behaviors.

Preliminary analyses revealed Cronbach alpha of .83 for the attributional style questionnaire. Paired samples t-tests revealed that individuals rated positive dog behavior (compared to negative dog behavior) as internally caused ($t(122) = 4.20$, $p = .001$) and stable ($t(122) = 3.33$, $p = .001$), however negative cat behavior (compared to positive behavior) was rated as internally caused ($t(122) = -5.64$, $p = .001$). Comparison of negative cat and dog behavior indicated that persons perceived negative cat behavior (compared to negative dog behavior) as internally caused ($t(122) = -11.70$, $p = .001$) and stable ($t(122) = -4.32$, $p = .001$). Though the present findings are based on a convenience sample of college

students, the results are useful in exploring human attributional or explanatory style of companion animal behavior.

Canine Aggression to Owners: Is It Really Based on Dominance?

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Canine aggression to owners is the problem most commonly referred to behavior specialists. The traditional interpretation is that the dog is part of the family hierarchy and strives to assume the alpha position. Once it has reached a high social position and is challenged by an owner, the dog shows dominance aggression. This concept would predict that aggressive dogs are mature when the problem starts, mostly intact males, self-confident, dominant to other dogs, and show offensive body language when aggressive. However, the facts are inconsistent with a diagnosis of dominance.

Neutered males were most likely and intact females lest likely to. Over 50% of dogs started to exhibit aggression at less than 1 year, many at 2 months of age. Body language is ambivalent. Aggressive dogs are more fearful and excitable. They may act submissively to owners and other dogs in various situations.

Dominance is obviously not a valid diagnosis for these cases. The following alternative explanation is offered. Aggression may be shown early on as play aggression, fear aggression, or as an expression of conflict, and then be reinforced by avoidance-conditioning (person retreating).

The above concept challenges us to interpret the social relationship between dogs and owners in a more sophisticated way than as a dominance-submissiveness relationship. It points out the inappropriateness of domination techniques and any form of punishment for these cases. It points out the importance of considering the development of a behavioral problem and the disposition of an animal when making a diagnosis. It necessitates a new approach to treatment, and leads us away from the idea to dominate.

Treatment should address the dog's management, basic disposition (e.g., fearfulness) and the cause of conflict. The situations in which confrontations are likely should be avoided. The dog should be re-introduced to such situations only in the context of systematic desensitization and response substitution. Owners are instructed to avoid all casual interaction and only interact in a command-response=reward format. Obedience and especially clicker training is useful.

A head halter with a leash attached is placed on the dog, so that the owner can control all aggression-inducing situations in a non-confrontational, consistent way. No punishment, no choke chain, no scolding is to be used. Regular exercise will reduce excitability. Situations in which the dog still shows aggression are addressed by systematic desensitization and response-substitution.

Canis Lupus Cosmopolis

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The subject of wolf recovery in North America sparks heated controversy, pro and con. This paper explores how this subject is informed by cosmopolitan worldviews. These worldviews pull nature and culture into a common orbit of ethical meaning, with implications for the normative relationships that ought to pertain in landscapes shared by people and wolves. This theoretical outlook is illustrated using the controversy over wolves in the northeastern region of the United States. I conclude with a set of reflections on theorizing the cosmopolis, the interpretation of cosmopolitan landscapes, and living with cosmopolitan wolves.

From Pet to Domestic Animal: a Shared Odyssey

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In 1883, Francis Galton, a cousin of Charles Darwin, suggested that pet-keeping was a predecessor to the domestication of animals. This theory was discounted at the time, but recently, has received support from a number of zooarchaeologists. The ethnographic literature shows a wide variety of animals kept as pets by various hunting and gathering people around the world. But why do some of these animals become full-fledged domesticates while others remain wild, with the occasional tamed individual? Is pet-keeping, in fact, the key to domestication? Or is there another route from wild to domestic animal? The answer lies in prehistory – in the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods and is very much intertwined with the accompanying human transition from hunting and gathering to farming.

In examining this transition, from wild to tame to domestic animal, a number of factors must be considered. How significant is the social structure of the animals tamed or domesticated? Did some of these animals fulfill one or more functions which ancient peoples found useful? How significant were such functions to eventual domestication? How important was familiarity with a species? A number of early domestic animals, such as sheep, goats and cattle, originally had very specific and limited ranges. Yet this does not seem to have inhibited their spread into very different environments, eventually all over the world. Other early domesticates in the same circumstances, such as camels, yaks and water buffaloes, have never spread far from those original areas, except as curiosities. Why? Finally, having made the transition from tamed pet to domestic animal, why do some of these animals make the transition to domestic pet, while others do not?

This paper will seek to answer these questions using evidence from ethnography, archaeology and behavioral studies.

Blending interpretations of human-dog interaction in the herding paradigm

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Humans and dogs interact on multiple levels during the process of learning how to herd livestock. Two perspectives that can be used to understand how this social communication occurs are ethology and behavior analysis. Traditionally, the question of nature-nurture is addressed from one side of the equation only, but the herding paradigm offers us a unique opportunity from which to examine the boundaries of each. Here, the relations between "instinctive" and learned behaviors can be analyzed at the ontogenic level in naïve herding dogs. While some "innate" behaviors remain fixed, man and dog learn to work together by changing the behavioral elements of specific predatory motor patterns that are modifiable.

There is heuristic fodder in this discussion of how humans and dogs interact in the herding paradigm. Social elements of the relationship affect how quickly the dog progresses in training, and indeed the emotional experiences of both the owner and dog in the process. Voice modulation of the human, personalities of both the dog and owner, and encouragement for both dog and owner by the trainer can all impact learning how to herd sheep. Implications for other human-dog situations can certainly be made.

A presentation of this blended interpretation of ethology and behavior analysis was well received at the 5th meeting of the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis in November 2002. It would seem that ISAZ is not the only organization that is ready and eager to consider a more inclusive interpretation of behavior. At the 9th Annual Conference of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers in September 2002 national best selling author, Jean Donaldson made a call for more research in the area of human-dog interaction. The applied field of dog training is actively seeking a scientific basis for guidance in developing a comprehensive, well founded training protocol as an industry standard towards nationally recognized certification for dog trainers.

To this end, a study is currently underway to test whether dogs respond in a social seeking or distancing manner to six human postures. This next step of research grew out of the herding work and observations that human physical movement seems to evoke reliable responding in dogs.

Developing and Implementing an AAA/AAT Program in a Pediatric Hospital

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Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio has been conducting a visiting animal program (dogs and a pony) in their facility called the Doggie Brigade since 1990. After almost a year of discussions of concerns, the first teams were screened and permitted to visit in 1991. The program started out with eight teams who visited on one floor on one day each week. Dogs and handlers were conducting animal assisted activity programs with the few patients they were permitted to see. After 6 months, another unit was opened to the program. Slowly, the entire facility, with few exceptions, was allowing Doggie Brigade team to enter.

Today, the program is hospital wide. Teams, now numbering over 60, visit 7 days a week. They are permitted access to the general population, but also the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the Oncology floor, the Burn Unit, and Emergency. Physical therapy utilizes the teams as a modality for treatment every Tuesday and Thursday. Hospital staff members are constantly coming up with new ideas on how to get the dogs to benefit the patients and the

hospital.

To date 12 local hospitals have developed similar programs modeled after this successful and award winning endeavor. This presentation will cover the history of the program from inception in 1990 to implementation in 2003 highlighting its successes and adjustments made to better the interactions between humans and animals.

Saving Ryan's Privates: An overview of the pertinent bond, physiological and behavioral factors that contribute to companion animal neutering

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Within the United States, the relationship between responsible pet ownership and neutering one's dog or cat is so firmly entrenched in pet-owner ideology that most people automatically assume that the reasons underlying this connection are medically and behaviorally as well as ethically sound. However, a review of the literature suggests that any such justification for pet canine and feline sterilization came after the fact and is sometimes tenuous at best.
If population control truly was the driving force behind the practice, why did the wide-scale surgical sterilization of female dogs and cats precede that of males by several decades? And why were veterinarians routinely taught to spay females before they came into heat but to delay castrating males until after they were sexually mature?

To answer these questions, the presentation opens with a brief discussion of the history of castration and ovariohysterectomy in both humans and food animals, and this information is then compared and contrasted to that related to pet dogs and cats. Doing so raises the possibility that the choice of companion animal veterinary practice to align itself with human rather than food animal medicine (and the willingness of the public to accept this alignment) lies at the heart of the more emotion-less science-driven approach to neutering. The presentation closes with a brief exploration of the health and behavioral effects of gonadectomy. Although gonadectomy may prevent certain medical problems, given the recent surge in studies on the nonreproductive effects of reproductive hormones, touting the health benefits of gonadectomy may become increasing more difficult to do in the future. In the behavioral realm, once again the traditional justification given for the surgery doesn't jive with the timing of the surgery and scientific fact, or with what those working with dogs and cats displaying behavior problems see every day.

Obviously an entire meeting could be devoted to all the medical, behavioral, ethical, psychological, sociological, political, historical, and other aspects of companion animal neutering. The purpose of this presentation is simply to nudge this foundation of responsible American pet ownership and see if it's worthy of that position.

When the Pet Becomes Parent to the Human: The behavioral and bond ramifications of on-going domestication in companion animals and humans

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For more than five decades, Russian scientists have been studying the effects of domestication in animals and these studies have demonstrated two concepts of value to those interested in domestic animal behavior and/or the human-domestic animal bond. The first is that domestication results in a physiologically and behaviorally immature animal when compared to its wild predecessors. The second is that animals evolve as a mind-body unit; one cannot change physiology without changing behavior any more than one can change behavior without changing physiology. Although we members of the human species have a way of viewing ourselves as "above" animal behavior and equating our own greater domesticity with greater maturity, logic and our willingness to accept the results of animal studies in the strictly physiological arena and the forays evolutionary psychologists are making into the human behavioral realm argue against this. If we accept that our greater domesticity actually makes us more physiologically and behaviorally immature than those animals over whom we claim superiority, this opens the door to new understanding of previously troubling companion animal health and behavior as well as human-companion animal bond problems.

Could, for example, co-evolving human and companion animal behavioral immaturity explain the increasingly intimate relationship we have with our pets? Obviously, if human and companion animal needs complement each other, no problems arise. But what happens to the companion animals whose care-givers may be more physiologically and behaviorally needy and dependent than the animals themselves? Using canine aggression as a model, this presentation explores how the dog's inbred immaturity and need for a stable pack may combine with the human desire for a protector to result in serious consequences for the animal's health, behavior, and the human-animal bond.

Why (and how) do we talk to dogs? Baby talk in human-dog play interactions

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Many people talk to dogs, even though they know that dogs do not understand much of what they say. The same is true of people's talk to very young human infants ("baby talk"), but this speech is often explained as having the function of teaching infants language, a function which talk to dogs clearly does not have. To explore similarities and differences between talk to infants and dogs, I analyzed talk by 23 people to their own and another's dog while playing with them, using methods employed to analyze talk to infants. I then compared this talk to dogs with talk to infants (from previous studies), to determine if these forms of talk are indeed strikingly similar, to detect any differences between these forms of talk (which might support a teaching function distinct to baby talk), and to evaluate the significance of these similarities and dissimilarities in relation to the functions of talk to dogs and infants. I examined talk to dogs for prosodic, lexical, complexity, redundancy and content features of baby talk, compared men's and women's talk to dogs, and examined evidence in both forms of talk (to infants and to dogs) for various hypotheses concerning functions of baby talk.

Talk to dogs and talk to infants share prosodic features (e.g. high pitch, whispering, extended word duration), lexical features (e.g.frequent attention-getting devices, distinctive words), complexity features (e.g. low MLU, many grammatically acceptable utterances,

many one-word utterances), redundancy features (e.g., high repetition), and content features (e.g., mostly present tense verbs, mostly about action, infrequently about mental states). But talk to young infants has a higher MLU; more phatics, questions, declaratives, and deictic utterances; and fewer exact repetitions and imperatives than talk to dogs. Although there are several differences in baby talk by fathers and mothers, there were few sex differences in the talk to dogs during play.

My examination of similarities and differences between talk to infants and dogs suggests that baby talk serves multiple functions. Four of these functions are common to both forms of talk (to dogs and to infants). One common function is to control the addressee's attention, interest, and/or behavior in relation to an item or activity for several seconds. A second is to communicate with an inattentive addressee with limited understanding. A third function is to indicate friendliness and affection, accomplished almost exclusively by prosodic means (high-pitched speech, whispering, and "slow" extended words). A fourth function is maintaining the pretense that the addressee is a conversant, even though he or she is not. The function of tutoring was found only in talk to infants, and was expressed through deictic utterances and imitation of the infant's sounds, both of which are exceedingly rare in talk to dogs.

Dairy Herd Expansion and the Stockperson-Animal Relationship

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Public interest in the impact that farming systems have on the welfare of animals continues to increase as the intensification of animal agriculture becomes more ubiquitous. One area of concern is the amount of individualized attention and opportunity for positive human-animal interaction that is available to animals as farms increase in size and mechanization. It is widely recognized that positive human-animal interactions help to reduce the fear response of animals while strengthening the human-animal bond, thus enhancing animal welfare. Over the past decade, the dairy industry has undergone significant restructuring as producers pursue herd expansion opportunities in order to realize economies of scale and to adopt emerging technologies. The aim of this study was to explore the nature of the stockperson-dairy cow relationship. In addition, dairy producers' perceptions concerning the impact of herd expansion on stockperson-animal interactions were characterized.

Ethnographic content analysis was used to record specific information concerning the nature of stockperson-animal relationships and the impact of herd expansion. Archival data from producer interviews, public forums and postings to Internet discussion groups concerning dairy herd expansion were analyzed to develop this qualitative characterization. An a priori coding scheme was employed as producer responses were analyzed for the occurrence of words or phrases. Responses were subsequently classified into one of three common types of stockperson-animal relationships -- ownership, partnership or stewardship. More than 80% of recorded responses were categorized under partnership or stewardship. Human interaction was cited as important to the welfare of a dairy cow. Concern for "cow comfort" surfaced as a recurring theme and was often cited as an important provision that the stockperson contributes to their cattle. In this sense, the relationship was characterized by a sense of stewardship. At the same time, producers were very cognizant of the link between cow comfort and milk yield, suggesting interdependency or a partnership between the cow and producer. Responses classified under ownership

primarily consisted of references to animals as capital or as resources that were to be maintained. However, the evidence suggests that the stockperson-dairy cow relationship contains elements that are consistent with all three types of human-animal relationship and herd expansion did not appear to alter this.

Assistance Dog Placement in the Pediatric Population: Benefits, Risks, and Recommendations for Future Application

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Assistance animals have long been recognized for their value in enhancing the lives of disabled adults by increasing the physical independence, confidence, and social lives of their handlers. Recently this concept has been applied to the growing population of physically disabled and developmentally impaired children, though the benefits and risks of these placements have not been thoroughly assessed. Our study used interviews to evaluate the outcome of placing assistance dogs in the pediatric population, looking specifically at the unique advantages and disadvantages of this new application of the human-animal bond.

We administered a structured interview assessing risks and benefits of assistance dog relationships to 17 families with a child under 18 years who graduated from a single provider over a five year time period. Benefits were found in 88% of families, and were overwhelmingly social and cognitive, with additional physical and medical benefits for the pediatric client. Other family members also reported benefits from the presence of the assistance dog in the home. However, risks, including behavioral, financial, and time-cost issues were significant, becoming a burden in 53% of families. Perhaps more than with disabled adult placements, we found that it was of prime importance to understand the assistance animal in the context of the family, rather than in relation to the disabled individual alone. Though most families reported positively on their experience with the assistance dog, children's and families' complex and changing needs should be kept in the forefront of deciding whether to acquire an assistance animal. It is hoped that results of this and future studies will enhance the welfare of both client and assistance animal, as well as the overall success of this unique human-animal relationship.

Perceptual and acoustic comparison of domestic cat (Felis catus) and African Wild Cat (Felis silvestris lybica) vocalizations: evidence of adaptation?

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As part of an ongoing program of research on possible anthropogenic selection effects on the meow cry in domestic felids, vocalizations by domestic cats (Felis catus) were compared with context-matched cries by their likely ancestor, the African wild cat (Felis silvestris lybica). Recordings of the former were obtained in their home environments; the Wild Cats were observed and recorded at the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria, South

Africa. Comparisons included analysis of basic acoustic characteristics and perceptual experiments with human listeners. The latter gathered data on human judgements about the meows, including listener ratings of the pleasantness and urgency of calls by the two species. Both the acoustic and perceptual comparisons revealed clear differences between domestic and wild cat vocalizations: among other contrasting features, the domestic cat meows were significantly shorter in mean duration than the wild cat meows, showed more spectral continuity, and exhibited a higher mean fundamental frequency. Human listeners at all levels of experience/affinity for cats rated domestic cat meows far more pleasant but less urgent-sounding than context-matched wild cat vocalizations. Based on these results, it is argued that human perceptual biases have applied selective pressure on cats since domestication, leading to vocalizations that have more "ear-appeal" for humans

Why it is okay to talk to your dog

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Darwinian principles of evolution by natural selection apply to complexes of species as well to individual species, so long as no species in the complex is disadvantaged. Dogs and people are arguably one such complex; they are extended phenotypes of each other. Bipedalism was a survival trait of hominids: in the emerging savannas they could see better, carry things such as food and weapons, and apply their forefeet to making and using tools. The rotation of the head of evolving hominid bipeds was physically necessary if the centre of gravity of the head was to align better with an increasingly upright spinal column. Some hominids such as the Neanderthal survived without this change and retained a muzzle and heavy neck muscles in a what, with hindsight, now seems an overly conservative form of evolution. In some hominid variants, however, rotation of the head and a routinely upright stance resulted in a "falling" of the face, better stereoscopic vision and enhancement of the "voice box" as the larynx, suspended by the hyoid bone, pointed upward and backwards into the pharynx to form a resonating space. Falling of the face led to impaction of the teeth and shortening of the tongue into a blunt piston. This combination is ideal for creating the components of spoken words. However the capacity for smell in the evolving flat human face was compromised because turbinate bones and the area of nasal mucosa became reduced. Capacity for smell is an important survival trait and its loss would seem to be a lethal affliction for variants with fallen faces. But, if the capacity for smell was being provided by another animal in the complex, afflicted human variants would be protected and could survive to reproduce in a process leading to an even more important survival trait for human beings, the capacity for speech.

Hominids are characterised by an increasingly high brain to body weight ratio. They had the capacity to organise for survival. Those with a developing capacity for speech, the human variants, could organise better, eventually creating a novel ecological niche: the human home base. Human variants continued to evolve in these bases and so too did other species, especially a canid variant which became the dog. The superb sensory powers of the canids benefited developing human variants within that base. Humans survived and continued to be naturally selected for improving capacity for speech. This in turn led to home bases that were organised better. Those canine variants which best fitted in to those bases were naturally selected for survival and reproduction. The characteristics of the dog evolved until it became differentiated from its ancestors. The human-dog complex has proved robust.

This paper refers to circumstantial evidence from evolutionary theory, palaeontology and

molecular biology for the assertions above and points to the evolutionary success of the human being and the dog vis-à -vis their forebears. It is human nature to associate with dogs and vice versa. Speech is our ultimate tool for survival and was possible only because we associated with the dog. That is why it is okay to talk to your dog.

We landed on the Moon, mosquitoes didn't: qualitative data on animal experimentation

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This poster presents the methods and the results of some exploratory socio-psychological studies conducted in Italy and Finland, concerning the animal activists' representations of the non-human animals. The chosen approach is the socio-constructivist one. Among the different theories which systematically study the humans' interaction with their social environment, the theory of social representations focuses on collective forms of thought and belief and on communications produced under the constrain of society. Social representation is "a set of concepts, statements and explanations originating in daily life in the course of inter-individual communication". Serge Moscovici (1981) argues that in social representations we discern not only "opinions about", "images of", or "attitudes towards", but "theories", "sciences sui generis", devoted to the discovery of reality and its order.
Using a qualitative approach, the first study investigates people's representations and attitudes toward animal use in scientific research. Primarily in medical and psychological scientific research, animals have been considered for a long time as models for human physiology, and animal testing has played a crucial role in the development of modern medical treatments. Among the factors correlated to the attitudes toward animals, it has been found the gender, with women significantly more concerned with animal well-beings and less favouring animal experimentation than men (see Gallup & Beckstead, 1988; Pifer, Shimizu & Pifer, 1994; Plous, 1996; Pifer, 1996 among others). According to M.O.R.I. survey (1999), the most important factors affecting people positions on animal experimentation are 1) the high potential benefits of the research (e.g. to save lives), 2) the low level of invasiveness entailed by the experiment, 3) The animal species involved dissimilarity to humans (e.g. rodents). Opinion polls have shown that while Europeans seem generally opposing research on animals (Pifer, Shimizu & Pifer, 1994), most Americans support the need for animals in scientific research (Gallup Poll, 2002; General Social Survey, 2000).
Few investigations have been devoted to the qualitative study of social representation of animal experimentation. Studying the way people construe their arguments about animal experimentation during everyday conversations, can lead to a better understanding of the similarities and differences between the attitudes of animal experimentation advocates and detractors. Assuming that the way supporters and detractors conceive animal experimentation significantly affects their social behaviours, this study examines how such categories of people socially understand and represent the phenomenon of animal experimentation.
On such premises, two focus groups, in Italy and in Finland, were organised. They were composed by prospective doctors, laypeople and animal right activists. The qualitative methodology of focus group, based on interaction among participants, leads them to explore their own and others' opinion regarding the current issues, i.e. animal experimentation. The relevant European legislation has been investigated as well. Comparative findings seem to

highlight similar social representations and attitudes between the Italian and the Finnish sample. In particular 1) prospective doctors are faithful to science and favour animal experimentation; 2) laypeople share an emphatic attitude towards animal suffering; and 3) animal right activists, obviously, oppose animal experimentation, and seem to be more informed about alternatives methods.
The second study focuses in particular on the animal activists' representations of non-human animals in Italy. Digard's (1992) definition of domesticated and wild animals is discussed. Focus group interviews have been conducted in the city of Bologna, in the north of Italy. An interesting data may be the fact that the considered area produces up to the 16% of the Italian meat annual production, being this area the major Italian producer (source: ISMEA, 1999). The feelings of empathy towards non-humans animals have been investigated by means of a translated and validated version of the Paul's empathy scale (2000).

Pegasus Farm: A Stable Environment I

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Pegasus Farm is a therapeutic equestrian center for persons with disabilities, located in Hartville, Ohio. Horseback riding is a recognized form of therapy that makes the most of the axiom "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man". At Pegasus Farm there is a powerful and beneficial connection between horses and humans, a connection that goes beyond physiotherapeutic exercises. The horse becomes both a partner and companion, offering an extremely rewarding relationship to their special riders. This presentation will provide an overview of this special relationship

Persistent Myths Regarding Immunosuppression and Safe Pet Ownership

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Interventions that promote the physical and mental health benefits of pet companionship must be tempered with facts--both pro and con. Despite comprehensive educational efforts by HIV/AIDS-support groups, many well-meaning friends, physicians, and other health care providers still insist that people with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) get rid of their pets. Others, including cancer patients, diabetics, transplant recipients, infants, pregnant women, the elderly, and people on immunosuppressive medications, encounter similar advice. By contrast, some listen to only part of the messages regarding safe pet interactions and fail to follow guidelines to prevent the transfer of zoonotic diseases from animals to immunosuppressed people.

Educational programs such as the one at the Center for the Study of Human-Animal Interdependent Relationships at Tuskegee University's School of Veterinary Medicine continue to encounter misinformation that threatens the social lives of animals and people. Examples of myths that persist are:
1) MYTH: Animals living with people infected with HIV carry the virus to other people.
FACT: No scientific evidence suggests that animals other than non-human primates can get AIDS or give AIDS to people.

2) MYTH: The medical community over-reacted--animals do not transmit diseases to people. FACT: Over 200 diseases are said to be zoonotic, i.e. shared by people and animals.
3) MYTH: Feline AIDS can infect people. FACT: Cats do not get or give AIDS. The Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is not the same as HIV and cannot infect people. This unfortunate misnomer has cost many cats their homes and their lives.
4) MYTH: Animal caretakers should be fired if they are infected with HIV. FACT: The Americans with Disability Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination in the work place due to HIV/AIDS.
5) MYTH: Pregnant women will get toxoplasmosis from their cats. FACT: Transmission is highly preventable. Cats may shed the toxoplasma organism in their feces two weeks during their entire life. Only if their egg-laden feces sits 24-48 hours before being ingested can toxoplasmosis infect people.

These and other important points about zoonotic diseases, safe pet ownership, health care teams, laws against discrimination, and universal precautions will be presented in this lecture to encourage mutually beneficial relationship between animals and people. By examining persistent beliefs and fears, advocates of human-animal interactions will be better able to safeguard the welfare of animals and the people with whom they live.

A Walk in the Park: An Ethnographic Account of an Interspecies Social Community

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This paper interprets the research I am conducting in a yearlong enthnography of residents who bring their dogs to a neighborhood park in Evanston, Illinois, a northern suburb of Chicago. Each morning and early evening, Baker Park is overrun with people and their dogs running on the baseball diamond, alongside the basketball court and even onto the playgrounds. The small park does not contain a designated dog area, and people are frequently warned and occasionally fined by patrolling authorities who find them with dogs off-leash. This does not deter the folks who live in the nearby ouses and condos from meeting at the park and turning their dogs loose to play, because social time has become an essential part of the day for the neighbors and their dogs. As a participant-observer, I have joined the group with my own two dogs in an effort to discover how a community of people has formed around their pets. In my research, I have noted what the park-goers talk about regarding their dogs and other issues, and I have observed how they interact with one another, their own dogs, and neighbors' dogs.

There is a tradition of dogs being depicted in televisions and film as nurturing relationships between people. Both fictive and real narratives often convey that people learning to care for pets find connecting with other people easier and more rewarding. Taking dogs to Baker Park each day provides as much of a social outlet for many of the neighborhood residents as it does for the dogs. Humans have much to learn from animals about the processes of socialization and this paper explores how one group of people are educating themselves. This paper details how human-animal relationships can enhance human-human encounters and how humans and dogs together may form a social community.

Predicting Justified Punishments for Animal Cruelty and Neglect

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Research has examined ratings of justified punishments for many types of crimes, including robbery, rape, and murder. However, little experimental research has examined beliefs about how crimes against animals should be punished. The present experiment tested whether justified punishment is a function of several variables: Sex of person assigning punishment, Sex of Perpetrator of the Crime, Whether the Crime Involved Abuse or Neglect, Type of Animal in the Crime, and Whether the Animal Lived Through the Incident.

Four hundred forty four undergraduates (117 Males, 327 Females) read one of 16 scenarios describing a crime against an animal, and were asked to make acceptance ratings of possible punishments and restrictions, including: no punishment, counseling, community service, payment of a fine, jail time, inability to adopt an animal in the future, inability to work with children, and inability to work with the elderly. Ratings were made on seven point scales indicating agreement or disagreement.

The five punishment questions were added together to obtain a composite variable, and the three restriction questions were analyzed individually. A 2(Sex of Participant) x 2(Sex of Perpetrator) x 2(Animal Type: Chicken or Puppy) x 2(Crime Type) x 2(Outcome of Crime) ANOVA was conducted for each dependent variable. The composite punishment analysis yielded main effects for Animal Type and Sex of Participant. Ratings were higher for female participants, and for the puppy scenario. The variables perpetrator sex, crime type, and crime outcome were predictive only in conjunction with other variables. The adoption question yielded the same pattern of results, with females and those viewing the puppy scenario more likely to restrict future animal adoptions. For working with children, there was a main effect for Animal, and again, restrictions were higher for the puppy scenario. For the access to the elderly question, there only was a main effect for participant sex, with females more likely to restrict access.

These data suggest that when making decisions regarding the punishment of crimes against animals, two variables emerge as most predictive. Females endorse greater punishment than males, and punishments tend to be stiffer when a crime was committed against a companion animal rather than a farm animal or animal that is regularly consumed for food. Sex of perpetrator, Type of Crime, and Crime Outcome are moderating variables that come into play in conjunction with other information. Participants also endorsed limiting access to future animals, but were less likely to endorse restriction of access to other vulnerable populations, suggesting that for many, the link between animal cruelty and human abuse is not sufficiently strong.

Wild Places, Friendly Faces: American Perceptions of Human-Wild Dolphin Interactions

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Today, opportunities for humans to interact with dolphins continue to increase as captive dolphin facilities offer greater numbers of 'swim-with-dolphins' programs, dolphin-assisted

therapy gains in popularity and as growing commercial interests transport groups of people by boat out to the open waters to swim with wild dolphins. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has suggested that increased human interactions with wild dolphins may risk harm to both people and dolphins. As such, NMFS developed marine mammal "viewing guidelines" and initiated a nationwide education and outreach program that includes the currently active "Protect Dolphins" campaign that challenges thousands of years of myths and legends involving human-dolphin bonds, including the extremely popular (and lucrative) contemporary stories of a bottlenose dolphin named Flipper.

The NMFS campaign is founded on the assumption that the public must be "educated" about wild dolphins; that is, that people must change their understanding of dolphins from smiling, fun-loving, compassionate friends of the sea to unpredictable, wild, potentially dangerous animals. Does everyone want to swim with wild dolphins? Do people today generally think of dolphins as wild or dangerous? Or do people think they should be allowed to feed wild dolphins just as they could feed a duck at the park? The current research is aimed at uncovering contemporary attitudes and opinions regarding human-wild dolphin interactions. Given the undeniable popularity of dolphins, the growing swim-with-wild-dolphins industry, and the recently proposed amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the time to understand public perceptions of human-dolphin interactions is long overdue.

Program Assessment: St. Francis Of Assisi Service Dog Foundation Prison Pup Project

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The purpose of this study was to investigate the emotional and behavioral effects of the Prison PUP (Puppies Uniting People) program on participating inmates at a prison in southwest Virginia, USA. Though similar programs have been in operation since 1981 and are currently functioning across the nation, only two studies have investigated the impact of such programs on the inmates involved. One of these studies (Walsh & Mertin, 1995) was conducted in a women's prison, and the other was conducted in a men's prison but never published (Kleinberg, 2000). The Saint Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, Inc. (SFOA) of Roanoke, Virginia, USA functions to assist people with one or more physical and/or emotional disabilities so that they may become more independent and self-sufficient through partnership with service dogs. SFOA seeks to increase the number of puppy raisers and, therefore, trained service dogs through the Prison PUP program. The program offers an opportunity for minimum-security prison inmates to become puppy raisers, giving of themselves to help others.

Based on the reports of the St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, programs of this nature have an enormously positive impact on the individuals with disabilities who ultimately receive these service dogs. This organization has estimated that over the eight-year working life of a service dog, approximately $60,000 is saved per individual through a 68% reduction in assistance hours required. Further, while the Foundation experiences a 50% success rate with traditionally raised puppies, prison-raised dogs have been found to have a 75% success rate. Thus, from the perspective of individuals with disabilities receiving service dogs and those who fund such programs, Prison PUP has been a tremendous success. The next step is to assess whether the prisoners involved benefit from

the program. If the emotional and behavioral functioning of the inmates is improved by participation in the project evaluated here, this could provide the foundation for expansion into larger samples. Further, it could stimulate further investigation of the use of animals in rehabilitative efforts with prisoners who seem most likely to benefit from such interventions. While any findings from this study must be interpreted with caution because of the low sample size, the qualitative design allows the opportunity to uncover important issues and questions which could be fruitfully investigated in future research.

The Role of Handler Personality Traits in the Performance of Canine Explosives Detection Teams.

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The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 have awakened a need for greater national security, particularly concerning the detection of explosive devices. The use of canine teams for bomb detection may play a critical role in disaster prevention for police departments and airports around the country. It is essential that both the canine and handler components of these teams operate effectively as a unit, yet there is an identified need for improvement in this area among today's working teams. Currently, many agencies assign dogs to their handlers according to such criteria as seniority or rank. However, it is possible that the performance of canine teams could be enhanced if handler-to-dog matching and selection were based more on elements of human-animal companionship. Personality compatibility between the two members of a canine detection team may fine-tune important aspects of a search mission, such as the dog's understanding of commands and the handler's ability to interpret the subtle behavioral changes of his partner.

The objective of this study was to observe in an exploratory fashion whether any patterns may occur between elements of handler personality and canine performance in detection of explosives. Such information may provide a direction for further, larger-scale studies with the goal of optimizing the selection of handlers for canine explosives detection teams. This experiment involved assessing personality traits of four canine-detection team handlers using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Eysenck Personality Inventory. The performance of the dogs assigned to these handlers was evaluated in previously collected data, and was analyzed with respect to the personality test results. In addition to the notable observations regarding introversion and judging, this study revealed several questions that must be addressed. The potential value of further information of this type indicates that future, large-scale studies on the subject of explosives detection canine-handler compatibility would be extremely worthwhile.

A pioneering perspective

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An odyssey of an animal behaviorist through the tangle of relationships between companion animals (domestic dogs and cats) and humans. A view of the field from the perspective of the animals and the

people in the trenches. A look at the development of the field and pockets of stagnation.

Topics to be discussed include examining the link between animal and people abuse, the concept in California of people as "Guardians" instead of "owners", how animal welfare and rights have improved, public housing and pets, the development in veterinary schools and local communities of "hot-lines" re grief counseling, the still glaring lack of adequate attention being paid to the study of animal behavior and the animal's side of the human-animal bond (e.g. most progress for animals has been made because of the person's welfare related to the animal, for example, Vet schools and large vet facilities have tended to support hot lines and social worker positions before and instead of animal behavior positions).

Temple Grandin's Sentient Animal Look and the Politics of Visual Engagement

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Over twenty years ago John Berger called attention to the function of the animal look in the zoo, in his celebrated essay 'Why Look At Animals'. Numerous subsequent writers have examined the visual culture of the zoo and its progeny but the animal look has gone largely unexplored. However, in the late twentieth century US the bovine appeared in popular culture as the basis for a celebrated set of claims about human-animal empathy. Author and animal scientist Temple Grandin professes a unique visual identification with cattle, which she attributes to her autism. Based on her capacity for visual identification, Grandin claims special insight into the lives of animals. She describes cattle as subjects who exercise an environmentally engaged, sentient, look, a description that seems to directly challenge their hegemonic construction as instrumentalized bodies. This insistence on subjectivity has been widely received as a progressive breakthrough in the representation of animals. Grandin's empathy is also represented as the motivation her professional work: the design of 'humane' meatpacking plants.
What are we to make of a narrative that so forcefully reinstates animals' visual engagement with the world? Grandin's designs are certainly popularly represented as compassionate interventions, motivated by a profound care for animals. Is Grandin 'looking out' or 'watching out' for animals, as popular culture insists, and is it this altruistic concern that accounts for her sustained popularity? In my paper I will explore the implications of Grandin's account of cattle's visual engagement with the world. I will suggest that this insistence on a distinctly visual sentience is not as inherently progressive as it might first appear. Behavior that is environmentally contingent is inherently malleable. Grandin's production technologies exploit this facility, policing the space of the meatpacking plant in order to render cattle more compliant with the demands of industrialized slaughter. Descriptions of these technologies, notably Grandin's celebrated 'stairway to heaven', typically obfuscate their coercive effects and represent cattle as voluntarily compliant with the inimical demands of production. Such depictions have extremely important implications for the cultural construction of cattle, and non-human animals in general. Killing is powerfully adiaphorized, in direct opposition to the compassion that Grandin ostensibly advocates. The recognition of animal sentience is certainly a crucial step in the improved treatment of animals, but, as Grandin's work demonstrates, its value is not completely unequivocal.

Whistling with the weaverbirds: representations of human-animal relationships in post-1994 South African narratives

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Before the first democratic elections in 1994, the primary foci of South African writing were the multiplicitous effects of the racialised political dispensation. With transformation, however, new subject matter has been emerging. Biography and memoir have been engaging with issues of memory, satires have been exploring novel aspects of humour. What interests me here, however, is the way a number of writers are now able to turn their attention to postcolonial relationships between human and non-human animals, positing some continuum between them. Perhaps for the first time in South African literary writing, non-human animals are subjects capable, within heterarchal relationships, of complex interactions with humans.

In The Heart of Redness, for example, Zakes Mda represents close relationships between the amaXhosa and animals both 'wild' and 'tame.' In Disgrace and Triomf JM Coetzee and Marlene van Niekerk respectively depict relationships between humans and dogs as ontologically central for the former. In The Madonna of Excelsior Mda has the central human characters' traumas healed by keeping bees in the township.

This paper will consider these postcolonial relationships which raise metaphysical and spiritual questions and which make profound ecological statements about the dualisms of racism, speciesism and their reticulations.

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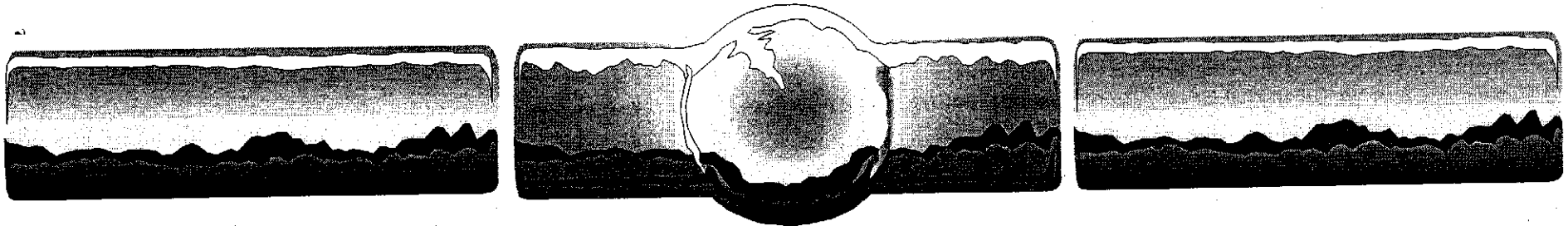

Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Public Opinion Research Telephone Survey & Public Comment Analysis

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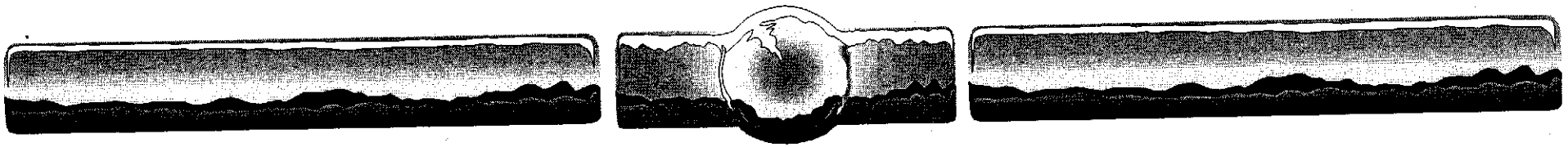
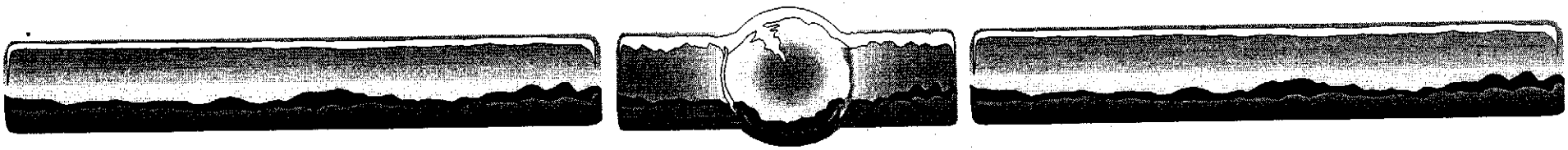
Briefing Overview

- Discuss project background.
- Review findings from public opinion research telephone survey.
- Review findings from public comment analysis.
- Discuss integration of data.



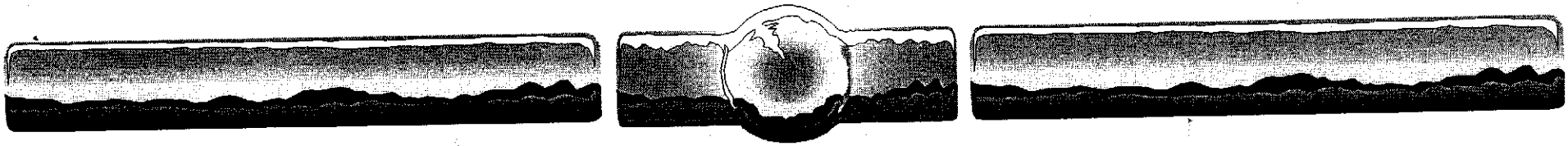
Study Purpose

- The National Park Service sought public comment regarding pet management issues in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area through an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR).
- The ANPR was published in the Federal Register on January 11, 2002. Public comment was received for 91 days, until April 12, 2002.
- Study designed to determine whether the public supports a revision to GGNRA's current pet management regulations regarding dogs in the park.



Comparison of Two Studies

- Phone survey is conducted with a representative sample of the population, while public comment analysis is conducted with self-selected sample.
- Phone survey provides more breadth of understanding, while public comment analysis provides depth of understanding within specific areas of inquiry.



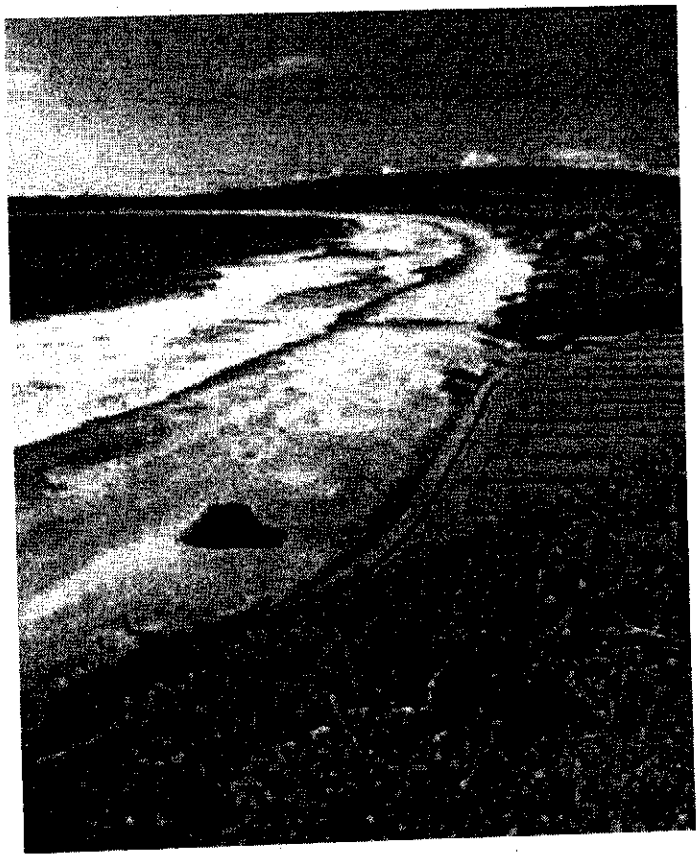
Telephone Survey Research Methodology

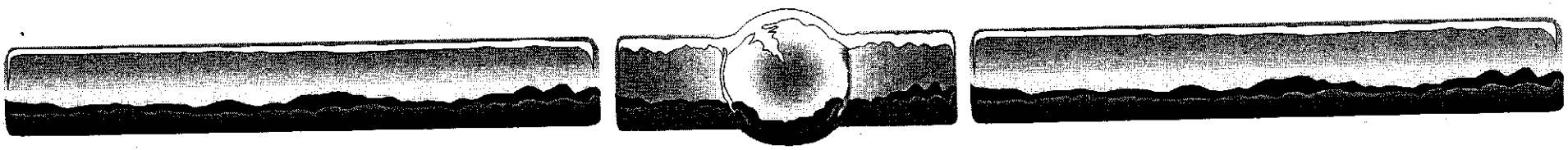
- Random telephone survey of 4 county region:
  - Alameda
  - Marin
  - San Francisco
  - San Mateo
- 400 adult residents surveyed from each county.
- 4-county region results are valid at +/- 2.5% MOE.
- Specific county results are valid at +/- 5.0% MOE.

Park Sites Visitation

- Virtually all respondents (96%) have visited at least one GGNRA site in their lifetime.

- Three-quarters of respondents (74%) have visited at least one GGNRA site within the last year.



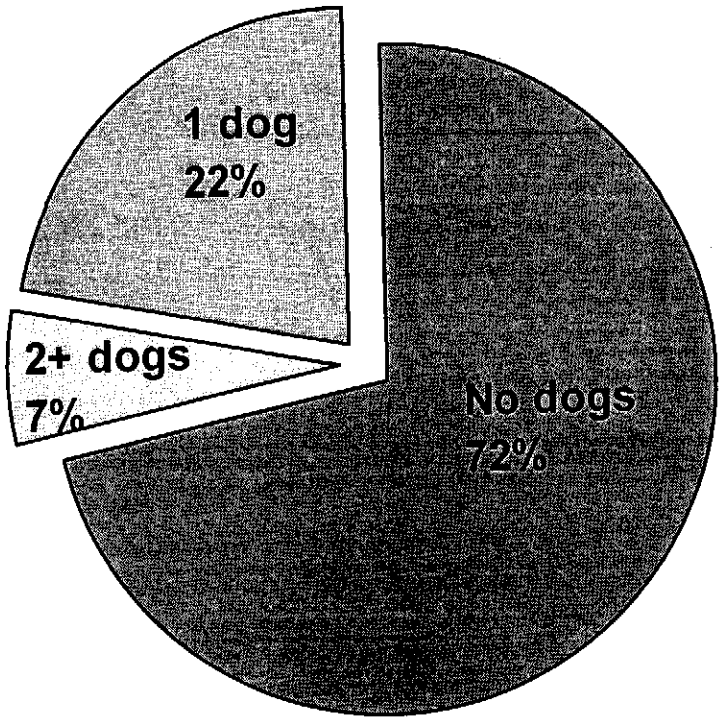


Park Sites Visitation

- Most popular sites overall: Cliff House, Alcatraz, Muir Woods, Stinson Beach, Baker Beach.

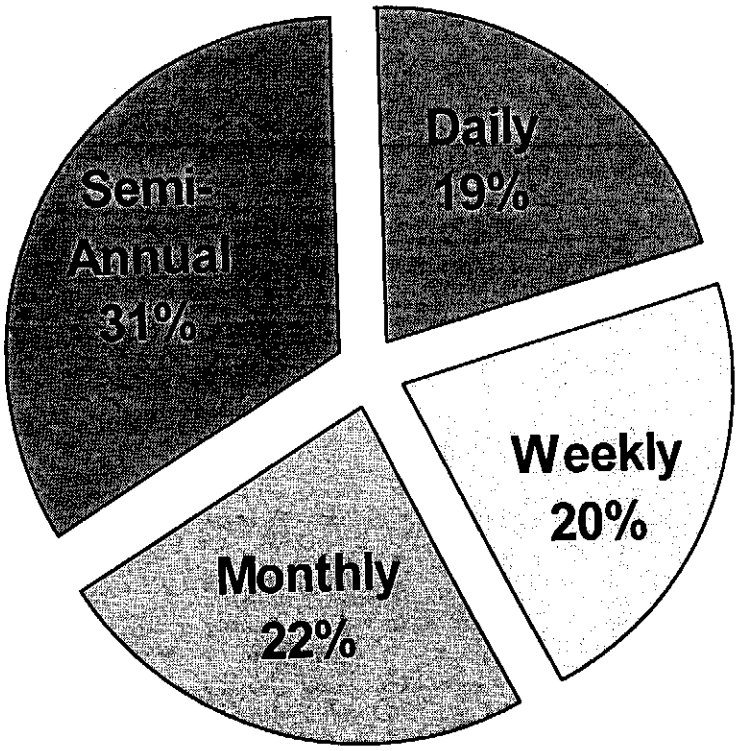
- Most popular sites within last 12 months: Presidio, Ocean Beach, Marin Headlands, Crissy Field, Stinson Beach.

Dog Ownership



- Twenty-nine percent of all respondents own or care for a dog.
- Twenty-two percent of respondents own one dog.
- Seven percent of respondents have more than one dog.

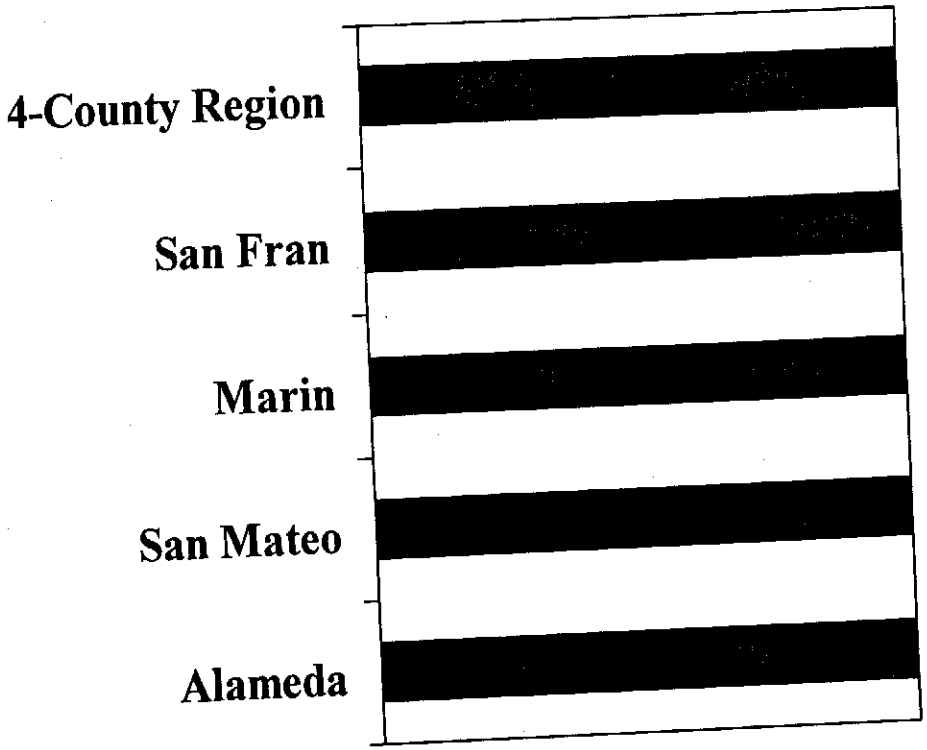
Dog Owner Use of GGNRA Sites



Population: GGNRA Dog-Walkers

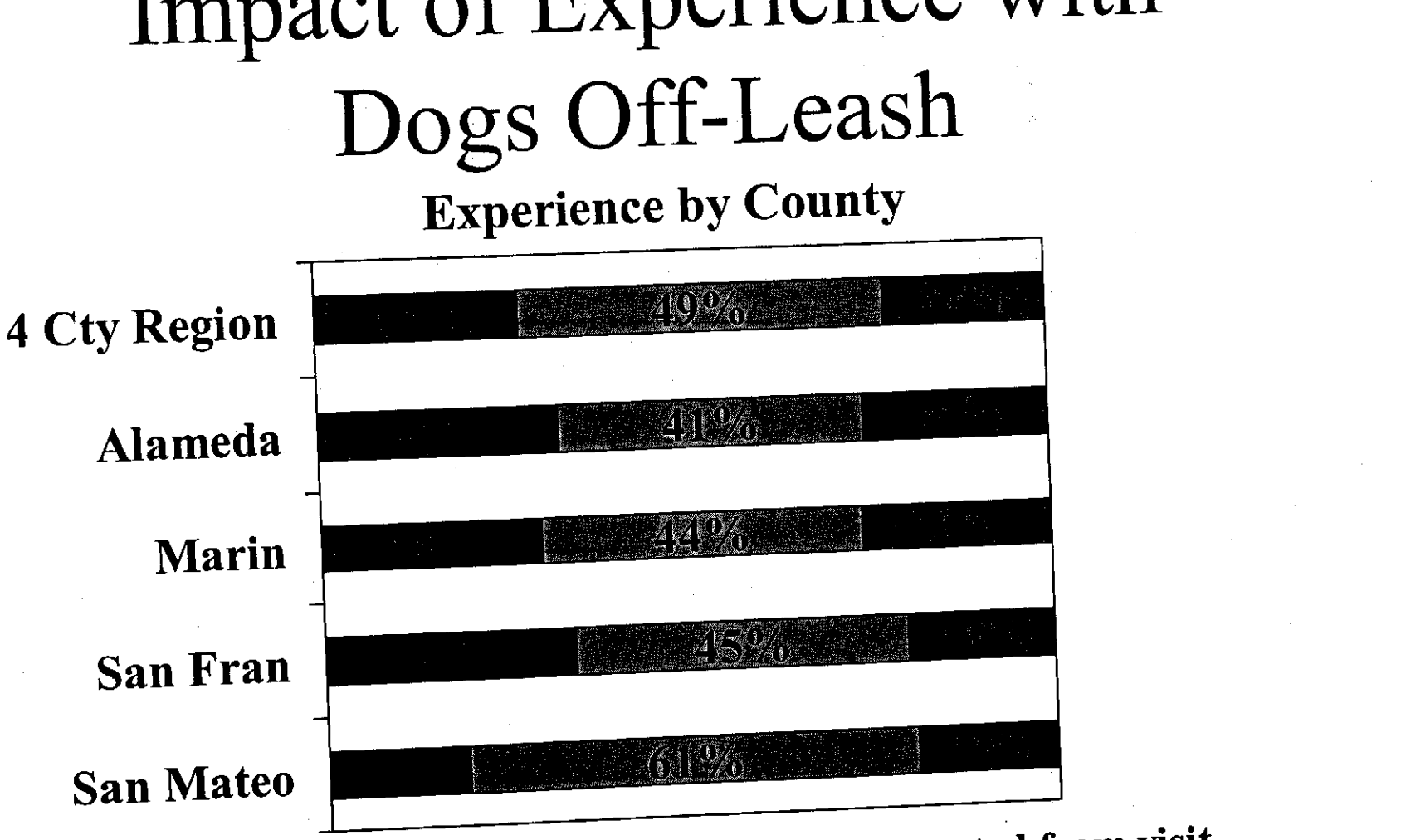
- Half of dog-owning respondents (14% of all respondents) have taken their dog(s) for a walk in a GGNRA site.
- Of those respondents, 39% walk their dog(s) at a GGNRA site at least once a week.

Percentage of Visitors that Report Seeing Dogs Off-Leash in GGNRA



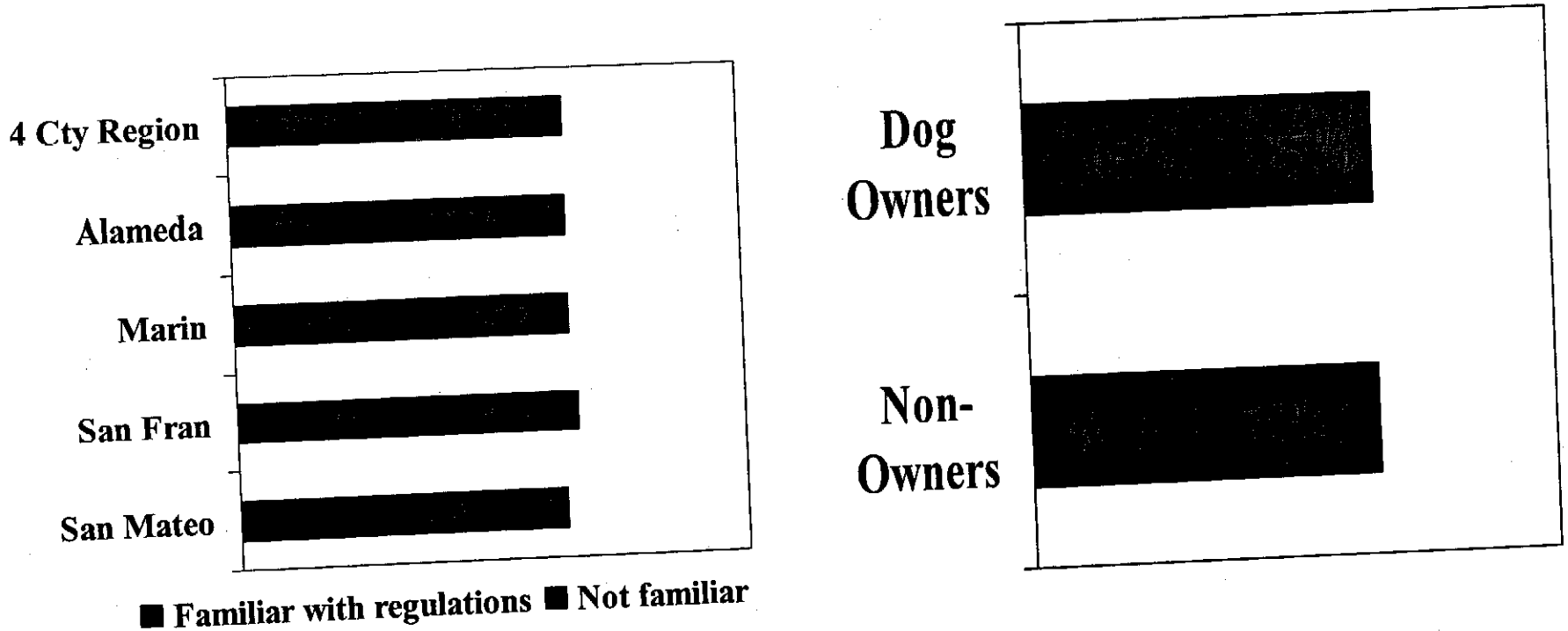
■ Have seen dogs off-leash ■ Have not seen dogs off-leash

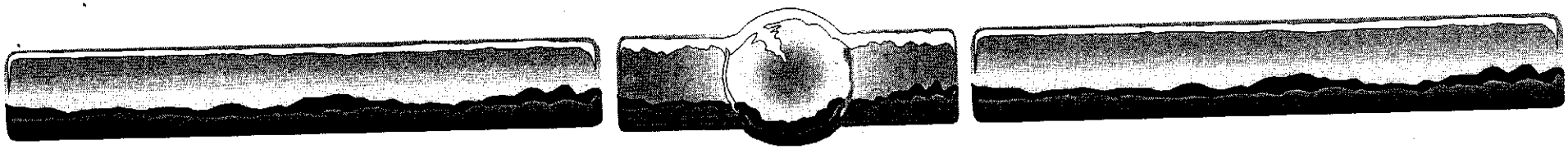
Impact of Experience with Dogs Off-Leash



Impact of Experience with Dogs Off-Leash in GGNRA (cont.)

Familiarity with NPS Pet Management Regulations



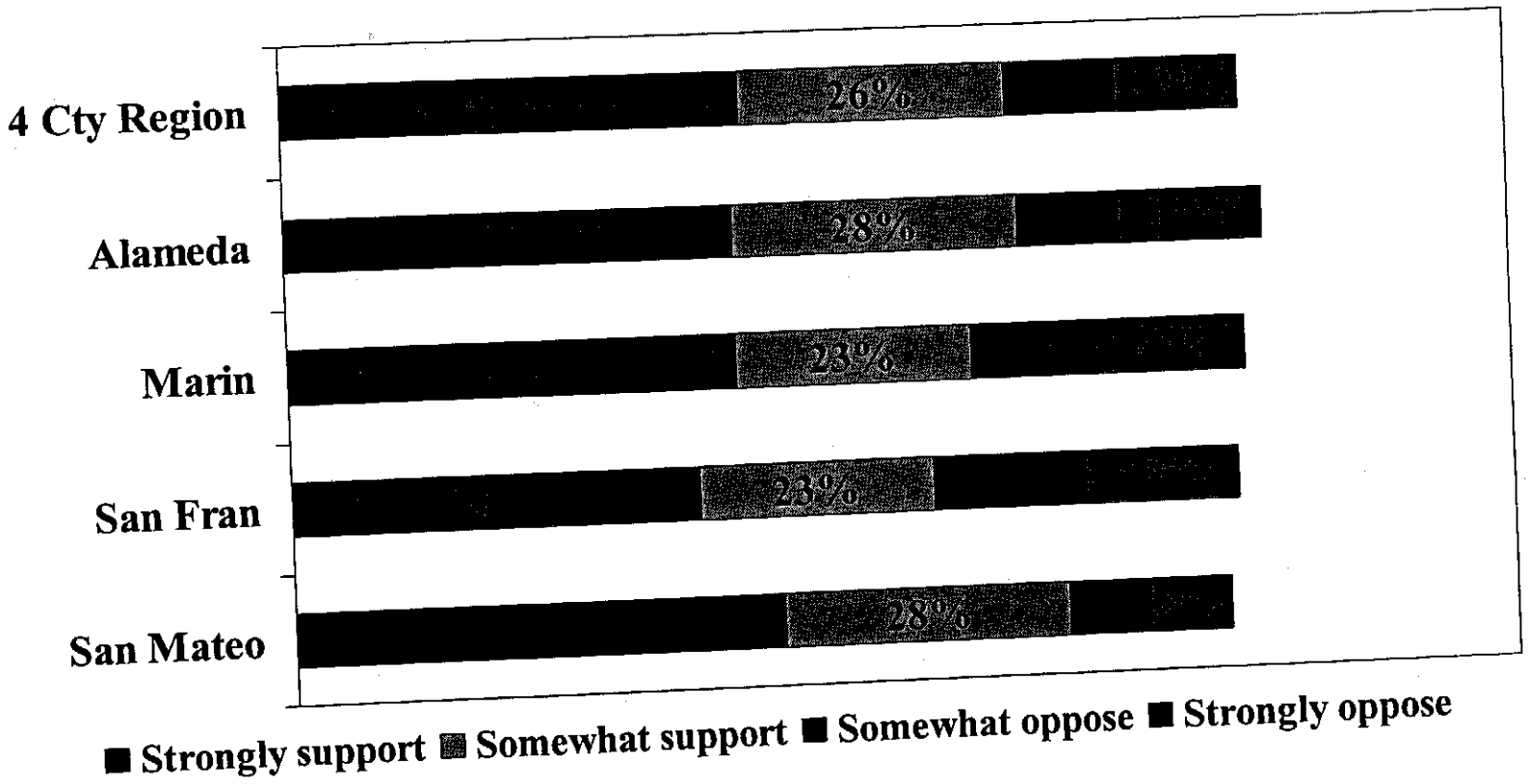


Statement Read to Respondents

"Current NPS regulations allow for walking dogs on-leash at most GGNRA sites; AND, prohibit any off-leash dog-walking."

Do you support or oppose this current regulation?

Position on Current NPS Leash Regulations



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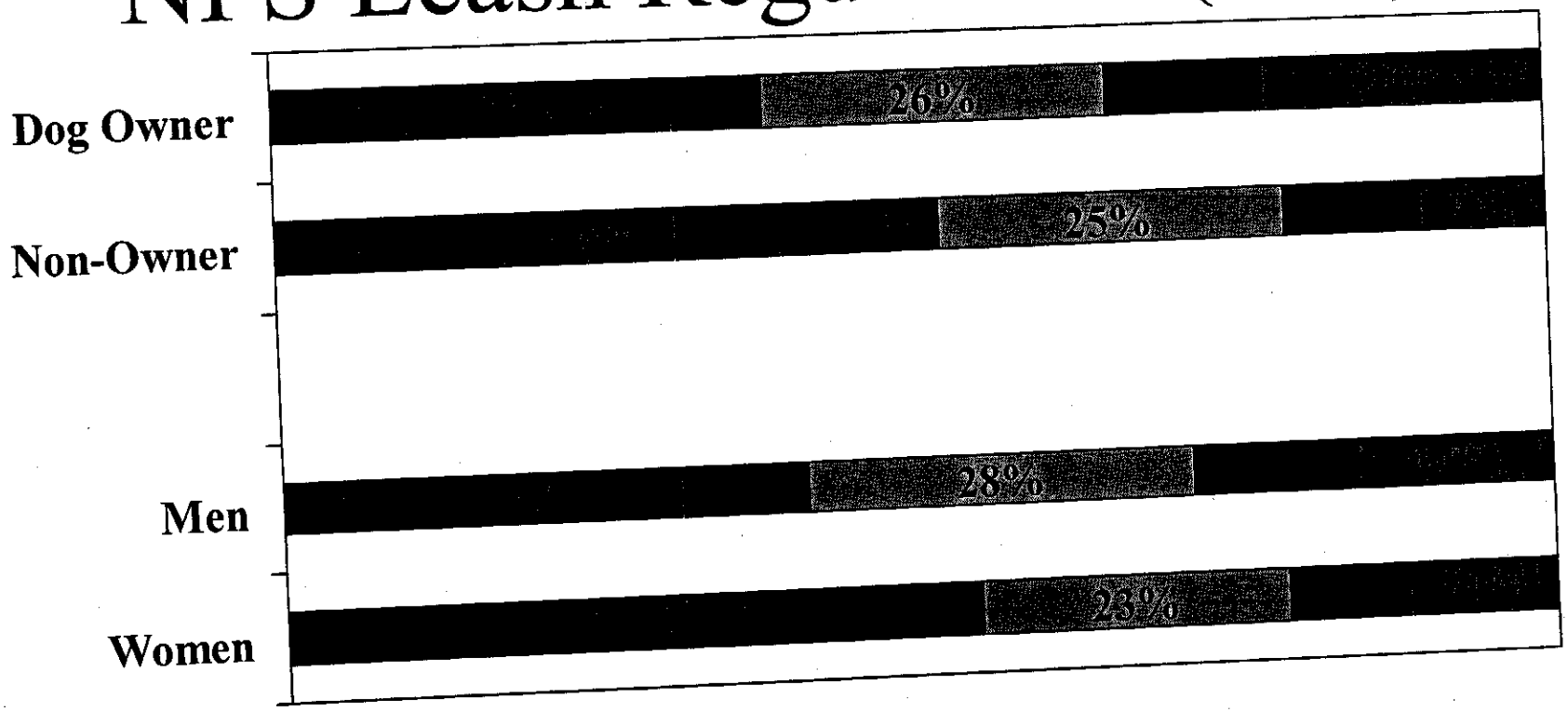
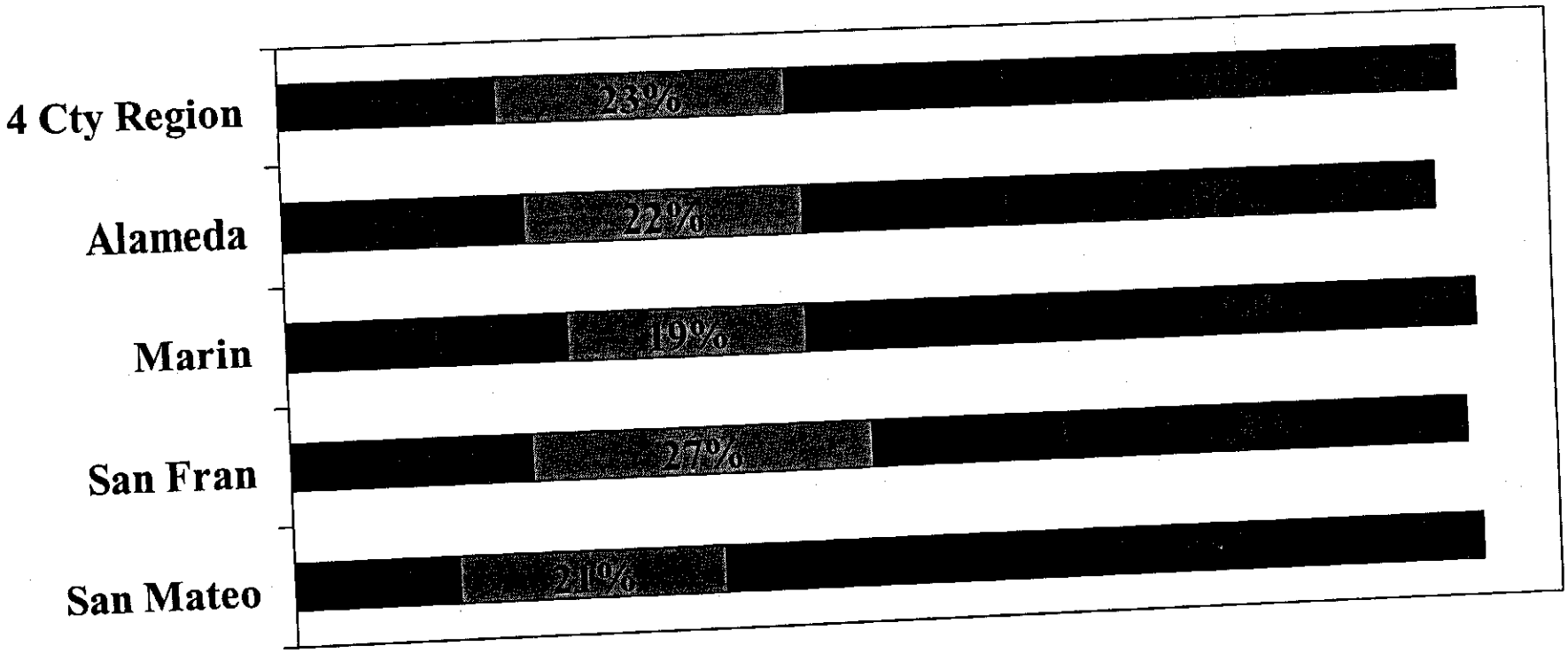


Position on Off-Leash Dog Walking



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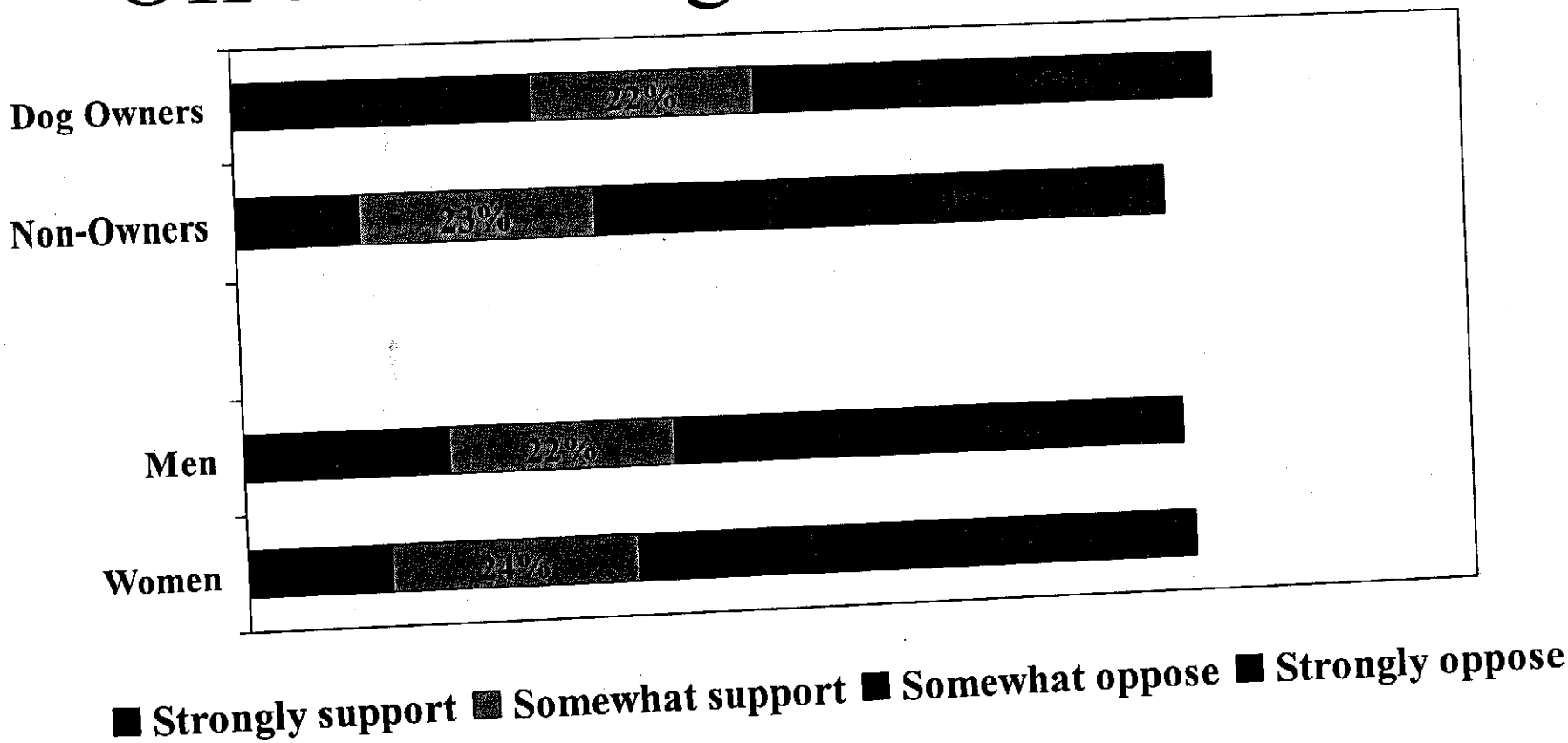
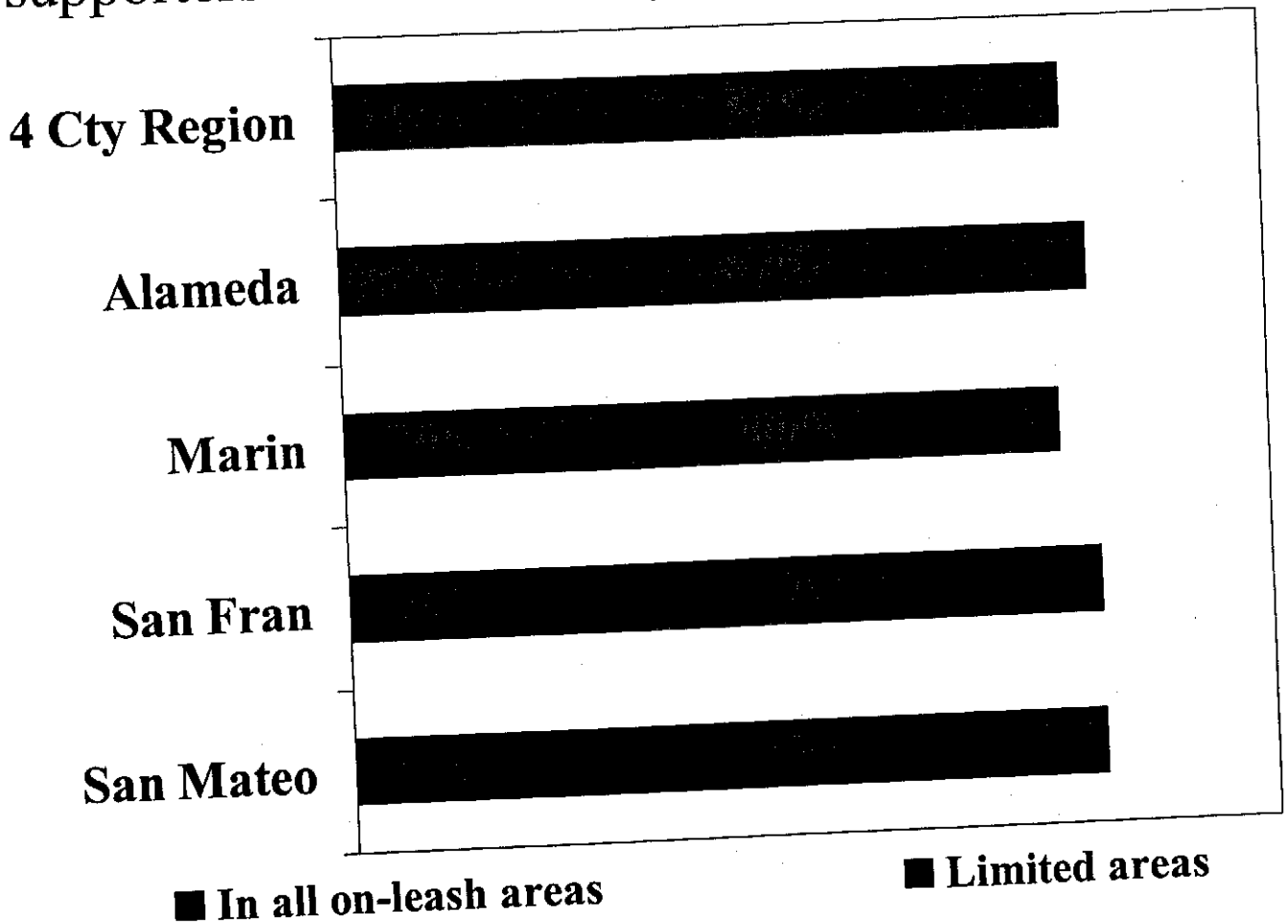


Preferences for Off-Leash Options

(among supporters of off-leash dog-walking – 40% of total resp.)



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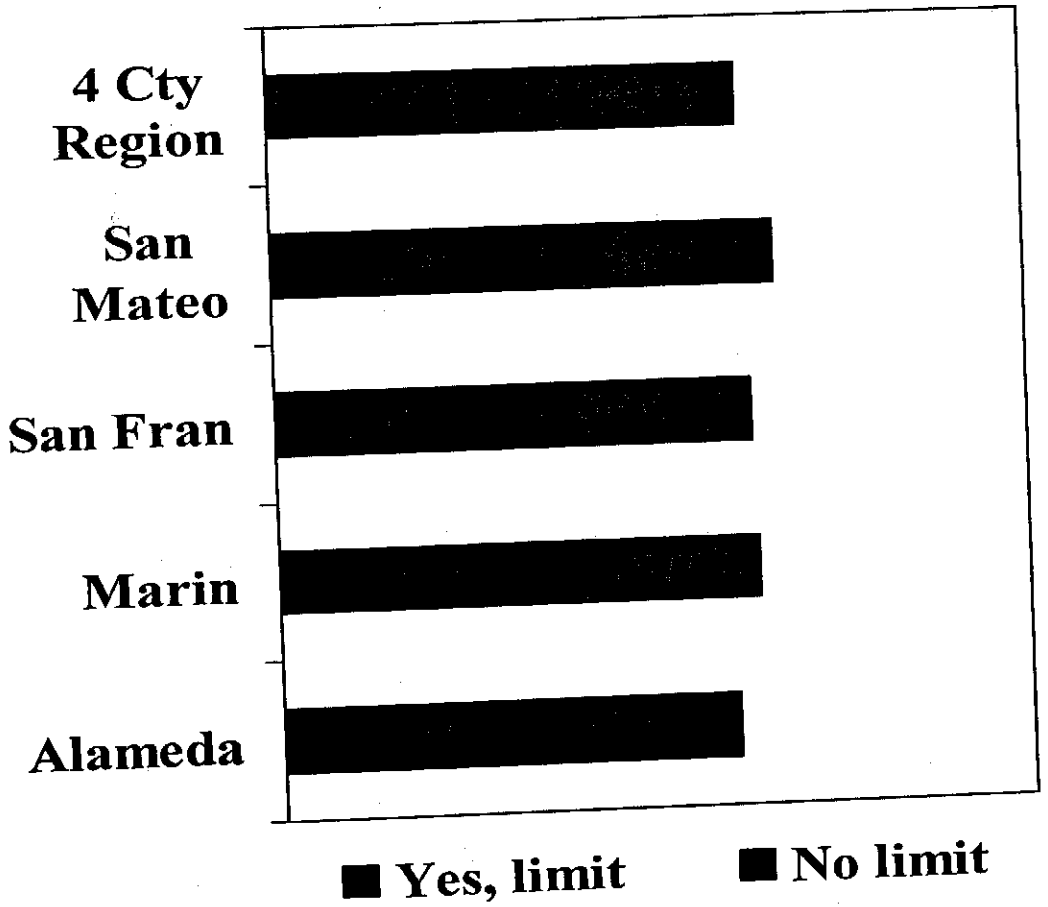
Limit the Number of Dogs Walked?

(asked of all respondents)



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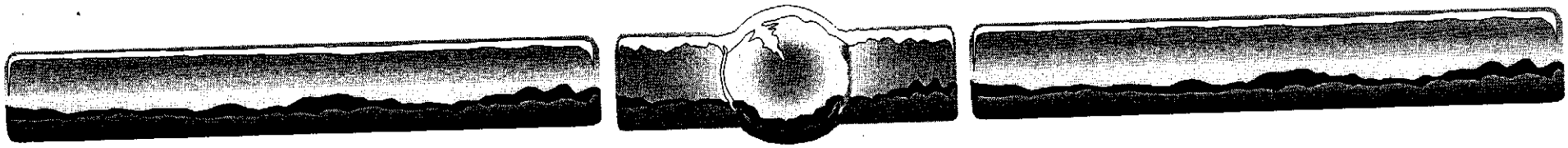


The Mission of the GGNRA

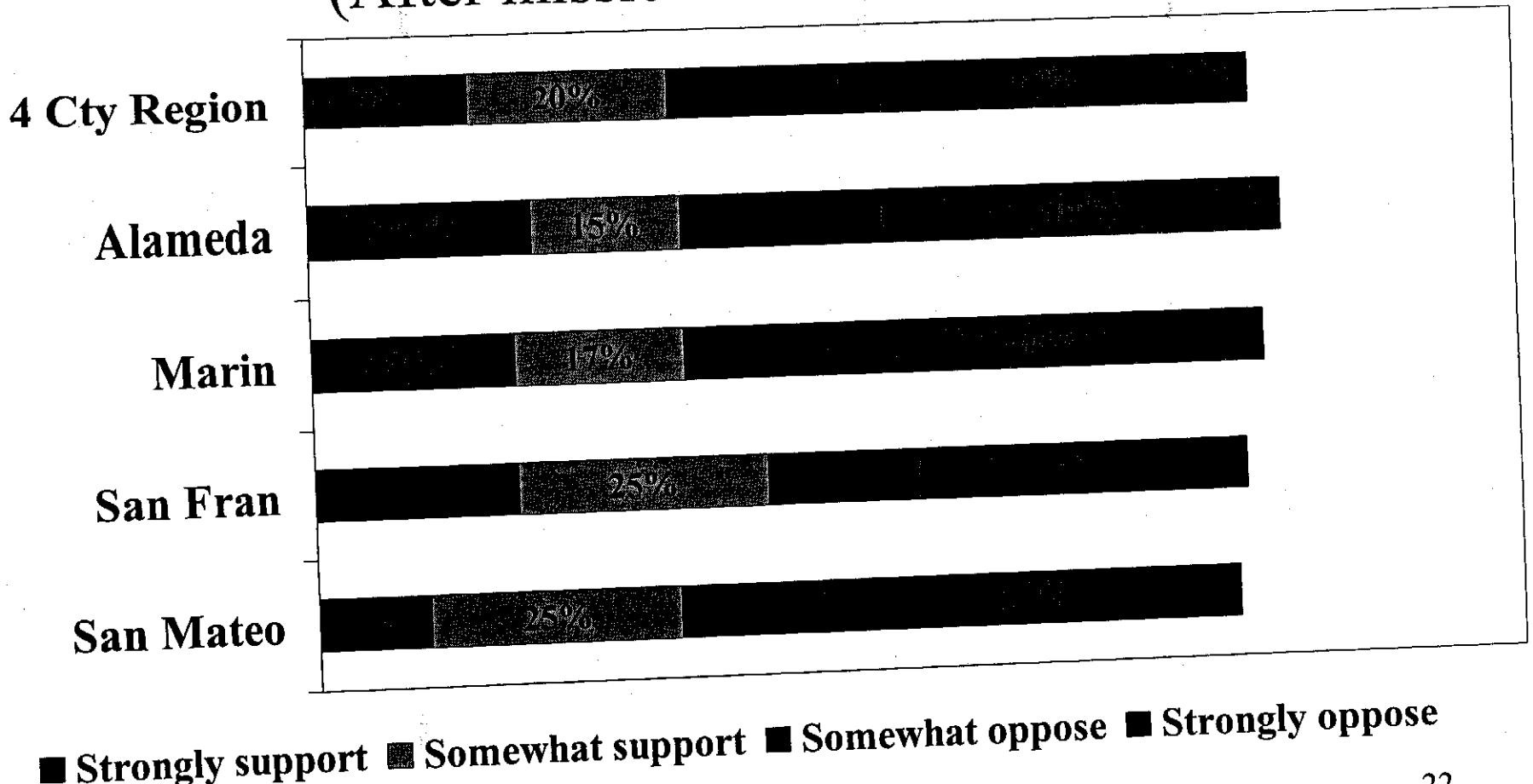
All respondents were read an abbreviated version of the NPS GGNRA mission statement:

"The mission of the GGNRA is the preservation, unimpaired, of the natural and cultural resources, and scenic and recreation values, of the park for present and future generations to enjoy."

After being read this statement, residents were asked if they "support or oppose" off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites.

Position on Off-Leash Dog Walking

(After mission statement was read)



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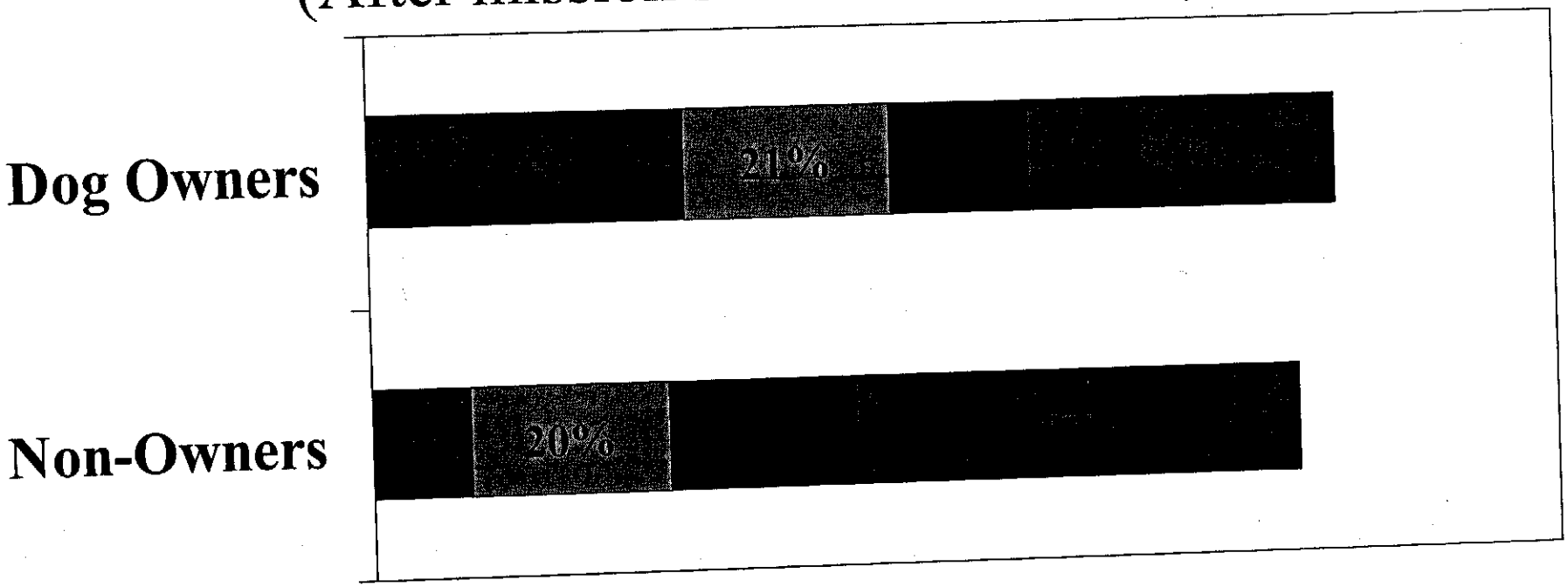
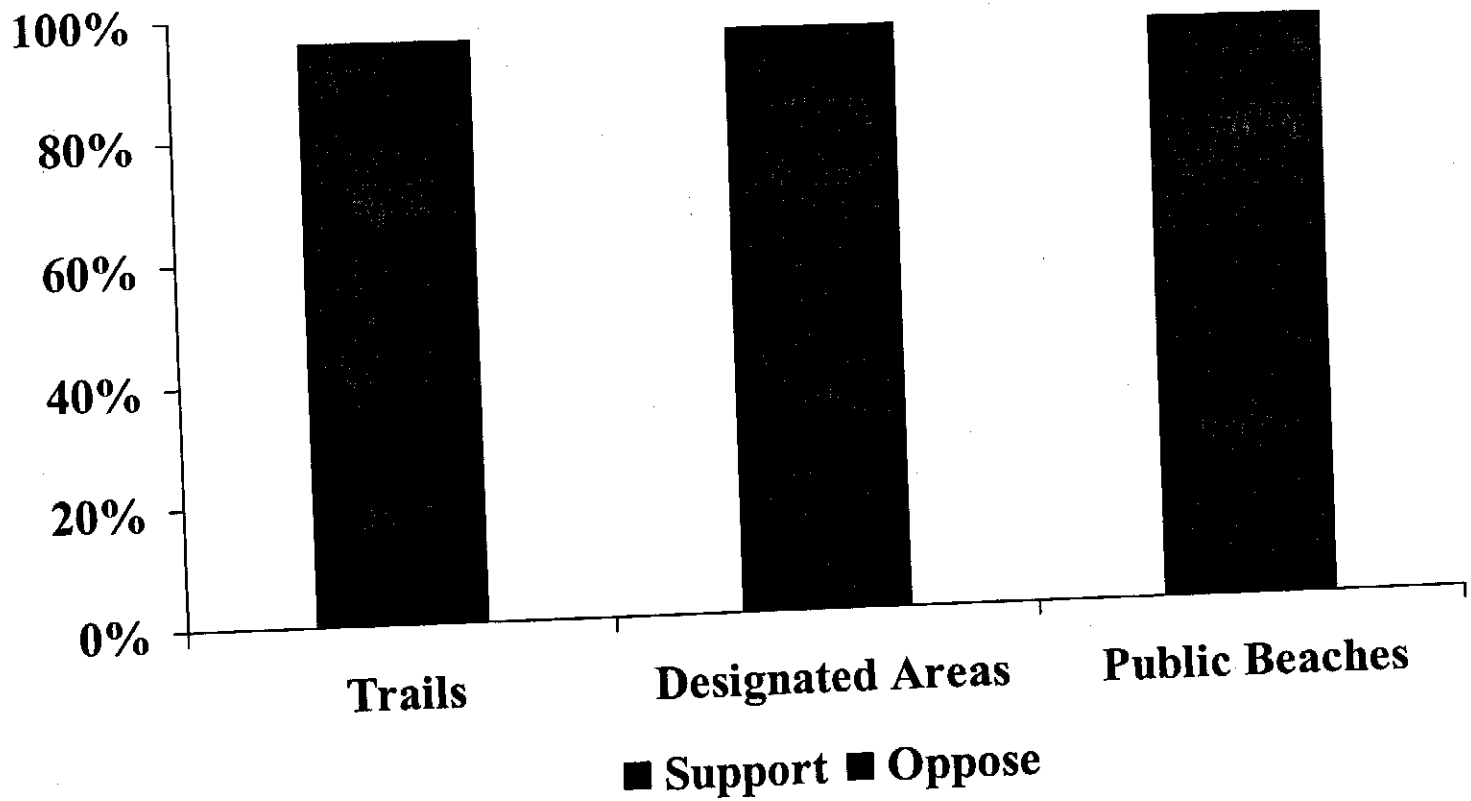


Support for Off-Leash Scenarios

(asked of those <u>not</u> strongly opposed to off-leash dog-walking -- 54% of all respondents)



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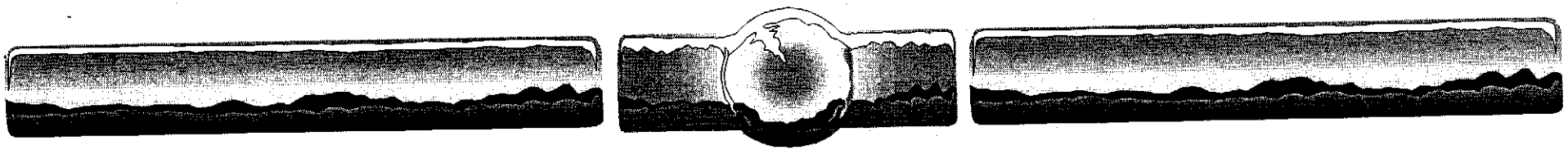
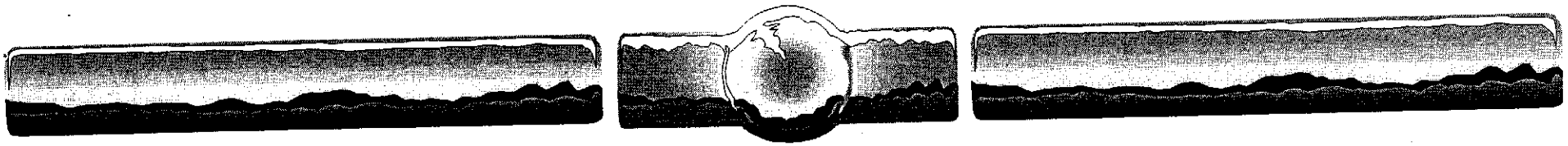


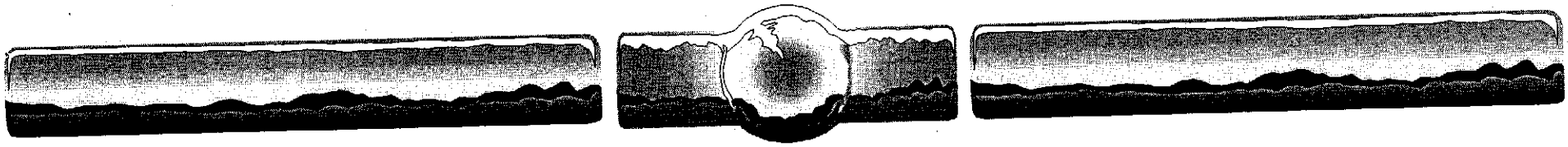
Discussion

- Three survey questions directly address the central issue of the study: NPS pet management regulations.



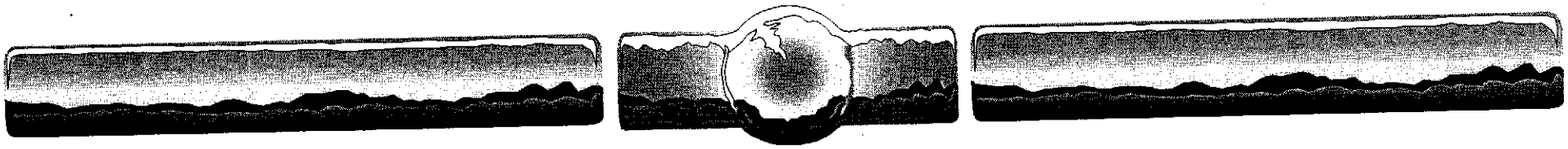
First Question

- "Current regulations allow for walking dogs on-leash at most GGNRA sites and prohibit any off-leash dog walking. Do you support or oppose this current regulation?"
- 71% support current regulations (including 45% strongly supporting current regulations).
- Support is consistent across all demographic groups.



Second Question

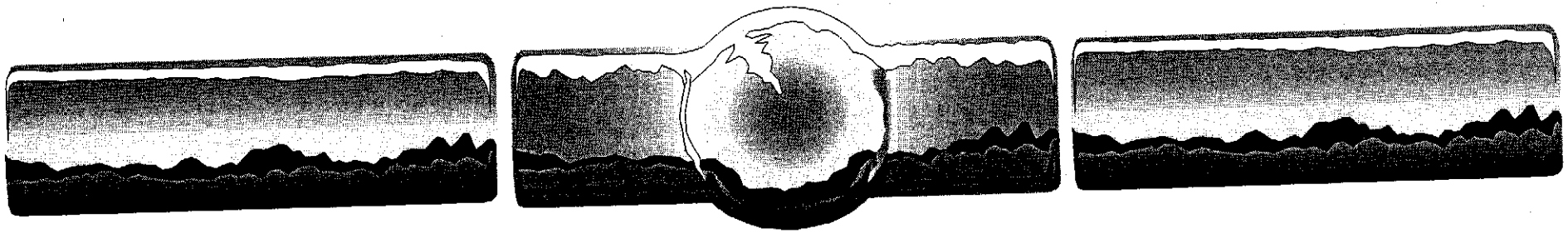
- "Do you support or oppose allowing off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites?" (no context given)
- 53% oppose off-leash dog-walking (including 36% strongly opposing off-leash dog-walking). 40% support off-leash dog-walking.
- All demographic groups except dog owners lean toward opposition to off-leash dog-walking.



Third Question

- GGNRA mission is read. "Knowing this, do you support or oppose allowing off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites?"

- 58% oppose off-leash dog-walking (including 41% strongly opposing off-leash dog-walking).



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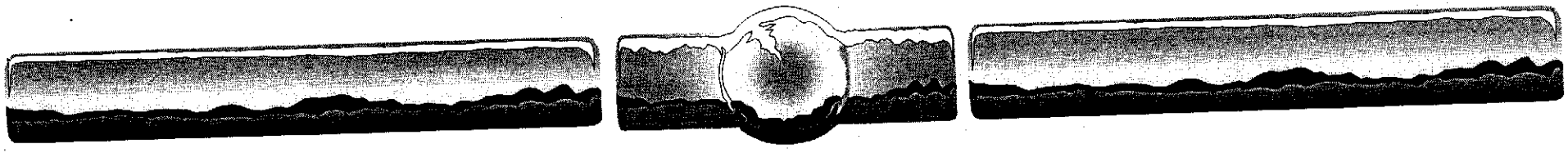
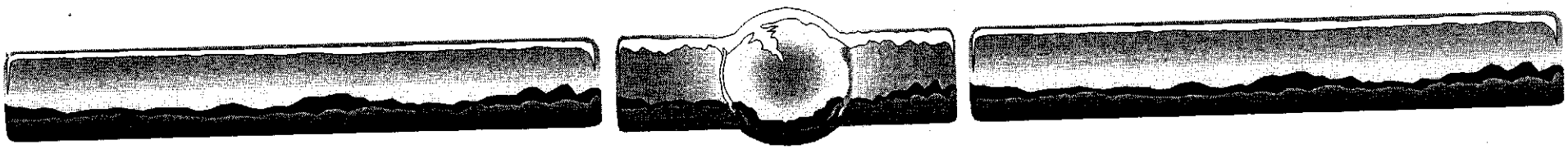


Methodology

- Coding took place June 13-28, 2002.
- 8,580 documents were coded by the SRL.
- Each document was coded for 16 categories.
- Random sample of documents double-checked by SRL supervisors.
- Methodology approved by GGNRA personnel.



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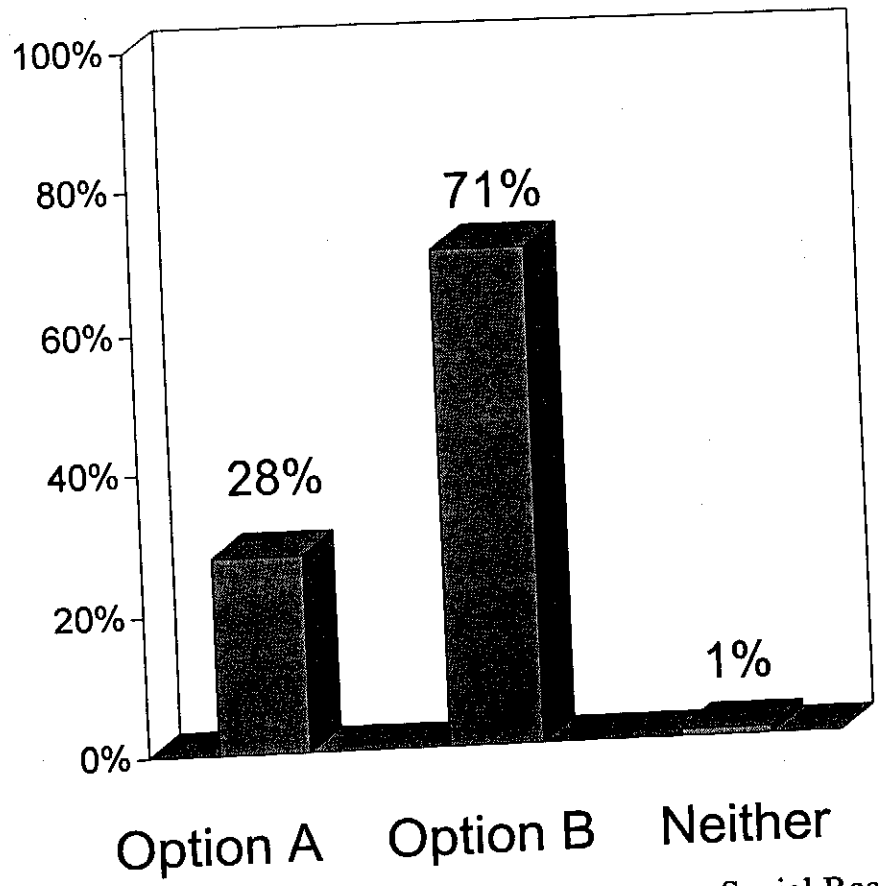
Support for Options A and B



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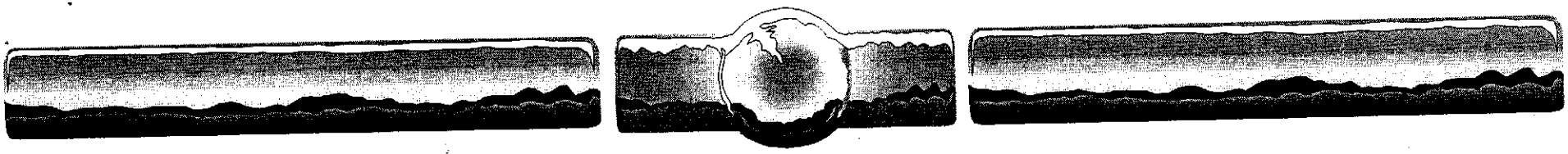
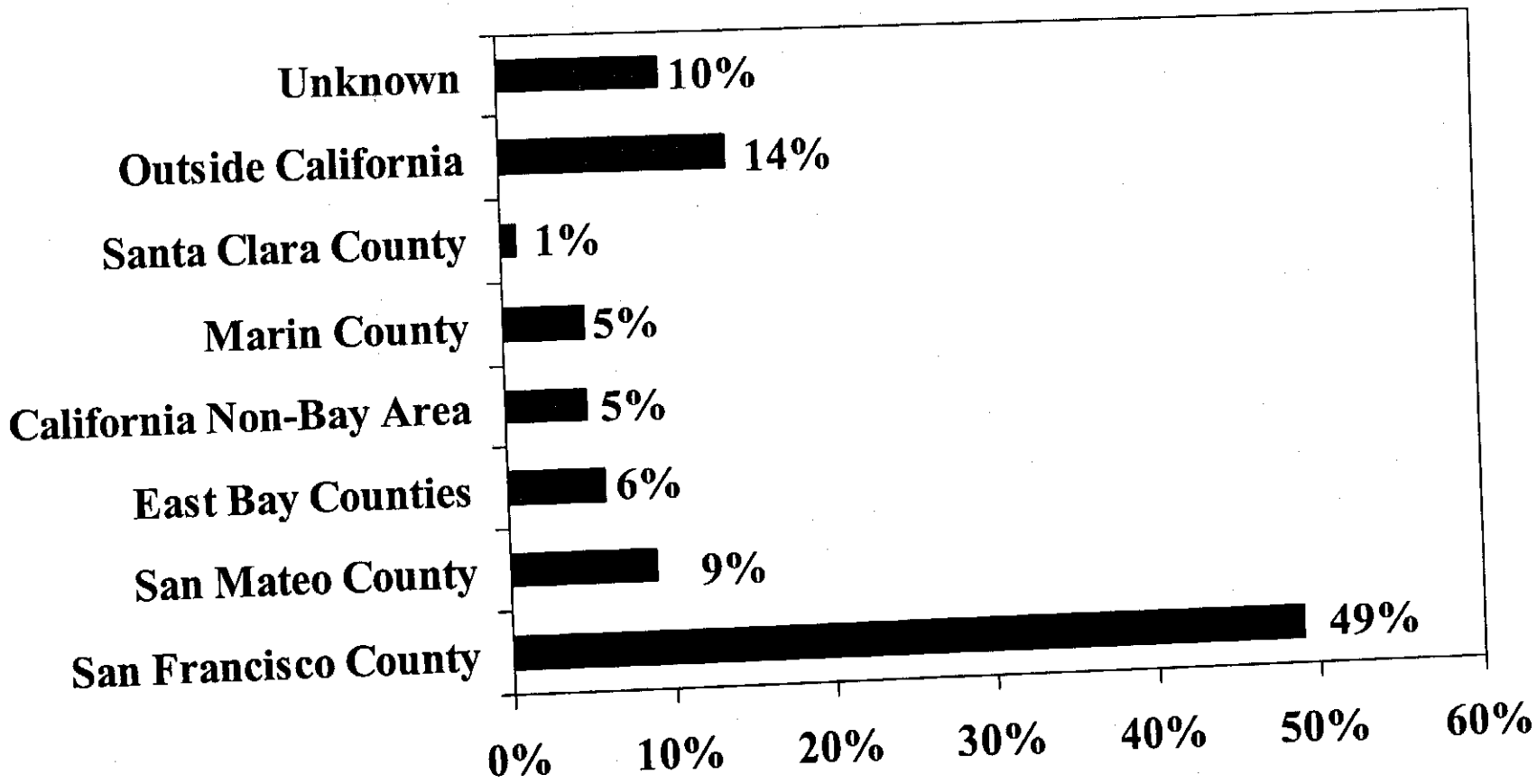


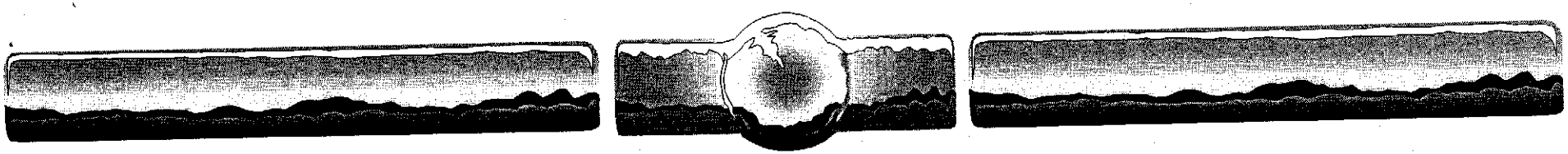
Support for Options A and B: Comment Type

- Among those submitting form letters, there was greater support for Option A (67%).

- Among respondents who signed petitions, made comments at public meetings, submitted form letters or cards with additional comments, and wrote letters that were not form letters, there was greater support for Option B.

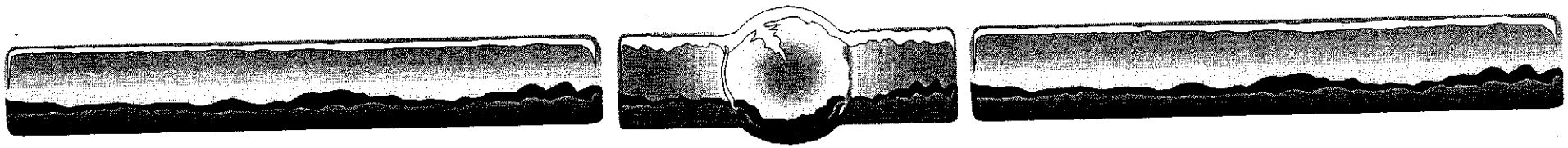
Geographic Origin of Comments





Support for Options A and B: Geographic Location

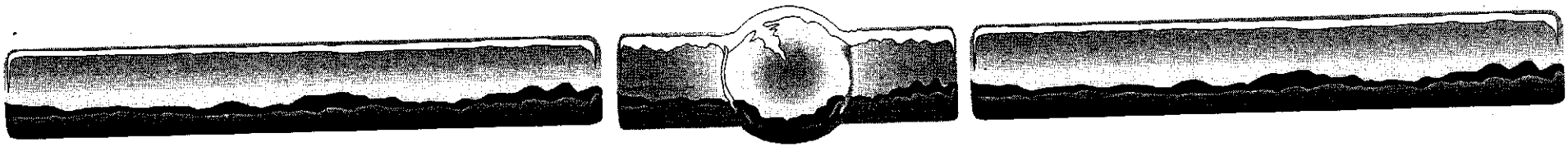
- 86% of documents received from Bay Area residents favor Option B.
- 88% of documents received from outside the Bay Area favor Option A.



Support for Options A and B: Dog-Ownership (self-identified)

	Option A	Option B	Neither	Total	N
Dog Owner	**2%**	**98%**	**--**	**100%**	**4079**
Non-Dog Owner	**28%**	**71%**	**1%**	**100%**	**582**
Unspecified	**56%**	**43%**	**1%**	**100%**	**3918**
Total	**28%**	**71%**	**1%**	**100%**	**8580**

Support for Option A: Enforce existing regulations requiring dogs to be on-leash



Support for Option A

1. Off-leash dogs harm wildlife.

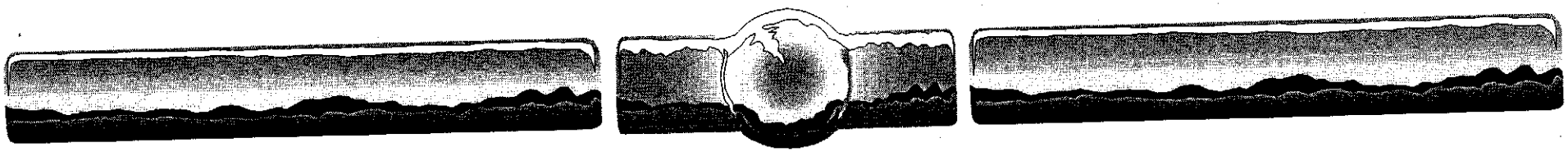
   2030 documents, 84% of Option A supporters, 24% of total

2. Off-leash dogs have a negative impact on the environment.

   1996 documents, 83% of Option A supporters, 23% of total

3. Altering NPS pet management regulations would set a negative precedent.

   1184 documents, 49% of Option A supporters, 14% of total



Support for Option A (cont.)

4. Dogs are dangerous/threatening.

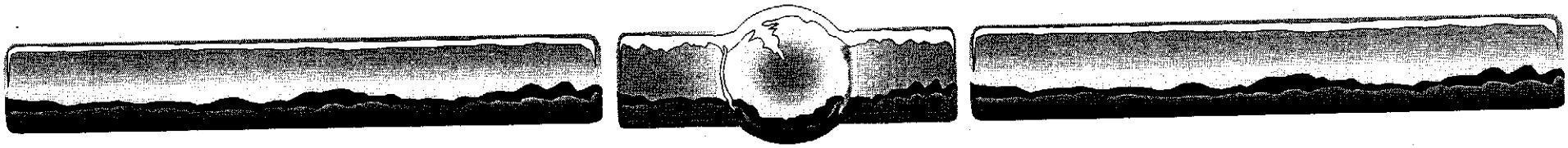
   1156 documents, 48% of Option A supporters, 13% of total

5. Off-leash dogs make parks unsafe for visitors.

   1126 documents, 47% of Option A supporters, 13% of total

6. Off-leash dogs discourage park use by minorities, the elderly, children, and people with special needs.

   954 documents, 39% of Option A supporters, 11% of total



Support for Option A (cont.)

7. The presence of off-leash dogs increases the need for rescue and intervention efforts.

   910 documents, 38% of Option A supporters, 11% of total

8. Allowing off-leash dogs would violate the National Park Service's mandate.

   307 documents, 13% of Option A supporters, 4% of total

9. Dog owners are selfish/inconsiderate.

   155 documents, 6% of Option A supporters, 2% of total

Support for Option B: Allow off-leash dog walking in specific locations and ways.

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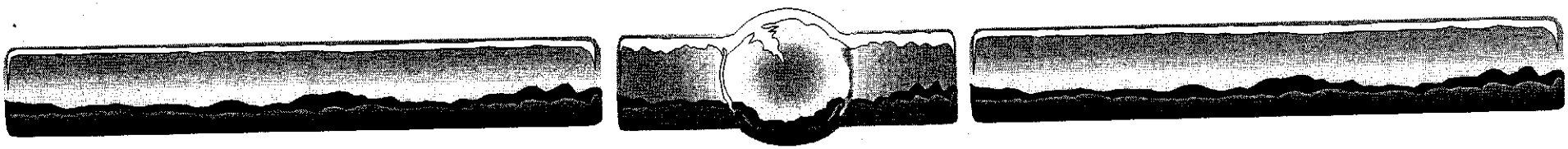


Support for Option B

1. Exercise benefits for off-leash dogs.

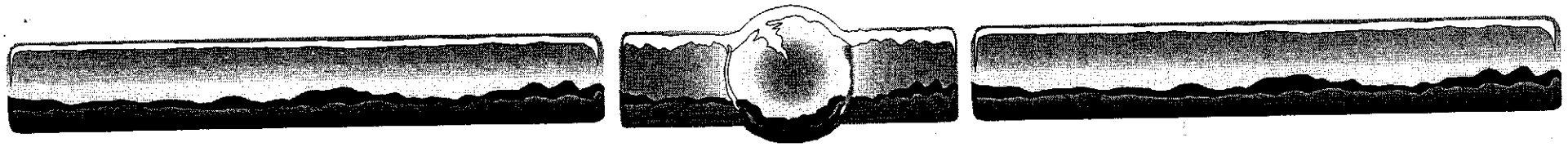
   1654 documents, 27% of Option B supporters, 19% of total

2. GGNRA land was given by the city with the understanding that existing uses, including off-leash dog walking, would continue.

   1059 documents, 17% of Option B supporters, 12% of total

3. Sociability benefits for off-leash dogs.

   984 documents, 16% of Option B supporters, 12% of total



Support for Option B (cont.)

4. Health benefits of off-leash dog walking for people.

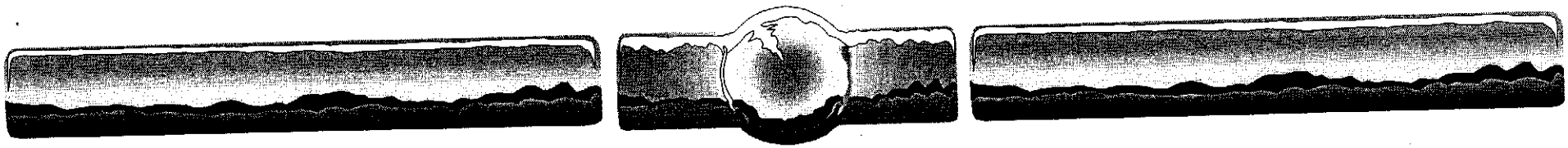
   917 documents, 15% of Option B supporters, 11% of total

5. Sociability benefits for people walking off-leash dogs.

   842 documents, 14% of Option B supporters, 10% of total

6. Dog owners are responsible/self-regulating.

   841 documents, 14% of Option B supporters, 10% of total



Support for Option B (cont.)

7. Freedom/right to walk dogs off-leash.

   508 documents, 8% of Option B supporters, 6% of total

8. Only a small portion of GGNRA land is used for off-leash dog walking .

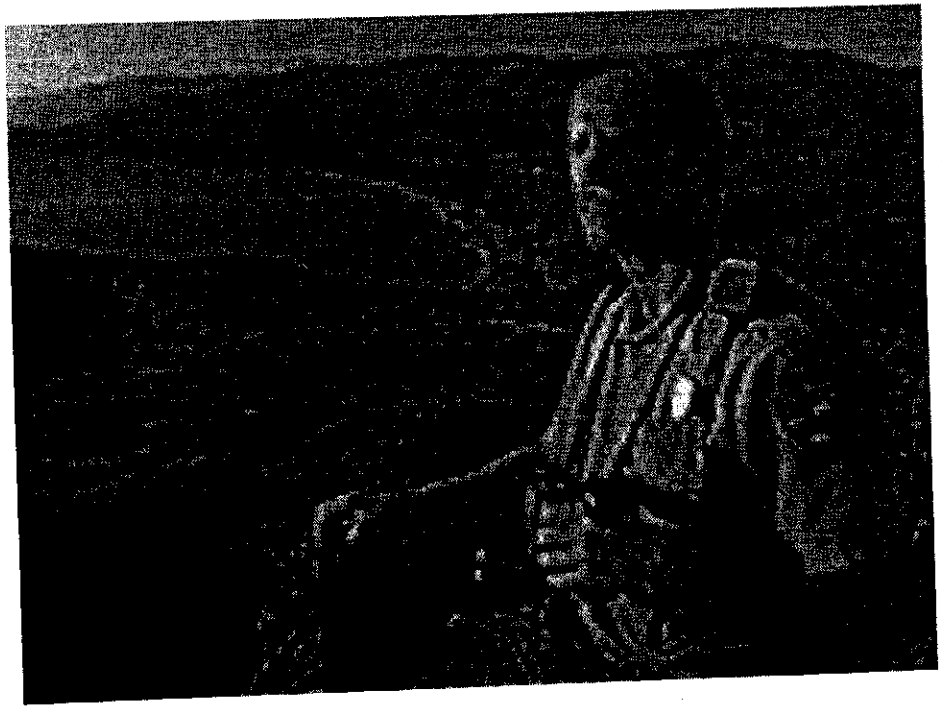
   475 documents, 8% of Option B supporters, 6% of total

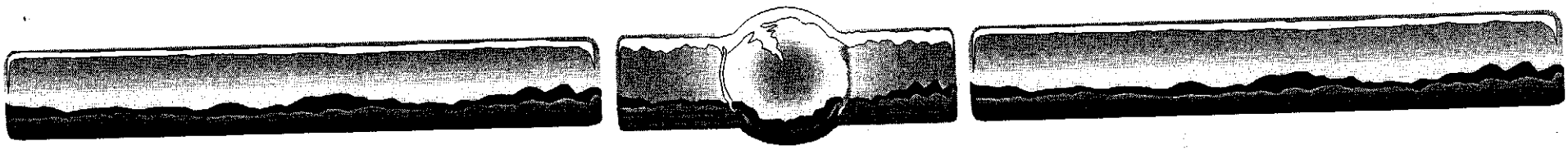
9. Dogs are friendly/enjoyable.

   392 documents, 6% of Option B supporters, 5% of total

Suggestions

- Suggestions regarding pet management at GGNRA sites were coded.





Suggestions

1. Limit off-leash dog walking to specific, designated (not fenced) areas.

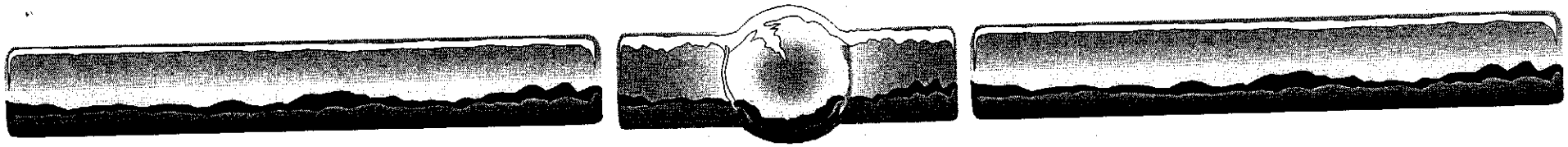
   411 documents, 5% of all documents

2. Cite only irresponsible dog owners.

   334 documents, 4% of all documents

3. Schedule specific times for off-leash dog walking.

   139 documents, 2% of all documents



Suggestions (cont.)

4. Create separate and/or fenced areas for off-leash dogs.

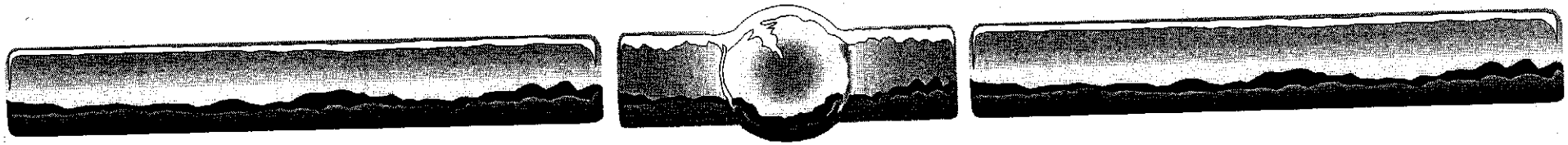
   132 documents, 2% of all documents

5. Create a licensing process for off-leash dogs.

   102 documents, 1% of all documents

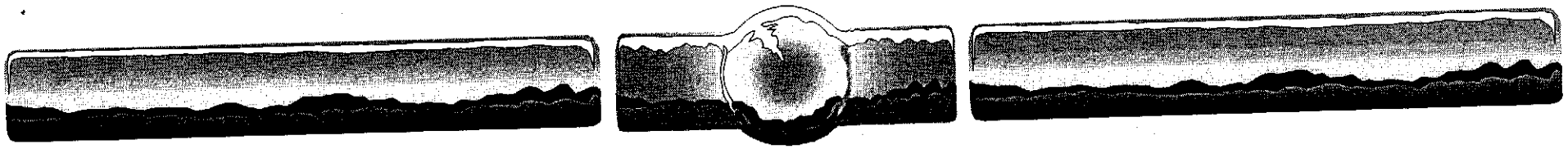
6. Fence environmentally sensitive areas to reduce environmental impacts of off-leash dogs.

   90 documents, 1% of all documents



Comparison of Two Studies

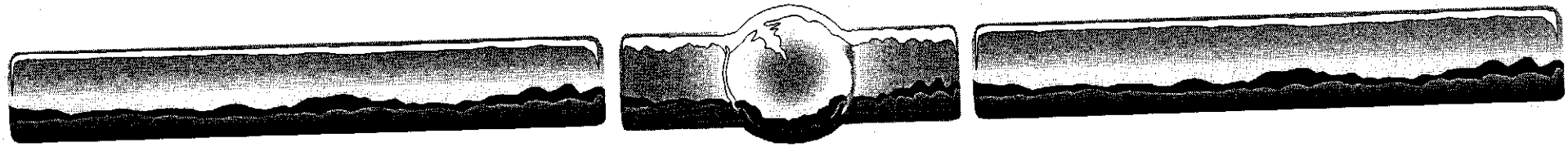
- Phone survey is conducted with a representative sample of the population, while public comment analysis is conducted with self-selected sample.
- Phone survey reflects breadth of understanding; public comment analysis reflects depth of understanding in specific areas of inquiry.



Comparison of Two Studies

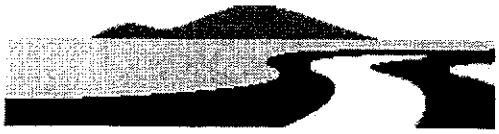
- Telephone survey reflects opinions of all area residents, regardless of interest level in pet management. Public comment analysis reflects opinions of people with a vested interest in pet management issues in the GGNRA.

- Public comment analysis brings texture to position justifications. The value of the analysis is in understanding the context of support for Option A or Option B.



Observations

- Option A supporters have greater unity in their understanding of the issue. Option B supporters are more diverse in their position justifications.
- Option A supporters are most concerned with impacts on the environment and wildlife, policy implications, and safety issues.
- Option B supporters are most concerned with the social and physical benefits for dogs and humans, and policy implications.



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COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Adopted 22 June 1999
Reviewed 22 August 2000
Amended following Council meeting 28 November 2000
Amended following Council meeting 18 December 2001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eurobodalla Shire Council has identified the need to develop a Local Animal Management Plan to improve outcomes in the area of companion animals' management. New legislation and changing community expectations mean new approaches are now required. In addition, there is increasing recognition that enforcement approaches will not, on their own, result in lasting changes in human behaviour. They need to be supplemented by a range of other tools that focus on passive and voluntary approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership.

Council sought expressions of interest from members of the community to provide advice and input into the formulation of this Local Plan. Fifteen members and three councillors formed the Eurobodalla Local Companion Animal Management Advisory Committee (ELCAMAC). Through a series of meetings, a Local Plan workshop in Sydney attended by a staff and committee member, and the use of the generic local plan developed by Harlock Jackson P/L, the Draft Eurobodalla Local Companion Animal Plan was prepared for public comment in May 1999.

Investigations include a detailed examination of the issues (Section 2) and analysis of the existing situation in *Eurobodalla Shire* (Section 3). Part 1 culminates in a description of the Strategic Framework including the goal and aims. The Action Plans are contained in Council's 1999-2004 Management Plan. They have been grouped into the areas of.:

- Education;
- Registration;
- Review;
- Complaints;
- Infringements;
- Impoundment and release;
- Faeces disposal;
- Exercise areas;

ï Strategies

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PART 1: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is a Local Animal Management Plan?

The new Companion Animals Act 1998 is now in operation throughout New South Wales. It has introduced changes to the way dogs are managed by local authorities and, for the first time, introduces controls over domestic cats.

A Local Animal Management Plan (LAMP) is a document which provides a means for Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the new Act over the next three to five years, by determining relevant objectives and priorities along with a clear program of implementation.

1.2 Outline of this Plan

The LAMP is divided into two parts:

Part 1 (Sections 1-4) is entitled *Strategic Framework.* It examines relevant issues and responsibilities in relation to companion animals management. It culminates in a goal and aims for the LAMP.

Part 2 (Section 5) is entitled *Strategies*. It outlines the strategic actions necessary for Council to reach and achieve the goal and aims outlined in the Strategic Framework.

1.3 Scope of the Plan

This Plan integrates the developing expertise in companion animals' management around Australia to produce a program of action to be undertaken by Council over the next three to five years.

Relevant issues include those prescribed under relevant legislation as well as the generally understood notion of socially responsible pet ownership.

The study is confined to an examination of domestic dogs and cats.

2.0 COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT : A NEW AGENDA FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

The new Companion Animals Act heralds a new era for Council's management of domestic cats and dogs. The days when animal control consisted largely of dog registrations and pound management are rapidly receding. Today's management environment consists of both dogs and cats and includes a wider range of issues including the environment, removal of dog faeces, the question of on- and off-leash areas and an apparently higher incidence of barking dog complaints. What was once a relatively straightforward part of Council activity is now highly emotive attracting interest from both pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

Reliance on laws will probably always be the backbone of companion animals management, however there is now more emphasis on the development of non-regulatory approaches such as public education. The State Government is developing a statewide education campaign, however Council proposes to develop its own education programs to supplement the work of the State Government.

There is also a role for use of design of both domestic dwellings and public open space to help people to be responsible pet owners and to reduce the incidence of conflict. This may imply a role for Council in disseminating appropriate design guidelines but also to modifications in the planning and design of public parks.

The following section examines key issues in greater depth.

2.1 Registration and identification of companion animals (Sections 8 & 9)

Registration and identification are crucial components of animal management as a source of funds for education and enforcement, as a database for returning lost pets and identifying offending animals and as a way of communicating with pet owners.

Under the new Act a companion animal must be microchipped from 12 weeks of age (S8), although there are transitional provisions to accommodate existing owned dogs. A companion animal must be registered from 6 months of age (S9). Existing owned cats are exempt from the new provisions.

An early priority of the Plan will focus on raising the level of both dog and cat registrations.

2.2 Dogs

Effective Control

Dogs must be under control of a responsible person at all times. 'Effective' control as defined under the Act, means the animal must be leashed by a rope, chain or lead.

In areas other than those nominated as off-leash, animals must be effectively controlled.

Off-leash areas (Section 13)

Council can declare a public place to be an off-leash area. Such a declaration can be limited so as to apply during a particular period or periods of the day or to different periods of different days. However there must at all times be at least one public place in any municipality that is an off-leash area.

The attached schedule lists the off-leash areas proposed for the Shire. At least one off-leash area was considered for each urban settlement.

The case for additional off-leash areas is set out in the publication *Public Open Space and Dogs*:

- The popularity of dog ownership - in Australia 42% of households own one or more dogs;
- Dogs need to be socialised around other dogs and humans;
- Exercise and outings play a part in alleviating unwanted behaviours in the home such as excessive barking and some forms of aggression;
- There are benefits for humans - exercise, socialising with other dog owners (this is well documented) and the fact that for some people a dog is their main form of recreation;
- To avoid concentration of off-leash activity in one or a small number of areas; and
- As a compliance tool - by providing reasonable off-leash opportunities, Council can expect and appeal for compliance with leash requirements in other areas.

The Criteria used to determine potential off-leash areas included:

- *Minimum disruption to other normal users of the area*
- *Certainty of access for dog owners*
- *Minimal effects on nearby residents*
- *No through roads or cycleways*
- *Minimal impact on natural vegetation and regeneration areas*

- *Not near major tourist sites*
- *No blind spots*
- *Centrality and ease of access*
- *Some beach or water access*
- *Legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *Preference for grassed or sandy areas*
- *Presence of shade or shelter and water*
- *Appropriate fencing*
- *Means of dog faeces disposal*
- *Signage*

Public Risk

However concerns have been expressed about risks from dog attacks and Council's exposure to an unreasonable level of public liability claims. It is important to understand the reason why dogs won't necessarily behave in the same way in the neutral territory of a public park. Attacks on private property frequently occur when a dominant, protective or injured dog is not adequately supervised with children and visitors. These triggers are not present in the neutral territory of a public park when a dog is with its owner. Most data collected on this issue suggests that dog attacks are more likely to occur in and around the family home or another home.

Preliminary advice from the Local Government and Shires Association suggests that:

- Providing proper consideration is paid to siting issues (including signage), a Council which complies with a statutory requirement to provide a facility is less likely to be exposed to liability risk than a Council which provides such facilities of its own initiative;
- The Act places liability for such claims with the offending dog owner; and
- Section 731 of the Local Government Act gives protection to Councils and their officers for acts done in good faith for the purpose of executing that or any other Act.

Design and Planning for Off-leash Parks

The publication *Public Open Space and Dogs* makes suggestions for planning parks with dogs in mind. Water for swimming, earth mounds, hills and gullies are ideal for free running dogs and can be created artificially if not occurring naturally. Other design features could include ramps, hurdles, tyres, tipped logs, boulders and other agility equipment. Sandpits, while ideal for dogs, are not recommended because of their inevitable attraction to

children. Some Councils in Australia have developed formal dog agility courses (eg City of Nedlands in Western Australia).

Council does not propose to establish specific purpose off-leash parks during the life of the current Management Plan.

Time-Share

The off-leash parks could be provided on a time-share arrangement (eg dogs are allowed off-leash at certain times of the day - usually early morning and evening). However Council must, *at all times*, provide at least one off-leash area within the municipality. Timeshare works well however it is important to recognise its disadvantages:

- ï It concentrates potential problems into a restricted number of hours;
- ï Unremoved dog faeces may be a problem at other times; and
- ï Some dogs owners may be disadvantaged if they work irregular hours or have small children. Timeshare may also not suit the elderly who wish to use time available during the day.

However, time-share introduces certainty to animal owners and other users of beaches and reserves. It also assists the 'policing' of the Companion Animal Act.

It is proposed 'time-share' arrangements apply to all beaches and public reserves, unless expressly prohibited by legislation or within this Local Plan.

Public places where dogs would be excluded (Section 14)

Under the new Act dogs are also prohibited in the following public places:

- ï In or within 10m of any children's play areas;
- ï Food preparation or consumption areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway);
- ï Recreation areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- ï Public bathing areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- ï School grounds (unless with the permission of the person controlling the grounds);
- ï Child care centres (unless with the permission of the person controlling the centre);
- ï Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited (unless secured in a vehicle, or with the permission of the person controlling the place or going to or from a vet or pet shop); and
- ï Wildlife protection areas.

Thus Council can elect to prohibit dogs from particular recreation areas, public bathing areas, shopping centres and wildlife protection areas. The Act defines 'shopping area' as shopping arcade or complex including public areas (per section 14g).

The following criteria was applied in determining prohibited areas:

- *proximity to picnic shelters and/or barbeques*
- *proximity to commercial food outlets*
- *proximity to carparks and vehicle thoroughfares*
- *proximity to children's playgrounds*
- *proximity to patrolled beaches*
- *proximity to National Parks*
- *ease of installation and servicing of signage and faeces disposal bins*

NPWS has urged Council to prohibit dogs from areas immediately adjacent to National Parks, as dogs are banned from the Parks, and there is little impediment to dogs moving from exercise areas into the Park. The Service has a long, documented record of injury to wildlife and threatened species due to domestic dogs and cats.

The Service has asked Council to patrol the Parks for dogs adjacent to residential areas, on it's behalf.

A Schedule listing the prohibited areas is attached.

Dog faeces (Section 20)

Unretrieved dog faeces are a problem for health, environmental and amenity reasons. Under the new Act, owners are required to remove their dogs' faeces and properly dispose of them. In practice, this is extremely difficult to enforce and *will* be an early priority for any public education activities.

Local authorities must provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for owners to dispose of their dogs' faeces in areas that are commonly used for exercising dogs. At a minimum, leash free areas would need to be provided with suitable rubbish receptacles.

Opportunities to introduce dung beetles, a system which disposes of dog faeces naturally, will also be considered.

Nuisance dogs

Under Section 21 a dog is a nuisance if it:

- is habitually at large;
- makes a noise by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises;
- repeatedly defecates on another person's property;
- repeatedly chases any person, animal or vehicle;
- endangers the health of any person or animal; or
- repeatedly causes substantial damage to anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

Inadequate fencing in rural and semi-rural areas makes it difficult for owners to responsibly confine their dogs. In urban areas, no or low front fence requirements also make it difficult for owners to confine their dogs to their property.

The rise in barking complaints over recent years appears to be consistent with the experience in other areas. However such complaints are often not easy to resolve and consume large amounts of officers' time.

These nuisance provisions *of the Act* are new. On the face of it they seem straightforward, however in practice they could be difficult to enforce given nuisance problems are often difficult to define and measure. The words 'repeatedly' and 'habitually' will be important in determining if a nuisance exists.

Dangerous dogs (Section 34)

Council can declare a dog as dangerous. Once a dog is declared dangerous, the owner must comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure *above 1.8m, or a height to prevent the dog leaving, or a child entering, the enclosure.*

Restricted dogs (Section 55)

The following are restricted dogs *under the legislation*:

- Pit bull terriers;
- American Pit Bull Terriers;
- Japanese Tosas;
- Argentinian fighting dogs;
- Brazilian fighting dogs; and
- Any other dog of a breed, kind or description prescribed by the regulations as restricted for the purposes of this Division (eg dogs used as guard dogs by security personnel could be prescribed as restricted dogs).

Council has classified guard dogs used by security personnel or police, as restricted dogs.

The owner of a restricted dog must also comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure.

Cats

The issues of cat management relate predominantly to the impact of cats on wildlife. Cats can also be a nuisance to surrounding neighbours. A distinction needs to be made between feral cats and owned domestic cats.

Council can prohibit cats from entering public places (see discussion below). Other options for protection of wildlife include:

- Cat curfews;
- Education to encourage people to keep their cat indoors;
- Cat proof fences and enclosures;
- Use of housing design to help owners to responsibly confine their cat; and
- Cat bans in new housing estates.

Areas from where cats would be prohibited (Section 30)

Under the new Act, owned domestic cats are prohibited in the following public places:

- Food preparation or consumption areas; or
- Wildlife protection areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway).

A wildlife protection area is a public place that has been declared by Council for the protection of wildlife.

Nuisance cats (Section 31)

A cat is a nuisance if it:

- Makes a persistent noise; or
- Repeatedly damages anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

This will be similar to handling nuisance dog complaints, although cats are more difficult to confine to a property than dogs. It is envisaged that each complaint will need to be examined on a case by case basis.

Enforcement or education?

An on-going debate in animal management is the relative merits of enforcement versus education. Laws will probably always be the backbone of the management task. However the advantages of taking a legal approach should not blind us to its shortcomings. It is inherently inefficient because of its focus on means rather than ends and because it consumes vast resources in maintaining an enforcement presence for benefits that are not always assured (ie an officer cannot control what happens five minutes after he or she leaves).

By contrast voluntary compliance, if it can be achieved, will just about always provide more meaningful, lasting changes in behaviour. It depends more on overcoming ignorance, indifference and incompetence than in prescribing concrete forms of acceptable behaviour. However education changes behaviour slowly, it can be expensive and is hard to evaluate.

Neither approach should be regarded as a panacea. A combination will just about always be appropriate. The secret is to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each and how they operate in different policy contexts.

The Act anticipates that the State Government will undertake community education from the money allocated to the Companion Animals Fund. Council may also wish to undertake its own education programs either to augment the message of the statewide campaign or where its priorities vary from those of the State Government.

Recognising the benefits of pet ownership

The health and social benefits of owning pets are now well understood and have been documented in numerous scientific studies. At one level this means a balanced approach to managing domestic pets. At another more implicit level, there is an emerging understanding that pets contribute to quality of life, a positive that could perhaps be fostered by local government.

At this stage, fostering the positives in an explicit way would still be something of a quantum leap, focused as local government is on handling complaints. However over time the Plan could be adjusted to integrate an explicit consideration of the benefits of owning pets.

Part of the challenge involves removing barriers to owning pets. The Petcare Information and Advisory Service has recently published brochures for landlords and tenants outlining rights and responsibilities of people wishing to

own pets in rental accommodation. As an early initiative, Council *will* make these brochures available for the local community.

Council will explore a Victorian program that helps the frail and elderly to continue to own pets by organising volunteers to walk, bath, organise registration, take pets to the vet etc.

Funding

The Local Government Act will offer the opportunity for Councils to apply a special Animal Management Levy to help fund animal management enforcement and education. These activities cannot be funded out of animal registrations and infringements alone. The levy would apply to all rateable properties within the municipality in recognition of the fact that all residents benefit from local animal management, not just pet owners.

Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to seek permission from the Minister for Local Government to introduce the Animal Management Levy from 1999/2000. Expected to raise around $100,000 the levy will average around $5 per rateable assessment. This proposal was announced in last year's Management Plan.

A percentage of the State registration fees is expected to be available to council to access to participate in companion animal education programs and other initiatives.

Fees collected from impounding and maintenance will continue to be administered by Council on a cost recovery basis.

3.0 THE LOCAL CONTEXT

3.1 *Eurobodalla Shire*

The Eurobodalla Shire is a thriving community of 31,000 people enjoying one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in Australia.

We are known as "The Nature Coast" and the main centres are Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Being the primary holiday area for the Australian Capital Region, in peak holiday periods our population swells to an estimated 100,000 people.

The Eurobodalla Shire Council was formed in 1913 with the responsibility for administering local government functions along 110km of the NSW coast between Durras and Wallaga Lake. The area administered by council is 3,402.2 sq km but about 80% of the council area is non-rateable Crown Land held as national park and state forest.

The shire is unusual in that 46.7% of ratepayers are non-residents. Just over 17% of ratepayers are residents of the ACT.

The population growth of the Eurobodalla Shire has been well ahead of the state average for the past two decades with the most recent available figure for the 1991-96 period at 2.4% while the NSW average growth rate was 1.05%.

Community Profile

CENSUS	**1986**	**1991**	**1996**	**%**
Population				
Total population	21,519	27,127	30,447	
0-14 years		5,709	6,409	*21*
15-24 years		2,528	2,644	*9*
25-44 years		7,108	7,417	*24*
45-54 years		2,728	3,563	*12*
55-64 years		3,607	3,697	*12*
65 years and over** (State - 2.7%)		5,447	6,611	*22*
Average age (State – 34) years			42	
Ethnic Groups > 50 people				
UK		1,763	1,967	*6*
NZ		269	298	*1*
Germany		252	298	*1*
Netherlands		165	205	*1*
Italy		75	100	
Croatia		126	94	
US		49	57	
Ireland		30	57	

3.2 Animal Management in *Eurobodalla Shire*

Until late 1998, one ranger was directly responsible for the control, impounding and destruction of dogs. Following a review and restructure of operations, additional rangers were engaged to enable a seven-day-a-week coverage of the Shire. The rangers' role was broadened to include dog control matters, in addition to their normal patrol and regulatory functions. Council chose to increase the rangers' numbers and spread of responsibilities in anticipation of the new Act. Additional expenses to cater for ranger training and vehicles, dog and cat traps and pounds, and signage and bins, have been incurred in advance.

Statistics	*(1998/1999)*	*(1999/2000)*
❑ *Dog impoundments*	*510*	*694*
❑ *Dogs euthenased*	*248*	*287*
❑ *Registrations under the*		
▪ *Dog Act*	*3855*	*3167*
▪ *Companion Animals Act*		*497*
❑ *Infringements*	*77*	*70*
❑ *Warning notices*	*220*	*85*
❑ *Recorded complaints*	*720*	*806*

We anticipate the number of registrations undertaken through council will decline over the next two years, as owners take up the microchipping program and state registration system. However, the extension of infringements contained in the Companion Animals Act, including management of cats, may see an increase in warnings and infringement notices.

3.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises the enjoyment available to residents and visitors through companion animal ownership. However, the wishes of other residents and visitors to preserve the amenity, native flora and fauna, natural waterways, beaches and public reserves from inappropriate disturbance caused by dogs and cats, must also be considered.

Council has a range of policies and strategies to manage companion animals in the Shire.

Policies

1. *That education of Shire residents and visitors in appropriate handling and responsible ownership of companion animals, including disposal of faeces, be the focus of companion animal management in the Shire.*

2. *That enforcement adhere to the provisions of the Companion Animal Act.*

3. *That animals be under effective control (ie by leash) by a responsible person in all areas, other than those nominated as off-leash areas. Persons conducting animal obedience training or training for trials or shows must have the animals under effective obedience control.*

4. *That one 24-hour off-leash dog exercise area be established in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Time-share access will be available for leashed and unleashed dog exercise areas, as nominated in the Code.*

5. *That specific purpose off-leash parks not be constructed.*

6. *That leashed 'time-share' arrangements apply to all beaches and public reserves, unless expressly prohibited by legislation or within this Local Plan.*

7. *That signage be placed at popular entry points to beaches and reserves, advising of the relevant prohibition of animals or 24 hour access.*

8. *That appropriately marked faeces disposal bins be placed at sites accessed by waste collection contractors, in proximity to the nominated popular dog leashed and off leash areas.*

9. *That all companion animals be kept in secure enclosures, preferably in the rear yard of urban properties.*

10. *That dangerous dogs be kept in childproof enclosure to 1.8m, or a height to prevent the dog leaving, or a child entering, the enclosure.*

11. *That the State Enforcement Infringement Notice System (SEINS) be utilised for the issue of infringement notices.*

Codes

1. Education

(i) Rangers and Canine Club/Obedience School personnel will conduct animal awareness and handling sessions in local schools, seniors clubs and service clubs, to create a better awareness of animal ownership responsibilities and how to approach or handle companion animals

(ii) Promotional and educational brochures/fridge magnets etc. will be distributed to schools and to first offenders

2. Registration

(i) Hardcopies of animal registrations will be maintained of microchipped animals, sought through local veterinarians as a backup in the event of lack of access to the electronic State Register

(ii) Rangers, customer staff and after-hours service personnel will have electronic access to Council's Complaints and Service Request (CSR) Database, and the State Register Internet site

(iii) A local veterinarian/s will be contracted to undertake microchipping and neutering of unregistered animals (greater than six months old) released from the pound

(iv) Evidence of animal microchipping and State registration must be produced to enable the removal of an animal from Council's dog registration system

(v) Owners will be encouraged to ensure a collar and identification tag is attached to their animal, to assist early identification.

(vi) Dog owners be required to have an adequately fenced yard as a condition of dog registration.

3. Review

(i) Rangers will be trained and updated annually on companion animal management and other regulatory matters. Annual performance reviews of rangers will include a review of the appropriateness and effectiveness of council's approach to applying the Companion Animals Act.

(ii) The Advisory Committee (ELCAMAC) will review the Local Plan every 4 years (in the first year of each new Council term) and recommend to Council any amendments to the Plan. Council may seek the input of ELCAMAC at other times at its' discretion.

4. Complaints

(i) *Complaints received regarding companion animals, will be recorded on Council's Customer Service Request (CSR) system and handled in accord with the Complaints Policy.*

(ii) *The CSR database will be used to analyse history of complaints, to assist determination of subsequent actions or issue of notices.*

5. *Infringements*

(i) *Warnings will be issued upon the first offence, with corporate diary records maintained. Blatant initial (including observed off-leashed activity, non-removal of faeces etc), or subsequent offences will cause the issue of an infringement notice.*

(ii) *Infringements will be issued under, and transferred to SEINS within 7 days. Objectors should lodge objections direct to the SEINS bureau. Council will be asked to respond to claims by SEINS. The decision to continue an infringement will be at the discretion of the SEINS bureau.*

6. *Impoundment and Release*

(i) *If owners of companion animals are not located in the immediate vicinity of the animal, the animal will be impounded.*

(ii) *Unregistered animals will be held up to seven days after initial impoundment (by resident/complainant or council), then destroyed.*

(iii) *Registered animals whose owners (or alternate contacts) cannot be located by telephone, or who have not responded to letter within 7 days of issue, will be destroyed after 14 days*

(iv) *Unregistered animals or whose owners cannot be located, may be claimed by other persons during the relevant period of impoundment, then collected at the end of that period. Evidence of chipping and registration should be provided prior to release.*

(v) *A local veterinarian/s will be contracted to undertake microchipping and neutering of unregistered animals (greater than six months old) released from the pound, at the cost of the claimant.*

(vi) *Impoundment and maintenance fees must be paid prior to release of the animal. Maintenance fees are charged daily.*

(vii) *Animals will not knowingly be released for experimental purposes.*

7. *Faeces Disposal*

(i) *Faeces disposal 240litre bins will be located on pads adjacent to hard stand areas accessed by Council street bin collection contractors*

(ii) *Faeces disposal bins will be appropriately marked*

(iii) *Animal owners are encouraged to use their plastic shopping bags for disposal of their animal's faeces*

(iv) *'Promotional' faeces disposal bags will be distributed by rangers or from receptacles at nominated popular animal exercise areas.*

8. *Exercise Areas*

Time-share (leashed and off-leash)

(i) *Time-share access is available on all beaches and adjacent reserves, and other reserves (unless those areas are prohibited)*

(ii) *Time-share access is available between 5pm and* ***9am*** *(1 November to 30 April) and 3pm and 10am (1 May to 31 October)*

(iii) *Animals must be under effective control i.e. leashed unless in nominated off-leash areas*

(iv) *Animals must be under effective control while accessing and until reaching, the nominated off-leash areas .*

Off-leash

The Criteria used to determine potential off-leash areas included:

- *Minimum disruption to other normal users of the area, such as regular sporting activities*
- *Certainty of access for companion animal owners*
- *Minimal effects on nearby residents*
- *No through roads or cycleways*
- *Minimal impact on natural vegetation and regeneration areas*
- *Not near major tourist sites*
- *No blind spots*
- *Centrality and ease of access*
- *Some beach or water access*
- *Legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *Preference for grassed or sandy areas*
- *Presence of shade or shelter and water*
- *Appropriate fencing or natural barriers*
- *Means of dog faeces disposal*
- *Signage*

Off-leash Areas (time-share):

- *South Durras – northern section of beach beginning 100m north of Durras Drive bridge to Lakesea caravan park*
- *Long Beach – beach south of the southern end of Sandy Place*
- *Surfside – beach between 100m east of caravan park and western end of Myamba Parade*
- *Batehaven – Corrigans Beach between Hanging Rock breakwall and 100m north of Glenhaven caravan park*
- *Sunshine Bay - beach*
- *Wimbie Beach – from end of reserve east along walking track*
- *Lilli Pilli – Mosquito Bay beach*
- *Malua Bay – Malua Bay surf beach*
- *Rosedale – beach from southern end from car park at Rosedale Parade*
- *Barlings Beach – between Melville Point headland and caravan park*
- *Congo – beach adjacent to Point Pde but prohibition between September and March*
- *Tuross – Coila Lake foreshore from Anderson St to Country Club carpark*
- *Tuross – beach from Plantation Reserve, south to One Tree Pt*
- *Potato Point – Potato Point beach and Jamieson's Beach but on-leash between September and March*
- *Narooma – beach north of Handkerchief Lake*
- *Mystery Bay – Mystery Bay beach*
- *Mogo – western end Buckenboura Oval off Mogo Street*
- *Moruya – South Head – north of the Surf Club to Toragy Point – excluding Club and carpark area*

Off-leash Areas -24 hour:

- *Pretty Point Beach - beach between headlands*
- *Tomakin – commencing from Kingston Place car park at boat ramp south to Tomago River*
- *Mossy Point –Tomago River reserve, from Connells Cl east to ramp*
- *Broulee – beach between McNee Street and sandpit but require on-leash if nesting of native birds recommences between September - March*
- *Moruya – Bengello Beach from 200m north of break wall to windsock*
- *Moruya – reserve east of Moruya Caravan Park*
- *Moruya – South Head – on the Council reserve east of Coronation Drive (old camping ground)*
- *Tuross Head – Coila Beach*
- *Kianga – Kianga Reef Beach*

- *Dalmeny - Duesburys Beach*
- *Narooma– south-eastern end of Bill Smyth Oval below Canty Street*
- *Bar Beach - from the northern end*

Leashed Exercise Area – 24 hour:

- *Broulee – beach from Train Street south to boat ramp*
- *Broulee – beach between McNee Street and sandpit if nesting of native birds recommences between September and March*
- *Moruya – from windsock north to creek (south of sandpit)*
- *Potato Point – southern end between September and March.*

Leashed Exercise Area (Time Share)

- *Guerilla Bay Beach*
- *Mullimburra Point Beach*
- *South of the Moruya Surf Club to the National Park boundary*

Endangered Shorebirds Nesting season

During the Endangered Shorebirds Nesting season (normally September to March annually) the existing exercise area rules cease and are replaced by On-Leash Time Share for the nesting period. The following areas are affected:

- Coila
- Bengello (Moruya airport area)
- Broulee – between McNee Street and sandpit; and Train Street south to boat ramp
- Durras – north section of beach beginning 100m north of bridge to National Park
- Congo – beach adjacent to Point Parade
- Nangudga/Handkerchief – north of Handkerchief Lake
- Potato Point/Jemisons

Horse training exercise area

- *Moruya – from windsock north to creek (south of sandpit)*

- *Prohibited from all other beaches and adjacent reserves*

The following criteria used to determine prohibited areas included:

- *legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *proximity to picnic shelters and/or barbeques*
- *proximity to commercial food outlets*
- *proximity to carparks and vehicle thoroughfares*

- *proximity to children's' playgrounds*
- *proximity to patrolled beaches*
- *proximity to National Parks*
- *proximity to sensitive waterways, including aquaculture sites*
- *ease of installation and servicing of signage and faeces disposal bins*

Prohibited Areas

- *areas prohibited by legislation*
- *all National Parks and Nature Reserves, including Broulee Island, Congo, Bingi, South Head, Mystery Bay areas etc*
- *Wildlife Protection Area (NPWS)*
- *all council swimming pools, public halls, offices and their environs*

The following beaches and adjacent reserves:

- *Narooma – main Surf Beach, Bar Beach, netted beach, Yabbra beach*
- *Kianga (Carters) Beach*
- *Tuross Head –Main Beach south of One Tree Point*
- *Durras - Dogs prohibited from north of Lakesea Caravan Park to the National Park*
- *Durras - Dogs prohibited on Cookies Beach*
- *Tomakin - Tomakin Cove Beach*
- *Tomakin Beach – prohibited between September and March*
- *Broulee – both sides northern end Candalagan Creek, southern end Candalagan Creek to Train Street*
- *Batemans Bay - Surf Beach, Caseys Beach, Corrigans Beach between Glenhaven and Talamunde Caravan Parks, northern end of Corrigans Beach Reserve*
- *Surfside – between headlands along Myamba Parade*
- *Maloneys Beach – between start of Hibiscus Close and National Park*
- *Long Beach – beach from Long Beach Road north along Bay Road*
- *Break walls at North Head and Hanging Rock*
- *Broulee Beach - main beach from McNee Street to boat ramp*
- *Congo Beach – between September and March*

9. Blitzes

- *Blitzes on companion animal infringements will occur around three times a year, in key localities.*
- *Suitable levels of publicity will take place in the week prior*
- *'Zero tolerance' will apply during blitzes*

10. Strategies

Within the 2000/2005 Management Plan (Public Order and Safety) are proposals to:

- *Introduce education programs through schools and community on approaching companion animals and animal handling; media and newsletter drops on the Act and owner responsibilities*
- *Co-ordinate blitzes in key localities in key time-of-day periods*
- *Establish animal holding facilities at the Shire depots. Animals will be transferred to the central dog and cat pound maintained in Moruya.*

In addition, the following strategies are proposed:

- *Council issue annual dog registration notices until June 2001, after which all animals must be microchipped*
- *Investigate introduction of dung beetles as biological control of animal faeces*
- *Explore feasibility of 'Port Phillip Pet-Links project' assisting seniors' animal ownership through volunteer assistance, by integration with Community Transport and Good Neighbours programs*
- *Lobby State Government and LGSA to enable state registered animals to be cross-registered on the Australian registry*

4.0 GOAL AND AIMS

The GOAL for the Local Animal Management Plan is:

To promote and facilitate responsible pet ownership of dogs and cats, animal welfare and the benefits of animal companionship.

The AIMS of the Plan are:

- ï To ensure Council meets its obligations under the Companion Animals Act 1998;
- ï To investigate the best mix of regulatory and non regulatory approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership in *Eurobodalla Shire*
- ï To consider ways Council could harness the benefits of owning pets; and
- ï To establish priorities for companion animals management for the next three to five years.

The ACTIONS PLANS are the concrete action that Council can undertake to ensure these aims materialise. These are contained within the 2000-2005 Management Plan. They have been grouped into the KEY ISSUE AREAS, and will be incorporated into the revised Plans of Management for Community Land and Council's Policy Register.

PART 2: ACTION PLANS

5.0 KEY ISSUE AREAS

The key issue areas include:

- Identification and registration;
- Dogs in public places;
- Faeces management;
- Wandering dogs;
- Excessive barking;
- Dangerous dogs and restricted breeds;
- Cat management;
- Animal welfare and safety;
- Recognising the benefits of pet ownership;
- Enforcement;
- Education and dissemination; and
- Funding and review.

2006 City of Olympia Off-Leash Dog Park Feasibility Study
Survey and Community Meeting Results

Prepared by Jennifer Swidler, May 2006

The city of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are conducting a feasibility study to learn the level of citizen interest and support for creating one or more off-leash dog parks in Olympia. There are currently no off-leash dog parks in Olympia. OPARD administered surveys and held a public meeting to learn the following themes: Is there community support for creating off-leash dog parks? Where should they be located? How often would they be used? What features they should have? Are there existing parks that could accommodate an off-leash dog park? What concerns to citizens have about off-leash dog parks? There is no budget for creating or maintaining off-leash dog parks in Olympia, but OPARD hopes this feasibility study will provide insight into whether citizens support funding such parks in the future.

To help answer these questions, OPARD created and administered surveys and held a public meeting on March 23, 2006. Survey distribution was not random or scientific; they were distributed through word-of-mouth and e-mail. The survey responses and information from the public meeting generated the data in this paper, and were collected as follows:

- 190 surveys were submitted before the public meeting;
- 36 surveys were completed and submitted at the public meeting;
- 85 people attended the public meeting.

There are two versions of the survey that have nine of the same questions and vary by three questions. One of the surveys was distributed prior to the public meeting and the other was distributed at the public meeting.

- The three questions that varied were Question nine – "How would you suggest that problem dogs be handled" which appeared on the survey at the public meeting but not the one distributed prior to the meeting;
- Question 11 – "Do you see a role for an advocacy group?" which also appeared on the survey at the public meeting but not the other; and
- Question 10 that asked for desired dog park features, is not on the survey that was distributed at the public meeting but is on the one distributed prior to the meeting.
- Three of the questions from the surveys distributed prior to the public meeting were verbally asked at the public meeting:
    - Question 6, regarding model dog parks;
    - Question 10 asking for dog park features; and
    - Question 11 requesting other recommendations, concerns or comments.

For analysis and presentation purposes, the surveys and questions from the public meeting were combined resulting in one survey with 12 questions.

Results

Question 1: ***Do you have dogs?***

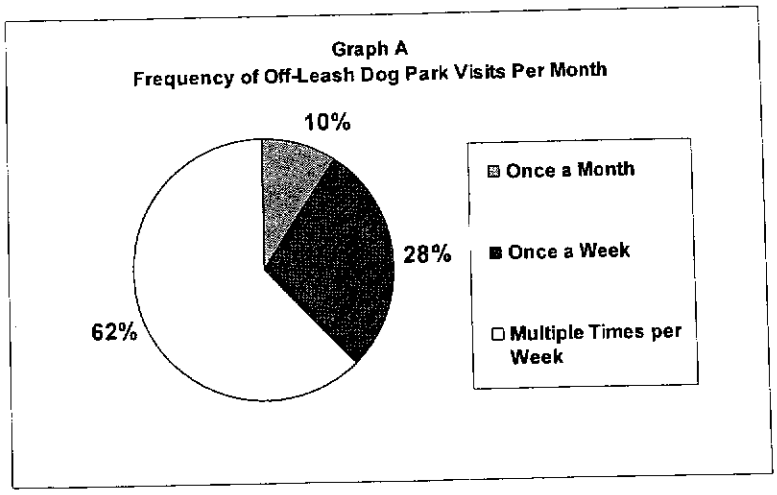
- 226 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Yes – 93%
- No – 7%

Question 2: ***Would you use an off-leash dog park in Olympia?***

- 226 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Yes – 94%
- No – 6%
- Don't know – 1%

Question 3: ***If yes, how often?***

- 209 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Graph A shows how many times survey respondents would visit an off-leash dog park per month.

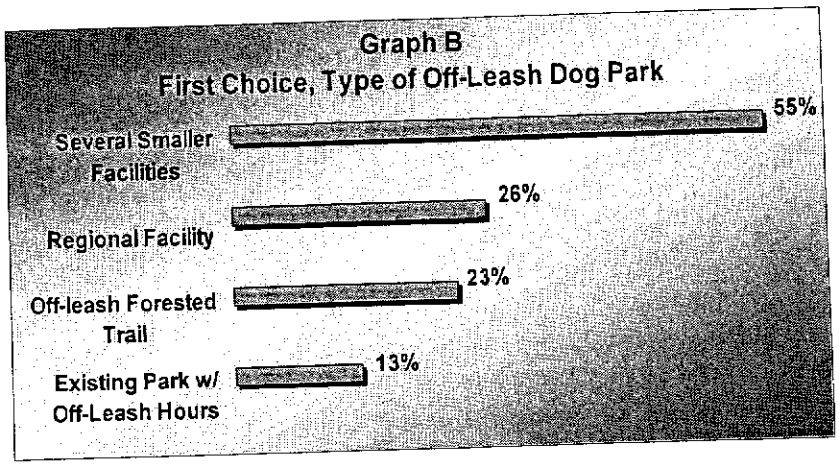


Question 4: ***Please use numbers to rank your preference for what type of off-leash park you would prefer:***

The information is presented in the order it was ranked by the survey respondents.

1. Several smaller facilities (one in each quadrant of the city)
2. One large "regional" facility
3. An off-leash forested trail
4. Existing neighborhood parks being designated as off-leash during certain hours

Question 4 continued: Two-hundred and seventeen people ranked this information. Several smaller facilities ranked the highest, with 55 percent marking it as their first choice for the type of park they would like best. Graph B shows how frequently each facility ranked number one.
* Several of the surveys were marked with an X instead of ranked by numbers.



Question 5: ***Are there any areas in Olympia that are frequently used as off-leash areas now?***

- 170 people responded to this question.
- 136 responded with one or more parks or areas currently used as off-leash facilities.
- 34 indicated they do not know of any parks or areas currently used as off-leash facilities.
- Olympia city parks are bolded.

Park or areas currently used as off-leash parks	# of Responses	% of Responses
Priest Point Park	33	19%
Garfield Elementary School	20	12%
Schools in general	20	12%
Christ the Rock Church on corner of Yew & Fir	19	11%
Pioneer Park (Tumwater)	18	11%
LBA Park	11	6%
Watershed Park	10	6%
Yauger Park	10	6%
Dept. of Ecology	10	6%
Lacey Community Center	9	5%
McLane Creek Nature Trail	7	4%
The Evergreen State College	5	3%

Question 6: ***Are there any off-leash dog parks that would be a good model for Olympia?***

- 145 people responded with one or more models.
- 11 of the responses were either "I don't know," or "I've never been to a dog park."
- 25 ideas were generated from the public meeting.
- Responses are split into two categories: A. model cities and, B. model parks.

A. Most mentioned model cities:

Cities with good model parks	# of Responses	% of Responses
Seattle	44	30%
Portland	12	8%
Bellingham	5	3%
Bend	3	2%
Eugene	3	2%
San Diego, CA	3	2%

Other model cities mentioned more than once were Ashland, Bellevue, Lacey, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tacoma, Vancouver, Victoria and Whidbey Island.

B. Most mentioned model parks:

Parks that are good models	# of Responses	% of Responses
Marymoor Park, Redmond	26	18%
Magnusun Park, Seattle	11	8%
Ft. Steilacoom Park	9	5%
Grandview, Seatac	4	3%
Golden Gardens, Seattle	3	2%
Thousand Acres	2	1%

Question 7: ***Are there any other areas in Olympia that you think would be good locations?***

- 135 people responded to this question with one or more locations.
- Olympia city parks are bolded.

Good Dog Park Locations	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Priest Point Park: beach, old wading pool, behind rose garden	28	21%
Pioneer Park (Tumwater)	22	16%
Yauger Park	14	10%
Capitol Lake Park (WA State)	12	9%
LBA Park: area already fenced, Field #3	11	8%
West Bay Park	8	6%
Grass Lake Park	6	4%
46th & Cooper Pt. Rd. (Thurston County)	4	3%
Burfoot Park (Thurston County)	4	3%
Friendly Grove Park	4	3%

Other areas mentioned: Lacey Community Center, Marathon Park, **Watershed Park**, behind the Department of Ecology, undeveloped areas, Rainier Vista Park, **Mission Creek, Sunrise Park,** Sylvester Park, Homan Park, former landfills

Question 8: ***Are there any areas in parks where dogs should not be allowed?***

- 148 people responded to this question with one or more areas where dogs should not be allowed.

No Dogs Allowed Areas	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Children's playgrounds	36	24%
Sports fields	13	9%
Picnic areas	10	7%
Watershed Park, specifically during salmon spawning season	8	5%
Dogs should be allowed in all areas	8	5%
Flowerbeds, gardens, nature areas	4	3%
Away from schools	2	1%
Near streets	2	1%
Heritage Park Fountain	2	1%
Non-fenced areas	1	1%
Small parks	1	1%

Question 9: ***How would you suggest that problem dogs be handled?***

- This question was on the survey distributed at the public meeting but not on the survey distributed before the meeting.
- 27 people responded to this question out of the 36 that filled out the survey at the public meeting.

Problem Dogs	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Owners responsible/ self monitor	14	52%
Removed from park	6	22%
Banned from park	6	22%
Post rules	4	15%
Owners fined	2	7%

Question 10: ***What features would you like to see in a dog park?***

- This question was on the survey distributed before the public meeting, and it was verbally asked at the public meeting. It was not on the survey distributed at the public meeting.
- Pre-meeting surveys and public meeting verbal responses were combined, generating 253 responses.
- Note: Many people responded with "water" as a desired feature. Unless it was made clear that they meant water for swimming or washing, it was assumed they meant drinking water.

Requested Dog Park Features	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Drinking water	81	32%
Fence	76	30%
Bowser bags with multiple stations	74	29%
Open spaces	64	25%
Trash cans	58	23%
Enforcement of rules	51	20%
Trails	46	18%
Stream/pond	41	16%
Separate area for larger/small dogs	28	11%
Seating	27	11%
Signage w/rules & regulations	26	10%
Trees	25	10%
Beach areas	15	6%
Covered area w/table	15	6%
Agility course	12	5%
Separate dog area in existing parks	12	5%
Varying terrain	12	5%
Bushes	9	4%
Toys/play structure	9	4%
Bathroom	8	3%
Double gate system	8	3%

Question 11: ***Do you see a role for an advocacy group?***

- This question was asked on the survey distributed at the public meeting, generating 36 surveys.
- 30 people responded "yes," that they see a role for an advocacy group.
- Nobody responded that they did not see a role for an advocacy group.

Specific ideas on what role an advocacy group could play:

- Park maintenance and monitoring.
  – 5 responses
- Dog park associations are always good to help self police parks & raise funds for upkeep.
  –2 responses
- Advocacy groups could serve as a liaison between park users and others around park.
  – 1 response
- Perhaps part-time city dog park coordinator.
  – 1 response
- Not so much advocacy but advisory, to help troubleshoot problems or volunteer.
  – 1 response
- Could be used for information gathering about alternative designs and locations.
  – 1 response
- We must use our conglomerate voting power to establish a nice, well kept dog park.
  –1 response

Question 12: ***Do you have other recommendations, concerns or comments?***

- This question was asked on both surveys and at the public meeting.
- Refer to Attachment A for separate lists of recommendations, concerns and comments

Most Common Thoughts	# of Responses
Dealing w/ problem aggressive dogs	38
Park would be good for dog owners, dogs and community at large	20
Willing to pay fee / donate for using park	13
Waste removal	9
Safety of park users and dogs	6
Owners should be held responsible for dog behavior	6
Rules / maintenance monitored by dog association	3

Attachment A

Recommendations:

A large, fenced area with some trees/shrubs & trails/path would be great. Shelter, drinking water, benches, waste disposal & fenced.
A notice: Use at your own risk & have health insurance before entering this area
A sign at the park with guidelines on how to property introduce your dog to new dogs.
A way of dealing with repeat offenders (uncontrollable dogs, aggressive dogs)
Adamant on poop duties
Ballot issue
Check our Vancouver/Orcas Is dog parks. Ask city planners/realtors who are dog lovers & ask for their suggestions on sites
Clear rules posted at each entrance. Community groups to help enforce rules & educate users.
Consider voluntary fee/contribution donations, advertising/sponsorships
Dog & civic organizations can contribute ours to maintenance. Need more dog training facilities nearby?
Dog owners can share knowledge referrals
Dog parks need cans for bags of poop, recommend spay/neutered dogs only
Dog waste picked up, need park with plants, shrubs not packed dirt w/large trees
Doggie Association
Dogs must be current on shots & be licensed. Pit bulls should not be allowed to enter the park.
Donation park
Double gate by busy streets
Establish rules that problem dogs do not come back. Neighborhood connections are important, contribute to security
Evict/ban problem dogs. Animal park signage is confusing. Should be dog park
Fee for dog park association
Fenced at least 4' height w/gates equipped with closers. Open areas with grass is best but barked areas will do
Fun matches
Group pressure should be applied to problem dog owners; I would never allow my dog to run around if there wasn't a secure fence. I'd prefer separate lrg/sm dog area. I want to see them the whole time.
Having an obstacle course would be interesting. Maybe the owner & dog could do it use at the same time
I am most interested in a large natural area w/trails, woods, water, fields, seating & memorial gardens for companion animals
I believe 2 pks; 1 smaller one w/obstacles;1 larger open space/trail, swimming
I don't know how feasible this would be, but I'd be willing to pay a couple of $$ per use to help support off-leash parks
I like several small facilities for driving convenience
I like the neighborhood option because it's a good way for neighbors to build community. Neighbors talk w/one another while the dogs play, learning about each other & local issues
I think the park should be city run.
I would definitely only use an off leash park if it was fully fenced in. I bet you could raise some money with donation boxes at Pet Smart
Identify & banned problem dogs after fair review process
If dog is aggressive or in heat, it should not be in off-leash area
If dog park is in 1 location, monitored by dog park association. Many parks are used off-leash now, need legal off-leash park
Increase the annual dog & cat license fees to cover cost
It would seem prudent to use existing park resources to provide opportunities. Dedicate times or days w/work - weekend opportunities
Keep problem dogs on leash. Market Olympia as pet friendly for tourism strategy.

Large fenced area w/trees, water source, separated lrg/sm dogs
Lighting for night/winter months (to better see dog poop)
Look at Pks in Tacoma & Seattle that are successful for ideas.
Maintenance - city volunteers
Make sure dogs are not aggressive who go to parks. Training classes at parks
Marymoor Pk near Redmond & Magnuson Pk in NE Seattle are excellent examples of multi-use parks with fantastic off-leash areas
Minimize conflict with neighborhoods, other park users
Needs to be for adults, older kids & dogs only (not small children)
No aggressive dogs should be allowed off leash in dog park
No exclusions of breeds
No mean dogs
Not in area of sensitive wildlife
Oley Pks should provide affordable dog obedience classes
Owners are responsible. I believe it's important to keep this simple. A bare bones site with minimum maintenance. This should be for the dogs. Charging a fee is necessary!
Owners responsible for waste pick-up. Owner can carry repellent spray if concerned about problem dogs.
Pass out information at veterinarian office, pet store, etc.
People let dogs off leash at LBA on parcel being developed/portion of LBA should be off-leash
Post signs - vaccines up to date, stay w/pet, No Pet Aggressive Dogs
Post signs at entrance park is self-monitoring
Posted rules
PPP trails are fun, maybe can be off-leash a couple days of the week
Proper disposal for waste, tools to pick up waste
Public relations campaign to those who don't want park
Raise fee for dog registrations and use funds to build a dog park
Registered state dogs should be current on vaccinations, licensed & micro-chipped
Remove/ban problem dogs. Testimonials from other cities where dog pks are working
Require tags & training
Rules & agreements regarding aggressive dogs & liability of owners. Method for forbidding return of aggressive dogs to park.
Rules for owners, behavior posted, ability to enforce rules. Dog owners must be responsible.
Rules posted, clear contact/reporting enforcement
Rules should be clearly posted. Rules should be capable of being monitored
Rules should be posted. Aggressive dogs should be asked to leave
Seek corporate sponsors
Self monitoring
Self-monitoring
Send sign-up sheets of support to vet hospitals, boarding/kennels, groomers, PetSmart, Petco, local animal shelter, any place you can buy a dog license.
Separate lrg/sm dog area
Signage of dog parks regarding current shots to protect dogs, education on etiquette, dog waste rules, aggression mgmt, water access for swimming
Signage of rules
Signs posted about non-aggressive only. Get funding from PetSmart to fence, they can advertise dog obedience classes, the animal shelter
Small dogs need their own space. All areas need fencing. Community wk parties to maintain. Rules posted, bowser bags everywhere
Social activities for people
Somehow communicating to dog owners their dogs should be in control or not off-leash
Spray bottles, lights
Start by making all the parks & trails "shared use", later make a fenced park or two

Start with shared, then dedicated
Suggestion box
Suggestion: Volunteer groups to maintain and monitor
Tack-on fee for licenses (example: $5 per dog tag)
Thank you for all your time & effort to make this happen. It is much needed. Dogs should be non-aggressive to be allowed in park.
Training classes on good handling skills.
Trash cans and bags for waste
Trial periods and places (1 year)
Volunteer maintenance
Willing to pay use fee for off-leash area for people to socialize
Work with other public agencies and other local governments

Concerns:

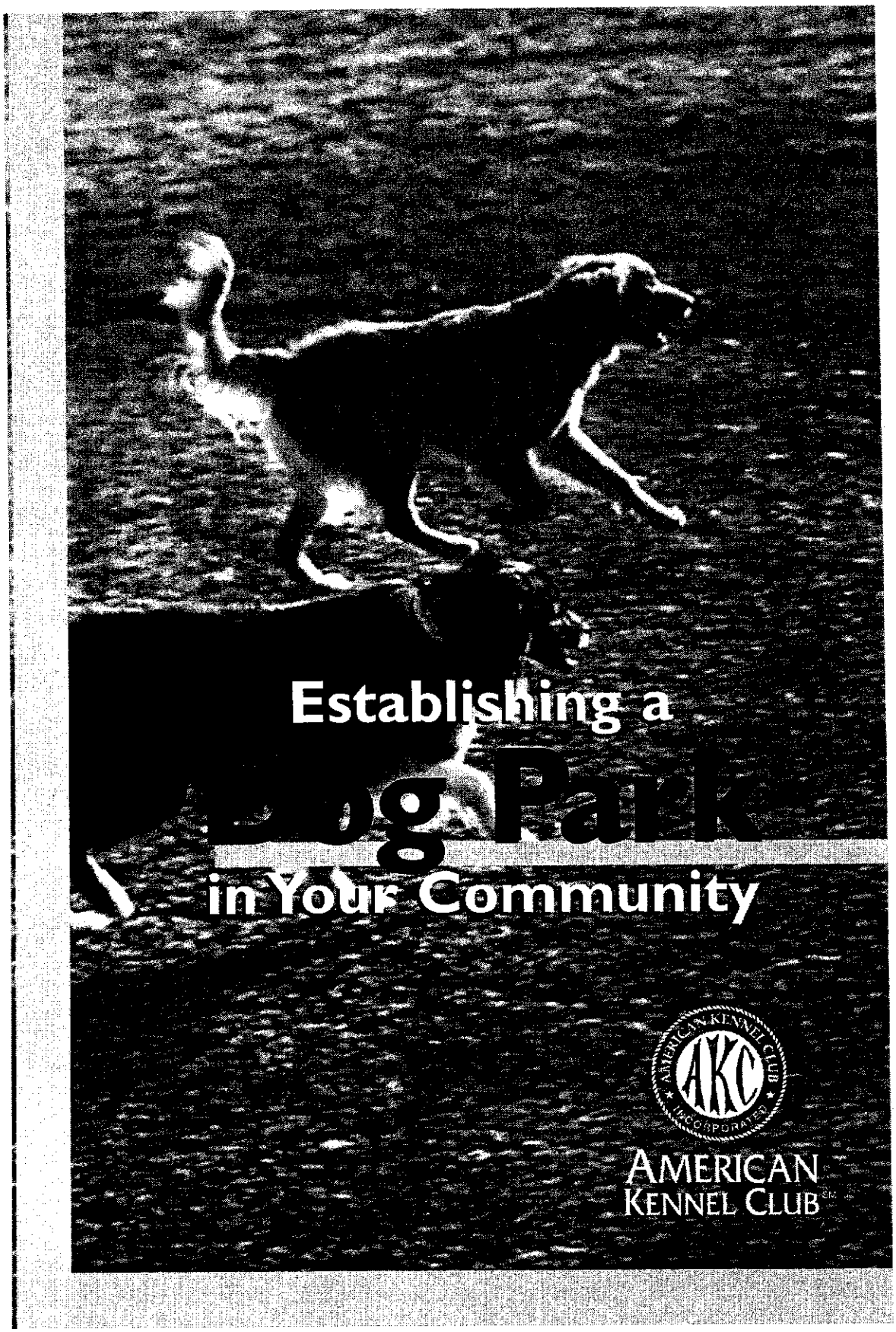
Aggressive dogs
Aggressive dogs
Agility safety with novice dogs
As an owner of a retired greyhound - I feel that I would get no use out of a dog part that was not fully fenced, because of worry that she could run off. Please make sure to fully fence the park you create.
Bacteria in standing water
Concern - Less tolerance for off-leash walking in other areas if off-leash parks established
Concern= Dog in heat
Demonstrations
Dog fights
Dog waste. Fencing, lighting needs to be installed. Educate dog people to be good citizens too
Dogs that are not socialized & poop pick-up
Economic impact of dog owners on community
Enforcement of "scoop" rules
Enough parking. Close enough for people to walk to the park
Feces disposal, Dog areas are good community builders. I want hard line against nuisance dogs, mandatory licensing
How to handle aggressive dogs and owners
How to have animal control officers patrol the pks for aggressive dogs, non neutered. Sign to guide for behavior.
I am always concerned when owners of aggressive dogs are clueless to their animals behavior. Need to educate owners re proper dog behavior
I am very opposed to an off leash dog park. Bad experience dogs/owners trespassing
I have a small dog who is very social with other dogs, but who has been frightened by aggressive dogs. Need a way to screen or separate
I use a guide dog. Supportive of off-leash dog park as long as it is separated from sidewalk way
I would be concerned about dogs off leash in trails or areas where wildlife exists.
Liability for dog bites
Mud
My concern is that I would expect the duty of picking up waste be the responsibility of the dog owners
My dog deaf & need fenced area to be safe to run
Please be sensitive to environmental impact i.e watershed area. How to handle dog fights, unruly dogs, people.
Too many people with aggressive dogs use dog parks
Who is liable for dog bites? How sanitary will grounds be?

Will we be asked to finance horse parks too? Bird parks? Snake parks? Pet ownership is voluntary & they should finance all costs of pet ownership

Comments:

Bravo! For initiating a dialogue/proposal. Let me know if I can help get it off the ground
Depends on problem dog, expect dog training, have problem dog designated areas. Clean-up your dog's waste.
Dog owners are a constituency not having their needs met - we are tax payers
Dog owners pay taxes
Dog park, encourage responsible dog ownership
Dog parks are great for community. A great way to know neighbors
Dog parks are needed in this area as it promotes positive dog socialization as well as introduction with other dog owners
Dog parks create good neighbors. Dog that get the change to behave as dogs and socialize with others dogs are better suited for life in city. Good city acknowledges need for dog parks
Dogs are social animals - dog lovers are also.
Dogs often behave better off leash than on a leash w/other dogs
Everyone needs to clean up after their dog
Healthy pets - healthy owners
Hope you do it!
How soon?
I am in full support of a dog park
I believe well trained dogs with responsible owners should not present a problem off leash.
I don't understand why leashes are required at all! I think the owners should be responsible for the actions of their pets. This is a police matter. Fine/who have unruly dogs. Licenses fees for enforcement
I find unofficial off-leash gatherings monitor themselves & dogs quite well.
I have a runner; I would not take her off-leash anywhere. I still think this is a wonderful idea.
I have a small dog & having an off-leash pk would make the other pks safer for my dog, because big dog owners would use the off-leash areas
I live in an apartment & leashes are required everywhere & I do understand why, but my dog does need time to run & play that is not out in the country
I really hope we get a dog park. When I lived in Bellingham it was such a joy to go to the dog park and interact w/dogs/owners
I see no need for an "Off-leash" park when all city parks currently appear to be leash-free areas. There is NO enforcement of leash laws or poop pick-up. Why bother spending my tax money on add'l areas
I would like to see a dog park in Tumwater. Site on Lloyd's St could be converted quickly. Much closer than Lakewood
I would love to see a dog park. There is such a high dog ownership in Oly I am sure it would be used regularly
I'm not an Olympia resident but run my dogs w/Olympia residents who are dog/human friendly
Interested in full fenced park
It would be nice to have a place where you can relax and let your dogs loose to have fun.
Locations for dog events
Long overdue in this area!
Many public benefits; greater sense/community,exercise,well behaved dogs
My dog loves to play w/other dogs & I would just like a fenced, safe area in walking distance
Off-leash dog parks would be a great benefit to our community. Providing an off-leash park would reflect just how wonderful & community minded Olympia is!
Off-leash dogs are better socialized, quieter and healthier

Olympia becomes "pet friendly" and market it (economic development
Olympia has great pks & area w/dog run, a dog pk will allow more people to enjoy our parks
Olympia is in need of a dog park, it doesn't need to be expensive or fancy - just a place for them to run & owners to meet & socialize
Please move as quickly as you can!
Reasons this will benefit "non-dog people": it will keep us & our dogs off their trails, and a well-exercised dog is not barking & running crazy in his neighborhood.
Sooner the better.
Thank you for the effort! This is an important issue that needs to be addressed as use grows in this area
This has been long overdue. Citizens need a place to run their dogs & dog parks build sense of community
This is a great idea!
This is a great idea. I would even be willing to pay a user fee for an off-leash park. Thank for the opportunity to comment.
This is a wonderful idea and so needed!
This park will really be used. Seattle found that they couldn't keep it grassed
Want something now!
We are new to Olympia & yard is small. We would not unleash dogs without fencing. Many small dog owners a dog park's a must
We desperately need this facility in Olympia. A place that is easily accessible for frequent use, and large enough not to become overly crowded & fenced for safety
We do need a park for dogs
We feel that there is a great need for a dog park. This community has so may dogs. Finally a cause that we wouldn't mind being taxed for.
We need a safe place to take our for kids to play, socialize & exercise. Need to support dog owners in Olympia
We need this
We support dog parks
We would be happy to help out if you need volunteers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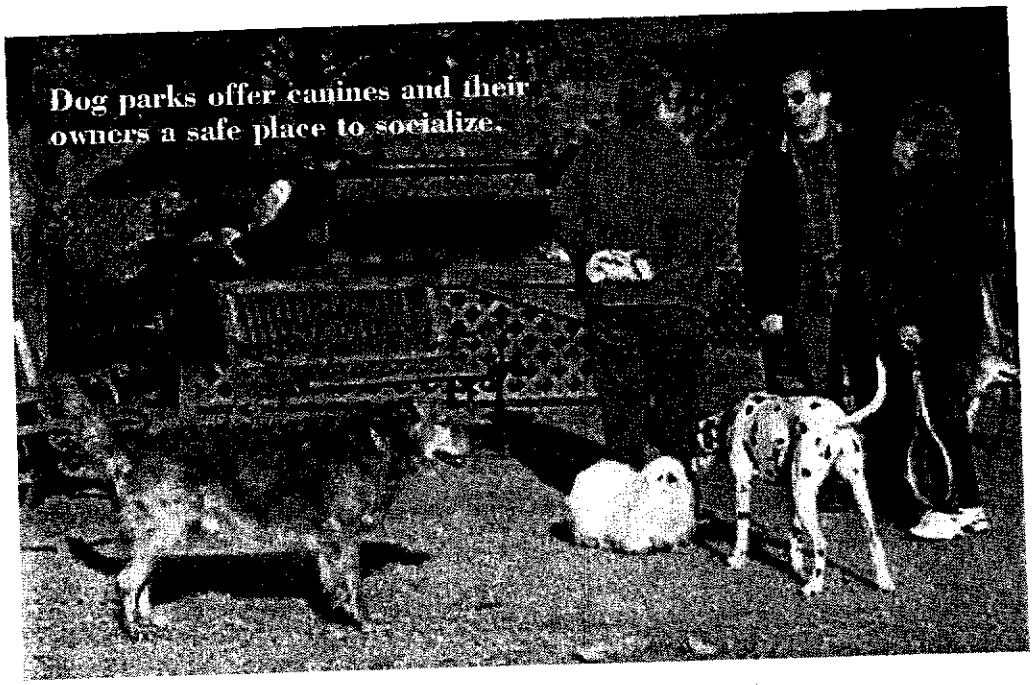
What Is a Dog Park and How Does It Benefit the Community?

With cities becoming more and more crowded and leash laws becoming more restrictive, many concerned dog owners are looking to the creation of dog parks as a solution to their need for a place to spend quality time with their pets. But just what is a "dog park," and what benefits can one bring to your city or town?

A dog park is a public park, typically fenced, where people and their dogs can play together. Similarly, a dog run is a smaller fenced area, created for the same use, that is often located within an existing park. As the names imply, these places offer dogs off-leash play areas where their owners can enjoy a park-like setting and the chance to socialize with other canines and their owners. Dog parks, which are sometimes managed by park users in conjunction with city or town officials, are being established all over the country and offer a wealth of benefits to dogs, dog owners and the community as a whole.



Dog parks offer canines and their owners a safe place to socialize.

More than just "room to roam," the creation of a dog park . . .

Allows dogs to exercise and socialize safely. Puppies and adult dogs need room to run, and enclosed play areas permit them to do so while preventing them from endangering themselves and others (for example, by running into the path of an oncoming vehicle). In addition, dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.

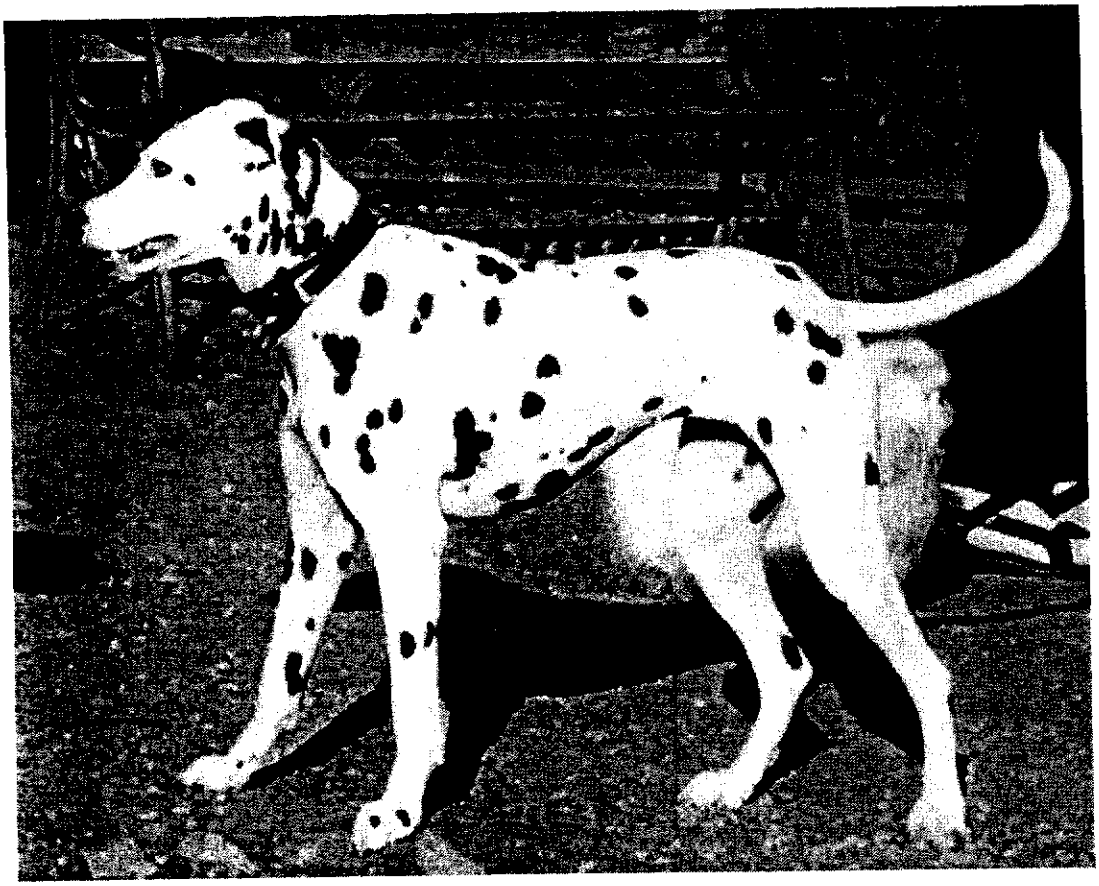
Promotes responsible dog ownership. Dog parks prevent off-leash animals from infringing on the rights of other community residents and park users such as joggers, small children, and those who may be fearful of dogs. Parks also make it easier for a city to enforce its leash laws, as resident dog owners with

Enclosed play areas for exercise make dogs better-adjusted neighbors.

park access have no reason to allow their canine companions off-leash when outside of the park.

Provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize. Dog parks are a great place for owners to meet other people with common interests. The love people share for their dogs reaches beyond economic and social barriers and helps foster a sense of community. Park users also benefit from the opportunity to ask questions of other owners and find solutions to problems they might be having with their pet.

Makes for a better community by promoting public health and safety. Well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively and destroy property. Their presence in the park, along with their owners, also may help deter crime.



How to Build a Dog Park in Your Community

By now you've recognized the need for a dog park in your area, and you're eager to see one established. But how do you get started? The following are some strategies for a successful campaign:

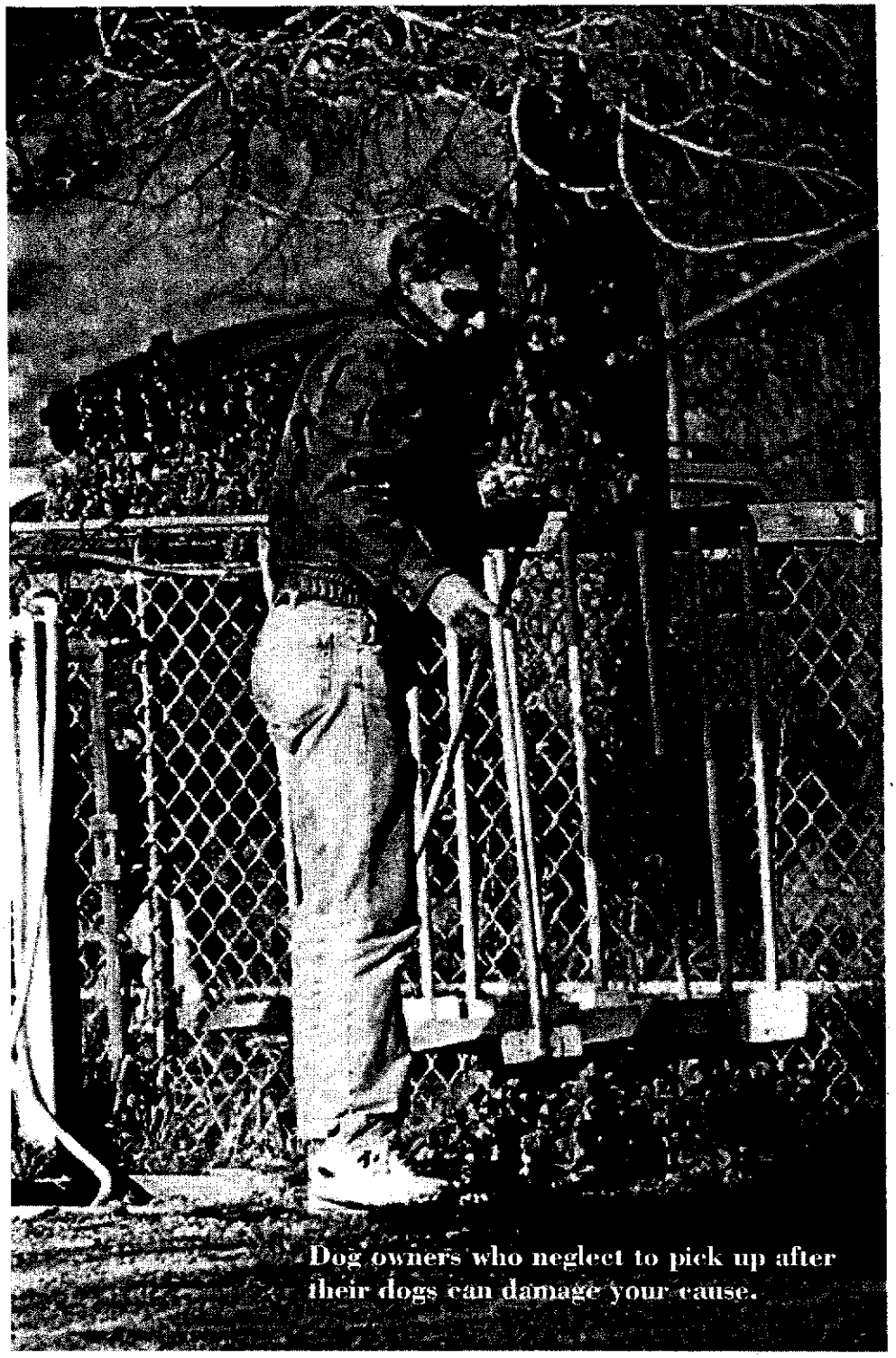
The First Steps . . .

Start with a core group of committed dog park activists. Talk with a half dozen other individuals who are concerned about the lack of off-leash spaces. These may be people you already know, or you may want to put a notice in the local paper. This group may form a park association and will be responsible for meeting with public officials, making presentations, maintaining the park and defusing any problems that arise.

Hold a public meeting. Once the core group is in place, a larger community meeting will help you get the word out to supporters and solicit input and suggestions. Contact other dog owners, dog-related clubs, veterinarians and humane society and animal control officials to gather interest and support. Do so by posting, mailing or distributing notices in areas such as neighborhood bulletin boards, pet supply stores, animals hospitals and shelters. Encourage people to write letters of support to public officials and the media and to make presentations to community groups whose backing would be valuable.

Educate your fellow dog owners on the need to be responsible. The owner who neglects to pick up after his dog or who allows an aggressive or unsocialized dog to run loose can do a lot of damage to your cause and undermine your chances of success.

Write a clear mission statement that details the need and purpose of the park, stressing the benefits to dog owners, their canine companions and the greater community. The Redwood City [California] Responsible Dog Owners' statement says it all: "To establish a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. To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their dogs can damage your cause.

develop a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions. To view this park as a community project, in partnership with the City of Redwood City, designed to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non–dog owners alike."

Choose a site. The ideal area will be a safe, accessible location that takes into account the needs of park users as well as the effect the park will have on neighbors and the environment. Please refer to "Dog Park Design" on page 15 for additional recommendations.

Create a budget. Determine how much it will cost to construct and maintain the park – costs for grass, fences, garbage removal, lawn maintenance, drinking water, field drainage, lighting, benches and a pooper-scooper station. Some cities are willing and able to finance a dog park; others would rather share the cost with a group committed to maintaining the park and ensuring that park rules are followed. Keep in mind that, if it is within your budget to do so,

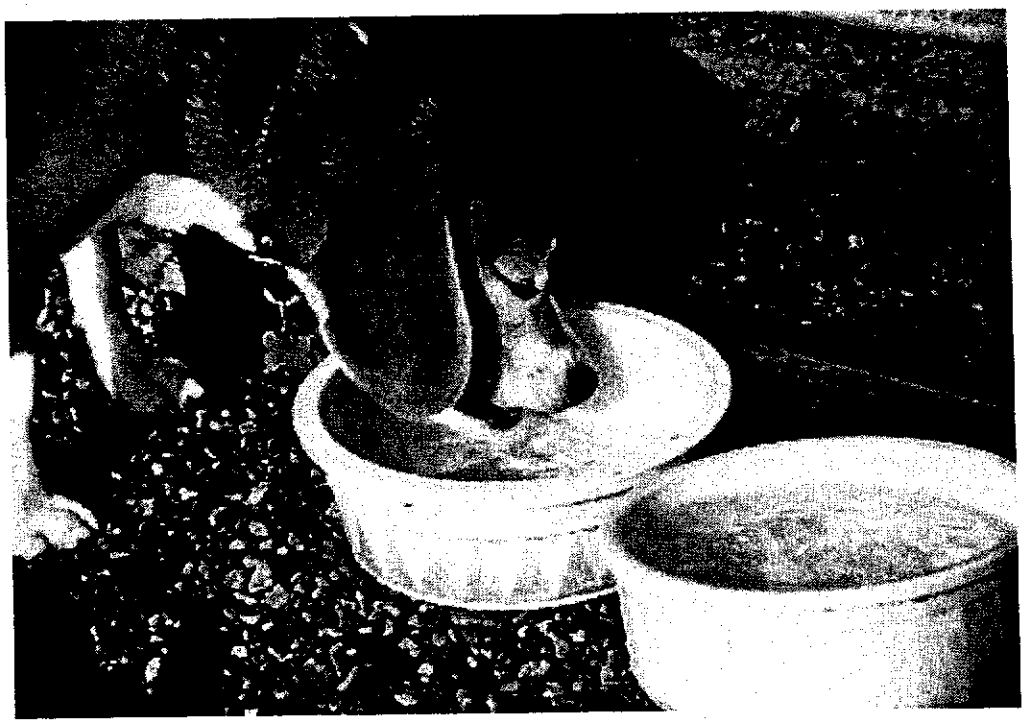
Success Story #1

Monmouth County, New Jersey

In the summer of 1999, a newly organized group of Monmouth County dog owners petitioned the county park system and several local municipalities to establish an off-leash dog park. The Bay Shore Companion Dog Club and New Jersey D. O. G. (Dog Owners Group) helped recruit members and collect signatures from owners of the nearly 40,000 licensed dogs living in the county.

After collecting 12,000 signatures, the group presented its proposal to the county park system's Board of Recreation Commissioners and municipal park system officials. Officials agreed that a dog park would offer many benefits to residents. They talked to other counties with successful parks about liability issues, rules, and regulations, before voting to approve funding for the establishment of an off-leash area in Monmouth County. The Thompson Park Dog Run opened on October 30, 1999, to enormous popularity.

Now that the park has opened, area dog owners will concentrate on forming a core group to help keep up the site and prevent potential problems. Just because dogs are allowed to run free does not mean that owners will not be responsible for their animals' actions. There are rules to be followed, guidelines to be maintained. "Public education for dog owners will be critical to the park's success," notes one of the organizers. The park itself provides a terrific venue for teaching people to be responsible dog owners. Members of the local dog community have already held a "Park Do's and Don'ts" seminar and plan to host future programs there.



sharing expenses with the city can be a great public relations tool. It shows officials that you are committed to the project, will help foster good community relations and may increase your chance for the park's approval.

Depending on your situation, you will have to determine how you will generate revenue for your budget. One possibility to consider is user fees – requiring all park users to pay an annual or daily fee. Permits could be obtained from the city or town or through the park association. Fund-raisers such as a dog wash or concession sale at a local dog show can also help to generate money to cover expenses and maintenance costs. Finally, consider soliciting town and city sources. By convincing elected officials that there is wide support for a dog park among taxpayers and voters, you may help encourage funding for the park.

Solicit the input and seek the approval of significant organizations in your community. Meet with the proposed park's neighbors before talking to city hall. As soon as someone brings up a concern, address it and try to come up with a solution. With a little good will and cooperation, neighborhood differences can usually be resolved.

OK, you've gathered your resources. Where do you go from here?

Create a proposal. Your well-prepared presentation will include your mission statement and goals and should address issues such as location, funding, maintenance and enforcement. Committee members will be expected to establish and enforce reasonable health and safety rules for the park, and these should be included in the proposal as well. Suggestions for these guidelines can be found in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this brochure. A good proposal will also do the following:

Demonstrate need. Do this by gathering statistics on the dogs and the people in your community.

- How many dogs would use a dog park?
- What are the demographics of the people in your city?
- Who currently uses city parks – and who doesn't? Downplay the "dog factor" and emphasize people issues. Dogs don't pay taxes or vote.

Demonstrate support. In many communities, organizers found that a simply worded request, circulated on a petition, helped convince city officials that there was indeed both a need and widespread public support for a responsibly run dog park.

- Place petition gatherers at supermarkets, pet-supply stores and other high-traffic areas.

Success Story #2

Sarasota County, Florida

Sarasota County is the proud home to two successful "paw parks," thanks in part to some active AKC-affiliated dog club members.

One long-time club member chaired the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee that approved the opening of the 17th Street Paw Park last year. The chairman and his rescued Greyhound participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that attracted the attention of enthusiastic dog owners, media and city officials alike. The overwhelming success of the 17th Street Paw Park led to the creation of a second off-leash area at Woodmere Park in Venice, Florida. In support of the move, the Greater Venice Florida Dog Club donated a decorative sign to mark the new paw park's location.

In the last year, county officials from across the nation have contacted the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation department regarding their success in developing and maintaining paw parks. Based on the positive response community residents have had to the parks, both off-leash areas will continue to serve as models for dog groups in the future.

- Enlist the support of local veterinarians, groomers, dog walkers and others who have a real interest in seeing a community filled with healthy, well-socialized dogs. Involve them in gathering petitions, writing letters to the editor of local papers and generally spreading the word.
- Organize local residents to contact their community representatives, parks department officials and media in the form of letters, e-mails and phone calls, asking for their support.
- Consider sending press releases to local media, explaining how the community will benefit from a dog park and providing information about the success of existing parks in other areas.
- You'll need to get the neighbors' approval, too. Explain your proposal to them, as well as the ways that a dog park will benefit them, and ask them to sign a separate petition stating that they are willing to have the park in their neighborhood.

Get to know local officials – your city council members and the director of your department of parks and recreation. Attend meetings, join them at fund-raisers. Find out what they need from you to move the dog park forward. To help you get started, the AKC's Canine Legislation Department can provide you with brochures offering tips on working with government officials.

When you're ready, request a hearing with city government to discuss your proposal. Have two or three carefully selected, knowledgeable and articulate members of your group present your plan, clearly expressing its many benefits to the community and calmly addressing any concerns. Be prepared to deal with a range of concerns, including the risk of dog fights, dog bites, noise level, parking and traffic needs, liability issues and maintenance. Explain why some of these are nonissues – the park's dogs, for example, will be well-socialized and therefore less likely to fight, bite and cause accidents in the community. Have a plan to address legitimate issues, like traffic and noise.

Be patient and flexible. Dealing with city government is rarely a quick process, but don't give up! Follow through with continued letters and e-mails, and be willing to work toward compromise.

Success Story #3

Sausalito, California

In early 1991, the City of Sausalito passed a law requiring dogs to be leashed at all times within the city limits. After receiving a citation and fine for walking her dog Remington without a leash, one owner led a citizen group that worked with the city council, the parks and recreation department and the Marin Humane Society to establish a dedicated enclosed area where the dogs of Sausalito could be off leash.

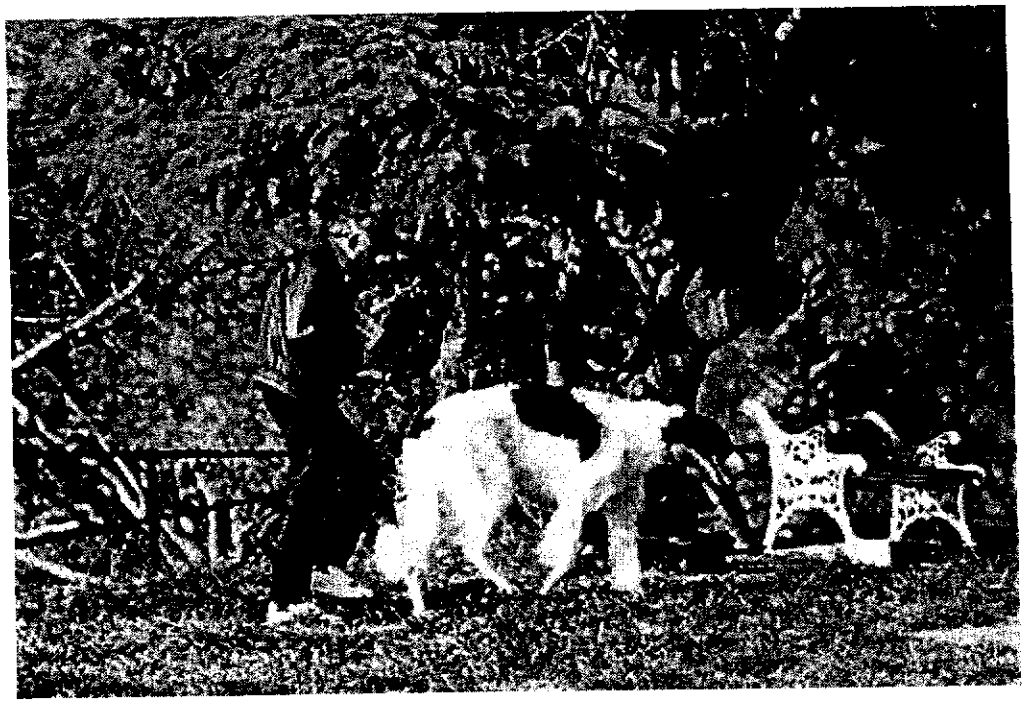
During that summer volunteers raised funds to fence a 1.3 acre area in the Martin Luther King School area, located on the north side of Sausalito, to be used as a dedicated dog park. In November 1991, the "Remington Dog Park" was officially opened with a gala ribbon cutting attended by city council members, local citizens and their dog companions.

Although the city provides utilities, including water, electricity and garbage removal, the park has been maintained by its users since the opening. Regularly scheduled work parties cut the grass as well as maintain and improve the grounds.

Improvements to the park in excess of $36,000 to date have been made through donations solely from park users. In addition to original fencing the park now has lighting, a storage shed, a riding lawnmower, picnic tables, benches, a dog drinking-water area and a "scooper" cleaning station.

The park is the home of champion show dogs as well as mixed breeds. Dog owners have adopted over 30 "rescue" dogs. Many owners now have two dogs as a result of this program.

Having received the highest rating of "4 Paws" in The California Dog Lover's Companion, the Sausalito Dog Park is now used by over 300 dogs per day. From sunup to sundown, dogs of all ages, sizes and types can be seen romping in the park, chasing a never ending supply of tennis balls, simply lying at their masters' feet under a picnic table or on top of the picnic table demanding face-to-face attention.
(See also www.dogpark-sausalito.com.)



Success Story #4

Tallahassee, Florida

Members of the Ochlockonee River Kennel Club are always looking for ways to give back to their community, so when the opportunity came to help with the establishment of a dog park in Tallahassee, they jumped at the chance.

The group had long realized how important it was for dog owners to have a place where they could socialize with others and let their dogs run or play Frisbee. At the same time, their community was facing problems at a nearby city park where owners were permitting their dogs to illegally roam off-leash. The solution seemed simple -build a dog park! A public committee was formed, and an ORKC board member volunteered to serve on behalf of the dog community.

While the city of Tallahassee was receptive to the idea, it was clear that little could be done without funds for fencing, pooper-scoopers and the like. ORKC, which donates to various organizations every year, soon agreed to give the city the $4,000 that would be needed to fence the two-acre park. Other clubs and fanciers followed suit, donating money for watering holes, cleanup facilities, shade trees and benches. The city even donated old fire hydrants to add to the fun.

The park has been extremely popular since its opening in the summer of 1999, and city officials, who originally agreed to open the park on a trial basis only, are now enthusiastic about developing more. Members of the ORKC are pleased to have had a helping hand in the park's establishment and see it as a great opportunity to increase awareness of responsible dog ownership.

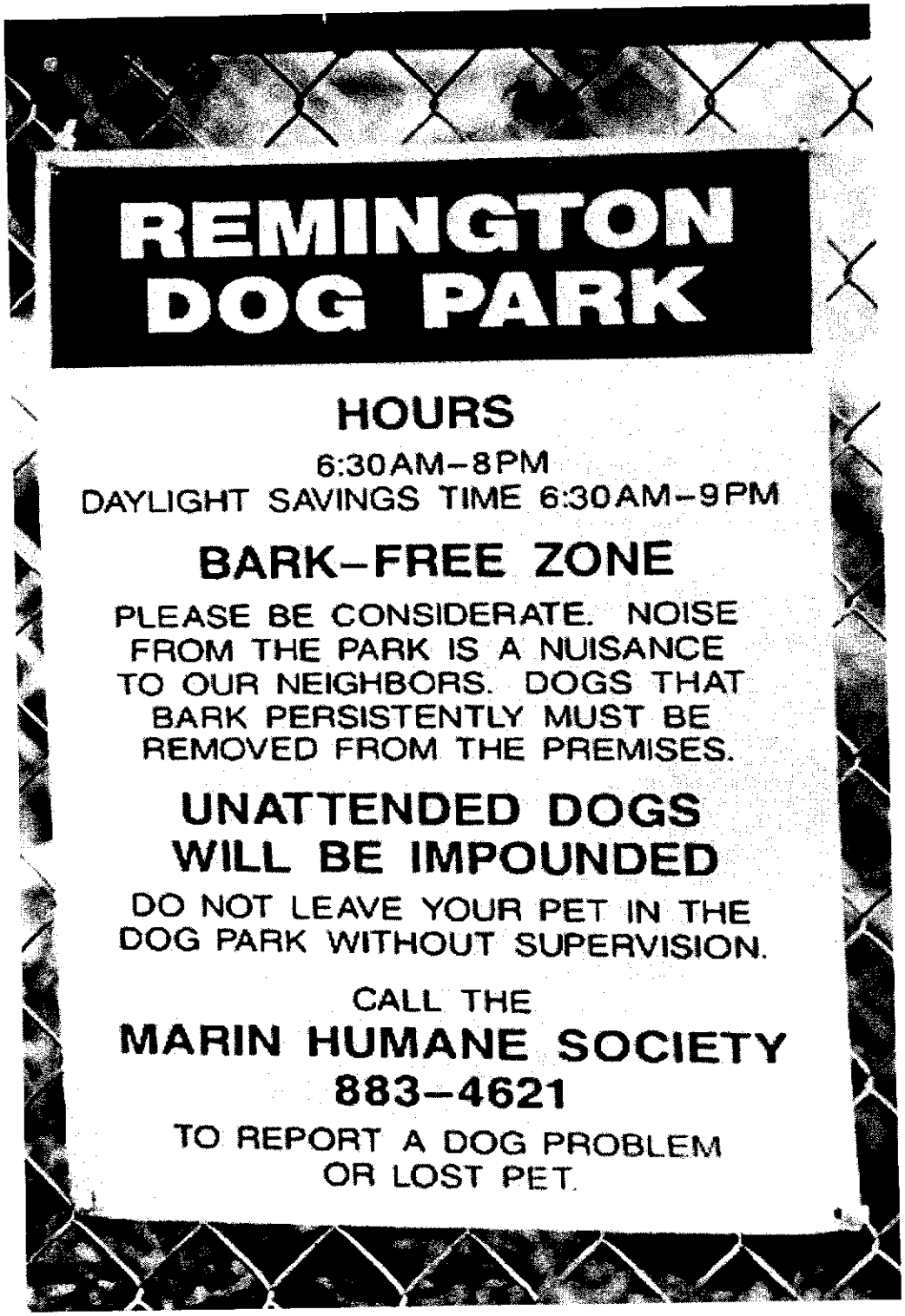
Congratulations – they approved it! Now what?

Your efforts have been successful, and development of the dog park is moving forward. Now is the time to thank everyone who helped bring the park to fruition, including volunteers, government officials and community residents. As a result of everyone's hard work, many dog owners will soon have a new opportunity to enjoy their canine companions! Be sure to share this good news with the AKC's Canine Legislation Department so we can pass it on to others.

The key to future and continued success of the dog park will lie in responsible park-association members and park users who strictly enforce the rules. For the most part, this will mean getting people to clean up after their dogs, quiet excessive barking and curtail any aggressive behavior. Occasionally larger issues may arise, and it will be up to you to help settle disputes in a responsive, flexible manner.

Maintenance will be another important consideration. In some areas, park associations work in conjunction with local kennel clubs and parks department officials to organize volunteer "park cleanup" days. Kennel clubs and other dog organizations may also be willing to donate funds for future supplies of scoopers, trash bags and cans.

The development of a successful dog park requires a great deal of planning and effort. But your involvement and dedication will hopefully lead to the ultimate reward – the joy of creating and maintaining a special place where dogs and their families can run, romp and socialize.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UNATTENDED DOGS WILL BE IMPOUNDED
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE DOG PARK WITHOUT SUPERVISION.
CALL THE
MARIN HUMANE SOCIETY
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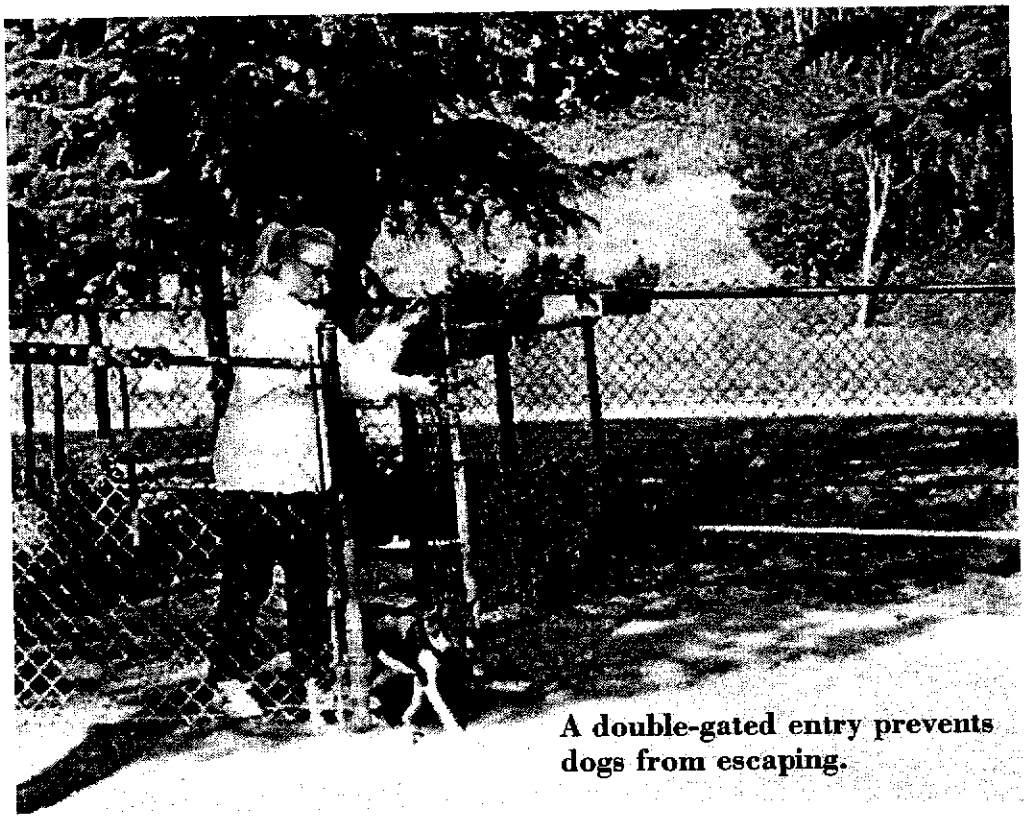
TO REPORT A DOG PROBLEM OR LOST PET.

Dog Park Design:

The Ideal Dog Park Should Include . . .

- One acre or more of land surrounded by a four- to six-foot high chain-link fence. Preferably, the fence should be equipped with a double-gated entry to keep dogs from escaping and to facilitate wheelchair access.
- Cleaning supplies, including covered garbage cans, waste bags and pooper-scooper stations.
- Shade and water for both dogs and owners, along with benches and tables.
- A safe, accessible location with adequate drainage and a grassy area that is mowed routinely.
- Signs that specify park hours and rules.
- Parking close to the site.



A double-gated entry prevents dogs from escaping.

Rules and Regulations

Members of a dog park committee should establish and enforce reasonable health and safety rules for the park, such as the following:

- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
- Puppies and dogs must be properly licensed, inoculated and healthy.
- Animals should wear a collar and ID tags at all times.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals will be removed from the park. Animals who exhibit a history of aggressive behavior will not be permitted to enter.
- Puppies using the park must be at least four months old.
- Owners should not leave their dogs unattended or allowed out of sight. If young children are permitted in the dog park, they too should be under constant supervision.
- Dogs in heat will not be allowed inside the park.
- Owners must carry a leash at all times. Dogs should be leashed before entering and prior to leaving the park.
- Violators will be subject to removal from the park and suspension of park privileges.

REMINGTON
DOG PARK
RULES
1. Dogs must NEVER be left unattended.
2. All dogs must wear a current license.
3. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
4. Unruly dogs are not allowed.
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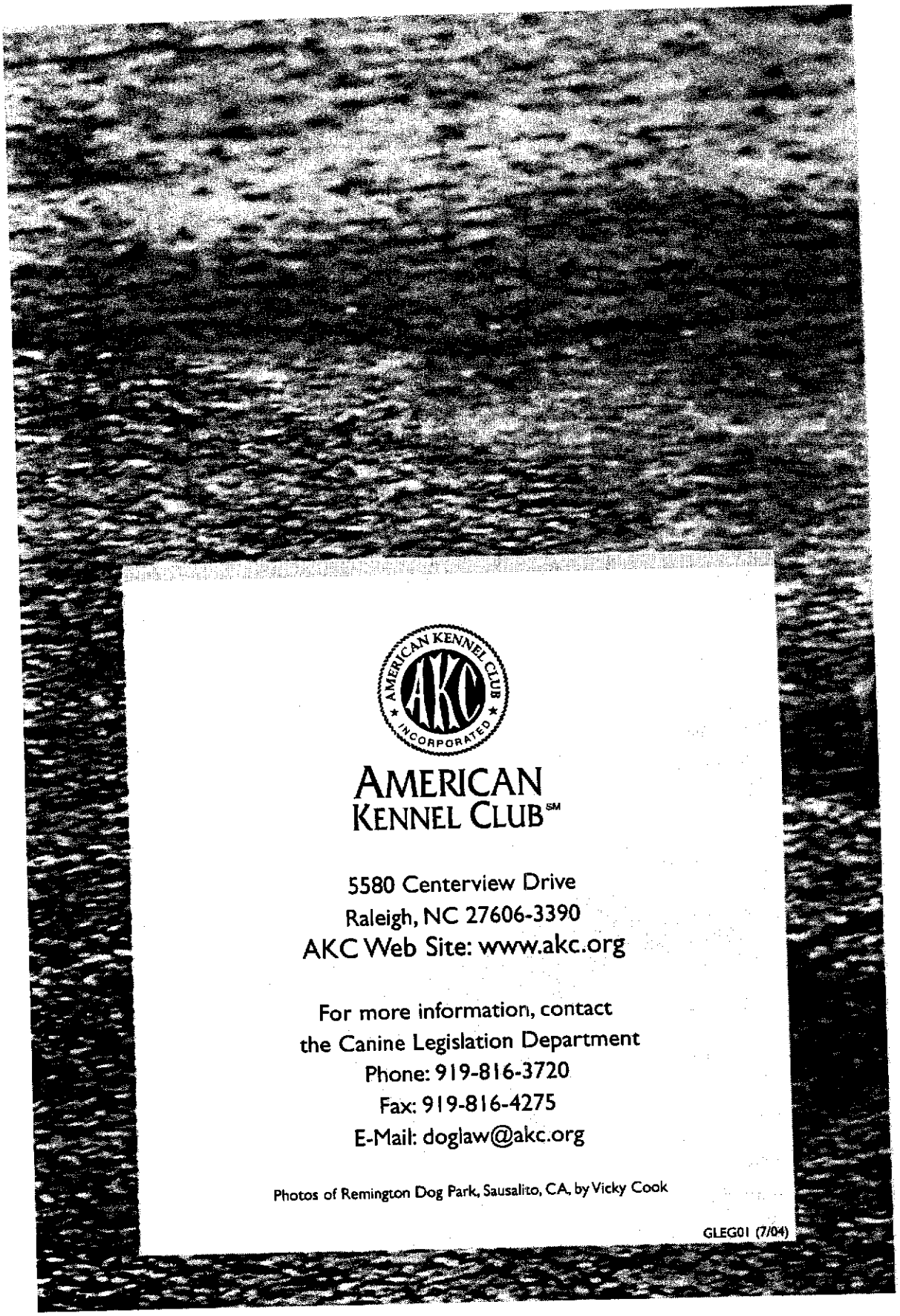

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PART I

Meeting the Need: Providing Off-Leash Recreational Space in Santa Barbara

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Purpose (1)

The purpose of this position paper is to clarify the needs of responsible dog owners for access to public open space, to improve the understanding of the benefits of such access, and to recommend ordinance changes that reflect support for off-leash recreation by responsible dog owners.

Overview

The public open space management environment has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. The range of recreational activities in which people are engaged has expanded while budgets and resources have contracted. Dog owners have not been immune to these changes. Increased restrictions are being placed on their use of public open space.

At the same time, the benefits of pet ownership are becoming increasingly evident. Pets are now recognized for their many physical and mental health benefits, especially for children, the elderly, and the handicapped, but also for the many individuals struggling against the fragmentation and isolation of modern society.

To address the tension between stresses on public space and the growing importance of dogs in people's lives, the field of urban animal management has emerged to ensure that pets are appropriately managed in the urban environment. There now exists a broader and more soundly based body of knowledge on which to make judgements about managing domestic pets and integrating the needs of pet owners into community planning.

That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this position paper. As a principle we believe open space access should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. In fact, such planning has already occurred in dozens of cities in California.(2) Undeniably, problems exist, but it is clear that the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages. Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

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Dog Ownership

Benefits

The benefits of dog ownership are becoming clearer as scientific attention is increasingly directed towards the human-animal bond. Dogs are now recognized not just for their physical and mental health benefits, but for their role as companions and catalysts for human social interaction, and in helping children learn responsibility (Annual Review of Public Health, 1996; Psychological Reports, 1996). For many single and elderly people a dog not only provides companionship but often is the only source of home and personal security. Beyond this, dogs play a vital role working in society in numerous ways, such as assisting the handicapped and working for the military, police departments, and search and rescue teams.

Why Dogs Need Access to Open Space

The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not always self-evident and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that these benefits apply not only to dogs, but primarily to their owners and to the community as a whole.

The most obvious and compelling reason to provide access to public open space for off-leash recreation is because of public demand. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users: a conservative estimate is that there are almost 37,000 dog owners in the city of Santa Barbara and approximately 25,000 dogs. (3) For the county, these figures are considerably higher, with an estimated 108,000 dogs and 156,000 dog owners. The sheer number of dog owners, and their prevalence as users of park space, requires that municipal parks departments respond by meeting the expressed need.

The second reason has to do with the link between off-leash recreation and promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized to be good "canine citizens" (Canine Behavior, 1965). They also need appropriate exercise to reduce boredom and pent-up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors, other park and street users, and authorities responsible for urban animal management, all of whom are affected by unacceptable behavior from unsocialized and underexercised dogs.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects on dog owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise, promoting physical and mental health. Taking a dog to a community park has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other people (Journal of Nutrition and the Elderly, 1996). The community-building that takes place in off-leash areas results in more cohesive neighborhoods, more local involvement in municipal affairs, and a heightened sense of connectedness and community for all users.

The final reason, of most benefit to urban managers and animal control departments, is that a balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space results in higher levels of compliance with relevant laws by dog owners. If dog owners perceive laws to be unfair it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response from dog owners; if, on the other hand, laws are perceived to be fair, people will be more likely to voluntarily comply. Increased compliance reduces the need for enforcement, freeing municipal staff and resources to be used elsewhere.

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Dogs in the Community

Open Space Planning

The entire subject of urban and suburban animal management is so new that only those cities expanding into undeveloped land have an opportunity to incorporate recreational areas exclusively for dogs into their open space planning. Cities like Santa Barbara, with in-fill development only, must look to more creative solutions within the boundaries of existing recreational land. Several of Santa Barbara's neighboring communities have established leash-free parks or leash-free areas within parks. The city of Santa Barbara, with its abundant parks, beaches, and trails, can surely find solutions that are equitable for all who use these open spaces.

To this end, creating leash-free open spaces for responsible owners and their dogs in existing recreational areas should be based upon the following premises:

- That dog owners are as legitimate as any other user group, and that their needs should be included as an integral part of the city's decision making process.
- That integrating off-leash recreation with other park uses allows for a more efficient and equitable distribution of resources, whereas separation and restrictions concentrate potential conflicts into isolated areas, increasing the likelihood of overuse.
- That dogs allowed to exercise off-leash – running with other dogs, catching a ball, chasing a Frisbee, or working at obedience training – are happier and healthier dogs.
- That exercised dogs make better neighbors than under-exercised dogs. Puppies and dogs that get enough exercise through vigorous play are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively, destroy property, or learn anti-social behavior.
- That in an era when people are often reluctant or afraid to approach or converse with a stranger, off-leash exercise areas bring people together and create a greater sense of community.
- That unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be

counterproductive in managing conflicts between law enforcement and the large number of citizens who own dogs. Further, punitive leash laws generally result in non-compliance. If dog owners perceive an ordinance to be harsh or unfair, it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response. On the other hand, if dog owners understand the reasons for restrictions relating to access and accept them as reasonable, they will be more likely to comply voluntarily.

- That access to a public park or beach close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world.
- That dogs provide a measure of security, both perceived and real, to single women and elderly or handicapped persons who most often fall victim to crime in parks.

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California City Dog Ordinances

Santa Barbara's municipal code currently states that "No dog is permitted upon a street or other public place unless on a leash not in excess of six (6) feet in length and under the immediate care and control of the owner or other person having the care and custody thereof." (Section 6.08.020(B)).

Several California cities have amended their ordinances to allow for off-leash areas by exempting such areas from leash law requirements where the dog is under the control of the owner. The task of designating those parks which are off-leash, and creating rules for such areas, is left to the Department administrating the municipality's parks, or to the City Council by resolution.

For example, Santa Monica's ordinance states that dogs which are properly tagged and licensed are allowed, without a leash, "on any duly designated off-leash public park area? if the dog is in the custody and control of a competent person." (Santa Monica Municipal Code section 4.04.150)

Santa Monica's general restriction against dogs in many locations in that city includes an exemption for "dogs in any area designated by Resolution of the City Council for use by dogs if the person having custody or control of the dog is in compliance with posted rules governing the use of the designated area." (Santa Monica Municipal Code section 4.04.160).

The city of Davis follows a similar approach. Its Code defines a dog "at large" to be a "dog off the premises of its owner and not under restraint by leash controlled by the owner or custodian of such dog." The section includes the following exception: "Dogs are not 'at large' when the are in public areas expressly provided and designated for exercise; provided, they remain under the control or direction of their owner or custodian." (City of Davis Municipal Code section 4-9).

The off-leash areas are typically governed by posted regulations such as:

- Dogs shall be under voice control
- Owners or custodians shall carry a leash
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed and/or must be leashed
- Dogs shall not dig or disturb park resources
- Feces shall be immediately removed.

Other cities take a more comprehensive approach by way of ordinance. Although the actual designation of those parks which shall be off-leash is accomplished by administrative decision or resolution, some of the rules regulating those areas are set forth in the ordinance itself.

For example, in 1996 the city of Claremont added an ordinance establishing off-leash areas which includes specific rules as well as a waiver of liability. That ordinance requires that

- Dogs must be under the care, custody, and control of a person age 13 or older;
- No person may have more than two dogs in the off-leash area at one time;
- All dogs must be under voice control;
- Dogs which are sick, in heat, or aggressive are not permitted;
- Persons in charge of the dog shall quiet them if they bark;
- Persons in charge of the dog shall "promptly" remove litter (Claremont Ordinance 11.02.125)

In many cities, dog owners police themselves, sometimes through official citizens groups. The Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area, in Los Angeles, for example, is policed by the Dog Advisory Group, whose members wear red t-shirts and patrol the park for violations. It also organizes dog-doo clean up days. A similar organization helps maintain the Pt. Isabel dog park in Alameda County.

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The Santa Barbara Community

Santa Barbara, with its moderate climate and exceptional natural beauty, is a natural draw for those who love outdoor recreation; for those who own dogs, it is ideal. Beyond this, the citizens of Santa Barbara are committed to the humane treatment of animals, dogs and cats especially, in a way that is rivaled by few other communities. The City/County Animal Shelter is a virtual "no-kill" facility and a model for other shelters around the country. In addition, money generated by dozens of veterinary facilities, grooming shops, pet supply houses, grocery stores, boarding facilities, and obedience schools is in the millions, contributing substantially to the local economy.

Concerns with Off-leash Dog Areas

There are a number of potential concerns with the establishment of off-leash areas for dogs in our community.

- *Dogs are a danger to people using the park.* Dog attacks are the most serious potential problem, and the most susceptible to misinformation and misunderstanding. Though attacks can occur against humans, other dogs, and other animals, most dogs do not bite people or other dogs (Domestic Dog, 1995; Canine Behavior, 1965). In the overwhelming majority of cases, dog attacks occur in the dog owner's home or immediate vicinity—not in public open space. In one study of aggression in dogs it was found that from 65% to 93% of dog attacks occurred in or near the dog owner's home (Poderbercek & Blackshaw, 1990). According to the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 22, 1997), the vast majority of dog bites occur on a dog's territory, typically when a dominant, protective, or injured dog is not adequately supervised. These triggers are not present when a dog is in the neutral territory of a public park.

  Without wanting to underrate the seriousness of dog attacks in either the private home or public open space, they need to be kept in perspective. Although concerns about dog attacks are legitimate, the extent to which the mass media amplify isolated problems needs to be considered. Failure to do so results in simplistic management mechanisms that neither protect against genuine risks nor meet the needs of responsible dog owners with safe dogs.
- *Dog feces are unsightly and a health hazard.* This is a fact. However, it must be recognized that dogs defecate whether or not they are on a leash. Dog PAC has been highly successful in educating owners not to allow their dogs to defecate on public property without picking-up afterward, and we continue in these efforts. Further, Dog PAC supports ordinances that would apply onerous fines to violators of nuisance ordinances.
- *Free-running dogs will interfere with those using the parks for other recreational activities.* Children's playground areas must remain dog free. Picnic areas must remain "dogs on leash only." Dog PAC supports additional signage and enforcement of these stipulations. Beyond this, conflicting use of recreational areas has not been a significant problem in the past, nor should it be in the future – responsible dog owners are vigilant about potential conflicts and use common sense in this regard.
- *Dogs are inherently dangerous to Santa Barbara park wildlife.* Human use, park maintenance staff and their machinery, and development of open park space are likely to have as much or more impact on wildlife than dogs. Studies such as "Public Open Space and Dogs: A Design and Management Guide For Open Space Professionals and Local Government," (online at http://www.petnet.com.au/openspace/frontis.html) make clear the possibilities for integrating off-leash areas with wildlife management.
- *Some off-leash areas are a safety hazard for the dog.* The intent of off-leash privileges is to provide free running areas for dogs that are "under control."

There are no perfect solutions to prevent accidents for adult recreational users or dogs, though dog safety should be a consideration when choosing appropriate parks. But dog safety is ultimately the dog owner's responsibility.

- *The City of Santa Barbara may be liable for negative incidents involving dogs.* The City is legitimately concerned that legalizing the use of public property for off-leash recreation creates the risk of public liability. The experience of other municipalities indicates, however, that the risk is minimal. For example, the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline is a 21 acre off-leash park located at the border of the cities of Berkeley and Richmond, California. According to its park supervisor, the area averages 730,000 dog visitors each year. **The attorney for the East Bay Regional Park District reports that the district has had no claims and has not been named in any litigation regarding dogs during the seven years he has been attorney for the agency.**

Laguna Beach has had off-leash areas for several years with no claims. The Sepulveda Dam Basin, which is the largest off-leash area in Los Angeles, also reports no claims or litigation over dog incidents

At least one reason for the lack of claims is legal: the "dangerous condition" immunity from public liability generally relieves the public agency of liability, especially for the acts of third parties using the public property (Gov't. Code section 830 et. seq.; Jones v. Czapkay (1960) 182 Cal.App.2d 192).

Nevertheless, the City should take precautions to protect itself (and the taxpayers) from potential liability. There are several ways to limit liability, including:

A. *Express assignment of liability and indemnification by users of off-leash areas.* This can be accomplished by conditioning the issuance of dog licenses on an express indemnification agreement, or by a "permissive use" ordinance change. The city of Claremont chose the latter approach. Its off-leash ordinance states in part:

   "The use of an off-leash area by a dog owner or other person having care, custody, or control of that shall constitute agreement by the dog owner and the person having care, custody, or control of that dog to? a waiver of liability of the city, and his or her agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city from any claim, injury, or damage arising from or in connection with such use." (City of Claremont Ordinance 11.02.125 (E).)

B. *Signage:* Full and complete signage, both advising visitors that the park is an off-leash area and that they use the area at their own risk, and advising dog owners of their assumption of liability and hold harmless agreement.
C. *Insurance:* Purchase a commercial insurance policy specifically protecting

the City from dog-related claims.

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Part I Endnotes

1. This document draws from text and information from A Guide to Integrating Domestic Pets into New Residential Development, by Planning & Development Consultants Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd., available through PETNET at http://www.petnet.com.au/

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2. A few of the many California cities that provide off-leash areas are: San Diego, Laguna Beach, Costa Mesa, Los Angeles, Venice, Napa, Sonoma, Berkeley, Santa Monica, St. Helena, Huntington Beach, Davis, Laguna Niguel, Claremont, Oakland, Redondo Beach, Redwood City, Santa Clara, Foster City, and San Francisco. Other California cities with such parks are available from Dog PAC on request.

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3. The following data were used in the estimation of dog and dog owner populations for the city and county of Santa Barbara:

Santa Barbara County

(a) Population: 381,401 [source: 1996 US Census data]

(b) Average Household Size: 2.84 [source: 1990 US Census data]

(c) Number of Households: 134,296 [source: calculation; (a / b)]

(d) % of households with dogs: 41% [source: mean of estimates by (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association, which estimates that 32% of households have dogs and (b) Gallup poll estimate that over 50% of households in California have at least one dog.]

(e) Number of households with dogs: 55,061 [source: calculation; (c * d)]

(f) Number of dog owners: 156,373 [source: calculation; (b * e)]

(g) Number of dogs per dog-owning household: 1.96 [source: American

Veterinary Medical Association]

*(h) Number of dogs: 107,919 [source: calculation; (e * g)]*

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The City of Santa Barbara

(a) Population: 90,200 [source: Santa Barbara News-Press]

(b) Average Household Size: 2.84 [source: 1990 US Census data]

(c) Number of Households: 31,761 [source: calculation; (a / b)]

(d) % of households with dogs: 41% [source: mean of estimates by (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association, which estimates that 32% of households have dogs and (b) Gallup poll estimate that over 50% of households in California have at least one dog.]

*(e) Number of households with dogs: 13,022 [source: calculation; (c * d)]*

*(f) Number of dog owners: 36,982 [source: calculation; (b * e)]*

(g) Number of dogs per dog-owning household: 1.96 [source: American Veterinary Medical Association]

*(h) Number of dogs: 25,523 [source: calculation; (e * g)]*

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From ***Wikipedia***

Benefits of off-leash dog parks

Pet ownership in the United States increased by over 1 million households between 1990 and 1992, up to 54 million, or 58% of all U.S. households. Of the pet-owning households, 38% included dogs. The number of dogs per dog-household was 1.5, totally 53.3 million dogs. *(1)* This trend is expected to continue into the new millennium.

While suburban and rural zones have traditionally been areas containing most of the pet-owning population, the urban environment has been undergoing an increase in pet population since the 1970s. This, combined with the fact that over the past 15 years urbanization has been taking over what was formerly considered to be suburban and rural areas, has resulted in a phenomenon called "urbananimalization." This, first of all, encompasses the recognition that animals are and will continue to be a "quality of life" aspect of urban society. Secondly, it recognizes that development must specifically provide for the inclusion of domestic animals in its growth plans.

As the dog companion population increases along with development, regulations need to be in place to promote responsible pet ownership, and facilities need to be provided to allow pet owners and their canine companions to exercise and play together. The provision of ample quality space for the human/dog companion recreation promotes the physical and mental well being of both dog and human.

Dogs playing "catch"

Off-leash dog areas provide a social setting in which people can gather and interact in friendship. Off-leash dog areas are places where dog owners and nondog owners can delight in the entertaining and interesting interaction of dogs at play. Scientific studies have shown that people somehow find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual -

social barriers that make people in our society perceive others as "strangers." Research has also shown that companion dogs improve people's health and increase resistance to disease by providing companionship, by giving people something to care for, by providing pleasurable activity, by providing a source of constancy in our changing lives, by stimulating people to exercise, by providing comfort with touch, and being a pleasure to watch. *(2)* The unconditional love of a companion animal is very beneficial.

The benefits to dogs is also well documented. Dogs that are highly socialized and exercised are healthier and happier. They make better neighbors because they bark and dig out of their enclosure less often. If they do escape they are far less likely to be aggressive.

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External links

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- General information about dog parks and starting a new dog park
- Ecoanimal.com - List of dog parks by city.
- Oklahoma City PAW Park
- Orange Dog Park Association
- FETCH! : Off-leash parks on Whidbey Island, Washington
- Dogparks of Greater St. Louis
- Myths and Facts about Voice Control
- Dog Parks: the good, the bad, and the ugly

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Public Open Space and Dogs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background to the Study

The public open space management environment has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. The range of activities in which people are engaged has expanded while budgets and resources have contracted. There is now much more emphasis on efficiency and improved management. At the same time, conflict in public parks appears to have increased although not necessarily because of a higher incidence of problems. Dog owners have not been immune from these changes. Increased restrictions are being placed on their use of public open space either by requiring dogs to remain leashed or by outright banning.

Many Councils are grappling with these difficult questions regarding dogs' access to public open space but their responses are often based on unproven assumptions and principles. Part of the problem is that the whole area of urban animal management is so new. The time has come to re-assess established practices. This Study aims to fill that gap.

Study objectives

The aims of this report are as follows:

1.To clarify the needs of dogs and their owners for access to public open space.

2.To improve understanding of the benefits of access to public open space by dogs and their owners.

3.To develop principles for accommodating dogs and their owners in public open space.

4.To recommend improved techniques of planning and design to improve the quality of the experience for dogs and their owners and to minimise potential conflicts.

5.To present the findings in a format that will assist local government and other park management authorities to assess their own requirements for accommodating the needs of both dog owners and non-dog owners using public open space.

Study approach

The Guide's principal concern is with planning at the area or municipal wide level although we provide guidance and suggestions for design and management of individual parks. It stresses the importance of taking a comprehensive approach that is forward planning in outlook as opposed to reacting to issues on a case-by-case basis as they arise.

The Guidelines are not prescriptive because there is no single right way to address these issues. The most important contribution this Guide can make is to set out the strategic framework to assist local authorities to assess their own requirements and choose the right combination of options in a balanced and informed manner. It provides the background and supporting information required and a framework for Councils to initiate a process in their own communities - the more detailed planning can then be done at the local level.

Section 2: The role and place of domestic pets

This section discusses the popularity and benefits of pet ownership and concludes with a brief examination of the developing field of urban animal management.

Owning pets has always been popular in Australia and it has become more popular over time. In 1994, 57% of households owned either a dog or a cat (42% of households owned one or more dogs and 31% owned one or more cats).

Owning pets is part of the Australian way of life. Eighty-nine percent of present pet owners and 83% of non-pet owners had pets in the family during their childhood. Fifty-three percent of non-dog owners surveyed would, in the future, like one.

The benefits of pet ownership are becoming clearer as more studies and case histories become available. Pets are now being recognised for their physical and mental health benefits, for their role as companions and social lubricants and in helping children learn responsibility and how to share.

The field of urban animal management has emerged to ensure pets are appropriately managed in the urban environment. The number and range of programs being trialed and implemented both here and overseas reflects increased community, professional and academic interest in urban animal management. We now have a broader and more soundly based body of knowledge on which to make judgements about managing domestic pets as well as more effective ways of disseminating new ideas and knowledge.

Section 3: Open space planning and management in Australia: How dogs and their owners have been affected

This section looks at how dogs and their owners have been affected first by planning for public open space and then by its management. It establishes the context within which access by dogs to public open space may be considered.

Dogs have not been considered separately by open space planners - their needs have been assumed to be part of the overall need for passive open space. This is probably as it should be and worked well in the past. The difficulty has emerged with the changing management environment where park managers have been forced to deal with more intense user conflicts. For dogs, this has meant greater restrictions on access.

It is because of this gap between the planning and management levels that we now need to plan for dogs and their access to public open space.

Local authorities have responded in an infinite variety of ways and with varying levels of success. Part of the problem has been a lack of correct information about both the conflicts and the reasons why dogs need continued access to public parks.

Section 4: Domestic dogs in the public realm: the case for continued access

That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this study. As a principle we believe it should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. That is not to say that problems don't exist, only that the benefits should outweigh the disadvantages and that there is considerable scope for the problems to be better managed.

Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

Conflicts

Conflict is inevitable in urban areas, it is not confined to park management nor indeed to dogs' use of public parks. Conflict is a matter of degree with its impacts ranging from threats to safety, to detracting from the quality of the recreation experience, to more simple annoyance. Whether a perceived conflict warrants attention is problematic. It is not an either/or situation, i.e. that there is or isn't a conflict, but is one of degree. t requires judicious assessment of circumstances and a recognition of the inevitability of conflict in urban ociety.

The problems generally attributed to dogs and their owners in the public realm include defecation, aggression o humans and other animals, barking and other nuisance behaviour. A related issue for park managers is non-ompliance with leash laws.

: would seem that the problems are, on the whole, being kept at a manageable level. There are incidences here the level of conflict is high but we need to remember that these are issues that are easily inflamed by ommunity, media and political interest - they require impartial assessment. We need to be wary of accepting

uncritically many assertions made against dogs' use of public open space.

Having said that we don't want to underestimate or trivialise the seriousness of some problems nor do we want to diminish the constructive efforts being made to resolve the numerous practical issues that dogs use of parks entails. However we do urge park authorities to critically appraise reported problems and keep them in perspective: they represent a challenge but they are not insurmountable.

Why dogs need access to public open space

The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not immediately clear and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that they apply not only to dogs and their owners but also to the wider community as well as those responsible for urban animal management.

The most obvious reason why dogs need access to public open space is because of their popularity. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users.

The second reason has to do with its links with promoting acceptable behaviour from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialised in appropriate behaviour. They also need regular outings to reduce boredom and pent-up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure owners socialise their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbours who are affected by unacceptable behaviour at home, other park and street users and authorities responsible for urban animal management.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects it can have on their owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise and visit their local park. Taking a dog out has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other humans.

All of these reasons are likely to be magnified in the future as a consequence of the government's urban consolidation policies (i.e. a higher incidence of smaller homes and back gardens). As more people live in compact types of housing it will place greater demands on public open space both for humans and as an outlet for dogs; a fourth reason to provide for dogs' access to public open space.

The final reason is that a balanced approach to accommodating dogs' owners in public open space may achieve higher levels of compliance by dog owners with relevant by-laws. If dog owners perceive by-laws to be unfair it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response from dog owners - they may ignore the by-laws in protest. If on the other hand, the by-laws are perceived to be fair they will be more likely to voluntarily comply. The disillusionment with enforcement has led to many worthwhile education programs being introduced. However the impact of these programs can only be limited without an access policy that is perceived to be fair by dog owners.

ection 5: Towards a model for access to public open space by dogs: establishing the principles

With the changing management environment new ideas are being tried but often on the basis of old assumptions. What is needed is a new set of principles that challenge, or at least clarify, these old assumptions.

The first principle is formal recognition of the legitimacy of dog owners as being as deserving a group of clients as any others. It affirms their legitimacy where disagreement exists and frees decision-makers from a limiting mindset that emphasises problems over the need to accommodate the needs of all park users.

The second principle is to understand more clearly the needs of both dogs and their owners. Management practice to date has been hampered by a lack of information - inaccurate in the case of dogs' needs and simplistic in the case of dog owners needs.

The most fundamental need for dogs is that they be taken out with their owner as much as possible. This enables them to experience the full range of benefits from the public realm (benefit to every-one, not just dogs). They don't need to run freely off the leash as much as they need interaction with their owner and diversity of experience.

For dog owners we need to recognise that their needs are likely to be very different depending on stage in the life cycle, housing type, inclination, etc. We need to avoid defining dog owners needs in terms of one universal set of prescriptions.

The third principle is that we should aim for integration of dogs with other park users. While separation is warranted in some instances, it should not be a philosophy upon which to base an area-wide strategy for dogs.

The final principle is that Councils should apply a strategic approach that considers access on a comprehensive municipal wide basis rather than on a piecemeal park by park basis. The latter is reactive and problem-oriented. It fails to adequately address needs.

The strategic approach aims for a hierarchy of opportunities that provides for daily, regular and occasional use.

These principles should form the basis for planning and managing dogs' access to public open space.

ection 6: Assessing the options and establishing the framework

ssessing the options

he principles outlined in Section 5 provide a sound basis for assessing the options for dogs' access to public pen space. The main options are:

1. On-leash areas
2. Free running areas (access allowed off-leash)
3. Banning

- 4. Different zones in one park
- 5. Time share arrangements

Section 6 assesses each of the options and makes appropriate design and management recommendations for each.

It would seem that the benefits of on-leash areas are misunderstood in Australia. In fact they provide an appropriate context for socialisation and some forms of training.

There is an infinite variety of ways in which free running areas can be provided. We present three approaches in this section but the distinctions are actually blurred.

Banning may be appropriate in certain contexts but should be used as a last resort measure, and only after a careful and impartial assessment of the conflicts and any alternatives.

Different zones in one park raise additional difficulties associated with the effect of different zones on each other. It is this option that has the most scope for improved design and management.

Time share arrangements allow dogs' access at certain times of the day, week or year. It is a workable option but has a number of inherent disadvantages.

These options have been used in many different ways throughout Australia. It is important to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each and ensure that they are used appropriately. However it is the combination of options overall that is most important not the policy affecting a particular park. Hence the need to establish a municipal wide framework

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Establishing the framework

The starting point for any dog access policy should be to allow dogs in all parks in a municipality. In many cases this will mean access on a leash, although we found many successful examples where unleashed dogs were allowed in nearly all parks in a municipality. Areas where they are banned and/or allowed off leash can then be designated after a thorough and impartial assessment. This provides for a package of opportunities while accounting for any incompatibilities.

The question is where do you draw the line. We cannot answer that question - it can only be decided at the local level taking into account levels and distribution of dog ownership, housing type, existing opportunities, local opinion and so on.

The most effective way to accommodate dog owners' needs, taking into account these existing constraints and incompatibilities, is to aim for a hierarchy of opportunities throughout the municipality that provide dogs and their owners with daily, regular and occasional opportunities. The higher up the hierarchy the greater the priority given to dogs in planning, design and management. In practice the location and spacing of opportunities will vary widely according to local circumstances. Defining opportunities on the hierarchy should be an objective to work towards and a tool for assessing needs. In practice the process will be fluid.

Section 6 also provides suggestions for implementation and develops an example of how the principles and recommendations might work in a hypothetical municipality we call "Anytown".

Section 7: Guidelines for the selection, design and management of individual parks

This section provides advice and assistance on a range of common issues including:

- location and accessibility
- form and layout
- surrounding land use
- designing parks with dogs in mind
- fencing
- paving and surfaces
- removing faeces
- support facilities
- signage

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Dog Park SCANDALS

The truth about aggression issues in dog parks

Wendy van Kerkhove

Off-leash dog parks are relatively new phenomena in the United States. In the Twin Cities, they seem to be springing up like grass. You'll get no argument from me. As a dog trainer, I believe that the off-leash park system is a godsend for many dogs and their owners. However, not everyone shares my sentiment.

I consider myself a frequent visitor to off-leash parks. I take my own dogs weekly, and I help socialize my client's dogs that have no (or poor) social skills with other dogs. I go about five times a week to either the Lake of the Isles or Arkwright/Arlington locations because these parks are completely fenced. Each time I go, I usually witness some fisticuffs that I would not describe as fighting, but rather squabbling. I have never seen a dog get bitten at the park. I have seen, however, pictures from the aftermath of a dog fight at a park, and they were ugly.

What exactly constitutes aggression and fighting is widely open to interpretation. This, in part, explains why the dog park scandals exist. After a scuffle at the park (in which no blood has been spilled) the 10 people who witnessed it will have numerous interpretations. Two people might have forgotten about it within seconds. Three of them will probably not give it a second thought after they leave the park. Another three people might remain upset and leave the park immediately. And two people may be so distressed that they leave the park, remain visibly shaken, call five of their friends who own dogs and advise them to never go to a dog park again. Of these 10 people, perhaps only two of them actually had dogs that were involved in the scuffle.

Until recently, no scientific research had been published establishing the frequency and severity of interdog aggression at dog parks. However, in 2003, an article entitled, "Bark Parks —A Study on Interdog Aggression in a Limited-Control Environment" was published in the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science* which scientifically studied the activity at a dog park in Indianapolis. This park was similar in size and style to the fenced-in city parks of Arkwright/Arlington in St. Paul and Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis.

The study involved the systematic observation (and often videotaping) at one dog park over an eight month-period. Overall, 72 hours of activity were recorded, and 177 dogs were observed. Clear descriptions for aggressive behaviors, play behaviors, dominance displays, and social greetings were developed—based on generally accepted definitions developed by numerous certified animal behaviorists. Features such as body postures, facial expressions, and vocalizations were used to categorize the observed behaviors.

Aggression was defined as any of the following behaviors alone or in combination: charging or lunging at another dog while growling or barking; snapping at another dog and biting (clamping down) once physical contact was made; AND along with any or all of the following behaviors: the victim dog had to be pinned, bitten multiple times, or chased away.

In other words, the victim-dog's behavior had to be part of the aggression picture. If an aggressor is lunging and/or growling, but the victim dog is not running away or not being pinned and bitten, then the incident is not recorded as aggression. This is important to note because often what we humans interpret as aggression, dogs understand to be something else. Therefore, using the "other" dog's reactions as a barometer to gauge the level of aggression that another dog is

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showing is a smart method of assessment. Over the eight-month, 72-hour observation period, the study resulted in the following findings:

- 28 conflicts occurred and involved 37 of the 177 dogs.
- Only 12 dogs showed aggression towards other dogs. Of these 12 dogs, some were repeat offenders. In other words, of the 37 dogs involved, 12 showed aggression and the other 25 were involved in the scuffle but were not the aggressors, they were, however, recorded as part of the conflict.
- Of these 28 conflicts, only 14 were clear and unambiguous conflicts and involved 21 dogs. The other 14 were too ambiguous in nature to be definitively described as aggressive encounters or merely rough play.
- Each clear aggressive encounter lasted less than one minute. Sometimes, the dogs terminated the conflict themselves, and other times the owners intervened.
- In each of the 14 clearly aggressive encounters, there were only nine aggressors. Three were repeat offenders.
- Offenders were generally adult dogs (16 months to seven years) and victims were generally puppies or young adults (four months to 12 months), but there were some outliers on either side.
- Five aggressors were female and four were male. All aggressors were neutered.
- In no case did one of these aggressive encounters resume after being terminated.
- Each ambiguous aggressive encounter lasted less than 30 seconds. This time factor was part of the reason why the observers could not make a clear determination as to whether they were really aggressive incidents.
- No patterns were found involving specific dog breed or mix in terms of aggression.

While these findings are incredibly interesting and point to the fact that aggressive encounters in off-leash dog parks are very minimal, it is important to note that it is only one study at one park over a period of time. By no means does it imply that serious altercations do not occur. I personally know of two dogs that were bitten at an off-leash park. However, I have seen many scuffles over the numerous hours in which I have visited the parks, and none of them resulted in even a puncture wound. My personal belief (based solely on anecdotal evidence) is that while scuffles do occur and can sound quite nasty, most are short-lived and do not involve any physical damage.

Off-leash parks give owners the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a manner that is hard to do under any other condition. Nothing beats playing with other dogs when it comes to getting a dog tired out. In addition, one cannot underestimate the importance of allowing a dog to continually practice his or her social skills. Yes, each one of us assumes some risk when taking our dog to a dog park, but in my opinion, the reward substantially outweighs the risk.

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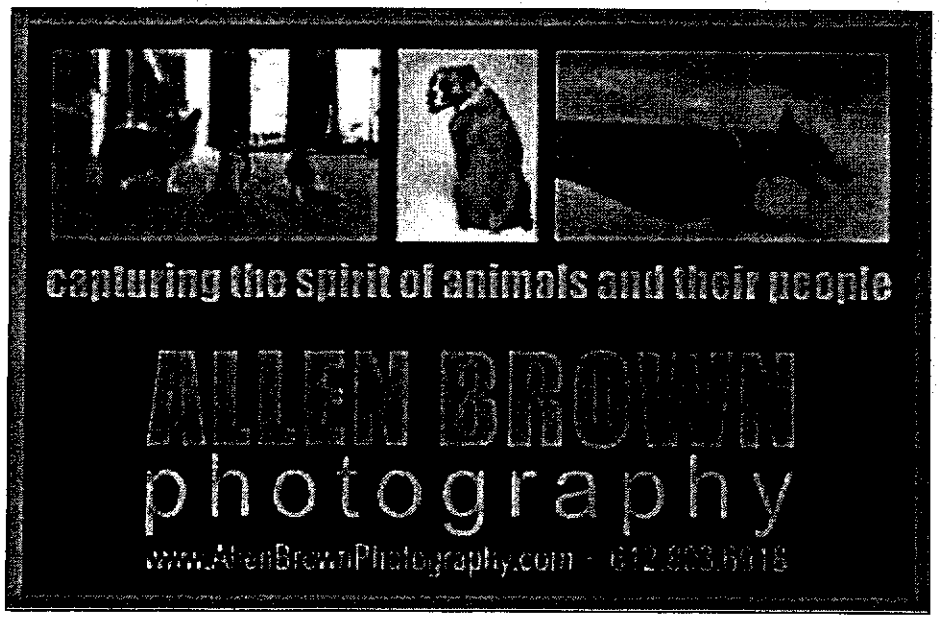

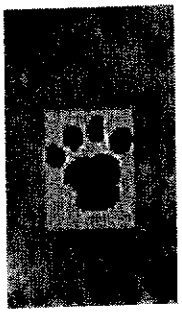

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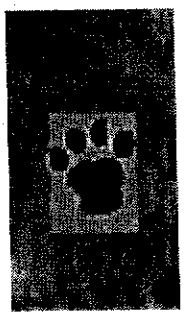

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News & Special Announcements

New FIREPAW Book Will Soon be Available!

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet

written by FIREPAW'S Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank & LINK-UP's Officer Tom Flanagan

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet is designed to give professionals and laypersons an overview of the most critical scientific and anecdotal findings about the factors surrounding animal abuse. Presented in a user-friendly style, the goal is to provide readers with the findings and strategies that are the most useful and effective in everyday, real world settings. The research findings presented in this book include notable studies on animal abuse, perpetrators, and abusive environments, as well as the possible causes and outcomes thought to be linked to animal abuse. Included are discussions of recent research on the attitudes, perceptions and beliefs of animal abusers conducted by author Dr. Carlisle-Frank, in her work with the Foundation of Interdisciplinary Research and Education Promoting Animal Welfare [FIREPAW]. Real life tales from the street, as well as strategies and techniques for recognizing and addressing animal abuse are outlined by author Officer Tom Flanagan. Flanagan draws from his seminal work with the acclaimed Link-UP program that brings law enforcement together with multiple municipal agencies to cooperatively and effectively resolve problems involving animal abuse.

The book is written for domestic violence caseworkers, therapists, law enforcement, veterinarians, social service professionals, judges, district attorneys, animal control officers, humane investigators, fire department officials, animal welfare organizations, and other professions who come in contact with animal victims and perpetrators of animal abuse. University undergraduates and graduate students learning about family violence and students of both veterinarian practice and law enforcement will also find the book quite useful.

The book will be available on the FIREPAW web site (www.firepaw.org) to purchase with your credit card or you can send your payment to:
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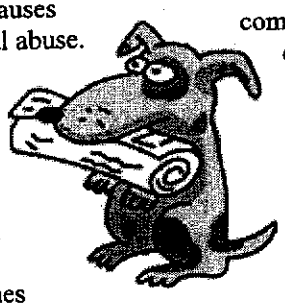
The book will tentatively be available this coming Fall. Watch for updates on the launch date for Silent Victims in future Newsletters and on the FIREPAW Web site: www.firepaw.org



Companion Animals in Rental Housing Get Some Much Needed Attention

The findings of the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Study will soon be published in the prestigious international scientific animal welfare sciences journal *Anthrozoös*. See the Research Update section of *this* issue!

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Editorial

Senseless Suffering

Society as a whole is opposed to the unnecessary suffering of animals. The problem is that people are often ignorant of the high levels of suffering experienced by animals exploited by industry. The public is also typically unaware of just what exploitative practices are "necessary." Often, people with no real way of knowing the inner workings of an industry depend on the opinions of experts to determine what is necessary.

Take the case of animal research. Animal research kills hundreds of millions of animals annually in the United States and often inflicts great suffering on those animals before their death. This practice is only tolerated for two reasons. First, the public generally is unaware of the magnitude of the deaths and the intensity of the suffering. And second, people take it on faith that the research being done for very necessary and important reasons. But the general public knows very little about the nature of the research process, let alone the specifics of particular projects.

The assumption that the research is necessary stems from the general public's blind faith in our economic system and institutions than in individual researchers. We have been taught to believe that in our economy, only that which is beneficial and efficient will survive. Companies and other organizations that conduct pointless and wasteful research will eventually lose their sources of funding—or so the logic goes.

FIREPAW recently conducted an in-depth analysis on this topic that is forthcoming in the economic journal *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*. The nature of our economy is more complex than most people realize. The assumption that "what is optimal survives" while "what is inefficient does not" is an idealistic oversimplification of the realities of our economic system. In particular, there is evidence to believe that animal research may not necessarily be the best methodology to study most, if not all, of the areas typically now using animals as subjects. The evidence indicates that animal research is deeply entrenched in society to such an extent that it would be self-perpetuating *regardless* of whether there are superior alternatives. The bottom line is that the public's trust in the need for animal research is misplaced. There is now ample evidence to suggest there is no good justification to believe that animal research is always superior to its alternatives.

Even for those who do not believe in an animal rights philosophy, most people now accept that causing animals to suffer and die needlessly is wrong. But if animal research is not superior to its alternatives, isn't this just what we are doing? Public policy needs to be dramatically restructured to, at a minimum, strongly encourage the use of alternatives. In this case, as in many cases, the interests of animals and humans coincide. It is only the interests of certain entrenched professionals and organizations that are being helped by the current state of affairs.

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Research Update

FIREPAW research will soon be published in an upcoming issue of Anthrozoös:

Companion Animal Renters and Pet-Friendly Housing in the U.S.
Carlisle-Frank, P., Frank, J. & Nielsen, L. (2005). Anthrozoos, 18 (1), 59-77.

A nationwide empirical study was conducted to determine the factors influencing the availability of pet-friendly rental housing throughout the U.S. Factors examined included an assessment of a variety of financial and economic factors, rental rates, deposits, turnover and damage histories, rental tendencies and trends, and personal beliefs and attitudes about permitting companion animal renters. A key hypothesis was that the current shortage of pet-friendly rentals may be based on a misperception by rental property owners that renting to tenants with animals is too costly and problem-ridden to justify. The results of the study statistically demonstrated that the primary concerns about permitting animals were unfounded and that for the majority of landlords, offering pet-friendly rentals is not only economically viable, but can actually increase their bottom-line profits.

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Studying the Effectiveness of Spay-Neuter & Adoption Programs

FIREPAW's research project conducted on behalf of Maddie's Fund, "A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation" has now been completed. An article outlining the findings is now available at www.firepaw.org and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal. Stay tuned for updates.

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Breed Discrimination Study Now Complete

The Breed Discrimination Study has now been completed and the results have been submitted to the study's sponsor, The Toby Fund. A scientific version of the study results has now been written and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal.

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Where the Guardian-Owners Study is now

FIREPAW has experienced an onslaught of hate mail lately regarding the findings of the Guardian-Owner Study. That means we must have done *something* of interest! (Though given the extreme hatred and anger expressed in the letters and emails we must admit we are more than a little disturbed that helpless animals are actually living with the writers of these missives.)

In other news, we have now completed the scientific version of the write up of results of the Guardian-Owner study and submitted the article for consideration at a scholarly journal. Stay tuned for updates.

The other good news is that we have recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study to be published in a major mainstream magazine for the pet-loving general public. There will be more details in the Fall Newsletter.

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News of the Companion Animal Renters Study is getting out there.

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Education Update

FIREPAW'S Educational Efforts are on the move...

FIREPAW Presents:
"Companion Animal Renters: Dispelling the Myths," at The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society Conference, PAWS-San Francisco & PAWS-Los Angeles, June, 2005, Los Angeles, California

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FIREPAW Presents:
"A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/ Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation," at the International Society of Anthrozoology (ISAZ) Conference, July, 2005, Niagara Falls, NY

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FIREPAW Presents
"The Guardian vs. Owner Study: Differing Styles with Pets," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

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FIREPAW Presents
"An Analysis of Breed Discrimination of Domesticated Dogs among Insurance Companies," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

Animals & Kids

While FIREPAW focuses its educational efforts primarily on the adult general public, and professionals and scholars in the animal welfare arena, every once in a while we turn our attention to the young folks. This spring FIREPAW accepted an invitation to conduct an educational seminar on Animal Abuse and Animal Care for the Girl Scouts, Troop 040, in New York. We were thrilled for the opportunity to get the word out about how to stop animal suffering to the younger generation...thanks girls!

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Alert the Media

FIREPAW has been very busy the past few weeks writing and submitting press releases of their latest research projects and findings to national media sources. The goal is to get our findings out to the general public. As a result of these efforts we have been contacted by a number of media sources lately, including the Associated Press.

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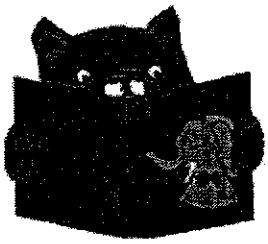
CARP is now on the NET

Thanks to the creative efforts of FIREPAW's Web Master Jen all the key materials for the Companion Animal Renters Program are now available and downloadable on the FIREPAW web site. Visit: www.firepaw.org and if you need any help, contact our web master at: webmaster@firepaw.org

Literary Corner
Book Reviews



The Pig Who Sang to the Moon
By Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson
Reviewed by Joshua Frank

In past books, Masson has written about the emotional lives of dogs, cats, and wild animals. This time, Masson presents to the public the emotional world of farm animals. This is perhaps the most important topic he has covered because of the level of public ignorance and because of what is at stake. No type of animal is exploited more harshly or in greater numbers than farm animals. Dogs and cats are integral to many of our lives and wild animals we at least can observe through numerous nature shows. But those of us who do not work in agriculture have little opportunity to observe farm animals in any setting whatsoever. Our knowledge comes primarily through myths and distortions such as advertisements for happy cows in California, quotes of farmers giving us folk-wisdom on how stupid birds are, or brief clips of convulsing "mad cows."

The emotional lives of farm animals is a worthy subject, and Masson does a thorough job of presenting this subject in an enjoyable, readable text. Masson focuses mainly on facts and anecdotes while occasionally prodding the reader to reconsider their own consumption choices. He achieves a good balance here, pushing the public just enough, but not so hard that he will alienate them. Unfortunately, though the book is strong and would likely have an impact on most readers, it somehow does not have the same emotional punch as previous works. Masson seems to have a deeper connection with the dogs and elephants he has talked about in prior books and this comes across in the level of sympathy we feel for the animals discussed in the text. Perhaps it is simply harder to get us to empathize with these most-mistreated of creatures. Nevertheless, the accounts in this book are moving, and it is worthwhile both as something for an animal activist to read, and as recommended reading material for those who are uninformed regarding these issues.

Animal cruelty: Pathway to Violence Against People
By Linda Merz-Perez & Kathleen Heide
Reviewed by P. Frank

The primary focus of this book is the authors' empirical research study on the link between childhood animal cruelty and adult violent behavior. The book focuses on the details of the methodology and results of this important work. The methodology of the authors' study centered on reviewing criminal records and interviewing/ surveying violent and nonviolent prison inmates—both are highlighted in the book. In addition to their own study the authors have also included a comprehensive review of previous research focusing on childhood animal abuse and the link with violence in adulthood.

While the book is an interesting read for researchers and scholars other professionals may find getting through the statistical discussions a bit much and wish the authors would just "cut to the chase." If you have the time and patience however, and you work in an area of animal welfare that requires knowledge of the antecedents and consequences of childhood animal cruelty, this book will be a good investment of your time and money.

In this reviewer's opinion, however, the best audience for this book would be undergraduates in animal cruelty, criminology, and similar courses. With guidance from faculty to help them through the methodology and stats, undergraduates can benefit from the comprehensive overview of the subject matter. It can work as either required or supplemental reading depending on subject matter and course direction.

Expert Corner

Socialization: The most important thing you can do for your dog

By Jody Diehl

When we bring a new puppy home we are inundated with the details of equipment, vet visits and training. These are all important aspects of ensuring that our new best friend has a smooth and healthy transition into our home. However, what has long been known by behaviorists and has only just begun to sneak into the consciousness of dog guardians, is the importance of early socialization to a puppy's development.

Scientific study has determined that a puppy's Socialization Period of development is from the age of 3 weeks up to 12 - 18 weeks. During this time it is extremely important that your puppy get as much off-leash play with healthy, friendly dogs as possible. Equally as important is that he have a multitude of novel, positive and safe experiences. One important way to do this is to enroll in a puppy class. A class that focuses on your dog's needs during this critical period of development will have a maximum enrollment age of 18 weeks. So, as soon as or even before you get your puppy start shopping for a class and ask lots questions. Make sure that the class you join emphasizes socialization, off -leash play, temperament training and prevention of behavior problems. Most puppies have not been fully vaccinated before 18 weeks. Unfortunately, by then the window of opportunity for this critical socialization period has all but closed. While all of us in the dog care professions would prefer to wait until a puppy has received all of his inoculations for communicable diseases, most behaviorists feel that the benefits of early socialization significantly outweigh the risks of disease.

Dog play allows your puppy to learn his own language. A dog who knows how to communicate with other dogs is less likely to be afraid of them. Fear is the primary cause of aggression. Undersocialization is the primary cause of fear. In puppy class your puppy will also learn from his classmates when he is playing too roughly or biting too hard. Most importantly, he will learn that other dogs are fun rather than scary. Make sure your instructor manages the class so that your puppy's play experiences are good ones. Frequent off-leash dog play throughout a dog's life is considered by behaviorists to be the first line of defense against fear and aggression in dogs. It is also very physically and mentally challenging.... and it's fun.

How do you socialize your puppy to other people? Take him to parties, little league games and anywhere else a variety of humans gather. Expose him to people with uniforms, beards, hats, wheelchairs and loud voices. See that he meets people of all ages, different ethnic groups and the opposite gender from you. It is especially important that your puppy become accustom to children of all ages. Also make sure he experiences other animals of different sizes. Have him play with as many puppies and safe, healthy adult dogs as possible. This cannot be overdone. It should be emphasized that these experiences should not be forced on your puppy. Know his body language. If he is being shy find a way to make it a happier situation for him. Use a happy, light voice and be relaxed and calm yourself. If your puppy is showing signs of stress remove him from the situation. When you take your puppy out to socialize, bring special treats for people to give him. This will make strangers fun.

In addition to learning to like other living things it is important that your puppy learn to be adaptable in new situations and environments. Many of us live in rural areas where the daily events in our dogs' lives are fairly static. That puts the responsibility on us to fabricate these experiences. Make sure your puppy experiences walking on different surfaces like tile, carpet, cement, sidewalk grates and gravel. See that he gets around water and other people's homes. Make special visits to the veterinarian and the groomer just for treats. Train your puppy to enjoy these places now and you will have to drag him out of there instead of dragging him in. Expose your puppy to unusual noises such as babies crying, big trucks, motorcycles, vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers. Get your puppy around (but do not allow him to chase) fast moving objects such as running children, skateboards and dashing cats. Challenge your puppy to climb in, over and under things. Have him eat out of a variety of containers in a variety of locations. Have family and strangers handle your puppy in every way possible. Touch all body parts in

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Special Delivery

Petco Animal Supplies Inc. will stop selling large birds. The decision came after an agreement with PETA, which has now agreed to end its boycott of the pet supply chain. Amazon and African grey parrots, cockatoos and macaws will no longer be sold at Petco stores once the company runs through its existing stock. Petco will continue selling smaller and medium-sized birds, however, such as canaries, finches, parakeets, cockatiels and conures.

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Porsche has entered into a venture with the Humane Society of the United States called "Cayenne for Canines." Starting this month, Porsche will loan used Cayenne sport-utility vans to 10 animal shelters in selected cities for transporting pets and supplies. Porsche is also donating $3,000 to each of those 10 shelters for spaying, neutering and vaccinations. Porsche will also work with its dealers and the selected shelters to host dog adoption days at the dealerships.

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Moose may soon get help to not get hit. Traffic engineers around the country are experimenting with redesigning roads to accommodate wandering wildlife. The engineers are using high tech laser and infrared devices, developed for space exploration and anti-missile systems, to warn motorists when a moose wanders into the road.

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Critter Crawl invention stops road-kill. The University of Montana has patented a professor's invention to help small animals get across busy highways without getting killed. It's called "critter crawl" and consists of a metal mesh shelf suspended inside a culvert -- to let animals go under the road instead of across it. It also has a side tube for use by smaller animals like mice. Four of the shelves are now being used on a busy highway in southwestern Montana. An ecologist says he's documented animals like weasels, raccoons and house cats using it.

Source: Chicago Tribune; Associated Press; The Hartford Courant

Strange But True Animal Stories

Hissing goose greets shoppers—Customers, beware of the hissing goose! For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of an arts and crafts store her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets customers by hissing at them. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials said geese have no teeth and don't carry rabies. They rarely nip, but are known to hiss when people or animals invade their space.

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Secret Service now guarding duck — The Secret Service is protecting a mother duck and her nine eggs. The duck, a brown mallard with white markings, has built a nest in a mulch pile right at the main entrance to the Treasury Department. The Secret Service's uniformed division, which provides protection for the White House and Treasury building, has set up metal guardrails to protect the nest, which has attracted the notice of tourists on their way to see the White House.

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Ducks into deviant sexual behavior--The strange case of the homosexual, necrophiliac duck was recently discovered by a Dutch researcher. He also found that up to one in 10 of mallard couples are homosexual and that they regularly indulge in "attempted rape flights" when they pursue other ducks (the objective is forcible mating).

Source: The Des Moines Register; Associated Press; Guardian-UK

Animal Law

Vets sue over ban on cosmetic pet surgery—A veterinarians group sued West Hollywood, California recently over its ban on animal declawing, which the city regards as inhumane. The suit by the California Veterinary Medical Association says the law conflicts with the state's professional veterinary code. Mayor John Duran defended the 2003 law, saying it prohibits animal cruelty. The city has a history of adopting pet-friendly ordinances. One law designates residents as pet "guardians" rather than pet "owners." Another law passed last year requires pet-grooming businesses to report injuries related to grooming within 24 hours. Besides declawing, the city council ordered the city attorney to prepare another law banning other "noncurative" animal surgeries, including tail docking, ear cropping, defanging and debarking. The law, if passed, would be the first of its kind in the United States. Similar laws already exist in many European countries.

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For the first time in more than a generation, the mustang can be slaughtered for horsemeat. In December, Congress repealed the 34-year-old ban on the slaughter of the wild horses. The move has brought a powerful backlash from activists, who want to reinstate full protection for the mustangs. A bill to reinstate the slaughter ban was introduced in Congress last month. To learn more: www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

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A new measure would allow Hawaii residents to leave a trust for the care of their pets after their owners pass on. Seventeen states in the U.S. already have similar laws.

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Divorce lawyers across the U.S. say they now handle more custody battles over the family pet than ever before.

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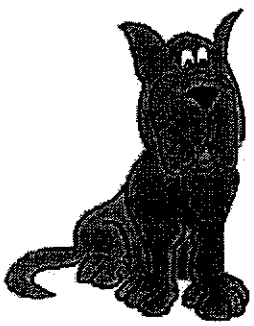
Beginning Fall, 2005 Columbia University Law School will be teaching a course on animal-rights law, including pet-custody practices. New York University is also considering holding a similar class this spring but details are yet to be finalized.

Source: Associated Press; New York Post

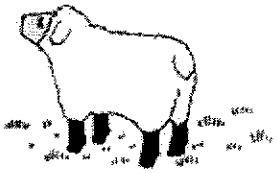
Animal Well-Being



Pfizer dominated the market on dog painkillers when it introduced Rimadyl...Nearly 15 million dogs have taken it since its release in 1997, many for pain from osteoarthritis. The number two drug is Deramaxx. According to the Food and Drug Administration records, more than 3,200 dogs have died or been put down after taking the drugs. Almost 19,000 dogs have had bad reactions to them. The FDA says the drugs are safe, if properly used. Drug-makers say less than 1 percent of dogs have bad reactions to them. If not for the drugs, many dogs might be put to sleep sooner, they argue. Several million dogs received Rimadyl before its warning label was updated to add mention of death in rare cases. No. 2 pain reliever Deramaxx was marketed for a year before its label was changed.

Source: USA Today

Animal Fun Facts



Did you know that...

Farm animals have feelings that should be respected and cared for? That is what researchers in the UK say. They believe animals should not be dismissed as simple automatons. According to the scientists, cows take pleasure in solving problems and sheep can form deep friendships.

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The vampire bat, whose ability to walk enables it to sneak up on sleeping prey - a cow or a chicken - to make a small incision in the skin and drink its blood. The vampire bat is found in Central and South America, and is capable of very fast movement. While this has often been described as hopping, scientists at Cornell University now say the vampire bat is a true runner.

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Americans spent more than $34 billion last year on their pets, double the amount 10 years earlier. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association the spending breaks down like this: Pet food, $14.3 billion; Veterinary care, $8.3 billion; Supplies/medicine, $7.9 billion; Pet services, grooming, boarding, $2.2 billion and Live animal purchases, $1.6 billion.

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There are between 10,000 and 20,000 tigers, lions and other large cats in the United States kept as pets. The popularity of owning big cats prompted Congress to pass a law in 2003 that makes it illegal to sell or ship lions, tigers and other big cats across state lines without permits. But animal welfare groups want an outright ban.
To learn more visit: Wild Animal Orphanage:www.wildanimalorphanage.org ; Animal Protection Institute: www.api4animals.org/; Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition http://cwapc.org

The Burmese python, like other carnivorous snakes can gobble up to half its weight in rats or other animals at a time. Scientists have just discovered that after eating, the python's ventricle (there's only one, snakes having three-chambered hearts) increases in mass by 40 percent!

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Mormon crickets, also known as flightless katydids, travel in massive packs, devouring all surrounding terrain as they move. Packs of the bugs can cover more than a mile a day and devastate crops.

Sources: The Morning Call; Associated Press; New York Times; BBC News

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a variety of ways such as squeezing, poking and tugging. This is all done gently, of course. With all this puppy-focused activity do make sure that your puppy is also left alone at least once a day in a safe place with something fun to do. Dogs are extremely social animals and must learn to like being alone.

A young dog who has extensive socialization training during this important period stands a much better chance of growing into a confident adult who is comfortable and adaptable in his environment. In addition to contributing to your dog's emotional health, socialization helps incorporate your dog into your life. The more your dog gets out the more adaptable he will be. The more adaptable he is, the more he will get to go out with you. An adult dog who continues to experience variety throughout life is a happier, more stimulated member of your family.

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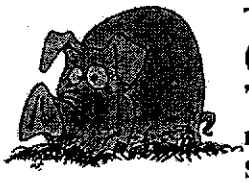
Animal-Related Events

2005 Healing Power of the Human Animal Bond: Companion Animals and Society Conference



June 2-4, 2005

Pets Are Wonderful Support, Los Angeles (PAWS/LA) and Pets Are Wonderful Support, San Francisco (PAWS-SF) announce their 2005 Summit on The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society taking place at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California
www.pawssf.org/conference/2005

ANIMAL ABUSE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR, Arizona

There will be a 2-day conference
June 24 & 25 on
investigating and psychosocially treating those involved with animal cruelty cases. You can find the program and registration form at
http://ssw.asu.edu/news

14th Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ)

July 11 and 12, 2005

This conference will be held at **The Conference Center Niagara Falls**, Niagara Falls, NY, USA and will have as its main theme *Exploring Human--Animal Relationships.* Keynote speakers: Dr. Irene Pepperberg and Dr. Clifton Flynn. Topics include: animal cruelty, human-animal communication, animals and human health, human-animal bond, attitudes toward animals, humane education, alternatives to animal use in research and education. See the ISAZ web site (http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/ISAZ2005.html) for the latest information, or contact the conference organizer Dr Kathy Gerbasi (kcgerbasiphd@earthlink.net).

Animals & Society section of the American Sociological Society (ASA) Annual Conference

August 13-16, 2005

Philadelphia, PA
Visit: www.asanet.org for more details

The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) Fifth Annual Conference: "Turning the Tide: The Future of Animal Care & Advocacy"

September 22-24, 2005
Grand Hyatt Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Theme: Creating a progressive agenda for animal care, protection, and advocacy through: self-assessment; developing more effective management practices; seeking common ground and forming alliances; becoming more professional, far-sighted, and activist.
Web: www.taosanctuaries.org;
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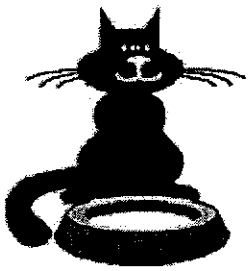

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Research

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We were thrilled to learn that FIREPAW's Companion Animal Renters Study was included this spring in the program materials for the New York State Bar Association's special seminar addressing the legal status of animals in housing. We tip our hats to all the attorneys working to help stop animal suffering!

FIREPAW's Web Site Research Section has now been Updated!

Many thanks to Web Master Jen for updating the research segment of the FIREPAW website. Why not check it out (www.firepaw.org) the next time you are online?

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FIREPAW Presents...

FIREPAW principals are happy to report they have accepted invitations to present the latest findings of their research projects at several national and international conferences this spring and summer. The topics are on:

-A cross-program analysis of spay-neuter and adoption programs (in conjunction with Maddie's Fund programs)

-The key findings of the national Guardian-Owner study

-An overview of the Breed Discrimination study

-Highlights of both the Companion Animal Research Study and the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Program for Landlords

Details about these presentations can be found in the Education Update section of *this* issue!

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On the Panel...

FIREPAW has been invited to serve on a panel for The Association of Sanctuaries' (TAOS) upcoming conference on Building Animal Care and Advocacy to be held in Denver, Colorado this coming Fall. For more details and to register for the conference see the Animal-Related Events segment in *this* issue.

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In the Ink...

FIREPAW's Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank has recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study in one of the most popular mainstream magazines for animal lovers. This is great news for getting the word out to the general public! Stay tuned to future newsletters and the web site (www.firepaw.org) for more details.

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Running with a Pack

Again, stressing the power in numbers, you might want to consider the formation of an umbrella group composed of groups with a common vision. Seattle's COLA has led the way in this manner, and has been recognized as the official sponsoring group, entering into a formal agreement with the city to perform various stewardship functions in their off-leash areas. New York City's dog people have recently banded together to form NYCDOG ("nice dog") in response to that city's recent draconian crackdown against off-leash recreation. According to Dr. Terry Fonville, "it is hoped that this will give us strength and unified voice … as well as helping all the diverse users of the City's parks find common ground … our outreach abilities will be employed to better educate dog owners regarding responsible use of the parks." We certainly wish our doggie friends in the Big Apple a lot of luck. There are many similar umbrella groups across the country, such as Judy Green's ArlingtonDogs in Virginia, SFDOG and DogPAC, SB, all of which understand the importance of unity.

Putting on the Dog: Position Papers and Presentations

A position paper serves a variety of purposes. It will help to synthesize your thoughts and prepare you for the public speaking circuit, and it will be the central part of your proposal (which should also include case studies and supporting affidavits). A shorter version can be used as a handy and ever-necessary "fact sheet" (important for policymakers with short attention spans), and as your press release (get to them before your opponents do). A volunteer with a nose for Internet research can really help out here. There is a lot of good source material available online to get you started. An excellent example has been produced by SFDOG, "Managing Off Leash Recreation in Urban Parks," found on their web site (see resources). They analyze topics such as the benefits of dog ownership, the importance of socialization and exercise, the cycle of violation and enforcement, park guidelines, community organizing and outreach activities etc., with maps illustrating their findings. Another thorough analysis was prepared by students from the University of Southern California, "The Case for Space: An Analysis of Off-Leash Recreation Areas in Los Angeles," written for Freeplay, the off-leash group in Venice, California.

One of the most remarkable finds on the Web is a must-read report from Australia, "Public Open Space and Dogs: a Design and Management Guide for Open Space

Dee Tilson, East Bay Regional Park District, Park Supervisor
"…Dog fights are rare. In fact, there have been very few reported incidents involving fighting dogs in the last three years…Further, there has never been an incident resulting in litigation in the history of the special dog park off leash use since 1975 over a dog fight incident….The interactions between dogs and people have been very positive…."

Professionals and Local Government." Reading this might convince you to pack up your dogs and move down under, where there seems to be a very enlightened view of the place of dogs in society, including in parks—think "multi-use" and not separate little dog runs. As evidence of their forward thinking, this is what the report says about dogs as a threat to wildlife: "Another argument for restricting dogs' access to public open space is that their presence (behavior and smell) frightens away native wildlife … the most direct failing is that the scientific evidence to support this view is far from sufficient to constitute the basis of a management prescription. The second failing relates to the fact that dogs are not the only agents that may frighten wildlife. Humans, especially children and teenagers, park maintenance staff and their machinery are likely to have as much impact as dogs." Makes you want to burst out in a verse of Waltzing Matilda!

For some visual inspiration, there are two excellent videos, Your Dog Off Leash, prepared by Dog PAC, SB, and the Point Isabel Video Project. Both demonstrate the benefits of off-leash recreation and provide convincing proof of its efficacy—especially useful for people who have little first-hand familiarity with the joys of dog parks. They are invaluable resources.

Pointers

Taking a clue from Seattle's Jan Drago, focus on points that demonstrate that "this is not a dog issue, it is a people issue." Even though we know we are doing this for our dogs, few policymakers care about them. Discuss the benefits of pet ownership in general, citing examples from both physical and mental health literature. New studies are cropping up every day. Your vet might be able to help with these citations. You can find many excellent reports of this kind from the Delta Society catalog. In our increasingly fragmented and isolated society, any positive opportunity to bring people together into a common space with a common interest is a rarity that should be rewarded and cherished. Recognizing this community ("constituency") is a concept most policymakers will appreciate. Your group's willingness to become a dog park sponsoring group, or to take on stewardship responsibilities, such as self-policing, maintenance chores (ranging from poop clean-ups to wood chip disbursements), fundraising, assistance in shelter adoptions, increasing dog licensing compliance, etc., should not be lost on policymakers. Make sure to include such positive stakeholder assistance in your press release. There will never be enough officers to prevent people from walking leash-free dogs in parks, no matter what New York's Mayor Giuliani feels—so better to make an alliance with dog people that can take on some of these responsibilities and help to educate others as well.

Discuss the importance for the elderly with dogs to be able to use parks for leashless recreation. Not only does it provide a social avenue, but for those with mobility problems it can be very difficult to walk, much less exercise, a dog on lead. Every local group probably has a

dog park champion such as Ruth Wightman, of Alameda County, a “career-change” senior who went from retirement into the “field” of dog-park activism. She attends the bureaucrat’s meetings that other advocates can’t because their work schedules conflict with middle-of-the-day meeting schedules. She’s there keeping careful watch, and she’s having a blast with her new dog as well.

Dog owners are taxpayers, paying taxes into a system that provides parks to the public, yet most of us rarely use these greenspaces for anything but walking our dogs. If you can, get some budget numbers from your recreation department to show the public resources that are being spent on sports. Or make graphs or maps showing how much park area is devoted to a single-use activity, like baseball diamonds and tennis courts—contrast that with how much is set aside for your favorite recreational pursuit.

Public Health Benefits

There are great societal benefits, including enhancement of public safety, in allowing off-leash activity in parks. Dogs provide a safety component in the parks themselves; in fact, many marginal open spaces have been reclaimed for use as safe public space because dog people have “reclaimed and civilized” the space for the whole community. This happened in Laurel Canyon in Los Angeles, where an ad hoc dog park drove away the drug dealers and other less desirable users from a park that the rest of the community had abandoned. But, as is often the case, after the dog people transformed this park space, others, such as parents with small children, were once again attracted to the park and tried to dislodge the dog people. In many instances, the majority of dog park people are women, many of whom would not venture out to some areas of urban parks without a “guardian” dog.

We all know that the more a dog is socialized, the less likely it will be to develop aggressive behavioral patterns. Exercise not only tires a dog out, but “also generates ample supplies of the neurotransmitter serotonin, which has a mood-stabilizing and calming effect on personality,” as Dr. Nick Dodman describes in his book Dogs Behaving Badly. He also adds that you should exercise your dog “preferably first thing in the morning for an effect that lasts all day.” A more relaxed dog also leads to one less inclined to bark the day away, proclaiming her lonely state to the neighbors.

Finally, Jane Dirks, in a paper presented at the 1996 conference of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, had the following to say about the public benefits of dog parks: “For ultimately, the Dog People find in the Dog Park a sanctuary, a space for healing. Dog People exult in watching their animals run, feeling that an hour or two’s romp with their dogs is essential to health, theirs and their dogs’, and makes up for a week of sedentary working hours. Dog People roam the trails of lower Frick Park [in Pittsburgh], alone or in groups, peeling away the stress and cognitions of the human world,

cleansing themselves in the world of nature through the heedless antics of a happy dog." Now, isn't that well worth fighting for?

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Types of Off-Leash Space

Most people use the term ?dog park? but not everyone wants to be fenced in for their off-leash recreation; they want off-leash access to open space, trails and beaches. Each community needs to decide what kind of off-leash space it wants. Dog owners probably need different kinds of space within the park system, just as there are indoor and outdoor basketball courts, or tot lots for babies and playgrounds for older kids. Dog owners are legitimate recreational users who need a variety spaces just as other users do. The main types of off-leash space include

- Dog park: Dedicated area set up specifically for dogs, usually fenced-in, either newly designated or set aside at an existing park. Fencing or natural boundaries defines the area.
- Shared use: off-leash access at an existing park where dogs are allowed off-leash in the park with other users
- Passive use open space: off-leash access in open spaces such as beach, forest or hiking trail. rather than developed or monitored park areas
- Combinations of the above

Each type of space has its advantages and disadvantages in terms of user convenience, costs, wear-and-tear, dog-on-dog interaction, and recreational restrictions. An ideal community would offer access to all three types to meet the needs of different dog owners. In reality, most dog groups have to negotiate for one use at a time. The availability of resources, the mood of the community and the attitude of public agencies are usually the primary determinants in allocating space to off-leash activities.

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Why Off-Leash Areas Matter

Life in a Leash-Only World

Imagine that your daily exercise was limited to a slow walk on the end of a rope. This is your only time to get outside, to see the world and have a little fun, but you have to move at the pace of the person controlling you--seeing and smelling only what is in range of the rope.

Imagine now that you are on the other end of that rope. Most likely, you are constantly having to force the creature at the other end of the rope to restrict her movements and impulses. Instead of enjoying the beauty around you as you walk, your focus is on controlling your

companion. Your walk in the woods is no pleasure; it?s a chore at best, and more often, an ordeal.

Finally, imagine that you live near a dog whose only exercise comes at the end of a leash. You have to listen as your dog neighbor, bored and under-exercised, barks at every passerby. You have to deal with the dog?s bad behavior when it manages to escape its prison and steal a few moments of freedom. You wonder why anyone would own a dog, and wish that there were fewer of them around to disturb your peace.

A Better Way

Now, imagine the alternative: each day your dog has a chance to move freely in nature, using body and brain to explore and fulfill her genetic destiny. You are her companion, taking joy in her freedom and sharing with her a direct sense of connection to the natural world. When you get home, your well-exercised and happy dog is content to stick close to home because she knows she?ll have her chance again tomorrow at free play. Your neighbor stops by and comfortably pets your quiet and well-behaved companion, thinking how lucky he is that you are such a responsible dog owner, meeting your dogs needs so that the dog is a boon to the community, not a burden.

This is why access to off-leash areas matters.

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Benefits of Off-Leash Areas

Off-leash recreation offers exercise for people and their dogs. The daily dog walk gives people a chance exercise, to be out in nature, to meet with others and to create a community. Dog walkers find friends at off-leash parks; they also monitor each other and spread the word about courtesy, clean-up, and control. A strong argument in favor of creating off-leash spaces is that availability of legal off-leash areas cuts down on illegal off-leash use, making dog-averse people more comfortable in public spaces because they there is less chance of encountering off-leash dogs in unauthorized places.

The National Parks & Recreation Service notes in its booklet, Planning Parks for Pets: ? Designating an area where dog owners can allow their animals to run off-leash successfully remedies this problem in parks where the concept has been introduced. Violations of the leash law and subsequent public complaints have decreased; and dog owners have a place to legally exercise their pets.? Off-leash areas allow dog owners to be law-abiding, easing the burden of enforcement on animal control officers and freeing them to do more important work, such as animal rescue and control of dangerous animals.

Additional Benefits of Off-Leash Areas

Off-leash areas offer the following additional advantages:

- Accommodate senior citizens and the disabled, who cannot always walk their dogs on leash
- Promote pet behavioral socialization, making dogs safer around other dogs and people
- Discourage delinquent and criminal activity in city parks
- Provide an alternative for dogs and owners no longer permitted access to environmentally sensitive areas
- Build a community of people committed to parks and the environment
- Support local merchants with shopping done on the way home from the ?dog park?
- Could become revenue generators if other user groups are charged for park access

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Become A Powerful Off-leash Advocate---Start or Join a Dog Group

The success of any off-leash movement depends on numbers. The people who make the leash law ordinances are usually elected officials who go where the votes are. In the best circumstance they are highly responsive to public opinion, both in terms of its strength and its size. Off-leash advocates need to present a large and unified voice.

Join a dog group: find out if there is an existing group for the off-leash space you want

Start a dog group: The first and most important step in getting the dog space you want is to join or create a group to get the attention and respect of the officials whose opinion you need to sway. Key steps in creating your group include:

1. Choose a name and make a simple, consistent logo or design
2. Establish clear goals your entire membership can support
3. Sign up supporters: just go where the dog walkers are. Download a sign up sheet, put it on a clipboard and talk to everyone you see with a dog. If your community is dealing with aggressive leash law enforcement, it?s usually easy to get dog owners involved; if not, it may take more work to convince them that you need legally designated spaces. Free membership helps, if you can do without the funds; just get names and contact info, so that your members can be mobilized as needed. Finding more supporters should be easy.

More detailed information on starting a new dog group
You may want to use our outline to plan the first few meetings of your new group.

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Convince officials

Off-leash areas are usually designated by elected officials who are at the mercy of public opinion. So your number one task is to convince them that public opinion strongly supports the establishment of off-leash areas, in whatever form you are requesting.

Here are some key ways to get the point across to your elected officials and the park district staff they will appoint to consider or implement off-leash space:

1. Have a strong presence at city or county council meetings, either to influence a specific vote, or during an open-comment period?when dozens or hundreds of people turn out and speak up, officials listen!
2. Organize letter, e-mail, or phone call campaigns?politicians figure that people who bother to contact them about an issue care, and that catches their attention.
3. Organize letter-to-the-editor or op-ed write-ins?when officials see the issue in their local paper, they know that it has caught the attention of the community; and when the number of letters in favor outweighs those against, they know which side to be on.
4. Make your presence felt?make and distribute bumper stickers, take out ads in the local paper, or host a highly visible event that gets news coverage, so that your officials know you are out there.
5. Put on the peer pressure?let your officials know what other communities are doing, and how yours comes up short by contrast; there?s nothing like ?keeping up with the Joneses? to make them think twice!
6. Present endorsements from other stakeholders: environmental groups, neighborhood

groups, other sports and recreation users. Some dog groups have formed working collaborations with other stakeholders.

7. Document the benefits of off-leash space. Keep the emphasis on people, not dogs.
8. Present a budget showing how little off-leash space will cost.

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Saving Off-Leash Space (SOS)

For every neighborhood dog park that is created hundreds of acres in California have been made illegal to off-leash dogs in the past two years. It happens on every level from neighborhood to Federal. Check the warning signs of losing ground for off-leash access and see if your area is a target.

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What The Opposition Says

Here are some of the most common reasons people don?t want off-leash dogs in ?their? parks.

The Fear Factor

Some people are genuinely dog-averse. They may simply dislike dogs, or may actively fear injury. They often point out the problem of dog poop and express concerns about disease transmission as well rather than simply saying that they are fearful. Such people are often vocal opponents of off-leash space, arguing that dogs should never be allowed off-leash because of the potential threats they pose.

Share and Share Alike

Open space is at a premium these days, especially in urban areas. Other park users often see dog owners as a threat to their own use of space, fearing that dog walkers will encroach on their access to soccer and softball fields, for example. Since they think that off-leash areas are for dogs, rather than for their human owners, they can?t imagine giving up or sharing space with ?mere animals.?

Money Money Money

Public officials tend to respond to two basic factors: cost and public opinion. Their assumption is that off-leash spaces will cost their city additional money, money they don?t want to spend on dogs. And they tend to assume that dog owners are a small user group, not likely to represent a large enough force to matter in political debate.

Poop, Bites, Liability, Noise, Wildlife

All legitimate concerns but all used carelessly by anti-dog forces to stop off-leash recreation.

Learn how to counter these and other arguments at Arguments and Answers. For more specific information on these issues check the CalDOG Resources

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Dog walking - the health benefits

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Almost 40 per cent of Australian households own a dog. There are 3.1 million pet dogs in Australia. Simply walking their dog a few times a week could offer owners numerous health and social benefits. Benefits include improved cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, stronger muscles and bones (built up by walking regularly), and decreased stress.

A study undertaken in New South Wales found that 41 per cent of dog owners walk, on average, 18 minutes per week longer than people without dogs. However, the majority of dog owners (59 per cent) don't walk their dogs at all, and do less physical activity than people without dogs.

Walking is also important for the dog's health. Obesity in pets is associated with a number of medical complaints including osteoarthritis, cardiovascular disease, liver disease and insulin resistance.

Health benefits of pet ownership

Research studies from around the world have found that pets may offer health benefits to their owners. Findings from selected studies include:

- People who walk their dogs are seen by other people as friendly and approachable.
- A study of patients waiting in dentist surgeries found that watching fish swim around in an aquarium is as effective at reducing stress as hypnosis.
- Stroking and patting a pet can reduce the physiological indicators of stress, including high blood pressure.
- The non-judgemental companionship and unconditional love offered by pets is known to have considerable mental health benefits for owners, including increased self-esteem.

The community benefits of pets

Research undertaken by the University of Western Australia has found that owning a pet can also benefit the whole community. The researchers found that pet owners, in particular dog owners, were more likely to:

- Acknowledge and greet other people in the street
- Exchange favours with neighbours
- Meet others in their neighbourhood.

Dog walking – the risks

Like all exercise dog walking can carry some risks, especially for older people. Injuries can include falls in the

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home and outside, and dog bites.

Approximately 1,300 Victorians present at emergency departments each year with dog bite injuries. Children aged under four years are at the highest risk of dog bite, and should be supervised around dogs at all times. More children in Victoria aged between one and four years are hospitalised for dog bites than car accidents.

Prepare yourself with warm-ups
Prepare for walking your dog like you would prepare for any exercise, with stretches: in particular, stretches for both front and back legs and stretches of the back and arms. Make sure your equipment (including a dog leash and walking shoes) is suitable and will not cause injury. You and your dog should be protected from excessive heat and sunburn, and have plenty of water for hydration, so make sure you bring some water on a walk.

Choose your dog carefully
If you're not very active, owning a dog could give you a very good reason to walk regularly. But before you rush out and buy a dog, plan your purchase. Make sure you choose a breed that's appropriate to your lifestyle. For example, don't buy a large active dog if you live in a small apartment or have limited mobility.

Dog walking tips
When you walk your dog:

- Aim for 30 minute walks, five times per week.
- Keep your dog on its leash in public areas, unless it's an 'off leash' zone. Contact your local council about areas where dogs can be exercised off leash.
- Supervise your dog around young children.
- Take a plastic bag or scoop to clean up your dog's poo.
- Make sure your dog is properly identified.
- Make sure your dog is desexed.
- Avoid walking in extreme heat.
- Take fresh water for you and your dog to drink.

Environmental considerations
Responsible dog owners respect the environment and the rights of other people. Some things to consider include:

- Most national and state parks and reserves do not allow domestic animals, including dogs (except for guide dogs).
- State forests permit dogs, but only if they are controlled.
- Other parks usually allow dog walking if the animal is leashed.

Where to get help

- The Lost Dogs' Home Tel. (03) 9329 2755

- Your doctor
- Parks Victoria
- Veterinarian.

Things to remember

- Always keep your dog under control, and carry plastic bags or scoops so that you can clean up after it.
- Prepare for dog walking like you would prepare for any exercise, with stretches and the right equipment.
- Always supervise dogs around young children.

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Statement to the City and County of San Francisco Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force

April 14, 1999

All over the world, San Francisco is regarded as one of the most beautiful and forward thinking cities in the United States. One of its treasures is our neighborhood parks. Through the daily activities available in these parks, San Francisco's culture, community and well-being are continually being shaped. We feel that because of the growth of our City's population, in human and canine terms, now is the time to accommodate for the future of our dog friendly parks.

San Francisco's diminishing number of off-leash areas are among the few remaining places in our densely populated urban environment where dogs can socialize freely and run off the energy they've built up from having been confined in houses and apartments. Off-leash recreation is not only an essential part of how many people care for their pets—it is a way to give a little something back to the animals who give us all so much.

Accordingly, on behalf of the 90,089 members of The San Francisco SPCA, we recommend that current off-leash areas be improved, new sites added, and that the community be involved in determining the future status of the parks.

Throughout history, art and literature have depicted humans in all walks of life and social strata with dogs, illustrating their widespread acceptance in everyday life. Some religions even incorporated them into their worship. Indeed, dogs have long been admired for the purity of their character traits, with military annals documenting the wartime bravery and courage of dogs in the K-9 Corps.

Closer to home, our own culture is populated with examples of the well-established place dogs have found in our hearts and homes. People of all ages, but particularly the elderly and the young, enjoy their companionship. The emotional, physical, and social benefits dogs provide humans, however, do not discriminate against age, gender, or even physical well-being. For single people, dogs offer a welcome relief from loneliness. For children, an animal in the home contributes warmth and unconditional love, and teaches responsibility and consideration for the needs of another creature. Those who suffer from disease or injury experience a therapeutic, even spiritual, benefit from their presence. For

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the lonely, a dog provides the incentive to get up in the morning—a walk on the beach with their best friend may be the highlight of the day or week. For others, it is often the only daily exercise they get. And in an increasingly sedentary society, these benefits can enhance health and prolong life. Dogs also provide a sense of safety and security, allowing many people freedom they would not otherwise have.

Perhaps most importantly, dogs also contribute to a more positive environment in our City by facilitating communication between people. Studies have found that the presence of a dog increases the likelihood of friendly contact. This is especially true—-and important—-for people with mobility problems or other special needs that keep them socially isolated. As one dog organization has noted, "[n]eighbors who would otherwise have little reason to speak to one another will stop and chat when dogs are present" (San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "SF DOG", Managing Off-Leash Recreation in Urban Parks, March, 1999 at p. 6). This fact is an important ingredient in the formation of a community. There are countless examples of dogs introducing people to other people, thus leading to the formation of neighborhood groups, park clean-up days, new friendships, and even marriage.

Dogs do so much good for the community: they give us a sense of optimism, safeguard us from depression and loneliness, and break down the barriers that isolate us from one another. Their presence improves our health, protects us from danger, and teaches us about caring and responsibility. And they ask for so little in return. While dog ownership may not be a fundamental right, it is unquestionably an integral aspect of our daily life—-which cannot be dismissed lightly and should not suffer unwarranted limits.

What Do Dogs Need?

As a society, we have yet to recognize and appreciate the emotional and psychological needs of animals. As a result, while our laws demand that a dog kept as a companion receive the basic requirements of sustenance and shelter, there is no way to guarantee that an animal receives love and attention. For the dog, the absence of attention and affection is tragic.

Because dogs, like human beings, are "pack" animals, they, like us, need to socialize in order to remain psychologically healthy. Keeping dogs isolated from one another goes against a dog's most basic instincts. In addition, if continually frustrated by their lack of mobility, many dogs will react with intense enthusiasm, such as dashing around wildly.

As noted by the San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "Dogs require daily exercise and contact with other dogs in order to remain healthy and well socialized... [A] well socialized dog learns the skills required for getting along with the people and the other dogs [he/she] meets each day" (SF DOG, at p. 7).

The Need For Off-Leash Parks

Modern urban life makes it difficult to give dogs all that they need. As noted in the Task Force Report, a high number of San Francisco's pet-owning residents are without outdoor yards. In our City's increasingly expensive housing market, many people cannot afford to buy a home and are forced to find virtually any available pet friendly rental housing. Oftentimes, this requires dog owners to go to parks, "because many households have no backyards or other protected areas for outdoor activities"(p. 9).*

There is no substitute for off-leash parks: "Dogs socialize with each other through subtle displays of posture and behavior that can only occur when they are not impeded by a leash. A leash limits a dog's natural movement and can even cause some dogs to become territorial, protecting the area to which the leash confines them" (SF DOG, at p. 7).

Off-leash areas are therefore essential for the health and well-being of our pets. Tens of thousands of dog owners throughout San Francisco depend on City parks to provide for their pets. We believe that, in the interest of representing this large contingent, the need for numerous, widely accessible off-leash areas is imperative.

The Successful Off-Leash Park System

The San Francisco SPCA was disheartened with the recent closing of off-leash activities at Ocean Beach, Lands End, and parts of the Presidio. As noted in the Task Force Report, further Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA") lands could be closed to off-leash walkers at any time (p. 3). Additional closures would lead to increased overcrowding and congestion of existing parks by people traveling to areas they normally wouldn't need to visit in order to satisfy their dogs' needs.

In addition, many of the City's residents do not travel by car or are mobility-impaired, thus preventing them from access to some dog parks. By providing a wealth of local parks, we not only foster a sense of community, we also protect San Francisco's environmental interests. In fact, in the 1996 Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco, the Department of the Environment firmly endorses minimal automobile use (Sustainability Plan, at p. 79). By providing residents with the necessary local park facilities, our City experiences less traffic, as well as less park crowding and degradation—thus meeting the mandate set by the Board of Supervisors.

Moreover, as the Task Force recognized, the twenty-year old park system does not "reflect the distribution of dogs and dog owners in the City," nor does it "reflect an apparent increase in dog ownership in the last twenty years"(p. 3). In fact, The SF/SPCA estimates that there are at least 150,000 dogs in San Francisco. As the City's population has grown, the needs of dog owners have changed

* All page citations are to the draft Report of the Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force to the Recreation and Parks Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, unless otherwise noted.

drastically since the late 1970's. At the same time, the closure of several key off-leash areas has led to tremendous disadvantages for our City's dog owners. Because of this, it is not only imperative that the availability of multi-use parks is expanded, but also that existing parks be properly maintained.

As stated in the Task Force Report, the current off-leash areas "are, by and large, poorly marked, poorly maintained, and inadequate to meet the needs of dog owners"(p. 8). Just as our park system as a whole has aged, the areas available to dog owners have aged along with it. In some cases, simple maintenance and signage will help to improve dog areas. In others, the availability of trash cans, waste bags and benches will lead to a more successful park.

Finally, the Off-Leash Task Force has provided an opportunity for dog owners to voice their opinions. The SF/SPCA strongly believes that future changes regarding the accessibility and availability of dog parks must include public comment and representation by local dog-owners themselves. We feel it is imperative that future decisions include adequate notice of meetings, a full report and accounting by City staff, public input regarding the listing and de-listing of parks, and a forum to share concerns.

The San Francisco SPCA believes that:

- current off-leash parks need to be improved
- new off-leash sites need to be created
- the community needs to be involved in determining the status of parks

The Leader of the Pack

For much of history, animals were considered mere commodities who pulled our wagons, provided the products for our farms, herded our sheep, and kept our barns free of mice. During the last century, however, socio-economic changes in society at large and our own unfolding humane ethic have produced changes in the status of animals as well. Many animals—dogs in particular—are now overwhelmingly *companions* instead of *servants*. In addition, government laws and services have evolved from promoting animals as property, to protecting them as cherished pets. In this regard, San Francisco has led the nation.

San Francisco is the first City and County in the United States, for example, where adoptable dogs (and cats) are guaranteed a home. Ours is the first to undertake a comprehensive rehabilitation program to save thousands of treatable dogs (and cats) in our City's shelters every year. The San Francisco SPCA believes that the system of off-leash dog parks we create today can also, and rightly should, be a model for the rest of the country.

Attachments:

- Selected Comments Regarding the Report of the Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force
- Minimum Requirements for a More Successful San Francisco Off-Leash Dog Park

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The P.E.I. Humane Society Dog Park

According to some sources, 62% of Atlantic Canadian households have dogs. Unfortunately, in the Charlottetown area there are no areas where owners are legally permitted to exercise with their dogs without a leash. The P.E.I. Humane Society is committed to providing dogs and their owners the space they need to exercise, train and play.

The Benefits Of A Dog Exercise & Education Park

Dogs and other companion animals have become an important part of our culture and community life. Companion animals provide many benefits which are difficult to quantify in monetary terms, but which have important implications for the health and welfare of humans.

Research shows that dogs are more than just companions. They provide both physical and mental health benefits to their owners. The importance of dogs in society has even helped spawn a new field of study, urban animal management, which aims to ensure that animals are taken care of in the urban environment.

Off-leash recreational areas not only foster the strong historical relationship between dogs and people; they also contribute to urban animal management and the urban environment.

Benefits of A Dog Exercise & Education Park To Dogs

Studies have shown that dogs that exercise and are allowed to run freely are not as aggressive towards people as dogs that are under-exercised. Allowing dogs to have an off-leash area socializes dogs. It brings them in contact with other dogs and causes them to be less aggressive in each future encounter with dogs. Dog Parks improve the mental state of dogs. Many dog owners report that after a visit to

the P.E.I. Humane Society Dog Park their dog is less agitated, more relaxed and in general nicer to be around.

Benefits Of A Dog Exercise & Education Park To Dog Owners

- The benefits enjoyed by dogs are also benefits to dog owners. A well adjusted, less aggressive dog is more enjoyable and easier to handle for the owner. In addition, the Dog Park benefits owners. Research shows that these benefits include:
- The Provision of a vital public space allowing people to meet and form the bonds of community.
- Allows people to have the pleasure of watching their dogs at play.
  Contributes to the overall physical fitness of people by encouraging them to exercise with their dogs.
  Provides an opportunity for dog owners to enjoy the outside.

Benefits Of A Dog Exercise & Education Park To The Community

The P.E.I. Humane Society Dog Park also make dogs better members of their community. By providing socialization and exercise opportunities, the Dog Park can make dogs less aggressive, thus reducing the risks of dog attacks. In addition, well-exercised puppies and dogs are less likely to create a nuisance by barking excessively or destroying property.

Communities benefit in other ways that do not rest on the improved behavior of dogs. These include:

- **Promotion Of Public Safety**
  Designated spaces for dogs and their owners reduces the likelihood that dogs will be let loose in other recreational areas where they could infringe on the rights of other park users.
- **A Safer Surrounding Area**
  Dog owners have an interest in the safety of their community and can act as a neighborhood watch. Also, designated off-leash spaces reduce the resources law enforcement and animal control officials must spend on enforcing leash laws, allowing of them to devote their time to other areas of crime prevention and animal cruelty investigations.
- **Creates A Social Hub For Communities**
  Dogs often help people break the ice, allowing people who share interests to socialize while exercising their dogs. These interactions help neighbors to get to know each other and to build a sense of community. The social aspect of the Dog Exercise & Education Park also tends to enforce the basic rules of dog ownership such as cleaning up after one's dog and always controlling one's dog's behavior. The area would provide a centralized location and help meet the special need of our community and those traveling here as the P.E.I.

Humane Society is in the process of development the Dog Exercise & Education Area.

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The Case for Space

Expanding Recreational Opportunities for Dog Owners and Their Pets

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Executive Summary:
The parks, recreational areas, beaches and open spaces of Los Angeles are used for myriad purposes. Los Angelenos enjoy running, walking, softball, soccer, tennis, basketball, rugby, lawn bowling, golf, a host of other sports and play with children, families and pets on the over 15,000 acres of open space in Los Angeles. Each of these recreational uses provides significant benefits to the participants. With over 3.6 million residents in the City of Los Angeles, however, different recreational activities compete for the limited open space available. The City Council and the Parks and Recreation Department must make a judgment on how to allocate scarce open space. This allocation must strive to be equitable and must be responsive to the expressed demand of citizens.

We begin with the premise that creating more open space is not a politically or economically feasible option in space-constrained Los Angeles. We are not asking to build more parks, beaches or recreational facilities. Instead, we will argue that the current allocation of open space does not meet the current demand for one type of recreational activity: off-leash dog recreation. We conclude that fairness and citizen demand require allocation of some existing open space for use as Off-Leash Recreational Areas (OLRA).

The report proceeds as follows. In Section One we briefly present evidence to support our contention that the current allocation of open space for off-leash dog recreation does not meet the expressed demand of citizens. We will focus our analysis on the Westside of Los Angeles where the expressed demand is particularly high. Section Two provides an overview of the benefits and drawbacks of OLRAs to dogs, dog owners and other residents of Los Angeles. Section Three identifies key stakeholders in the OLRA issue, and discusses the preferences of those who favor dog parks, and those who oppose them. Section Four presents criteria that attempt to satisfy the hopes of OLRA enthusiasts while recognizing the concerns of opponents. Section Five provides information that specifically addresses the concerns of those opposed to OLRAs. Section Six applies these criteria to five potential open space areas on the Westside of Los Angeles that could be re-allocated as OLRAs. In the end, we recommend that the City of Los Angeles designate a portion of Dockweiler Beach as an OLRA. As we will see, this choice may not be the "best" in terms of the hopes of OLRA supporters, but it is the "best" for all parties concerned and clearly the most likely to actually happen.

The case for more space...

In Los Angeles County there are 175,000 licensed dogs, which suggests that the number of dogs is actually in excess of 300,000. In all of Los Angeles County there are only 4 areas where owners are legally permitted to exercise with their dogs without a leash. These four off-leash dog areas comprise a total of less than 10 acres of space. To begin with a fanciful example, if all the licensed dogs in Los Angeles descended on existing OLRAs, each park would be required to hold more than 40,000 dogs or 17,500 dogs per acre. More realistically, if only 1 in 5 *licensed dog owners* (35,000) would like to use an OLRA, the demand is measured as 3500 dogs per acre, or 8750 dogs per dog park.

To place these figures in perspective it is helpful to compare OLRA allocation statistics with other forms of recreational activities. Table One compares the figures for OLRAs to competing recreational uses for open space.

Table One
Competing Recreational Uses

Recreational Activity	# of Acres	# of Users	Users per Acre*
Off-Leash Recreation Area	10	35,000	3500
Tennis	287	80,000	279
Softball	1050	39,375	40
Golf	1040	105,000	101

* all numbers rounded up

Softball:

According to the City Park & Recreation officials, there are 39,375 people in city organized softball leagues. To accommodate these softball players, the city maintains 350 softball fields of approximately 3 acres each. These figures show that 1050 acres of open space in Los Angeles are devoted to recreational softball users compared with only 10 acres devoted to dogs and dog owner recreation.

Tennis:

There are 287 city run tennis courts in Los Angeles. We estimate that given the size of a tennis court and surrounding facilities, we estimate that 287 acres of open space are devoted to tennis courts. According to the Southern California Tennis Association (SCTA) there are 40,000 dues paying members to the SCTA, in the city of Los Angeles. Because many tennis players do not formally belong to the tennis association, this figure is under-estimated. We make the assumption that the number is underestimated by half and inflate the number to 80,000 tennis players. Spread out over 287 acres, the number of users per acre is slightly under 300, an order of magnitude less than the estimated 3500 users per acre of off-leash park land.

Golf:

The City Parks and Recreation department maintains 13 golf courses. Based on the assumption that one golf course takes up 90 acres of open space, an estimated 1170 acres is devoted to golfers in Los Angeles. In 1998, the City Department of Parks and Recreation issued 35,000 "city cards" that residents can use to reserve golf times at city courses. As with the tennis example, this is clearly an underestimate of the total number of golfers on city courses. To provide a fair estimation we inflate the 35,000 city card holders to a total of 105,000 regular users of city golf courses. These assumptions lead to an estimated 101 golfers per acre.

What if:

Given these figures we present the following scenarios based on the question of how much re-allocation would be necessary simply to provide an *equal* allocation between OLRAs and the other recreational activities. The point of this exercise is not that dog owners have more legitimate claims on open space than other activities. Even the most vocal OLRA activists do not contend that it is necessary for dog owners to have an *equal* allocation of open space. The numbers, however, show how dramatically under-allocated OLRA space is in Los Angeles compared to other recreational uses.

- **Almost 100 times more OLRA open space** would be required to provide dog owners the same recreational opportunities as softball players.
- **Over 3 million of Los Angelesí 3.6 million residents would have to be regular golfers** to equalize the amount of open space provided to golfers as to dog owners.
- **There would have to be over 1 million tennis players**, over 25% of all Angelenos, to have the same number of users per acre as dog owners currently have.
- **There would have to be only 1000 dog owners in all of Los Angeles** who wish to use OLRAs for their current allocation of open space to equal the allocation for golfers.

These figures clearly demonstrate that the supply of OLRAs is inadequate. Moreover, the expressed demand for OLRAs is particularly high on the Westside of Los Angeles. There are two citizen groups on the Westside devoted

to the increased allocation of OLRAs, FREEPLAY and Hermosa Beach Friends Of Dogs. No other area in Los Angeles has the level of citizen driven activism for OLRAs as the Westside. Although statistics are not available, interviews with Animal Control officers suggest that the Westside has a higher proportion of the dogs in Los Angeles county than any other area. Finally, FREEPLAY conducted a passive survey on the week of Oct. 4, 1998 to estimate the current usage of the Westminster OLRA. The study found that over the course of one week over 2,000 dogs used this small (.75 acres) OLRA, making it one of the most intensively used parks in the entire city.
By focusing on the Westside of Los Angeles we are also able to consider the use of beach area as an option for OLRAs. There are clear advantages of beaches over parks, such as lower maintenance costs and compatibility with existing land uses. We will discuss these advantages and some potential disadvantages of beaches in later sections.

The Benefits of Dogs and OLRAs:

Dogs or companion animals have become an important part of our society. Companion animals "provide many benefits which are difficult to quantify in monetary terms, but which have important implications for the health and welfare of humans." Senator George Vast in his "Tribute to a Dog" called dogs:

> "The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A manís dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground, where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely, if only he may be near his masterís side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer; he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces, he is as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens."

Research shows that dogs are more than just companions. They provide both physical and mental health benefits to their owners. The importance of dogs in society has even helped spawn a new field of study, urban animal management, which aims to ensure that animals are taken care of in the urban environment.
Off-leash recreational areas not only foster the strong historical relationship between dogs and people, they also contribute to urban animal management and the urban environment. We begin by outlining the obvious benefits of OLRAs to dogs and proceed to show how these benefits spill over to dog owners and the community at large. We will also show benefits of OLRAs to dog owners and the community at large unrelated to the benefits of OLRAs to dogs.

Benefits of OLRAs to dogs:

- Studies have shown that dogs that exercise and are allowed to run freely are not as aggressive towards people as dogs that are under-exercised.
- Allowing dogs to have an off-leash area socializes dogs. It brings them in contact with other dogs and causes them to be less aggressive in each future encounter with dogs.
- OLRAs improve the mental state of dogs. Many dog owners report that after a visit to an OLRA their dog is less agitated, more relaxed and in general nicer to be around.

These benefits were evident during a site visit to Ocean Park Dog Beach in San Diego. In an interview, John Maloney, a regular dog park user, spoke extensively about how he regularly took his dogs to the Ocean Park OLRA without any incidence of his dogs displaying aggressive behavior toward other dogs or human visitors at the beach.

Benefits of OLRAs to Dog Owners:

The benefits enjoyed by dogs are also benefits to dog owners. A well-adjusted, less aggressive dog, is more enjoyable and easier to handle for the owner. In addition, there are benefits of OLRAs to owners alone. These benefits again are illustrated by dog owners interviewed at Ocean Park Dog beach. They include:

> OLRAs provide a vital public space allowing people to meet and form the bonds of community.
> OLRAs allow people to have the pleasure of watching their dogs at play.
> OLRAs contribute to overall physical fitness of people by encouraging them to exercise with their dogs.
> OLRAs provide an opportunity for dog owners to enjoy the outside.

Benefits of OLRAs to the Community:

OLRAs also make dogs better members of their communities. By providing socialization and exercise opportunities OLRAs can make dogs less aggressive, reducing the risks of dog attacks. In addition, well exercised puppies and dogs are less likely to create a nuisance by barking excessively or destroying property.
Communities benefit in other ways that do not rest on the improved behavior of dogs. These include:

> **OLRAs promote public safety.** Designated spaces for dogs and their owners reduces the likelihood that dogs will be let loose in other recreational areas where they could infringe on the rights of other park users.
> **OLRAs make the surrounding area safer.** Dog owners have an interest in the safety of their community and can act as a neighborhood watch. In Venice Beach, where crime rates are high, the presence of dogs

and their owners on the beach create an atmosphere of safety. In addition, designated off-leash spaces reduce the resources law enforcement and animal control officials must spend on enforcing leash laws, allowing of them to devote their time to other areas of crime prevention.

OLRAs are a social hub for communities. Dogs often help people break the ice, allowing people who share interests to socialize while exercising their dogs. These interactions help neighbors to get to know each other and to build a sense of community. At a time in Los Angeles when it is often difficult for people to get any sense of community, these interactions are perhaps the most significant benefit offered by OLRAs.

OLRAs promote responsible dog ownership. All users will license their dogs, not only because the threat of a fine is greater in an OLRA but also because there is considerable social pressure from regular OLRA users to do the right thing. The social aspect of OLRAs also tend to enforce the basic rules of dog ownership such as cleaning up after oneís dog and always controlling oneís dogís behavior. Finally, OLRA provide a centralized location for providing owner training, pet information, and veterinary services.

Drawbacks and concerns about OLRAs

This analysis would not be complete without identifying all potential drawbacks to OLRAs. A competent feasibility study attempts to identify all constraints, evaluate their significance given different implementation strategies, and estimate the costs and benefits of relaxing those constraints that are not absolutely fixed. Despite the benefits and advantages of an OLRA, there are also some potential drawbacks. These concerns can be categorized in five areas:

- Confrontations that may result within OLRAs.
- Dog behaviors.
- Dog waste.
- Irresponsible owners, including liability problems.
- The effective administration of OLRAs.

Confrontations:

The first set of concerns regard fears that OLRAs will lead to various types of confrontations. These concerns were evident in a 1998 study conducted by the city of Hermosa Beach. After receiving several letters from residents asking for permission to walk their dogs on the beach, the city council of Hermosa Beach directed staff to conduct a study. They reported several potential confrontations including those between:

humans and dogs.
two or more dogs.
dog owners.
dog owners and other park patrons.
dog owners and police or animal control officers.

Behavior and characteristics of dogs:

The second set of concerns raised at various community meetings focus on the behavior and characteristics of dogs. These include the following:

Vicious or aggressive dogs may disrupt the smooth operation of the OLRA.
Dogs may carry infectious diseases transmissible to both other dogs and humans.
Dogs in heat may excite other dogs causing problems.
Dogs wearing spiked collars may injure other dogs.

The problem of poop:

The third major concern expressed about OLRAs is the problem with dog waste and owners who do not clean up after their dog. This is the main argument against establishing an OLRA on the beach. This is the primary reason why dogs are not allowed on the beach in Hermosa, and why FREEPLAY is having such a difficult time establishing beach space for dogs in Venice. There are specific concerns that dog feces and urine can pose both an environmental and public health hazard.

Irresponsible dog owners:

The fourth area of concern is owners who fail to take responsibility for their dogs. This problem is evident in the fear that dog owners will not clean up after their dogs. On a fundamental level, this concern is driven by the belief that there is no easy way to hold dog owners legally responsible. Other potential problems with dog owners include the following:

Owners whose dogs are not under voice control.
Owners taking multiple dogs to OLRAs. Multiple dogs may be more difficult for one owner to control.

In addition, problems with irresponsible dog owners may be exacerbated by the actions of others. For example, people who bring food into OLRAs may cause dogs to fight over it. Similarly, parents who take small children to the OLRA may cause problems because children and dogs often frighten one another, leading to unpleasant reactions.

The administration of OLRAs:

The fifth and final set of concerns expressed about OLRAs deal with the effective administration of the OLRA. These specific concerns include;

> Problems in enforcing the rules. Who is responsible for enforcement of OLRA rules?
> Funding. The creation of each OLRA entails initial start-up and continued maintenance costs.

With this outline of concerns about OLRAs we now turn to the identification of key stakeholders in the OLRA issue.

Key OLRA stakeholders:

A number of interested parties have emerged to state their position concerning this issue. It is possible to break them down into three groups; supporters, opponents on policy grounds, and opponents for administrative reasons.

Supporters:

Stakeholders who clearly support designating off-leash dog areas (OLRAs) include dog owners in general and advocacy groups such as FREEPLAY and Hermosa Beach Friends Of Dogs. Many non-dog owners are also likely to be included in this group because creating a designated OLRA reduces the likelihood of confrontations with other recreational uses.

The 175,000 licensed dog owners are a formidable stakeholder because of their sheer numbers. They represent a potentially powerful electoral constituency and therefore, must be taken into account. If properly mobilized, such large numbers could come out in force to support a referendum concerning recreational areas and could also affect the votes given to local representatives who favor OLRAs. Moreover, the desires of responsible owners tend to be strong because they seek to provide adequate exercise for their dogs. Thus, for them greater access to open space is not only desirable but necessary.

Consumers of urban recreational spaces are another stakeholder because they want to enjoy public spaces for sports and relaxing. Some of these people may not like dogs, but this fact would not necessarily preclude their support for a measure allowing dogs to run freely in a designated area, especially if creating a designated OLRA decreases the confrontations and competition for open space.

Opponents on Policy Grounds:

The two elected official representing the Venice beach area, Los Angeles City council member Ruth Galanter and County Supervisor Don Knabe, have expressed concerns over creating more OLRAs. Galanter currently appears opposed to more OLRAs. Her chief concerns are for public health and safety. Council Member Galanter supports the findings of Ronald F. Deaton, the Chief Legislative Analyst, that state that a potential health risk exists when humans come into contact with dog feces or are bitten by dogs. Galanter has also been influenced by the potential costs to the city for establishing, outfitting and maintaining proper dog areas. Galanter, however, has changed her position from time to time and in fact claims some responsibility for the creation of the Westminster dog park.

A concern voiced by both Council Member Galanter and Field Deputy Tom Martin of Supervisor Don Knabeís office is that of government liability for these off-leash areas. Since beach ownership is divided between local, county and state governments in California, indemnification against liability is problematic.

Merchants, vendors, home owners, and residents in the surrounding areas of off- leash dog areas also have an interest in this issue. At the present time, many people walk their dogs on the boardwalks which can be disruptive to others. Their primary concern is that creating an OLRA will increase the number of dogs coming to the beach and therefore increase the disruption caused by dogs on the boardwalk.

Two organizations have expressed environmental concerns over increased OLRAs. Heal the Bay, an environmental organization dedicated to protecting the Santa Monica Bay, has expressed concerns about the potential environmental problems of dog waste. The second is the California Coastal Commission which issues permits necessary to alter the physical characteristics of beaches in California. Chief among its concerns is potential restrictions to beach access. An off-leash recreational area for dogs may draw the Coastal Commissionís attention if it hindered full accessibility of the beach. The Coastal Commission , however, has permitted dog beaches in other areas of California.

Finally, the Society for the Protection of Animal (SPCA) has raised concerns about un-spayed dogs running free which may increase the potential for un-wanted litters.

Administrative opponents:

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), animal control officials, lifeguards, and employees of the Department of Beaches and Harbors have vested interests in resolving questions over enforcement and access to beaches. These workers have the responsibility of ensuring the safety and cleanliness of parks and beaches. At the present time, the LAPD assigns 30 officers a day to beach detail in the summer months. While the officers respond to many different

complaints, they must also address those concerning dogs on local beaches. None of these groups are anxious to police beaches or parks for dogs, resolve disputes over dog-related matters, or handle problems with dog defecation. For example, in a report to the Hermosa Beach city council, Chief Gary Crum of the Los Angeles County Fire Department Lifeguards said that they were opposed to the idea of allowing dogs on the beach because of sanitation concerns over fecal matter on the beach and the need to enforce pooper scooper laws. Beach authorities also voiced concerns because beach cleaning machines are not designed to pick up all feces left on the beach. Consequently, the operators of the machines would be exposed to fecal material when cleaning the machines and disposing of the collected waste.

Overcoming stakeholder concerns:

This list of stakeholders opposing OLRAs presents significant obstacles to the allocation of more open space to dog owners. At first, it appears to be a Herculean task to overcome them. Taking a step back, however, the opposition to OLRAs stems either from a lack of knowledge of the facts or a lack of creativity in the design of policies that can overcome the concerns expressed by all stakeholders. It is important to return to the fundamental problem: dog owners and their pets are provided significantly fewer recreational opportunities compared to other users of Los Angeles parks. Reasoned policies for the allocation of recreational space may overcome these impediments.

Correcting Misinformation:

Much of the opposition to off leash recreational areas stems from misplaced fears concerning dogs. Consequently, clarification and information provision can significantly reduce opposition from certain stakeholders. Two areas are particularly prone to misplaced fears: the dangers of dog bites and problems emanating from dog feces.

Dog Bites. A fear of an increased number of dog bites or other incidences is a major impediment to acceptance of off-leash areas. The evidence from existing areas, however, show that this fear is misplaced. A report by Hermosa Beach city staff studied several areas that allowed dogs on the beach: Huntington, Newport, Del Mar, Cardiff, Carmel, Laguna Beach, Pismo Beach, and San Diego. Only Huntington and Del Mar reported any instances of dog bites, and these cities only reported a small number of incidences (under five). In contrast, six of the eight cities reported no incidents or confrontations at all.

Further evidence that this fear is unwarranted is that the new Westminster dog park has had no reports of dog bites since it opened. This successful record is largely due to the significant self-policing capabilities of community groups like FREEPLAY. Those who fear increased incidences of dog bites apparently ignore the important role of peer pressure in protecting against unpleasant confrontations. Finally, to the extent that OLRAs confine dogs to spaces under community supervision, dogs are less likely to become involved in confrontations than if they are roaming free in other open space areas.

Health Risks from Dog Feces. The City of Los Angeles has raised concerns over the possible transmission of diseases through dog feces left in off-leash areas. The Chief Legislative Analyst of Los Angeles compiled a list twenty diseases that could possibly be transmitted by dogs. While all dogs are subject to gastrointestinal and external parasitism, the city reports that only humans with particularly weak immune systems such as AIDs patients and young children stand any significant chance of contracting diseases from such dog-borne parasites.

Moreover, an analysis of the Legislative Analyst report by Dr. Ellie Goldstein, a leading public health expert, has shown this list to be highly misleading. Many of the diseases listed are not endemic to Los Angeles and many others are very rare. In his words, "it is as likely that people will get any of these listed diseases from their pet dog as their chance of getting hit by lighting." Based on this analysis Dr. Goldstein concludes that the creation of new off-leash recreational areas pose minimal risks from a public health perspective.

Pollution Risks from Dog Feces. In a 1996 letter to Councilmember Ruth Galanter Joel Reynolds of the Natural Resources Defense Council argued that off-leash dog beaches could result in the contamination of coastal waters. Clean water for bathers and other beach users is certainly a high priority, and his concern is a valid one.

Nevertheless, this fear is clearly repudiated by the evidence: the ocean water off of existing southern Californian dog beaches is *not* any more polluted than at other beaches.

The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project recently completed the most extensive sampling of coastal water quality ever undertaken. This project collected weekly samples from 307 sites from Point Conception to Mexico. Several of these sites were at existing dog beaches located at Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, and Coronado. As seen in Table Two the recorded bacteria levels at each of these beaches were far below all existing and proposed standards for water quality. Moreover, the water quality at these beaches was comparable to nearby beaches that did not allow dogs.

Table Two
Average Recorded Levels of Pollution Indicators (per 100mL)

CITY	Total Coliforms	Fecal Coliforms	Enterococci
Huntington Beach	56.7	22.3	7.2
Laguna Beach	42.0	32.0	n/a
Coronado	28.0	4.5	4.0
State Standard	10,000	400	104

A major finding of the report is that the single largest contributor to elevated bacterial levels in coastal waters is storm water and urban runoff emitted through storm drains. Clearly, on-going and critical efforts to improve the water quality off of Southern Californian beaches will be better spent attacking the main causes of this problem rather than focusing on dogs that lead to no discernible increase in pollution levels.

Policy Options that Address Stakeholder Concerns:

The remaining concerns of stakeholders are both valid and important. Nevertheless, they do not preclude serving the equally legitimate demands of dog owners because these concerns may be addressed as additional open space is made available to dog owners. Existing OLRAs throughout California provide a wealth of alternative techniques by dog owners can gain access while protecting the recreational opportunities, safety, and well being of other stakeholders:

> Make a provision in the city municipal code to allow dogs on the beach in early morning and evening hours. Establish a permit system to allow only dogs with permits to be allowed on beach areas. Have a community group sponsor the OLRA and require it to hold orientation classes for owners and their dogs on how to use OLRAs. Establish a reporting system for people to report violations of rules at OLRAs. Establish a monitoring system to enforce the rules of the OLRA. Enact strong enforcement policies, such as fines for failure to control a dog or failure to clean up after a dog.

Each of these policies reduces risk by separating dogs into designated areas and by maintaining controls over their behaviors. We will look at each concern individually, examining how such policy designs can allay the concerns of stakeholders.

Overcoming the poop problems:

One of the strongest arguments against creating OLRAs is that they will become unsanitary and unsightly because of urine and dog waste. While the risk of disease in quite small, the chance of infection is likely to be larger when the waste is not immediately removed. In addition, there is no argument that dog feces on the ground is smelly, unsightly, and unpleasant to be around.

The fact remains that dogs will create waste regardless of whether or not they are on a leash. Thus the more important issue is finding a way to ensure that waste is properly disposed of in a timely fashion. A number of effective methods have been employed to encourage and ensure that dog owners clean up after their pets: (1) mandatory compliance on the part of dog owners to immediately remove dog waste from public spaces; enforced either by the community group or through fines; (2) regularly scheduled volunteer patrols to sweep the parks and beaches of all debris; and (3) conveniently located trash cans and waste removal bags. The use of plastic bags, "pooper scoopers", and trash cans are also effective means of dealing with the problem. As evidenced by the Westminster dog park there is considerable social pressure for owners to clean up after their dogs in an OLRA. This social pressure is not as concentrated in non-OLRA designated open space.

Irresponsible dog owners and liability concerns:

Concerns regarding liability are another significant obstacle that must be addressed to facilitate the creation of OLRAs. A city that is exposed to expensive law suits because of injuries related to OLRAs is not likely to encourage their creation. Cities have, nevertheless, found a number of ways to reduce their exposure to liability claims. Claremont dealt with the issue by creating an ordinance, which states:

> "The use of off-leash areas by a dog owner or other person having care, custody or control of that shall constitute agreement by the dog owner and the person having care, custody, or control of that dog toÖa waiver liability of the city, and his or her agreement to protect, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the city from any claim, injury, or damage arising from or in connection with such use."

Alternatively, cities may rely on signage. By signage, one means "full and complete signage, both advising visitors that the park is an off-leash area and that they use the area at their own risk, and advising dog owners of their assumption of liability and hold harmless agreement.

FREEPLAY, in their proposal for an OLRA addressed the issue of signage. In their report, they stated that it is important for OLRAs to announce designated off-leash areas so that the general public can then make an informed decision regarding access. "There are three types of signs that may be required: regulatory, advisory and warning signs. The choice of sign, its location and size is dependent on the information to be presented and the uses for which it is designed. Advisory signs are necessary at every entry point to the area and between one access point and another. Regulatory signs should detail relevant regulations and corresponding fines for non-compliance." The purpose of the signs is to improve relations within the local community by emphasizing positive messages to encourage responsible behavior of dog owners.

The concerns about irresponsible dog owners can yet again be mitigated by the presence of a strong community group that helps maintain order. The social and community aspect of OLRAs is actually a deterrent to irresponsible dog ownership. We contend that in many ways the self-policing evident at the Westminster dog park is more effective that external (city-run) policing. As one Westminster regular explained, "It is one thing to get a ticket from an anonymous cop, it is another thing to get corrected at by my neighbor who I have to see everyday."

Administrative Concerns:

The administrative concerns for the most part apparently stem from the belief that OLRAs will require a significant amount of "new" work for the various government agencies. It is certainly possible to think of ways to create an OLRA that would in fact require a host of new work for the agencies. For example, a new OLRA that would require regular replanting of grass would require significant on-going maintenance by city staff. A new OLRA in close proximity to other recreational activities would require on-going administration by animal control officers, especially if clear and definable boundaries do not exist. It is clearly possible, however, to design new OLRAs in a way that decreases these on going administrative costs. For example, an OLRA without grass and away from competing recreational uses would decrease these on-going maintenance costs.

A second administrative concern is the amount of start-up money an OLRA may require. An OLRA requiring a new fence, significant new signage, and new trash cans is likely to have significant start-up costs. As with maintenance costs, however, it is possible to minimize these costs. For example, an OLRA located such that a new fence would not be required to separate dogs and other recreational activities would be much less expensive.

The point is not that start-up costs and maintenance costs are irrelevant concerns. Instead we argue that these costs can and should be minimized by the site selection process.

Criteria for new OLRAs:

Given the hopes of dog owners and the fears of OLRA opponents, it is clear that a sound decision must be based on criteria for new OLRAs that pay close attention to all stakeholders. Moreover, given the significant opposition to OLRAs, we propose that when accessing tradeoffs, greater weight should be accorded to the concerns of opponents than the wishes of dog owners. Given the paucity of current OLRAs and significant opposition, we believe that dog owners are or should be satisfied with any increase in available open space. **In short, we believe that overall the best site for a new OLRA is one that minimizes the opposition and maximizes the feasibility of a new OLRA actually being created.** The analysis up to this point suggest the following criteria are essential to choosing a successful site for an OLRA:

Limit conflicting recreational uses. It appears that dual use for different recreational purposes will be difficult to manage and maintain. It is, however, feasible to consider some way of designating a site for off-leash exercise by hours rather than a physical boundary. This selection criteria is designed to minimize the fears about various types of "confrontations."

Compatibility with surrounding land uses. It would be inappropriate to select a site in close proximity to a major traffic thoroughfare for fear of dog safety. It would also be inappropriate to site a facility directly adjacent to homes. Again this criteria helps mitigate fears about "confrontations," as well as dog behavior and irresponsible owners.

Accessibility. In order for a dog park to be utilized it must be accessible to dog owners. Given the current under-allocation of OLRA space dog owners will accept some amount of travel to get to a new facility but attempts should be made to minimize this travel time. In addition, to limit the fears of confrontations with people outside the OLRA it is important to consider the availability of parking adjacent to the OLRA.

Strong community involvement and support . As the laundry list of fears shows, an OLRA is more likely to be successful in an area that enjoys a large amount of community support. Many of the concerns about dog behavior and irresponsible owners can be addressed through the active involvement of a local community group. In addition, a strong and active local organization can help alleviate many of the

concerns about dog waste. As evidenced by the Westminster dog park, an effective local group can create significant pressure and social norms towards responsible dog ownership.

Start-up and maintenance costs . There are some costs associated with any new OLRA. Since we are re-allocating existing open space for off-leash use and given that many key stakeholders are opposed to OLRAs for administrative (cost) reasons we should attempt to minimize the costs involved in the process. The potential start-up costs include additional signage, trash cans, fencing, and water hook-up if necessary. The potential on-going maintenance costs include; cleaning, repairing fencing, replacing grass, patrolling by city staff. A strong community group can help reduce these costs. For example, donation and volunteer efforts have contributed greatly to the construction and maintenance of Westminster Park. In addition, proper site selection can reduce costs.

Beaches beat parks.

In an effort to narrow the focus we begin with a simple choice, park or beach area. Using the identified criteria, there are clear advantages of beaches over parks. First, beaches would have lower maintenance costs than parks. As evidenced by the Westminster OLRA, dogs are very hard on grass, and this is compounded by the overuse of the park. The beach sand is more resilient to the pounding of running dogs and therefore require less regular maintenance.

Second, many beaches appear to be under-utilized especially during the winter months. In interviews, several Los Angeles County lifeguards indicated that even on weekends during the winter it is rare to see a large number of people either playing or simply relaxing on the sand part of the beach. Most of the activity is concentrated in the boardwalk areas. There are so few people on some beaches that lifeguards estimate that they only need to patrol small sections of the beach during winter months.

While beach use increases dramatically during the summer, there are still areas of beaches where the potential conflict with other recreation activities is limited. Although it is difficult to quantify comparative utilization of beaches over parks, several site visits confirm that many beach areas, even on weekends, are underused. It is difficult to say the same thing about park areas.

Third, we consider the existing land use of potential sites. From the perspective of dog owners, a perfect OLRA is a wide open space where dogs can run free. Most dog owners would also prefer an area that does not become muddy during rainy weather. Since a grassy area can quickly become a mud field with overuse, the beach area seems to be a more viable option. As one Venice area dog owner stated, "Sand I can brush off, mud means a bath production."

Another clear advantage of beaches over parks is that picking up dog fecal matter is physically easier on a beach than in a park. All of the existing OLRAs come equipped with shovels and rakes that owners can use to clean up after their dogs. It is often quite funny to observe owners contorting and digging into the park to pick up after their dog. On a beach the soft sand makes clean up an easier task, almost like a catis litter box. The sand also makes it possible for dog owners to scoop up dog urine which is impossible in a park setting. While this may seem trivial, cleaning up dog waste is a significant concern of OLRA opponents, the sand makes clean up easier for dog owners and therefore increases the likelihood that it will happen.

Fourth and finally, we believe that beaches offer advantages in terms of accessibility. It is important to remember the balance between accessibility for dog owners and protection of homeowners. Most of the small park areas on the Westside are directly adjacent to houses which increases the conflict between the two groups. Many of the beaches are a distance from homes decreasing this conflict. Many beaches also have adjacent public parking, which tends to be empty in the winter months. In contrast, most parks in Los Angeles have very little parking available.

Given these factors we concentrate our analysis on comparing different beach areas as potential sites for a new OLRA on the Westside.

And the winner is...

There are 23 distinct beach areas in the Los Angeles region (see Appendix A). In an effort to narrow this number down, we begin by eliminating beaches that clearly fail one of the identified criteria. Nine of these beaches clearly fail the accessibility criteria. Four of these (Leo Carrillo, Nicholas Canyon, Zuma and Point Dume) require long drives on the congested Pacific Coast Highway towards Malibu. Four of these beaches (Malaga Cove, Abalone Cove, Point Fermin Lighthouse and Cabrillo) require long drives through the winding roads of Palos Verdes peninsula, making them inaccessible. We eliminate two additional beaches (Los Tunas and Topanga) on the accessibility criteria primarily because they offer insufficient parking.

Six of these beaches (Santa Monica, Will Rogers, Manhattan, Hermosa, Redondo, and Torrance) present significant conflicts with other recreational users. Much of the recreational activities on these beaches actually takes place on the sand parts of the beach. For example, there are more than 100 volleyball courts on Manhattan Beach. In addition, five of these six beaches are surrounded by other incorporated cities, preventing the city or county of Los Angeles from dictating the particular uses of these beaches.

This process of elimination leaves five candidate beaches: Venice Beach, Dockweiler, Marina Jetty, Playa del Rey, and Motheris Beach. It is important to note that we are not comparing these beaches to those eliminated above but to each other. Table Three compares each of these areas using the criteria developed above. Table Four provides a rank ordering of each of the prospective beaches. Note that a "1" equals the top score and a "5" equals the bottom score in Table Four.

Table Three
Alternative Criteria Matrix

Beach Area	*Conflict Potential*	*Compatible Land Use*	*Accessibility*	*Community Involvement*	*Costs*
Venice Beach	Very popular and high traffic area especially in the summer.	High traffic areas around pier and pavilion area are inappropriate.	Very accessible to Westside residents. Parking is costly and in short supply during summertime.	An OLRA this area has significant community support, but also elicits opposition.	Start-up: Significant due to need for widespre signage. Given other activities, fenced area is probably necessa Few existing trasl cans. Maintenance: Hig tourist traffic require ongoing patrols and on-going clean up.
Dockweiler	Lightly used. Large stretches are often completely empty.	Size of beach (wide and over 4 miles long) indicates it could accommodate an OLRA while allowing competing uses elsewhere.	Ample street and pay parking. But not particularly accessible to Westside residents.	The large open space and parking indicate that the area would be acceptable to OLRA activists. The lack of housing near the area suggests minimal opposition.	Start-Up: There is currently a fenced area on the beach suggesting no nev fence costs. There are currently a lar number of trash cans. Maintenance: Fer may not be necessary decreasing maintenance cost
Marina Jetty	Little used by other recreational activities. It is in close proximity to Venice Beach which is highly used.	The beach is comparatively small and somewhat narrow. It is also the is fairly close to many houses. Also there is a Tern breeding program on beach.	Very accessible to Westside residents. Parking is a potential problem, especially during summer.	Because of accessibility this would be very favorable for OLRA supporters. Potential concerns with homeowners.	Start-up: Small enough so that a fence is probably not needed. Few trash cans. Maintenance: The proximity to a highly used area would indicate th higher maintenan

					costs are likely.
Motheris Beach	This area is used primarily by two rowing clubs to launch boats. A potential conflict on weekends.	Beach is surrounded by hotels on three sides indicating a potential for conflict.	Moderately accessible to users. Pay parking only	Again accessibility would lead to support by OLRA backers.	Start-up: Small enough so fence i unlikely, many trash cans. Maintenance: Litt would be necessa to maintain in current state of disrepair.
Playa del Rey	Observation indicates few other uses.	A small beach area would concentrating impacts in a confined area.	Moderately accessible to Westside users. Pay and street parking.	Distance from Westside indicates less support.	Start-up: Small enough so fence i probably not necessary. Not many trash cans. Maintenance: out the way location decreases needs f maintenance.

Table Four
Ranking Criteria Matrix

Beach Area	*Conflict Potential*	*Compatible land use*	*Accessibility*	*Community involvement*	*Costs*
Venice Beach	5	5	1	1	5
Dockweiler	1	1	4	3	1
Marina Jetty	4	3	2	2	3
Motheris Beach	3	4	3	4	4
Playa del Rey	2	2	5	5	2

The results of these tables indicate that Dockweiler beach best fits our identified criteria for a new OLRA. Dockweiler scored highest (a score of one) on three of the five criteria (Conflict potential, Compatible use and Costs). Dockweiler scored low (4) on accessibility and in the middle (3) on community involvement. Given that the proponents of OLRAs must overcome significant opposition, Dockweiler is clearly the best choice. It is far from potential homeowner and has limited alternative recreational users, minimizing potential conflicts. The existing fenced area and high number of trash cans indicate low start-up and maintenance costs. What Dockweiler loses in terms of accessibility it gains in terms of size and available parking.

A potential second choice is Playa del Rey, which ranked second on three out of five categories, but lowest on community involvement and accessibility. It scored low in these areas mainly because it is closer to housing and smaller than Dockweiler and provides less parking.

Marina Jetty and Motheris Beach scored in the middle to bottom (mainly 3is and 4is) on all the criteria. They are both small and pose have significant potential of conflict with existing uses.

Finally, Venice Beach dramatically shows our weighting of the three main opposition concerns (conflict potential, compatible land use, and costs) over the supporters hopes (accessibility and community involvement). Venice is clearly the preference of OLRA users but is clearly less desirable from the perspective of other stakeholders.

Conclusion:

While more areas are needed, attempts to create them face significant political opposition. The current allocation of space for off-leash dog use ignore high expressed demand by dog owners on the Westside. We have developed criteria for choosing a new OLRA that attempt to mitigate the concerns of opponents while attempting to serve some of the hopes of dog owners. Until OLRA users clearly demonstrate their ability to manage and self-police an off-leash beach area, it will be extremely difficult for these users to get their first choice of sites. The example of Westminster Dog park is clearly a step in the right direction. The Westminster users and FREEPLAY provide an example of how the process can work. By choosing a site that speaks directly to the concerns of opponents

FREEPLAY and other community based organizations will have the opportunity to again prove that OLRAs provide significant benefits to dog owners, their pets, and most importantly, the community at large. With this added experience and track record it is our belief that the ultimate goal of FREEPLAY of 1 acre of OLRA per 100 dogs can some day become a reality.

Appendix A
Los Angeles County Beaches
(listed from north to south)

1. Leo Carrillo State Park
1. Nicholas Canyon Beach
1. Zuma Beach
1. Point Dume State Beach
1. Malibu Surfrider State Beach
1. Las Tunas State Beach
1. Topanga State Beach
1. Will Rogers State Beach
1. Santa Monica State Beach
1. Venice State Beach
1. Marina Jetty Beach
1. Motheris Beach (Marina)
1. Playa del Rey Beach
1. Dockweiler State Beach
1. Manhattan State Beach
1. Hermosa State Beach
1. Redondo State Beach
1. Torrance State Beach
1. Malaga Cove
1. Abalone Cove Beach
1. Point Fermin Lighthouse
1. Cabrillo Beach
1. Long Beach City Beach

Testimony from NYC Bar Association

NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Hearing to be held on November 1, 2006

My name is Jane Hoffman, and I am the Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals (the Committee). The Committee was the first such bar association committee in the nation. In this statement, I am speaking on behalf of the Association.

The Committee sponsors annual Animals and the Law conferences as well as evening programs that are open to the public on areas of interest such as Humane Education, Pets in Housing, Animal Abuse and the Violence Connection to name a few.

The Committee also publishes brochures regarding animal cruelty, access rights for people with disabilities and their service animals, and caring for your pet during hospitalization and comments on and drafts legislation on the local, state and federal level.

The Committee is very familiar with the language of Health Code Section 161.05 concerning the restraint of animals, and the Parks Department Rule Section 1-04(i), which enables the Parks Commissioner to permit animals off-leash. It is also familiar with Section 533 of the City Charter, which empowers the Parks Commissioner to establish and enforce rules and regulations for the use, government, and protection of public parks.

The Committee supports the Parks Department's policy of permitting off-leash exercise and socialization for dogs in designated parks within the City between the limited hours of 9 PM until parks close, and when they re-open until 9 AM.

By implementing this policy, the Parks Department has demonstrated both understanding and responsiveness to the needs of New York City's more than one million dogs. This is true for both those with homes and without. At the same time, the Parks Department has demonstrated both understanding and responsiveness to the needs of New York City's non-dog owning public, as the off-leash hours are appropriately limited in both duration and location.

Access to areas and times that enable dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash very likely contributes to keeping dogs that already have homes in them and out of the shelters as well as helping with the adoption of dogs that otherwise would remain in shelters, or be euthanized. The policy also promotes responsible dog ownership through the limited duration and designated spaces permitted for it.

The Committee believes that the limited off-leash policy is a reasonable exercise of the Parks Commissioner's authority under the existing regulations, and also is critical to the proper health and social development of dogs.

For these reasons the Committee supports the Health Department's proposed amendments to Health Code Section 161.05, regarding vaccination and licensing, and hopes that that the off-leash policy will be strengthened by these changes.

PART 1: STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is a Local Animal Management Plan?

The new Companion Animals Act 1998 is now in operation throughout New South Wales. It has introduced changes to the way dogs are managed by local authorities and, for the first time, introduces controls over domestic cats.

A Local Animal Management Plan (LAMP) is a document which provides a means for Council to fulfil its responsibilities under the new Act over the next three to five years, by determining relevant objectives and priorities along with a clear program of implementation.

1.2 Outline of this Plan

The LAMP is divided into two parts:

Part 1 (Sections 1-4) is entitled *Strategic Framework*. It examines relevant issues and responsibilities in relation to companion animals management. It culminates in a goal and aims for the LAMP.

Part 2 (Section 5) is entitled *Strategies*. It outlines the strategic actions necessary for Council to reach and achieve the goal and aims outlined in the Strategic Framework.

1.3 Scope of the Plan

This Plan integrates the developing expertise in companion animals' management around Australia to produce a program of action to be undertaken by Council over the next three to five years.

Relevant issues include those prescribed under relevant legislation as well as the generally understood notion of socially responsible pet ownership.

The study is confined to an examination of domestic dogs and cats.

2.0 COMPANION ANIMALS MANAGEMENT : A NEW AGENDA FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

The new Companion Animals Act heralds a new era for Council's management of domestic cats and dogs. The days when animal control consisted largely of dog registrations and pound management are rapidly receding. Today's management environment consists of both dogs and cats and includes a wider range of issues including the environment, removal of dog faeces, the question of on- and off-leash areas and an apparently higher incidence of barking dog complaints. What was once a relatively straightforward part of Council activity is now highly emotive attracting interest from both pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

Reliance on laws will probably always be the backbone of companion animals management, however there is now more emphasis on the development of non-regulatory approaches such as public education. The State Government is developing a statewide education campaign, however Council proposes to develop its own education programs to supplement the work of the State Government.

There is also a role for use of design of both domestic dwellings and public open space to help people to be responsible pet owners and to reduce the incidence of conflict. This may imply a role for Council in disseminating appropriate design guidelines but also to modifications in the planning and design of public parks.

The following section examines key issues in greater depth.

2.1 Registration and identification of companion animals (Sections 8 & 9)

Registration and identification are crucial components of animal management as a source of funds for education and enforcement, as a database for returning lost pets and identifying offending animals and as a way of communicating with pet owners.

Under the new Act a companion animal must be microchipped from 12 weeks of age (S8), although there are transitional provisions to accommodate existing owned dogs. A companion animal must be registered from 6 months of age (S9). Existing owned cats are exempt from the new provisions.

An early priority of the Plan will focus on raising the level of both dog and cat registrations.

2.2 Dogs

Effective Control

Dogs must be under control of a responsible person at all times. 'Effective' control as defined under the Act, means the animal must be leashed by a rope, chain or lead.

In areas other than those nominated as off-leash, animals must be effectively controlled.

Off-leash areas (Section 13)

Council can declare a public place to be an off-leash area. Such a declaration can be limited so as to apply during a particular period or periods of the day or to different periods of different days. However there must at all times be at least one public place in any municipality that is an off-leash area.

The attached schedule lists the off-leash areas proposed for the Shire. At least one off-leash area was considered for each urban settlement.

The case for additional off-leash areas is set out in the publication *Public Open Space and Dogs*:

- The popularity of dog ownership - in Australia 42% of households own one or more dogs;
- Dogs need to be socialised around other dogs and humans;
- Exercise and outings play a part in alleviating unwanted behaviours in the home such as excessive barking and some forms of aggression;
- There are benefits for humans - exercise, socialising with other dog owners (this is well documented) and the fact that for some people a dog is their main form of recreation;
- To avoid concentration of off-leash activity in one or a small number of areas; and
- As a compliance tool - by providing reasonable off-leash opportunities, Council can expect and appeal for compliance with leash requirements in other areas.

The Criteria used to determine potential off-leash areas included:

- *Minimum disruption to other normal users of the area*
- *Certainty of access for dog owners*
- *Minimal effects on nearby residents*
- *No through roads or cycleways*
- *Minimal impact on natural vegetation and regeneration areas*

- *Not near major tourist sites*
- *No blind spots*
- *Centrality and ease of access*
- *Some beach or water access*
- *Legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *Preference for grassed or sandy areas*
- *Presence of shade or shelter and water*
- *Appropriate fencing*
- *Means of dog faeces disposal*
- *Signage*

Public Risk

However concerns have been expressed about risks from dog attacks and Council's exposure to an unreasonable level of public liability claims. It is important to understand the reason why dogs won't necessarily behave in the same way in the neutral territory of a public park. Attacks on private property frequently occur when a dominant, protective or injured dog is not adequately supervised with children and visitors. These triggers are not present in the neutral territory of a public park when a dog is with its owner. Most data collected on this issue suggests that dog attacks are more likely to occur in and around the family home or another home.

Preliminary advice from the Local Government and Shires Association suggests that:

- ï Providing proper consideration is paid to siting issues (including signage), a Council which complies with a statutory requirement to provide a facility is less likely to be exposed to liability risk than a Council which provides such facilities of its own initiative;
- ï The Act places liability for such claims with the offending dog owner; and
- ï Section 731 of the Local Government Act gives protection to Councils and their officers for acts done in good faith for the purpose of executing that or any other Act.

Design and Planning for Off-leash Parks

The publication *Public Open Space and Dogs* makes suggestions for planning parks with dogs in mind. Water for swimming, earth mounds, hills and gullies are ideal for free running dogs and can be created artificially if not occurring naturally. Other design features could include ramps, hurdles, tyres, tipped logs, boulders and other agility equipment. Sandpits, while ideal for dogs, are not recommended because of their inevitable attraction to

children. Some Councils in Australia have developed formal dog agility courses (eg City of Nedlands in Western Australia).

Council does not propose to establish specific purpose off-leash parks during the life of the current Management Plan.

Time-Share

The off-leash parks could be provided on a time-share arrangement (eg dogs are allowed off-leash at certain times of the day - usually early morning and evening). However Council must, *at all times*, provide at least one off-leash area within the municipality. Timeshare works well however it is important to recognise its disadvantages:

- ï It concentrates potential problems into a restricted number of hours;
- ï Unremoved dog faeces may be a problem at other times; and
- ï Some dogs owners may be disadvantaged if they work irregular hours or have small children. Timeshare may also not suit the elderly who wish to use time available during the day.

However, time-share introduces certainty to animal owners and other users of beaches and reserves. It also assists the 'policing' of the Companion Animal Act.

It is proposed 'time-share' arrangements apply to all beaches and public reserves, unless expressly prohibited by legislation or within this Local Plan.

Public places where dogs would be excluded (Section 14)

Under the new Act dogs are also prohibited in the following public places:

- ï In or within 10m of any children's play areas;
- ï Food preparation or consumption areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway);
- ï Recreation areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- ï Public bathing areas where dogs are declared prohibited;
- ï School grounds (unless with the permission of the person controlling the grounds);
- ï Child care centres (unless with the permission of the person controlling the centre);
- ï Shopping areas where dogs are prohibited (unless secured in a vehicle, or with the permission of the person controlling the place or going to or from a vet or pet shop); and
- ï Wildlife protection areas.

Thus Council can elect to prohibit dogs from particular recreation areas, public bathing areas, shopping centres and wildlife protection areas. The Act defines 'shopping area' as shopping arcade or complex including public areas (per section 14g).

The following criteria was applied in determining prohibited areas:

- *proximity to picnic shelters and/or barbeques*
- *proximity to commercial food outlets*
- *proximity to carparks and vehicle thoroughfares*
- *proximity to children's playgrounds*
- *proximity to patrolled beaches*
- *proximity to National Parks*
- *ease of installation and servicing of signage and faeces disposal bins*

NPWS has urged Council to prohibit dogs from areas immediately adjacent to National Parks, as dogs are banned from the Parks, and there is little impediment to dogs moving from exercise areas into the Park. The Service has a long, documented record of injury to wildlife and threatened species due to domestic dogs and cats.

The Service has asked Council to patrol the Parks for dogs adjacent to residential areas, on it's behalf.

A Schedule listing the prohibited areas is attached.

Dog faeces (Section 20)

Unretrieved dog faeces are a problem for health, environmental and amenity reasons. Under the new Act, owners are required to remove their dogs' faeces and properly dispose of them. In practice, this is extremely difficult to enforce and *will* be an early priority for any public education activities.

Local authorities must provide sufficient rubbish receptacles for owners to dispose of their dogs' faeces in areas that are commonly used for exercising dogs. At a minimum, leash free areas would need to be provided with suitable rubbish receptacles.

Opportunities to introduce dung beetles, a system which disposes of dog faeces naturally, will also be considered.

Nuisance dogs

Under Section 21 a dog is a nuisance if it:

- is habitually at large;
- makes a noise by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises;
- repeatedly defecates on another person's property;
- repeatedly chases any person, animal or vehicle;
- endangers the health of any person or animal; or
- repeatedly causes substantial damage to anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

Inadequate fencing in rural and semi-rural areas makes it difficult for owners to responsibly confine their dogs. In urban areas, no or low front fence requirements also make it difficult for owners to confine their dogs to their property.

The rise in barking complaints over recent years appears to be consistent with the experience in other areas. However such complaints are often not easy to resolve and consume large amounts of officers' time.

These nuisance provisions *of the Act* are new. On the face of it they seem straightforward, however in practice they could be difficult to enforce given nuisance problems are often difficult to define and measure. The words 'repeatedly' and 'habitually' will be important in determining if a nuisance exists.

Dangerous dogs (Section 34)

Council can declare a dog as dangerous. Once a dog is declared dangerous, the owner must comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure *above 1.8m, or a height to prevent the dog leaving, or a child entering, the enclosure.*

Restricted dogs (Section 55)

The following are restricted dogs *under the legislation*:

- Pit bull terriers;
- American Pit Bull Terriers;
- Japanese Tosas;
- Argentinian fighting dogs;
- Brazilian fighting dogs; and
- Any other dog of a breed, kind or description prescribed by the regulations as restricted for the purposes of this Division (eg dogs used as guard dogs by security personnel could be prescribed as restricted dogs).

Council has classified guard dogs used by security personnel or police, as restricted dogs.

The owner of a restricted dog must also comply with specified conditions including keeping the dog in a childproof enclosure.

Cats

The issues of cat management relate predominantly to the impact of cats on wildlife. Cats can also be a nuisance to surrounding neighbours. A distinction needs to be made between feral cats and owned domestic cats.

Council can prohibit cats from entering public places (see discussion below). Other options for protection of wildlife include:

- Cat curfews;
- Education to encourage people to keep their cat indoors;
- Cat proof fences and enclosures;
- Use of housing design to help owners to responsibly confine their cat; and
- Cat bans in new housing estates.

Areas from where cats would be prohibited (Section 30)

Under the new Act, owned domestic cats are prohibited in the following public places:

- Food preparation or consumption areas; or
- Wildlife protection areas (unless it is a public thoroughfare such as a road, footpath or pathway).

A wildlife protection area is a public place that has been declared by Council for the protection of wildlife.

Nuisance cats (Section 31)

A cat is a nuisance if it:

- Makes a persistent noise; or
- Repeatedly damages anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.

This will be similar to handling nuisance dog complaints, although cats are more difficult to confine to a property than dogs. It is envisaged that each complaint will need to be examined on a case by case basis.

Enforcement or education?

An on-going debate in animal management is the relative merits of enforcement versus education. Laws will probably always be the backbone of the management task. However the advantages of taking a legal approach should not blind us to its shortcomings. It is inherently inefficient because of its focus on means rather than ends and because it consumes vast resources in maintaining an enforcement presence for benefits that are not always assured (ie an officer cannot control what happens five minutes after he or she leaves).

By contrast voluntary compliance, if it can be achieved, will just about always provide more meaningful, lasting changes in behaviour. It depends more on overcoming ignorance, indifference and incompetence than in prescribing concrete forms of acceptable behaviour. However education changes behaviour slowly, it can be expensive and is hard to evaluate.

Neither approach should be regarded as a panacea. A combination will just about always be appropriate. The secret is to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each and how they operate in different policy contexts.

The Act anticipates that the State Government will undertake community education from the money allocated to the Companion Animals Fund. Council may also wish to undertake its own education programs either to augment the message of the statewide campaign or where its priorities vary from those of the State Government.

Recognising the benefits of pet ownership

The health and social benefits of owning pets are now well understood and have been documented in numerous scientific studies. At one level this means a balanced approach to managing domestic pets. At another more implicit level, there is an emerging understanding that pets contribute to quality of life, a positive that could perhaps be fostered by local government.

At this stage, fostering the positives in an explicit way would still be something of a quantum leap, focused as local government is on handling complaints. However over time the Plan could be adjusted to integrate an explicit consideration of the benefits of owning pets.

Part of the challenge involves removing barriers to owning pets. The Petcare Information and Advisory Service has recently published brochures for landlords and tenants outlining rights and responsibilities of people wishing to

own pets in rental accommodation. As an early initiative, Council *will* make these brochures available for the local community.

Council will explore a Victorian program that helps the frail and elderly to continue to own pets by organising volunteers to walk, bath, organise registration, take pets to the vet etc.

Funding

The Local Government Act will offer the opportunity for Councils to apply a special Animal Management Levy to help fund animal management enforcement and education. These activities cannot be funded out of animal registrations and infringements alone. The levy would apply to all rateable properties within the municipality in recognition of the fact that all residents benefit from local animal management, not just pet owners.

Eurobodalla Shire Council proposes to seek permission from the Minister for Local Government to introduce the Animal Management Levy from 1999/2000. Expected to raise around $100,000 the levy will average around $5 per rateable assessment. This proposal was announced in last year's Management Plan.

A percentage of the State registration fees is expected to be available to council to access to participate in companion animal education programs and other initiatives.

Fees collected from impounding and maintenance will continue to be administered by Council on a cost recovery basis.

3.0 THE LOCAL CONTEXT

3.1 *Eurobodalla Shire*

The Eurobodalla Shire is a thriving community of 31,000 people enjoying one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in Australia.

We are known as "The Nature Coast" and the main centres are Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Being the primary holiday area for the Australian Capital Region, in peak holiday periods our population swells to an estimated 100,000 people.

The Eurobodalla Shire Council was formed in 1913 with the responsibility for administering local government functions along 110km of the NSW coast between Durras and Wallaga Lake. The area administered by council is 3,402.2 sq km but about 80% of the council area is non-rateable Crown Land held as national park and state forest.

The shire is unusual in that 46.7% of ratepayers are non-residents. Just over 17% of ratepayers are residents of the ACT.

The population growth of the Eurobodalla Shire has been well ahead of the state average for the past two decades with the most recent available figure for the 1991-96 period at 2.4% while the NSW average growth rate was 1.05%.

Community Profile

CENSUS	1986	1991	1996	%
Population				
Total population	21,519	27,127	30,447	
0-14 years		5,709	6,409	*21*
15-24 years		2,528	2,644	*9*
25-44 years		7,108	7,417	*24*
45-54 years		2,728	3,563	*12*
55-64 years		3,607	3,697	*12*
65 years and over** (State - 2.7%)		5,447	6,611	*22*
Average age (State – 34) years			42	
Ethnic Groups > 50 people				
UK		1,763	1,967	*6*
NZ		269	298	*1*
Germany		252	298	*1*
Netherlands		165	205	*1*
Italy		75	100	
Croatia		126	94	
US		49	57	
Ireland		30	57	

3.2 Animal Management in *Eurobodalla Shire*

Until late 1998, one ranger was directly responsible for the control, impounding and destruction of dogs. Following a review and restructure of operations, additional rangers were engaged to enable a seven-day-a-week coverage of the Shire. The rangers' role was broadened to include dog control matters, in addition to their normal patrol and regulatory functions. Council chose to increase the rangers' numbers and spread of responsibilities in anticipation of the new Act. Additional expenses to cater for ranger training and vehicles, dog and cat traps and pounds, and signage and bins, have been incurred in advance.

Statistics	*(1998/1999)*	*(1999/2000)*
❑ *Dog impoundments*	*510*	*694*
❑ *Dogs euthenased*	*248*	*287*
❑ *Registrations under the*		
▪ *Dog Act*	*3855*	*3167*
▪ *Companion Animals Act*		*497*
❑ *Infringements*	*77*	*70*
❑ *Warning notices*	*220*	*85*
❑ *Recorded complaints*	*720*	*806*

We anticipate the number of registrations undertaken through council will decline over the next two years, as owners take up the microchipping program and state registration system. However, the extension of infringements contained in the Companion Animals Act, including management of cats, may see an increase in warnings and infringement notices.

3.3 Relevant Policies and Plans

Eurobodalla Shire Council recognises the enjoyment available to residents and visitors through companion animal ownership. However, the wishes of other residents and visitors to preserve the amenity, native flora and fauna, natural waterways, beaches and public reserves from inappropriate disturbance caused by dogs and cats, must also be considered.

Council has a range of policies and strategies to manage companion animals in the Shire.

Policies

1. *That education of Shire residents and visitors in appropriate handling and responsible ownership of companion animals, including disposal of faeces, be the focus of companion animal management in the Shire.*

2. *That enforcement adhere to the provisions of the Companion Animal Act.*

3. *That animals be under effective control (ie by leash) by a responsible person in all areas, other than those nominated as off-leash areas. Persons conducting animal obedience training or training for trials or shows must have the animals under effective obedience control.*

4. *That one 24-hour off-leash dog exercise area be established in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. Time-share access will be available for leashed and unleashed dog exercise areas, as nominated in the Code.*

5. *That specific purpose off-leash parks not be constructed.*

6. *That leashed 'time-share' arrangements apply to all beaches and public reserves, unless expressly prohibited by legislation or within this Local Plan.*

7. *That signage be placed at popular entry points to beaches and reserves, advising of the relevant prohibition of animals or 24 hour access.*

8. *That appropriately marked faeces disposal bins be placed at sites accessed by waste collection contractors, in proximity to the nominated popular dog leashed and off leash areas.*

9. *That all companion animals be kept in secure enclosures, preferably in the rear yard of urban properties.*

10. *That dangerous dogs be kept in childproof enclosure to 1.8m, or a height to prevent the dog leaving, or a child entering, the enclosure.*

11. *That the State Enforcement Infringement Notice System (SEINS) be utilised for the issue of infringement notices.*

Codes

1. Education

(i) Rangers and Canine Club/Obedience School personnel will conduct animal awareness and handling sessions in local schools, seniors clubs and service clubs, to create a better awareness of animal ownership responsibilities and how to approach or handle companion animals

(ii) Promotional and educational brochures/fridge magnets etc. will be distributed to schools and to first offenders

2. Registration

(i) Hardcopies of animal registrations will be maintained of microchipped animals, sought through local veterinarians as a backup in the event of lack of access to the electronic State Register

(ii) Rangers, customer staff and after-hours service personnel will have electronic access to Council's Complaints and Service Request (CSR) Database, and the State Register Internet site

(iii) A local veterinarian/s will be contracted to undertake microchipping and neutering of unregistered animals (greater than six months old) released from the pound

(iv) Evidence of animal microchipping and State registration must be produced to enable the removal of an animal from Council's dog registration system

(v) Owners will be encouraged to ensure a collar and identification tag is attached to their animal, to assist early identification.

(vi) Dog owners be required to have an adequately fenced yard as a condition of dog registration.

3. Review

(i) Rangers will be trained and updated annually on companion animal management and other regulatory matters. Annual performance reviews of rangers will include a review of the appropriateness and effectiveness of council's approach to applying the Companion Animals Act.

(ii) The Advisory Committee (ELCAMAC) will review the Local Plan every 4 years (in the first year of each new Council term) and recommend to Council any amendments to the Plan. Council may seek the input of ELCAMAC at other times at its' discretion.

4. Complaints

(i) *Complaints received regarding companion animals, will be recorded on Council's Customer Service Request (CSR) system and handled in accord with the Complaints Policy.*

(ii) *The CSR database will be used to analyse history of complaints, to assist determination of subsequent actions or issue of notices.*

5. *Infringements*

(i) *Warnings will be issued upon the first offence, with corporate diary records maintained. Blatant initial (including observed off-leashed activity, non-removal of faeces etc), or subsequent offences will cause the issue of an infringement notice.*

(ii) *Infringements will be issued under, and transferred to SEINS within 7 days. Objectors should lodge objections direct to the SEINS bureau. Council will be asked to respond to claims by SEINS. The decision to continue an infringement will be at the discretion of the SEINS bureau.*

6. *Impoundment and Release*

(i) *If owners of companion animals are not located in the immediate vicinity of the animal, the animal will be impounded.*

(ii) *Unregistered animals will be held up to seven days after initial impoundment (by resident/complainant or council), then destroyed.*

(iii) *Registered animals whose owners (or alternate contacts) cannot be located by telephone, or who have not responded to letter within 7 days of issue, will be destroyed after 14 days*

(iv) *Unregistered animals or whose owners cannot be located, may be claimed by other persons during the relevant period of impoundment, then collected at the end of that period. Evidence of chipping and registration should be provided prior to release.*

(v) *A local veterinarian/s will be contracted to undertake microchipping and neutering of unregistered animals (greater than six months old) released from the pound, at the cost of the claimant.*

(vi) *Impoundment and maintenance fees must be paid prior to release of the animal. Maintenance fees are charged daily.*

(vii) *Animals will not knowingly be released for experimental purposes.*

7. *Faeces Disposal*

(i) *Faeces disposal 240litre bins will be located on pads adjacent to hard stand areas accessed by Council street bin collection contractors*

(ii) *Faeces disposal bins will be appropriately marked*

(iii) *Animal owners are encouraged to use their plastic shopping bags for disposal of their animal's faeces*

(iv) *'Promotional' faeces disposal bags will be distributed by rangers or from receptacles at nominated popular animal exercise areas.*

8. *Exercise Areas*

Time-share (leashed and off-leash)

(i) *Time-share access is available on all beaches and adjacent reserves, and other reserves (unless those areas are prohibited)*

(ii) *Time-share access is available between 5pm and* ***9am*** *(1 November to 30 April) and 3pm and 10am (1 May to 31 October)*

(iii) *Animals must be under effective control i.e. leashed unless in nominated off-leash areas*

(iv) *Animals must be under effective control while accessing and until reaching, the nominated off-leash areas .*

Off-leash

The Criteria used to determine potential off-leash areas included:

- *Minimum disruption to other normal users of the area, such as regular sporting activities*
- *Certainty of access for companion animal owners*
- *Minimal effects on nearby residents*
- *No through roads or cycleways*
- *Minimal impact on natural vegetation and regeneration areas*
- *Not near major tourist sites*
- *No blind spots*
- *Centrality and ease of access*
- *Some beach or water access*
- *Legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *Preference for grassed or sandy areas*
- *Presence of shade or shelter and water*
- *Appropriate fencing or natural barriers*
- *Means of dog faeces disposal*
- *Signage*

Off-leash Areas (time-share):

- *South Durras – northern section of beach beginning 100m north of Durras Drive bridge to Lakesea caravan park*
- *Long Beach – beach south of the southern end of Sandy Place*
- *Surfside – beach between 100m east of caravan park and western end of Myamba Parade*
- *Batehaven – Corrigans Beach between Hanging Rock breakwall and 100m north of Glenhaven caravan park*
- *Sunshine Bay - beach*
- *Wimbie Beach – from end of reserve east along walking track*
- *Lilli Pilli – Mosquito Bay beach*
- *Malua Bay – Malua Bay surf beach*
- *Rosedale – beach from southern end from car park at Rosedale Parade*
- *Barlings Beach – between Melville Point headland and caravan park*
- *Congo – beach adjacent to Point Pde but prohibition between September and March*
- *Tuross – Coila Lake foreshore from Anderson St to Country Club carpark*
- *Tuross – beach from Plantation Reserve, south to One Tree Pt*
- *Potato Point – Potato Point beach and Jamieson's Beach but on-leash between September and March*
- *Narooma – beach north of Handkerchief Lake*
- *Mystery Bay – Mystery Bay beach*
- *Mogo – western end Buckenboura Oval off Mogo Street*
- *Moruya – South Head – north of the Surf Club to Toragy Point – excluding Club and carpark area*

Off-leash Areas -24 hour:

- *Pretty Point Beach - beach between headlands*
- *Tomakin – commencing from Kingston Place car park at boat ramp south to Tomago River*
- *Mossy Point –Tomago River reserve, from Connells Cl east to ramp*
- *Broulee – beach between McNee Street and sandpit but require on-leash if nesting of native birds recommences between September - March*
- *Moruya – Bengello Beach from 200m north of break wall to windsock*
- *Moruya – reserve east of Moruya Caravan Park*
- *Moruya – South Head – on the Council reserve east of Coronation Drive (old camping ground)*
- *Tuross Head – Coila Beach*
- *Kianga – Kianga Reef Beach*

- *Dalmeny - Duesburys Beach*
- *Narooma– south-eastern end of Bill Smyth Oval below Canty Street*
- *Bar Beach - from the northern end*

Leashed Exercise Area – 24 hour:

- *Broulee – beach from Train Street south to boat ramp*
- *Broulee – beach between McNee Street and sandpit if nesting of native birds recommences between September and March*
- *Moruya – from windsock north to creek (south of sandpit)*
- *Potato Point – southern end between September and March.*

Leashed Exercise Area (Time Share)

- *Guerilla Bay Beach*
- *Mullimburra Point Beach*
- *South of the Moruya Surf Club to the National Park boundary*

Endangered Shorebirds Nesting season

During the Endangered Shorebirds Nesting season (normally September to March annually) the existing exercise area rules cease and are replaced by On-Leash Time Share for the nesting period. The following areas are affected:

- Coila
- Bengello (Moruya airport area)
- Broulee – between McNee Street and sandpit; and Train Street south to boat ramp
- Durras – north section of beach beginning 100m north of bridge to National Park
- Congo – beach adjacent to Point Parade
- Nangudga/Handkerchief – north of Handkerchief Lake
- Potato Point/Jemisons

Horse training exercise area

- *Moruya – from windsock north to creek (south of sandpit)*
- *Prohibited from all other beaches and adjacent reserves*

The following criteria used to determine prohibited areas included:

- *legal obligations (including Section 14 of the Act)*
- *proximity to picnic shelters and/or barbeques*
- *proximity to commercial food outlets*
- *proximity to carparks and vehicle thoroughfares*

- *proximity to children's' playgrounds*
- *proximity to patrolled beaches*
- *proximity to National Parks*
- *proximity to sensitive waterways, including aquaculture sites*
- *ease of installation and servicing of signage and faeces disposal bins*

Prohibited Areas

- *areas prohibited by legislation*
- *all National Parks and Nature Reserves, including Broulee Island, Congo, Bingi, South Head, Mystery Bay areas etc*
- *Wildlife Protection Area (NPWS)*
- *all council swimming pools, public halls, offices and their environs*

The following beaches and adjacent reserves:

- *Narooma – main Surf Beach, Bar Beach, netted beach, Yabbra beach*
- *Kianga (Carters) Beach*
- *Tuross Head –Main Beach south of One Tree Point*
- *Durras - Dogs prohibited from north of Lakesea Caravan Park to the National Park*
- *Durras - Dogs prohibited on Cookies Beach*
- *Tomakin - Tomakin Cove Beach*
- *Tomakin Beach – prohibited between September and March*
- *Broulee – both sides northern end Candalagan Creek, southern end Candalagan Creek to Train Street*
- *Batemans Bay - Surf Beach, Caseys Beach, Corrigans Beach between Glenhaven and Talamunde Caravan Parks, northern end of Corrigans Beach Reserve*
- *Surfside – between headlands along Myamba Parade*
- *Maloneys Beach – between start of Hibiscus Close and National Park*
- *Long Beach – beach from Long Beach Road north along Bay Road*
- *Break walls at North Head and Hanging Rock*
- *Broulee Beach - main beach from McNee Street to boat ramp*
- *Congo Beach – between September and March*

9. Blitzes

- *Blitzes on companion animal infringements will occur around three times a year, in key localities.*
- *Suitable levels of publicity will take place in the week prior*
- *'Zero tolerance' will apply during blitzes*

10. Strategies

Within the 2000/2005 Management Plan (Public Order and Safety) are proposals to:

- *Introduce education programs through schools and community on approaching companion animals and animal handling; media and newsletter drops on the Act and owner responsibilities*
- *Co-ordinate blitzes in key localities in key time-of-day periods*
- *Establish animal holding facilities at the Shire depots. Animals will be transferred to the central dog and cat pound maintained in Moruya.*

In addition, the following strategies are proposed:

- *Council issue annual dog registration notices until June 2001, after which all animals must be microchipped*
- *Investigate introduction of dung beetles as biological control of animal faeces*
- *Explore feasibility of 'Port Phillip Pet-Links project' assisting seniors' animal ownership through volunteer assistance, by integration with Community Transport and Good Neighbours programs*
- *Lobby State Government and LGSA to enable state registered animals to be cross-registered on the Australian registry*

4.0 GOAL AND AIMS

The GOAL for the Local Animal Management Plan is:

To promote and facilitate responsible pet ownership of dogs and cats, animal welfare and the benefits of animal companionship.

The AIMS of the Plan are:

- ï To ensure Council meets its obligations under the Companion Animals Act 1998;
- ï To investigate the best mix of regulatory and non regulatory approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership in *Eurobodalla Shire*
- ï To consider ways Council could harness the benefits of owning pets; and
- ï To establish priorities for companion animals management for the next three to five years.

The ACTIONS PLANS are the concrete action that Council can undertake to ensure these aims materialise. These are contained within the 2000-2005 Management Plan. They have been grouped into the KEY ISSUE AREAS, and will be incorporated into the revised Plans of Management for Community Land and Council's Policy Register.

PART 2: ACTION PLANS

5.0 KEY ISSUE AREAS

The key issue areas include:

- Identification and registration;
- Dogs in public places;
- Faeces management;
- Wandering dogs;
- Excessive barking;
- Dangerous dogs and restricted breeds;
- Cat management;
- Animal welfare and safety;
- Recognising the benefits of pet ownership;
- Enforcement;
- Education and dissemination; and
- Funding and review.

2006 City of Olympia Off-Leash Dog Park Feasibility Study
Survey and Community Meeting Results

Prepared by Jennifer Swidler, May 2006

The city of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee are conducting a feasibility study to learn the level of citizen interest and support for creating one or more off-leash dog parks in Olympia. There are currently no off-leash dog parks in Olympia. OPARD administered surveys and held a public meeting to learn the following themes: Is there community support for creating off-leash dog parks? Where should they be located? How often would they be used? What features they should have? Are there existing parks that could accommodate an off-leash dog park? What concerns to citizens have about off-leash dog parks? There is no budget for creating or maintaining off-leash dog parks in Olympia, but OPARD hopes this feasibility study will provide insight into whether citizens support funding such parks in the future.

To help answer these questions, OPARD created and administered surveys and held a public meeting on March 23, 2006. Survey distribution was not random or scientific; they were distributed through word-of-mouth and e-mail. The survey responses and information from the public meeting generated the data in this paper, and were collected as follows:

- 190 surveys were submitted before the public meeting;
- 36 surveys were completed and submitted at the public meeting;
- 85 people attended the public meeting.

There are two versions of the survey that have nine of the same questions and vary by three questions. One of the surveys was distributed prior to the public meeting and the other was distributed at the public meeting.

- The three questions that varied were Question nine – "How would you suggest that problem dogs be handled" which appeared on the survey at the public meeting but not the one distributed prior to the meeting;
- Question 11 – "Do you see a role for an advocacy group?" which also appeared on the survey at the public meeting but not the other; and
- Question 10 that asked for desired dog park features, is not on the survey that was distributed at the public meeting but is on the one distributed prior to the meeting.
- Three of the questions from the surveys distributed prior to the public meeting were verbally asked at the public meeting:
    - Question 6, regarding model dog parks;
    - Question 10 asking for dog park features; and
    - Question 11 requesting other recommendations, concerns or comments.

For analysis and presentation purposes, the surveys and questions from the public meeting were combined resulting in one survey with 12 questions.

Results

Question 1: ***Do you have dogs?***

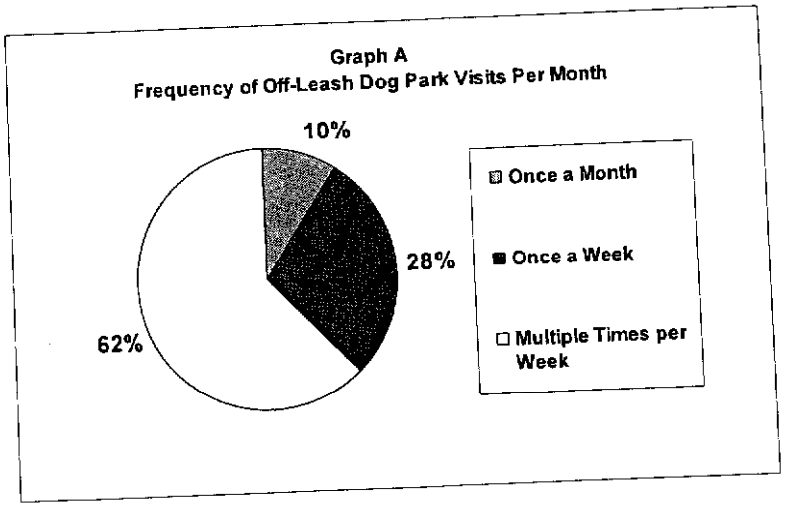
- 226 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Yes – 93%
- No – 7%

Question 2: ***Would you use an off-leash dog park in Olympia?***

- 226 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Yes – 94%
- No – 6%
- Don't know – 1%

Question 3: ***If yes, how often?***

- 209 people responded to this question on the survey.
- Graph A shows how many times survey respondents would visit an off-leash dog park per month.

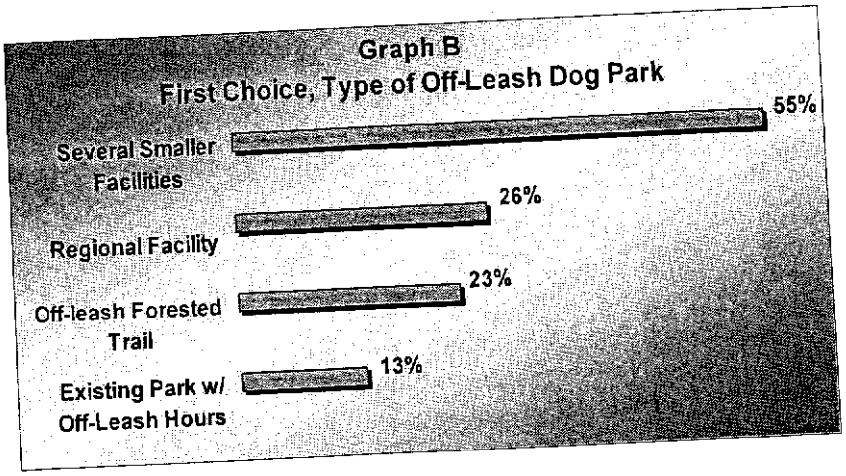


Question 4: ***Please use numbers to rank your preference for what type of off-leash park you would prefer:***

The information is presented in the order it was ranked by the survey respondents.

1. Several smaller facilities (one in each quadrant of the city)
2. One large "regional" facility
3. An off-leash forested trail
4. Existing neighborhood parks being designated as off-leash during certain hours

Question 4 continued: Two-hundred and seventeen people ranked this information. Several smaller facilities ranked the highest, with 55 percent marking it as their first choice for the type of park they would like best. Graph B shows how frequently each facility ranked number one.
* Several of the surveys were marked with an X instead of ranked by numbers.



Question 5: ***Are there any areas in Olympia that are frequently used as off-leash areas now?***

- 170 people responded to this question.
- 136 responded with one or more parks or areas currently used as off-leash facilities.
- 34 indicated they do not know of any parks or areas currently used as off-leash facilities.
- Olympia city parks are bolded.

Park or areas currently used as off-leash parks	# of Responses	% of Responses
Priest Point Park	33	19%
Garfield Elementary School	20	12%
Schools in general	20	12%
Christ the Rock Church on corner of Yew & Fir	19	11%
Pioneer Park (Tumwater)	18	11%
LBA Park	11	6%
Watershed Park	10	6%
Yauger Park	10	6%
Dept. of Ecology	10	6%
Lacey Community Center	9	5%
McLane Creek Nature Trail	7	4%
The Evergreen State College	5	3%

Question 6: ***Are there any off-leash dog parks that would be a good model for Olympia?***

- 145 people responded with one or more models.
- 11 of the responses were either "I don't know," or "I've never been to a dog park."
- 25 ideas were generated from the public meeting.
- Responses are split into two categories: A. model cities and, B. model parks.

A. Most mentioned model cities:

Cities with good model parks	# of Responses	% of Responses
Seattle	44	30%
Portland	12	8%
Bellingham	5	3%
Bend	3	2%
Eugene	3	2%
San Diego, CA	3	2%

Other model cities mentioned more than once were Ashland, Bellevue, Lacey, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tacoma, Vancouver, Victoria and Whidbey Island.

B. Most mentioned model parks:

Parks that are good models	# of Responses	% of Responses
Marymoor Park, Redmond	26	18%
Magnusun Park, Seattle	11	8%
Ft. Steilacoom Park	9	5%
Grandview, Seatac	4	3%
Golden Gardens, Seattle	3	2%
Thousand Acres	2	1%

Question 7: ***Are there any other areas in Olympia that you think would be good locations?***

- 135 people responded to this question with one or more locations.
- Olympia city parks are bolded.

Good Dog Park Locations	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Priest Point Park: beach, old wading pool, behind rose garden	28	21%
Pioneer Park (Tumwater)	22	16%
Yauger Park	14	10%
Capitol Lake Park (WA State)	12	9%
LBA Park: area already fenced, Field #3	11	8%
West Bay Park	8	6%
Grass Lake Park	6	4%
46th & Cooper Pt. Rd. (Thurston County)	4	3%
Burfoot Park (Thurston County)	4	3%
Friendly Grove Park	4	3%

Other areas mentioned: Lacey Community Center, Marathon Park, **Watershed Park**, behind the Department of Ecology, undeveloped areas, Rainier Vista Park, **Mission Creek, Sunrise Park,** Sylvester Park, Homan Park, former landfills

Question 8: ***Are there any areas in parks where dogs should not be allowed?***

- 148 people responded to this question with one or more areas where dogs should not be allowed.

No Dogs Allowed Areas	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Children's playgrounds	36	24%
Sports fields	13	9%
Picnic areas	10	7%
Watershed Park, specifically during salmon spawning season	8	5%
Dogs should be allowed in all areas	8	5%
Flowerbeds, gardens, nature areas	4	3%
Away from schools	2	1%
Near streets	2	1%
Heritage Park Fountain	2	1%
Non-fenced areas	1	1%
Small parks	1	1%

Question 9: ***How would you suggest that problem dogs be handled?***

- This question was on the survey distributed at the public meeting but not on the survey distributed before the meeting.
- 27 people responded to this question out of the 36 that filled out the survey at the public meeting.

Problem Dogs	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Owners responsible/ self monitor	14	52%
Removed from park	6	22%
Banned from park	6	22%
Post rules	4	15%
Owners fined	2	7%

Question 10: ***What features would you like to see in a dog park?***

- This question was on the survey distributed before the public meeting, and it was verbally asked at the public meeting. It was not on the survey distributed at the public meeting.
- Pre-meeting surveys and public meeting verbal responses were combined, generating 253 responses.
- Note: Many people responded with "water" as a desired feature. Unless it was made clear that they meant water for swimming or washing, it was assumed they meant drinking water.

Requested Dog Park Features	# of Responses	% of Respondents
Drinking water	81	32%
Fence	76	30%
Bowser bags with multiple stations	74	29%
Open spaces	64	25%
Trash cans	58	23%
Enforcement of rules	51	20%
Trails	46	18%
Stream/pond	41	16%
Separate area for larger/small dogs	28	11%
Seating	27	11%
Signage w/rules & regulations	26	10%
Trees	25	10%
Beach areas	15	6%
Covered area w/table	15	6%
Agility course	12	5%
Separate dog area in existing parks	12	5%
Varying terrain	12	5%
Bushes	9	4%
Toys/play structure	9	4%
Bathroom	8	3%
Double gate system	8	3%

Question 11: ***Do you see a role for an advocacy group?***

- This question was asked on the survey distributed at the public meeting, generating 36 surveys.
- 30 people responded "yes," that they see a role for an advocacy group.
- Nobody responded that they did not see a role for an advocacy group.

Specific ideas on what role an advocacy group could play:

- Park maintenance and monitoring.
  – 5 responses
- Dog park associations are always good to help self police parks & raise funds for upkeep.
  –2 responses
- Advocacy groups could serve as a liaison between park users and others around park.
  – 1 response
- Perhaps part-time city dog park coordinator.
  – 1 response
- Not so much advocacy but advisory, to help troubleshoot problems or volunteer.
  – 1 response
- Could be used for information gathering about alternative designs and locations.
  – 1 response
- We must use our conglomerate voting power to establish a nice, well kept dog park.
  –1 response

Question 12: ***Do you have other recommendations, concerns or comments?***

- This question was asked on both surveys and at the public meeting.
- Refer to Attachment A for separate lists of recommendations, concerns and comments

Most Common Thoughts	# of Responses
Dealing w/ problem aggressive dogs	38
Park would be good for dog owners, dogs and community at large	20
Willing to pay fee / donate for using park	13
Waste removal	9
Safety of park users and dogs	6
Owners should be held responsible for dog behavior	6
Rules / maintenance monitored by dog association	3

Attachment A

Recommendations:

A large, fenced area with some trees/shrubs & trails/path would be great. Shelter, drinking water, benches, waste disposal & fenced.
A notice: Use at your own risk & have health insurance before entering this area
A sign at the park with guidelines on how to property introduce your dog to new dogs.
A way of dealing with repeat offenders (uncontrollable dogs, aggressive dogs)
Adamant on poop duties
Ballot issue
Check our Vancouver/Orcas Is dog parks. Ask city planners/realtors who are dog lovers & ask for their suggestions on sites
Clear rules posted at each entrance. Community groups to help enforce rules & educate users.
Consider voluntary fee/contribution donations, advertising/sponsorships
Dog & civic organizations can contribute ours to maintenance. Need more dog training facilities nearby?
Dog owners can share knowledge referrals
Dog parks need cans for bags of poop, recommend spay/neutered dogs only
Dog waste picked up, need park with plants, shrubs not packed dirt w/large trees
Doggie Association
Dogs must be current on shots & be licensed. Pit bulls should not be allowed to enter the park.
Donation park
Double gate by busy streets
Establish rules that problem dogs do not come back. Neighborhood connections are important, contribute to security
Evict/ban problem dogs. Animal park signage is confusing. Should be dog park
Fee for dog park association
Fenced at least 4' height w/gates equipped with closers. Open areas with grass is best but barked areas will do
Fun matches
Group pressure should be applied to problem dog owners; I would never allow my dog to run around if there wasn't a secure fence. I'd prefer separate lrg/sm dog area. I want to see them the whole time.
Having an obstacle course would be interesting. Maybe the owner & dog could do it use at the same time
I am most interested in a large natural area w/trails, woods, water, fields, seating & memorial gardens for companion animals
I believe 2 pks; 1 smaller one w/obstacles;1 larger open space/trail, swimming
I don't know how feasible this would be, but I'd be willing to pay a couple of $$ per use to help support off-leash parks
I like several small facilities for driving convenience
I like the neighborhood option because it's a good way for neighbors to build community. Neighbors talk w/one another while the dogs play, learning about each other & local issues
I think the park should be city run.
I would definitely only use an off leash park if it was fully fenced in. I bet you could raise some money with donation boxes at Pet Smart
Identify & banned problem dogs after fair review process
If dog is aggressive or in heat, it should not be in off-leash area
If dog park is in 1 location, monitored by dog park association. Many parks are used off-leash now, need legal off-leash park
Increase the annual dog & cat license fees to cover cost
It would seem prudent to use existing park resources to provide opportunities. Dedicate times or days w/work - weekend opportunities
Keep problem dogs on leash. Market Olympia as pet friendly for tourism strategy.

Large fenced area w/trees, water source, separated lrg/sm dogs
Lighting for night/winter months (to better see dog poop)
Look at Pks in Tacoma & Seattle that are successful for ideas.
Maintenance - city volunteers
Make sure dogs are not aggressive who go to parks. Training classes at parks
Marymoor Pk near Redmond & Magnuson Pk in NE Seattle are excellent examples of multi-use parks with fantastic off-leash areas
Minimize conflict with neighborhoods, other park users
Needs to be for adults, older kids & dogs only (not small children)
No aggressive dogs should be allowed off leash in dog park
No exclusions of breeds
No mean dogs
Not in area of sensitive wildlife
Oley Pks should provide affordable dog obedience classes
Owners are responsible. I believe it's important to keep this simple. A bare bones site with minimum maintenance. This should be for the dogs. Charging a fee is necessary!
Owners responsible for waste pick-up. Owner can carry repellent spray if concerned about problem dogs.
Pass out information at veterinarian office, pet store, etc.
People let dogs off leash at LBA on parcel being developed/portion of LBA should be off-leash
Post signs - vaccines up to date, stay w/pet, No Pet Aggressive Dogs
Post signs at entrance park is self-monitoring
Posted rules
PPP trails are fun, maybe can be off-leash a couple days of the week
Proper disposal for waste, tools to pick up waste
Public relations campaign to those who don't want park
Raise fee for dog registrations and use funds to build a dog park
Registered state dogs should be current on vaccinations, licensed & micro-chipped
Remove/ban problem dogs. Testimonials from other cities where dog pks are working
Require tags & training
Rules & agreements regarding aggressive dogs & liability of owners. Method for forbidding return of aggressive dogs to park.
Rules for owners, behavior posted, ability to enforce rules. Dog owners must be responsible.
Rules posted, clear contact/reporting enforcement
Rules should be clearly posted. Rules should be capable of being monitored
Rules should be posted. Aggressive dogs should be asked to leave
Seek corporate sponsors
Self monitoring
Self-monitoring
Send sign-up sheets of support to vet hospitals, boarding/kennels, groomers, PetSmart, Petco, local animal shelter, any place you can buy a dog license.
Separate lrg/sm dog area
Signage of dog parks regarding current shots to protect dogs, education on etiquette, dog waste rules, aggression mgmt, water access for swimming
Signage of rules
Signs posted about non-aggressive only. Get funding from PetSmart to fence, they can advertise dog obedience classes, the animal shelter
Small dogs need their own space. All areas need fencing. Community wk parties to maintain. Rules posted, bowser bags everywhere
Social activities for people
Somehow communicating to dog owners their dogs should be in control or not off-leash
Spray bottles, lights
Start by making all the parks & trails "shared use", later make a fenced park or two

Start with shared, then dedicated
Suggestion box
Suggestion: Volunteer groups to maintain and monitor
Tack-on fee for licenses (example: $5 per dog tag)
Thank you for all your time & effort to make this happen. It is much needed. Dogs should be non-aggressive to be allowed in park.
Training classes on good handling skills.
Trash cans and bags for waste
Trial periods and places (1 year)
Volunteer maintenance
Willing to pay use fee for off-leash area for people to socialize
Work with other public agencies and other local governments

Concerns:

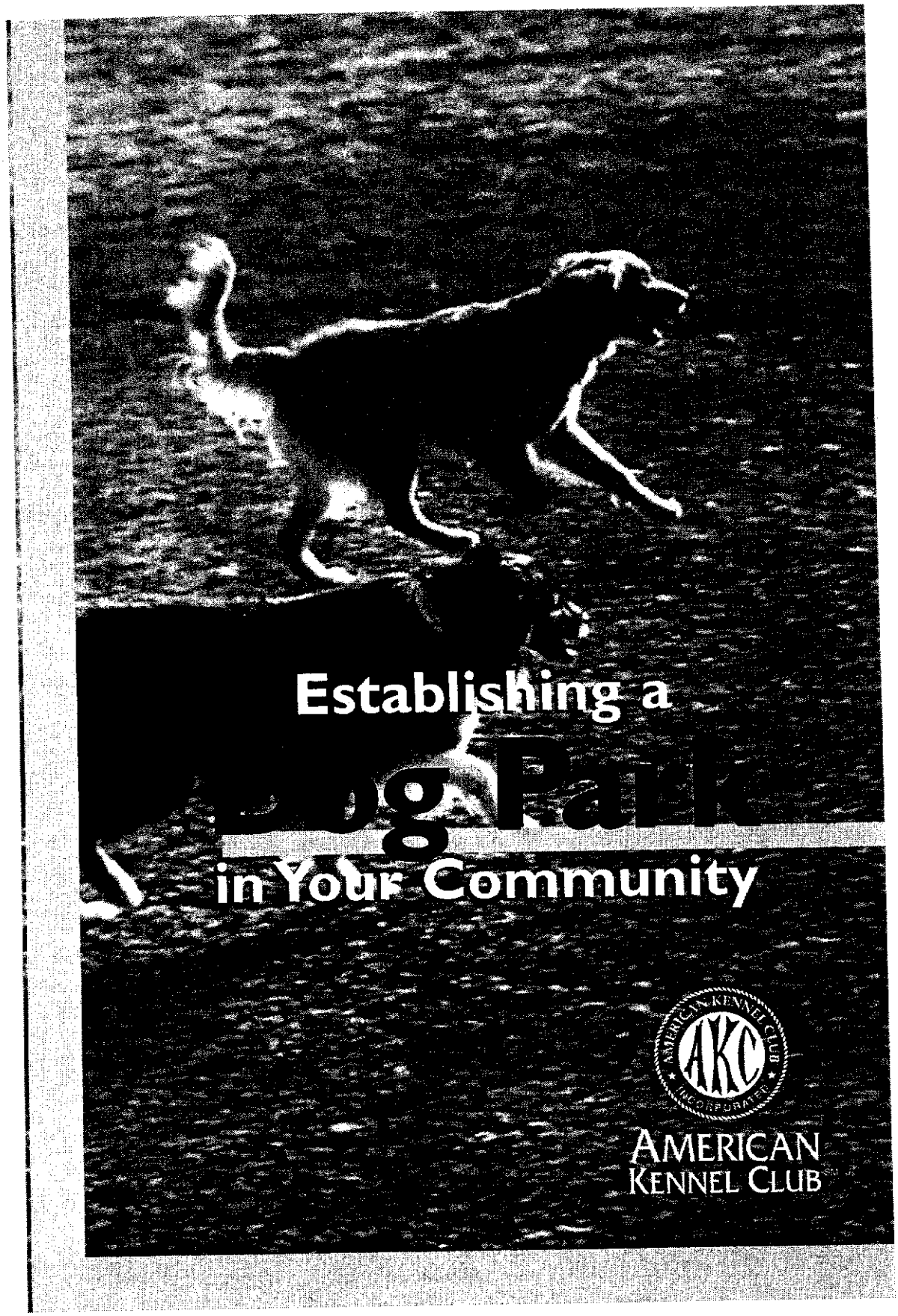
Aggressive dogs
Aggressive dogs
Agility safety with novice dogs
As an owner of a retired greyhound - I feel that I would get no use out of a dog part that was not fully fenced, because of worry that she could run off. Please make sure to fully fence the park you create.
Bacteria in standing water
Concern - Less tolerance for off-leash walking in other areas if off-leash parks established
Concern= Dog in heat
Demonstrations
Dog fights
Dog waste. Fencing, lighting needs to be installed. Educate dog people to be good citizens too
Dogs that are not socialized & poop pick-up
Economic impact of dog owners on community
Enforcement of "scoop" rules
Enough parking. Close enough for people to walk to the park
Feces disposal, Dog areas are good community builders. I want hard line against nuisance dogs, mandatory licensing
How to handle aggressive dogs and owners
How to have animal control officers patrol the pks for aggressive dogs, non neutered. Sign to guide for behavior.
I am always concerned when owners of aggressive dogs are clueless to their animals behavior. Need to educate owners re proper dog behavior
I am very opposed to an off leash dog park. Bad experience dogs/owners trespassing
I have a small dog who is very social with other dogs, but who has been frightened by aggressive dogs. Need a way to screen or separate
I use a guide dog. Supportive of off-leash dog park as long as it is separated from sidewalk way
I would be concerned about dogs off leash in trails or areas where wildlife exists.
Liability for dog bites
Mud
My concern is that I would expect the duty of picking up waste be the responsibility of the dog owners
My dog deaf & need fenced area to be safe to run
Please be sensitive to environmental impact i.e watershed area. How to handle dog fights, unruly dogs, people.
Too many people with aggressive dogs use dog parks
Who is liable for dog bites? How sanitary will grounds be?

Will we be asked to finance horse parks too? Bird parks? Snake parks? Pet ownership is voluntary & they should finance all costs of pet ownership

Comments:

Bravo! For initiating a dialogue/proposal. Let me know if I can help get it off the ground
Depends on problem dog, expect dog training, have problem dog designated areas. Clean-up your dog's waste.
Dog owners are a constituency not having their needs met - we are tax payers
Dog owners pay taxes
Dog park, encourage responsible dog ownership
Dog parks are great for community. A great way to know neighbors
Dog parks are needed in this area as it promotes positive dog socialization as well as introduction with other dog owners
Dog parks create good neighbors. Dog that get the change to behave as dogs and socialize with others dogs are better suited for life in city. Good city acknowledges need for dog parks
Dogs are social animals - dog lovers are also.
Dogs often behave better off leash than on a leash w/other dogs
Everyone needs to clean up after their dog
Healthy pets - healthy owners
Hope you do it!
How soon?
I am in full support of a dog park
I believe well trained dogs with responsible owners should not present a problem off leash.
I don't understand why leashes are required at all! I think the owners should be responsible for the actions of their pets. This is a police matter. Fine/who have unruly dogs. Licenses fees for enforcement
I find unofficial off-leash gatherings monitor themselves & dogs quite well.
I have a runner; I would not take her off-leash anywhere. I still think this is a wonderful idea.
I have a small dog & having an off-leash pk would make the other pks safer for my dog, because big dog owners would use the off-leash areas
I live in an apartment & leashes are required everywhere & I do understand why, but my dog does need time to run & play that is not out in the country
I really hope we get a dog park. When I lived in Bellingham it was such a joy to go to the dog park and interact w/dogs/owners
I see no need for an "Off-leash" park when all city parks currently appear to be leash-free areas. There is NO enforcement of leash laws or poop pick-up. Why bother spending my tax money on add'l areas
I would like to see a dog park in Tumwater. Site on Lloyd's St could be converted quickly. Much closer than Lakewood
I would love to see a dog park. There is such a high dog ownership in Oly I am sure it would be used regularly
I'm not an Olympia resident but run my dogs w/Olympia residents who are dog/human friendly
Interested in full fenced park
It would be nice to have a place where you can relax and let your dogs loose to have fun.
Locations for dog events
Long overdue in this area!
Many public benefits; greater sense/community,exercise,well behaved dogs
My dog loves to play w/other dogs & I would just like a fenced, safe area in walking distance
Off-leash dog parks would be a great benefit to our community. Providing an off-leash park would reflect just how wonderful & community minded Olympia is!
Off-leash dogs are better socialized, quieter and healthier

Olympia becomes "pet friendly" and market it (economic development
Olympia has great pks & area w/dog run, a dog pk will allow more people to enjoy our parks
Olympia is in need of a dog park, it doesn't need to be expensive or fancy - just a place for them to run & owners to meet & socialize
Please move as quickly as you can!
Reasons this will benefit "non-dog people": it will keep us & our dogs off their trails, and a well-exercised dog is not barking & running crazy in his neighborhood.
Sooner the better.
Thank you for the effort! This is an important issue that needs to be addressed as use grows in this area
This has been long overdue. Citizens need a place to run their dogs & dog parks build sense of community
This is a great idea!
This is a great idea. I would even be willing to pay a user fee for an off-leash park. Thank for the opportunity to comment.
This is a wonderful idea and so needed!
This park will really be used. Seattle found that they couldn't keep it grassed
Want something now!
We are new to Olympia & yard is small. We would not unleash dogs without fencing. Many small dog owners a dog park's a must
We desperately need this facility in Olympia. A place that is easily accessible for frequent use, and large enough not to become overly crowded & fenced for safety
We do need a park for dogs
We feel that there is a great need for a dog park. This community has so may dogs. Finally a cause that we wouldn't mind being taxed for.
We need a safe place to take our for kids to play, socialize & exercise. Need to support dog owners in Olympia
We need this
We support dog parks
We would be happy to help out if you need volunteers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What Is a Dog Park and How Does It Benefit the Community?

With cities becoming more and more crowded and leash laws becoming more restrictive, many concerned dog owners are looking to the creation of dog parks as a solution to their need for a place to spend quality time with their pets. But just what is a "dog park," and what benefits can one bring to your city or town?

A dog park is a public park, typically fenced, where people and their dogs can play together. Similarly, a dog run is a smaller fenced area, created for the same use, that is often located within an existing park. As the names imply, these places offer dogs off-leash play areas where their owners can enjoy a park-like setting and the chance to socialize with other canines and their owners. Dog parks, which are sometimes managed by park users in conjunction with city or town officials, are being established all over the country and offer a wealth of benefits to dogs, dog owners and the community as a whole.

Dog parks offer canines and their owners a safe place to socialize.

More than just "room to roam," the creation of a dog park . . .

Allows dogs to exercise and socialize safely. Puppies and adult dogs need room to run, and enclosed play areas permit them to do so while preventing them from endangering themselves and others (for example, by running into the path of an oncoming vehicle). In addition, dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.

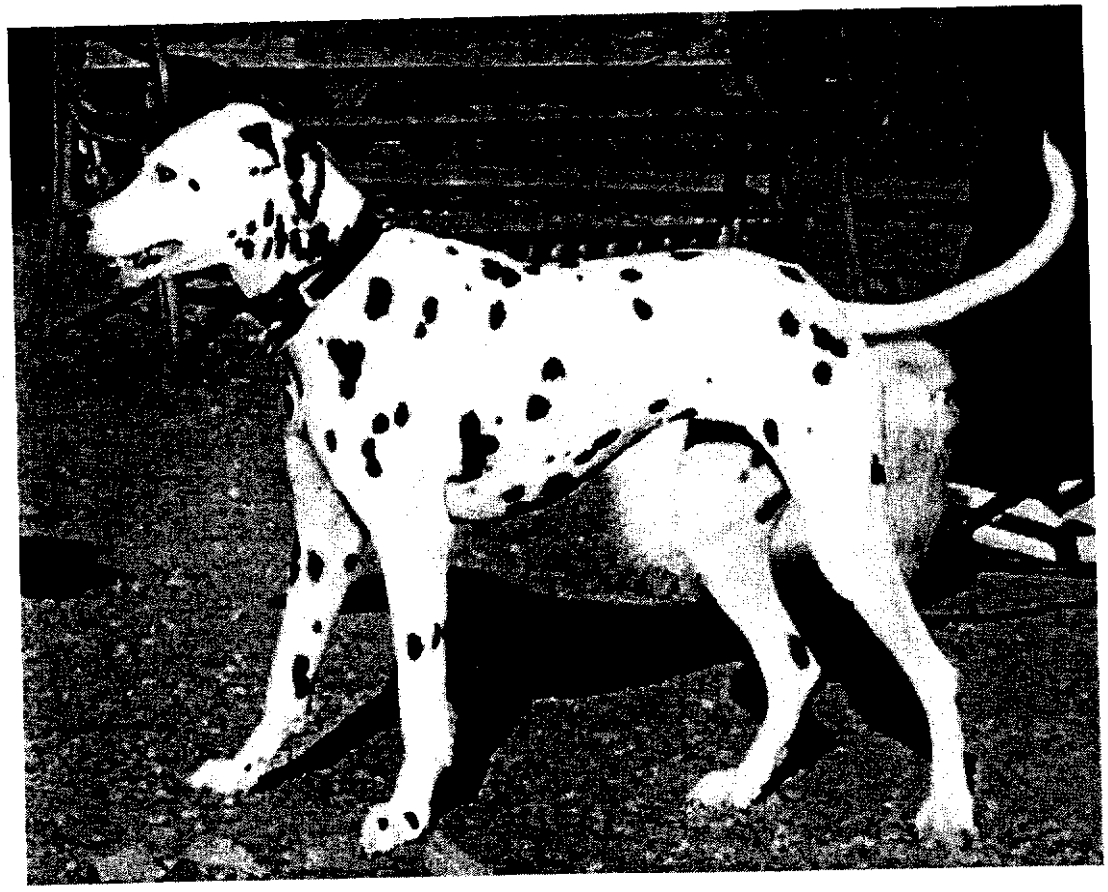
Promotes responsible dog ownership. Dog parks prevent off-leash animals from infringing on the rights of other community residents and park users such as joggers, small children, and those who may be fearful of dogs. Parks also make it easier for a city to enforce its leash laws, as resident dog owners with

Enclosed play areas for exercise make dogs better-adjusted neighbors.

park access have no reason to allow their canine companions off-leash when outside of the park.

Provides an outlet for dog owners to socialize. Dog parks are a great place for owners to meet other people with common interests. The love people share for their dogs reaches beyond economic and social barriers and helps foster a sense of community. Park users also benefit from the opportunity to ask questions of other owners and find solutions to problems they might be having with their pet.

Makes for a better community by promoting public health and safety. Well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively and destroy property. Their presence in the park, along with their owners, also may help deter crime.



How to Build a Dog Park in Your Community

By now you've recognized the need for a dog park in your area, and you're eager to see one established. But how do you get started? The following are some strategies for a successful campaign:

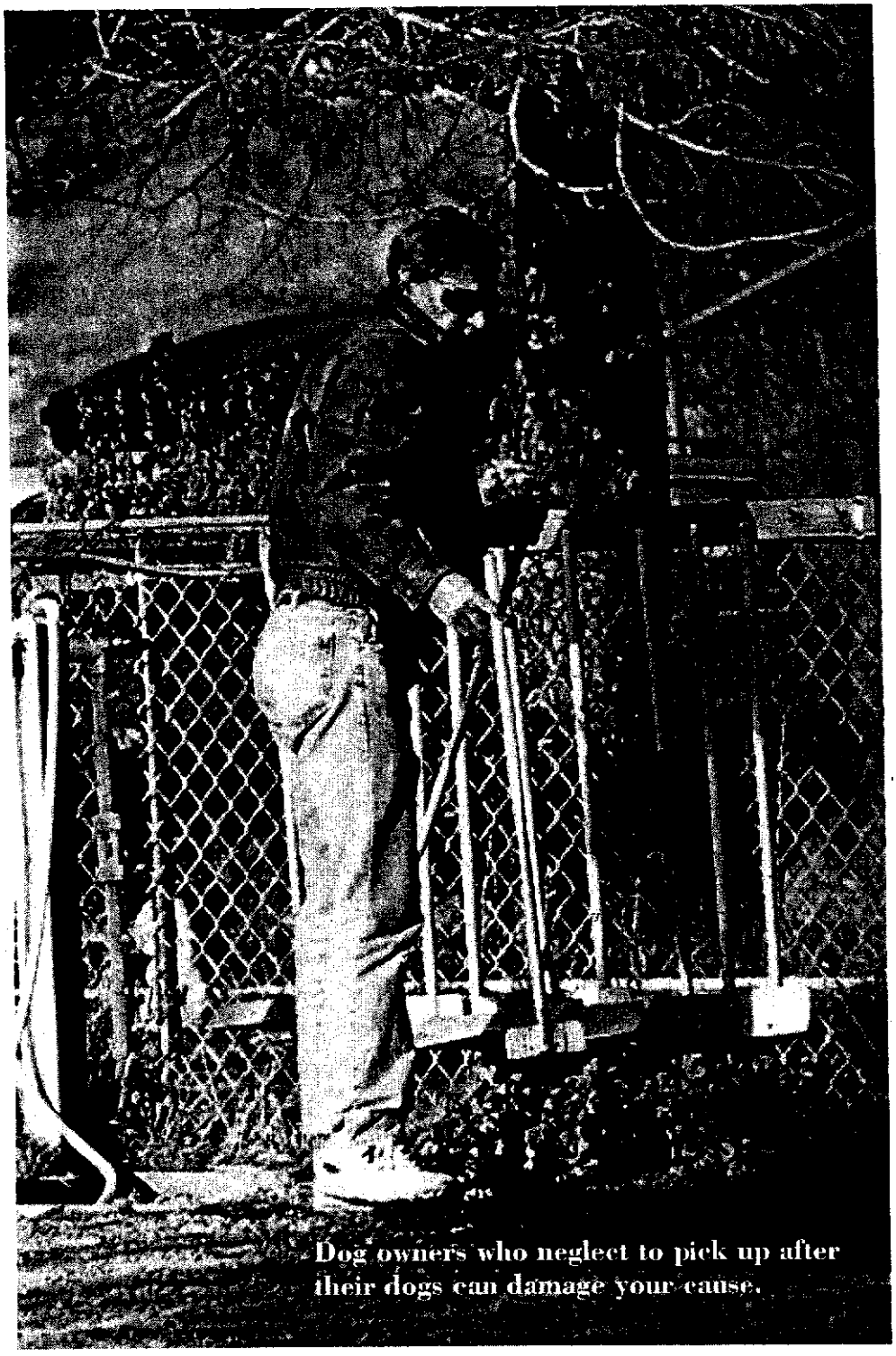
The First Steps . . .

Start with a core group of committed dog park activists. Talk with a half dozen other individuals who are concerned about the lack of off-leash spaces. These may be people you already know, or you may want to put a notice in the local paper. This group may form a park association and will be responsible for meeting with public officials, making presentations, maintaining the park and defusing any problems that arise.

Hold a public meeting. Once the core group is in place, a larger community meeting will help you get the word out to supporters and solicit input and suggestions. Contact other dog owners, dog-related clubs, veterinarians and humane society and animal control officials to gather interest and support. Do so by posting, mailing or distributing notices in areas such as neighborhood bulletin boards, pet supply stores, animals hospitals and shelters. Encourage people to write letters of support to public officials and the media and to make presentations to community groups whose backing would be valuable.

Educate your fellow dog owners on the need to be responsible. The owner who neglects to pick up after his dog or who allows an aggressive or unsocialized dog to run loose can do a lot of damage to your cause and undermine your chances of success.

Write a clear mission statement that details the need and purpose of the park, stressing the benefits to dog owners, their canine companions and the greater community. The Redwood City [California] Responsible Dog Owners' statement says it all: "To establish a fenced-in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. To



Dog owners who neglect to pick up after their dogs can damage your cause.

develop a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions. To view this park as a community project, in partnership with the City of Redwood City, designed to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non–dog owners alike."

Choose a site. The ideal area will be a safe, accessible location that takes into account the needs of park users as well as the effect the park will have on neighbors and the environment. Please refer to "Dog Park Design" on page 15 for additional recommendations.

Create a budget. Determine how much it will cost to construct and maintain the park – costs for grass, fences, garbage removal, lawn maintenance, drinking water, field drainage, lighting, benches and a pooper-scooper station. Some cities are willing and able to finance a dog park; others would rather share the cost with a group committed to maintaining the park and ensuring that park rules are followed. Keep in mind that, if it is within your budget to do so,

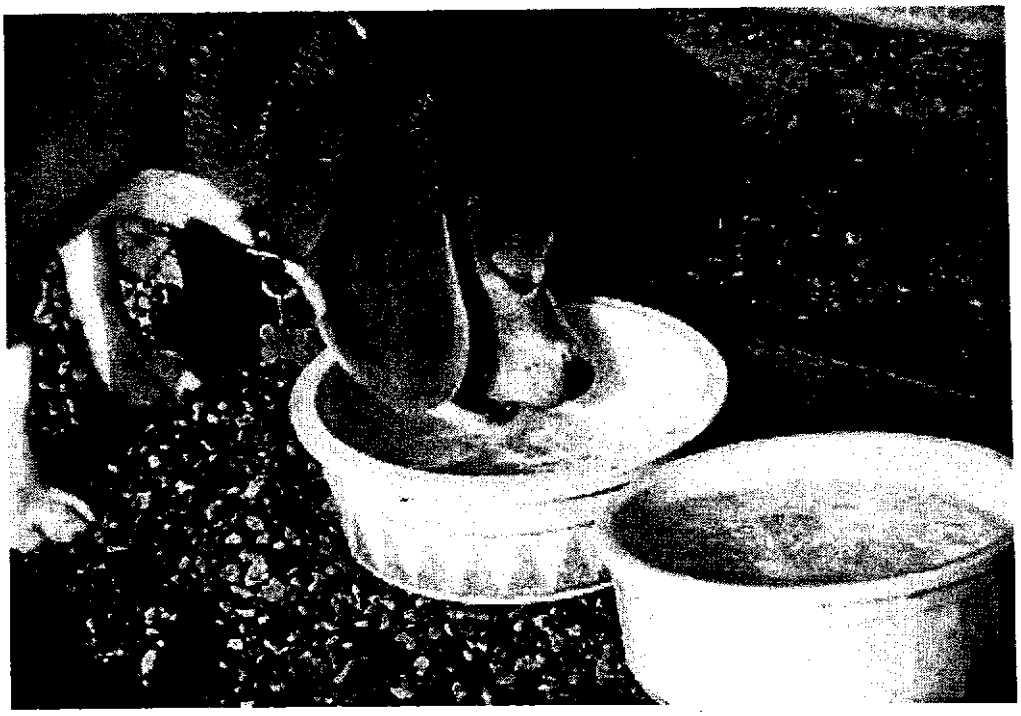
Success Story #1

Monmouth County, New Jersey

In the summer of 1999, a newly organized group of Monmouth County dog owners petitioned the county park system and several local municipalities to establish an off-leash dog park. The Bay Shore Companion Dog Club and New Jersey D. O. G. (Dog Owners Group) helped recruit members and collect signatures from owners of the nearly 40,000 licensed dogs living in the county.

After collecting 12,000 signatures, the group presented its proposal to the county park system's Board of Recreation Commissioners and municipal park system officials. Officials agreed that a dog park would offer many benefits to residents. They talked to other counties with successful parks about liability issues, rules, and regulations, before voting to approve funding for the establishment of an off-leash area in Monmouth County. The Thompson Park Dog Run opened on October 30, 1999, to enormous popularity.

Now that the park has opened, area dog owners will concentrate on forming a core group to help keep up the site and prevent potential problems. Just because dogs are allowed to run free does not mean that owners will not be responsible for their animals' actions. There are rules to be followed, guidelines to be maintained. "Public education for dog owners will be critical to the park's success," notes one of the organizers. The park itself provides a terrific venue for teaching people to be responsible dog owners. Members of the local dog community have already held a "Park Do's and Don'ts" seminar and plan to host future programs there.



sharing expenses with the city can be a great public relations tool. It shows officials that you are committed to the project, will help foster good community relations and may increase your chance for the park's approval.

Depending on your situation, you will have to determine how you will generate revenue for your budget. One possibility to consider is user fees – requiring all park users to pay an annual or daily fee. Permits could be obtained from the city or town or through the park association. Fund-raisers such as a dog wash or concession sale at a local dog show can also help to generate money to cover expenses and maintenance costs. Finally, consider soliciting town and city sources. By convincing elected officials that there is wide support for a dog park among taxpayers and voters, you may help encourage funding for the park.

Solicit the input and seek the approval of significant organizations in your community. Meet with the proposed park's neighbors before talking to city hall. As soon as someone brings up a concern, address it and try to come up with a solution. With a little good will and cooperation, neighborhood differences can usually be resolved.

OK, you've gathered your resources. Where do you go from here?

Create a proposal. Your well-prepared presentation will include your mission statement and goals and should address issues such as location, funding, maintenance and enforcement. Committee members will be expected to establish and enforce reasonable health and safety rules for the park, and these should be included in the proposal as well. Suggestions for these guidelines can be found in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this brochure. A good proposal will also do the following:

Demonstrate need. Do this by gathering statistics on the dogs and the people in your community.

- How many dogs would use a dog park?
- What are the demographics of the people in your city?
- Who currently uses city parks – and who doesn't? Downplay the "dog factor" and emphasize people issues. Dogs don't pay taxes or vote.

Demonstrate support. In many communities, organizers found that a simply worded request, circulated on a petition, helped convince city officials that there was indeed both a need and widespread public support for a responsibly run dog park.

- Place petition gatherers at supermarkets, pet-supply stores and other high-traffic areas.

Success Story #2

Sarasota County, Florida

Sarasota County is the proud home to two successful "paw parks," thanks in part to some active AKC-affiliated dog club members.

One long-time club member chaired the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee that approved the opening of the 17th Street Paw Park last year. The chairman and his rescued Greyhound participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that attracted the attention of enthusiastic dog owners, media and city officials alike. The overwhelming success of the 17th Street Paw Park led to the creation of a second off-leash area at Woodmere Park in Venice, Florida. In support of the move, the Greater Venice Florida Dog Club donated a decorative sign to mark the new paw park's location.

In the last year, county officials from across the nation have contacted the Sarasota County Parks and Recreation department regarding their success in developing and maintaining paw parks. Based on the positive response community residents have had to the parks, both off-leash areas will continue to serve as models for dog groups in the future.

- Enlist the support of local veterinarians, groomers, dog walkers and others who have a real interest in seeing a community filled with healthy, well-socialized dogs. Involve them in gathering petitions, writing letters to the editor of local papers and generally spreading the word.
- Organize local residents to contact their community representatives, parks department officials and media in the form of letters, e-mails and phone calls, asking for their support.
- Consider sending press releases to local media, explaining how the community will benefit from a dog park and providing information about the success of existing parks in other areas.
- You'll need to get the neighbors' approval, too. Explain your proposal to them, as well as the ways that a dog park will benefit them, and ask them to sign a separate petition stating that they are willing to have the park in their neighborhood.

Get to know local officials – your city council members and the director of your department of parks and recreation. Attend meetings, join them at fund-raisers. Find out what they need from you to move the dog park forward. To help you get started, the AKC's Canine Legislation Department can provide you with brochures offering tips on working with government officials.

When you're ready, request a hearing with city government to discuss your proposal. Have two or three carefully selected, knowledgeable and articulate members of your group present your plan, clearly expressing its many benefits to the community and calmly addressing any concerns. Be prepared to deal with a range of concerns, including the risk of dog fights, dog bites, noise level, parking and traffic needs, liability issues and maintenance. Explain why some of these are nonissues – the park's dogs, for example, will be well-socialized and therefore less likely to fight, bite and cause accidents in the community. Have a plan to address legitimate issues, like traffic and noise.

Be patient and flexible. Dealing with city government is rarely a quick process, but don't give up! Follow through with continued letters and e-mails, and be willing to work toward compromise.

Success Story #3

Sausalito, California

In early 1991, the City of Sausalito passed a law requiring dogs to be leashed at all times within the city limits. After receiving a citation and fine for walking her dog Remington without a leash, one owner led a citizen group that worked with the city council, the parks and recreation department and the Marin Humane Society to establish a dedicated enclosed area where the dogs of Sausalito could be off leash.

During that summer volunteers raised funds to fence a 1.3 acre area in the Martin Luther King School area, located on the north side of Sausalito, to be used as a dedicated dog park. In November 1991, the "Remington Dog Park" was officially opened with a gala ribbon cutting attended by city council members, local citizens and their dog companions.

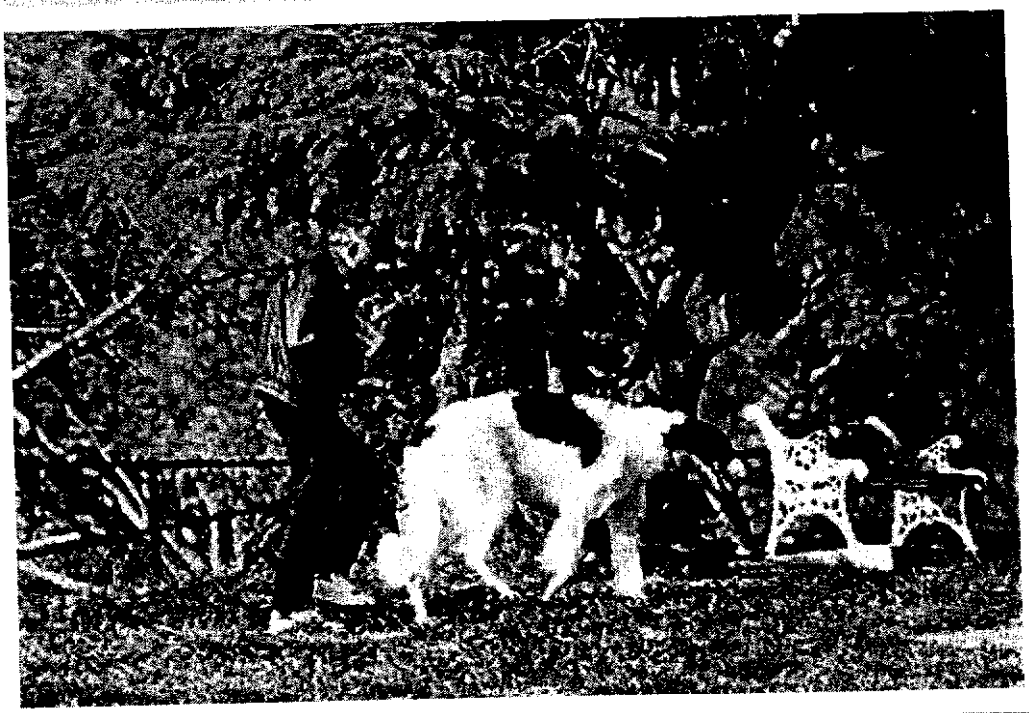
Although the city provides utilities, including water, electricity and garbage removal, the park has been maintained by its users since the opening. Regularly scheduled work parties cut the grass as well as maintain and improve the grounds.

Improvements to the park in excess of $36,000 to date have been made through donations solely from park users. In addition to original fencing the park now has lighting, a storage shed, a riding lawnmower, picnic tables, benches, a dog drinking-water area and a "scooper" cleaning station.

The park is the home of champion show dogs as well as mixed breeds. Dog owners have adopted over 30 "rescue" dogs. Many owners now have two dogs as a result of this program.

Having received the highest rating of "4 Paws" in The California Dog Lover's Companion, the Sausalito Dog Park is now used by over 300 dogs per day. From sunup to sundown, dogs of all ages, sizes and types can be seen romping in the park, chasing a never ending supply of tennis balls, simply lying at their masters' feet under a picnic table or on top of the picnic table demanding face-to-face attention.

(See also www.dogpark-sausalito.com.)



Success Story #4

Tallahassee, Florida

Members of the Ochlockonee River Kennel Club are always looking for ways to give back to their community, so when the opportunity came to help with the establishment of a dog park in Tallahassee, they jumped at the chance.

The group had long realized how important it was for dog owners to have a place where they could socialize with others and let their dogs run or play Frisbee. At the same time, their community was facing problems at a nearby city park where owners were permitting their dogs to illegally roam off-leash. The solution seemed simple -build a dog park! A public committee was formed, and an ORKC board member volunteered to serve on behalf of the dog community.

While the city of Tallahassee was receptive to the idea, it was clear that little could be done without funds for fencing, pooper-scoopers and the like. ORKC, which donates to various organizations every year, soon agreed to give the city the $4,000 that would be needed to fence the two-acre park. Other clubs and fanciers followed suit, donating money for watering holes, cleanup facilities, shade trees and benches. The city even donated old fire hydrants to add to the fun.

The park has been extremely popular since its opening in the summer of 1999, and city officials, who originally agreed to open the park on a trial basis only, are now enthusiastic about developing more. Members of the ORKC are pleased to have had a helping hand in the park's establishment and see it as a great opportunity to increase awareness of responsible dog ownership.

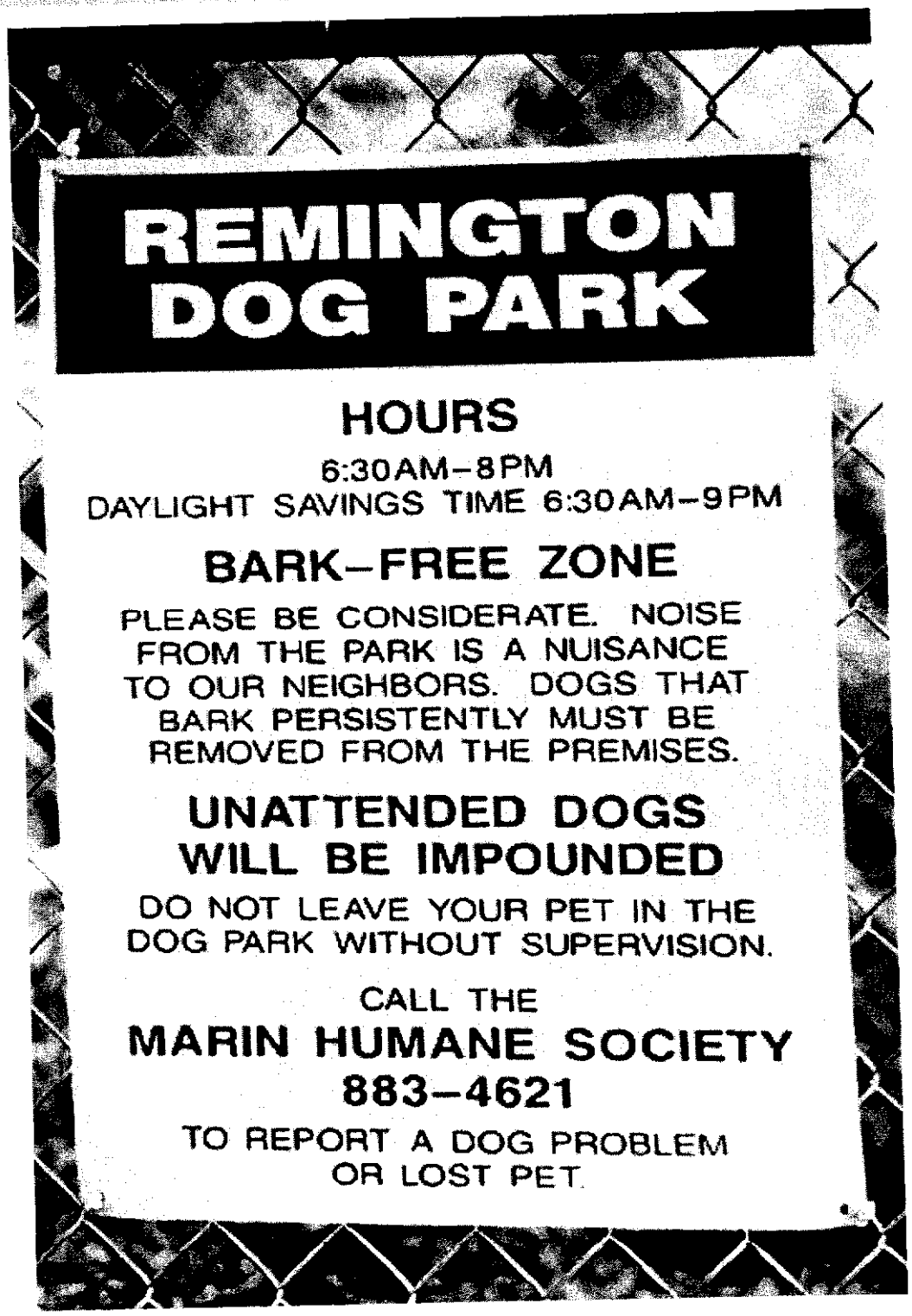
Congratulations – they approved it! Now what?

Your efforts have been successful, and development of the dog park is moving forward. Now is the time to thank everyone who helped bring the park to fruition, including volunteers, government officials and community residents. As a result of everyone's hard work, many dog owners will soon have a new opportunity to enjoy their canine companions! Be sure to share this good news with the AKC's Canine Legislation Department so we can pass it on to others.

The key to future and continued success of the dog park will lie in responsible park-association members and park users who strictly enforce the rules. For the most part, this will mean getting people to clean up after their dogs, quiet excessive barking and curtail any aggressive behavior. Occasionally larger issues may arise, and it will be up to you to help settle disputes in a responsive, flexible manner.

Maintenance will be another important consideration. In some areas, park associations work in conjunction with local kennel clubs and parks department officials to organize volunteer "park cleanup" days. Kennel clubs and other dog organizations may also be willing to donate funds for future supplies of scoopers, trash bags and cans.

The development of a successful dog park requires a great deal of planning and effort. But your involvement and dedication will hopefully lead to the ultimate reward – the joy of creating and maintaining a special place where dogs and their families can run, romp and socialize.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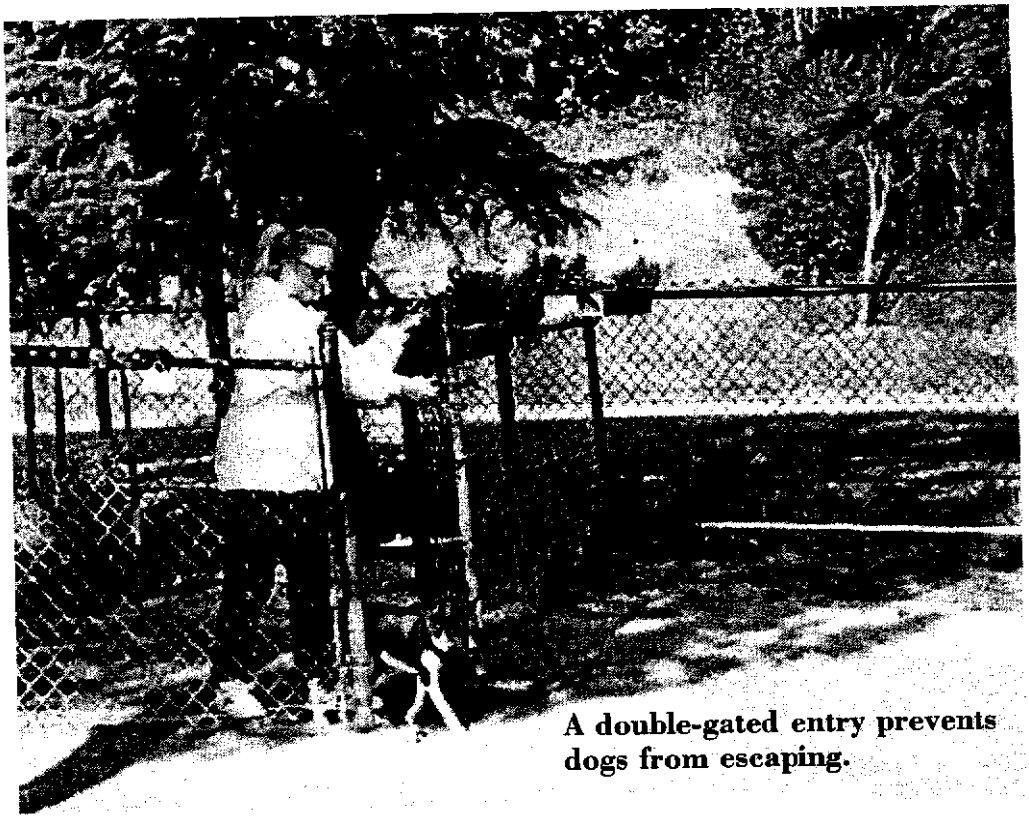
DOG PARK
HOURS
6:30AM–8PM
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME 6:30AM–9PM
BARK–FREE ZONE
PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE. NOISE FROM THE PARK IS A NUISANCE TO OUR NEIGHBORS. DOGS THAT BARK PERSISTENTLY MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES.
UNATTENDED DOGS WILL BE IMPOUNDED
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE DOG PARK WITHOUT SUPERVISION.
CALL THE
MARIN HUMANE SOCIETY
883–4621
TO REPORT A DOG PROBLEM OR LOST PET.

Dog Park Design:

The Ideal Dog Park Should Include . . .

- One acre or more of land surrounded by a four- to six-foot high chain-link fence. Preferably, the fence should be equipped with a double-gated entry to keep dogs from escaping and to facilitate wheelchair access.
- Cleaning supplies, including covered garbage cans, waste bags and pooper-scooper stations.
- Shade and water for both dogs and owners, along with benches and tables.
- A safe, accessible location with adequate drainage and a grassy area that is mowed routinely.
- Signs that specify park hours and rules.
- Parking close to the site.



A double-gated entry prevents dogs from escaping.

Rules and Regulations

Members of a dog park committee should establish and enforce reasonable health and safety rules for the park, such as the following:

- Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
- Puppies and dogs must be properly licensed, inoculated and healthy.
- Animals should wear a collar and ID tags at all times.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Dogs showing aggression toward people or other animals will be removed from the park. Animals who exhibit a history of aggressive behavior will not be permitted to enter.
- Puppies using the park must be at least four months old.
- Owners should not leave their dogs unattended or allowed out of sight. If young children are permitted in the dog park, they too should be under constant supervision.
- Dogs in heat will not be allowed inside the park.
- Owners must carry a leash at all times. Dogs should be leashed before entering and prior to leaving the park.
- Violators will be subject to removal from the park and suspension of park privileges.

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RULES
1. Dogs must NEVER be left unattended.
2. All dogs must wear a current license.
3. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
4. Unruly dogs are not allowed.
5. Female dogs "in heat" are not allowed in the Dog Park area.
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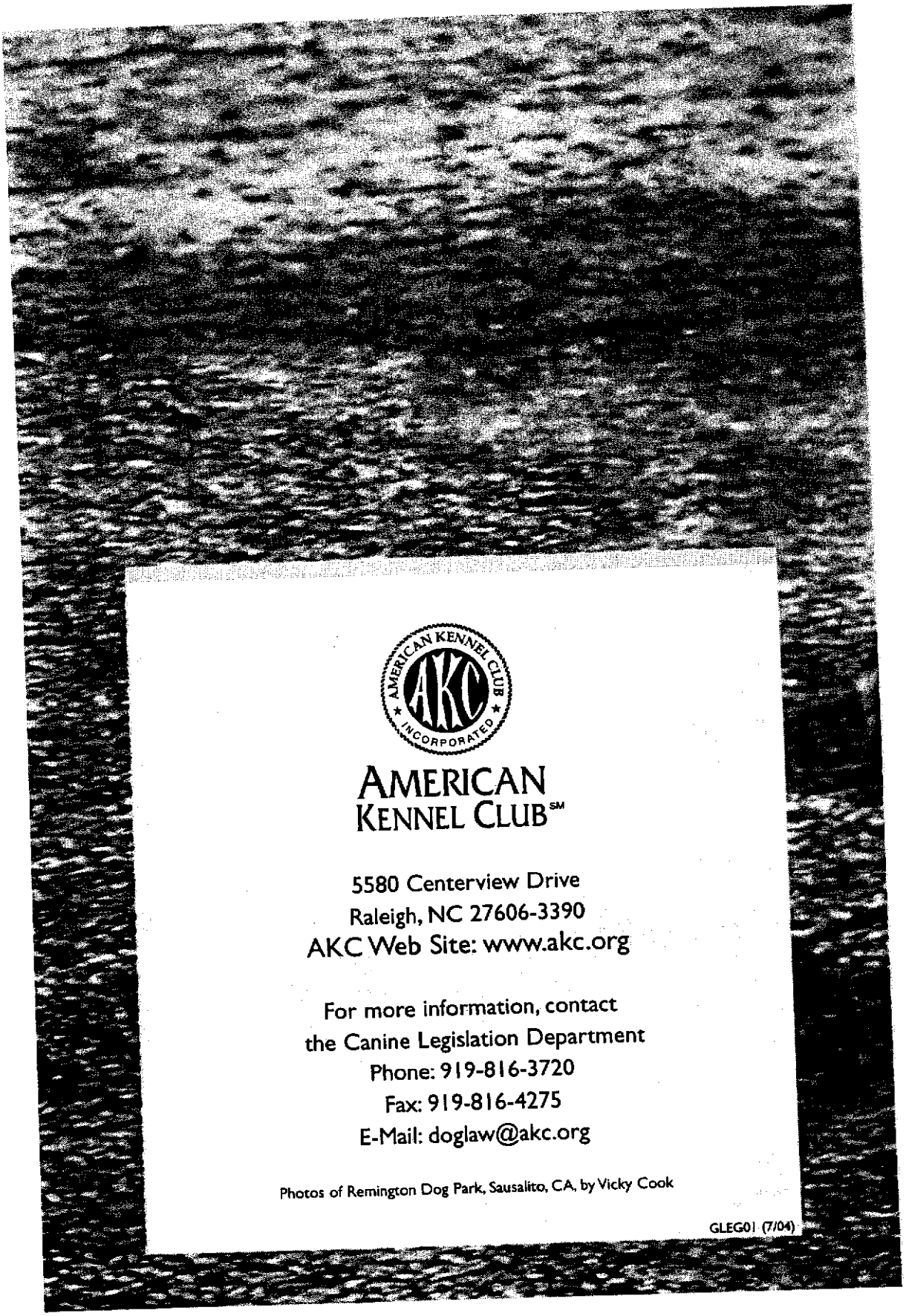

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Photos of Remington Dog Park, Sausalito, CA, by Vicky Cook

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PART I

Meeting the Need: Providing Off-Leash Recreational Space in Santa Barbara

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Purpose (1)

The purpose of this position paper is to clarify the needs of responsible dog owners for access to public open space, to improve the understanding of the benefits of such access, and to recommend ordinance changes that reflect support for off-leash recreation by responsible dog owners.

Overview

The public open space management environment has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. The range of recreational activities in which people are engaged has expanded while budgets and resources have contracted. Dog owners have not been immune to these changes. Increased restrictions are being placed on their use of public open space.

At the same time, the benefits of pet ownership are becoming increasingly evident. Pets are now recognized for their many physical and mental health benefits, especially for children, the elderly, and the handicapped, but also for the many individuals struggling against the fragmentation and isolation of modern society.

To address the tension between stresses on public space and the growing importance of dogs in people's lives, the field of urban animal management has emerged to ensure that pets are appropriately managed in the urban environment. There now exists a broader and more soundly based body of knowledge on which to make judgements about managing domestic pets and integrating the needs of pet owners into community planning.

That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this position paper. As a principle we believe open space access should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. In fact, such planning has already occurred in dozens of cities in California.(2) Undeniably, problems exist, but it is clear that the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages. Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

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Dog Ownership

Benefits

The benefits of dog ownership are becoming clearer as scientific attention is increasingly directed towards the human-animal bond. Dogs are now recognized not just for their physical and mental health benefits, but for their role as companions and catalysts for human social interaction, and in helping children learn responsibility (Annual Review of Public Health, 1996; Psychological Reports, 1996). For many single and elderly people a dog not only provides companionship but often is the only source of home and personal security. Beyond this, dogs play a vital role working in society in numerous ways, such as assisting the handicapped and working for the military, police departments, and search and rescue teams.

Why Dogs Need Access to Open Space

The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not always self-evident and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that these benefits apply not only to dogs, but primarily to their owners and to the community as a whole.

The most obvious and compelling reason to provide access to public open space for off-leash recreation is because of public demand. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users: a conservative estimate is that there are almost 37,000 dog owners in the city of Santa Barbara and approximately 25,000 dogs. (3) For the county, these figures are considerably higher, with an estimated 108,000 dogs and 156,000 dog owners. The sheer number of dog owners, and their prevalence as users of park space, requires that municipal parks departments respond by meeting the expressed need.

The second reason has to do with the link between off-leash recreation and promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized to be good "canine citizens" (Canine Behavior, 1965). They also need appropriate exercise to reduce boredom and pent-up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors, other park and street users, and authorities responsible for urban animal management, all of whom are affected by unacceptable behavior from unsocialized and underexercised dogs.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects on dog owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise, promoting physical and mental health. Taking a dog to a community park has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other people (Journal of Nutrition and the Elderly, 1996). The community-building that takes place in off-leash areas results in more cohesive neighborhoods, more local involvement in municipal affairs, and a heightened sense of connectedness and community for all users.

The final reason, of most benefit to urban managers and animal control departments, is that a balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space results in higher levels of compliance with relevant laws by dog owners. If dog owners perceive laws to be unfair it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response from dog owners; if, on the other hand, laws are perceived to be fair, people will be more likely to voluntarily comply. Increased compliance reduces the need for enforcement, freeing municipal staff and resources to be used elsewhere.

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Dogs in the Community

Open Space Planning

The entire subject of urban and suburban animal management is so new that only those cities expanding into undeveloped land have an opportunity to incorporate recreational areas exclusively for dogs into their open space planning. Cities like Santa Barbara, with in-fill development only, must look to more creative solutions within the boundaries of existing recreational land. Several of Santa Barbara's neighboring communities have established leash-free parks or leash-free areas within parks. The city of Santa Barbara, with its abundant parks, beaches, and trails, can surely find solutions that are equitable for all who use these open spaces.

To this end, creating leash-free open spaces for responsible owners and their dogs in existing recreational areas should be based upon the following premises:

- That dog owners are as legitimate as any other user group, and that their needs should be included as an integral part of the city's decision making process.
- That integrating off-leash recreation with other park uses allows for a more efficient and equitable distribution of resources, whereas separation and restrictions concentrate potential conflicts into isolated areas, increasing the likelihood of overuse.
- That dogs allowed to exercise off-leash – running with other dogs, catching a ball, chasing a Frisbee, or working at obedience training – are happier and healthier dogs.
- That exercised dogs make better neighbors than under-exercised dogs. Puppies and dogs that get enough exercise through vigorous play are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively, destroy property, or learn anti-social behavior.
- That in an era when people are often reluctant or afraid to approach or converse with a stranger, off-leash exercise areas bring people together and create a greater sense of community.
- That unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be

counterproductive in managing conflicts between law enforcement and the large number of citizens who own dogs. Further, punitive leash laws generally result in non-compliance. If dog owners perceive an ordinance to be harsh or unfair, it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response. On the other hand, if dog owners understand the reasons for restrictions relating to access and accept them as reasonable, they will be more likely to comply voluntarily.

- That access to a public park or beach close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world.
- That dogs provide a measure of security, both perceived and real, to single women and elderly or handicapped persons who most often fall victim to crime in parks.

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California City Dog Ordinances

Santa Barbara's municipal code currently states that "No dog is permitted upon a street or other public place unless on a leash not in excess of six (6) feet in length and under the immediate care and control of the owner or other person having the care and custody thereof." (Section 6.08.020(B)).

Several California cities have amended their ordinances to allow for off-leash areas by exempting such areas from leash law requirements where the dog is under the control of the owner. The task of designating those parks which are off-leash, and creating rules for such areas, is left to the Department administrating the municipality's parks, or to the City Council by resolution.

For example, Santa Monica's ordinance states that dogs which are properly tagged and licensed are allowed, without a leash, "on any duly designated off-leash public park area? if the dog is in the custody and control of a competent person." (Santa Monica Municipal Code section 4.04.150)

Santa Monica's general restriction against dogs in many locations in that city includes an exemption for "dogs in any area designated by Resolution of the City Council for use by dogs if the person having custody or control of the dog is in compliance with posted rules governing the use of the designated area." (Santa Monica Municipal Code section 4.04.160).

The city of Davis follows a similar approach. Its Code defines a dog "at large" to be a "dog off the premises of its owner and not under restraint by leash controlled by the owner or custodian of such dog." The section includes the following exception: "Dogs are not 'at large' when the are in public areas expressly provided and designated for exercise; provided, they remain under the control or direction of their owner or custodian." (City of Davis Municipal Code section 4-9).

The off-leash areas are typically governed by posted regulations such as:

- Dogs shall be under voice control
- Owners or custodians shall carry a leash
- Aggressive dogs are not allowed and/or must be leashed
- Dogs shall not dig or disturb park resources
- Feces shall be immediately removed.

Other cities take a more comprehensive approach by way of ordinance. Although the actual designation of those parks which shall be off-leash is accomplished by administrative decision or resolution, some of the rules regulating those areas are set forth in the ordinance itself.

For example, in 1996 the city of Claremont added an ordinance establishing off-leash areas which includes specific rules as well as a waiver of liability. That ordinance requires that

- Dogs must be under the care, custody, and control of a person age 13 or older;
- No person may have more than two dogs in the off-leash area at one time;
- All dogs must be under voice control;
- Dogs which are sick, in heat, or aggressive are not permitted;
- Persons in charge of the dog shall quiet them if they bark;
- Persons in charge of the dog shall "promptly" remove litter (Claremont Ordinance 11.02.125)

In many cities, dog owners police themselves, sometimes through official citizens groups. The Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area, in Los Angeles, for example, is policed by the Dog Advisory Group, whose members wear red t-shirts and patrol the park for violations. It also organizes dog-doo clean up days. A similar organization helps maintain the Pt. Isabel dog park in Alameda County.

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The Santa Barbara Community

Santa Barbara, with its moderate climate and exceptional natural beauty, is a natural draw for those who love outdoor recreation; for those who own dogs, it is ideal. Beyond this, the citizens of Santa Barbara are committed to the humane treatment of animals, dogs and cats especially, in a way that is rivaled by few other communities. The City/County Animal Shelter is a virtual "no-kill" facility and a model for other shelters around the country. In addition, money generated by dozens of veterinary facilities, grooming shops, pet supply houses, grocery stores, boarding facilities, and obedience schools is in the millions, contributing substantially to the local economy.

Concerns with Off-leash Dog Areas

There are a number of potential concerns with the establishment of off-leash areas for dogs in our community.

- *Dogs are a danger to people using the park.* Dog attacks are the most serious potential problem, and the most susceptible to misinformation and misunderstanding. Though attacks can occur against humans, other dogs, and other animals, most dogs do not bite people or other dogs (Domestic Dog, 1995; Canine Behavior, 1965). In the overwhelming majority of cases, dog attacks occur in the dog owner's home or immediate vicinity—not in public open space. In one study of aggression in dogs it was found that from 65% to 93% of dog attacks occurred in or near the dog owner's home (Poderbercek & Blackshaw, 1990). According to the Journal of the American Medical Association (January 22, 1997), the vast majority of dog bites occur on a dog's territory, typically when a dominant, protective, or injured dog is not adequately supervised. These triggers are not present when a dog is in the neutral territory of a public park.

  Without wanting to underrate the seriousness of dog attacks in either the private home or public open space, they need to be kept in perspective. Although concerns about dog attacks are legitimate, the extent to which the mass media amplify isolated problems needs to be considered. Failure to do so results in simplistic management mechanisms that neither protect against genuine risks nor meet the needs of responsible dog owners with safe dogs.
- *Dog feces are unsightly and a health hazard.* This is a fact. However, it must be recognized that dogs defecate whether or not they are on a leash. Dog PAC has been highly successful in educating owners not to allow their dogs to defecate on public property without picking-up afterward, and we continue in these efforts. Further, Dog PAC supports ordinances that would apply onerous fines to violators of nuisance ordinances.
- *Free-running dogs will interfere with those using the parks for other recreational activities.* Children's playground areas must remain dog free. Picnic areas must remain "dogs on leash only." Dog PAC supports additional signage and enforcement of these stipulations. Beyond this, conflicting use of recreational areas has not been a significant problem in the past, nor should it be in the future – responsible dog owners are vigilant about potential conflicts and use common sense in this regard.
- *Dogs are inherently dangerous to Santa Barbara park wildlife.* Human use, park maintenance staff and their machinery, and development of open park space are likely to have as much or more impact on wildlife than dogs. Studies such as "Public Open Space and Dogs: A Design and Management Guide For Open Space Professionals and Local Government," (online at http://www.petnet.com.au/openspace/frontis.html) make clear the possibilities for integrating off-leash areas with wildlife management.
- *Some off-leash areas are a safety hazard for the dog.* The intent of off-leash privileges is to provide free running areas for dogs that are "under control."

There are no perfect solutions to prevent accidents for adult recreational users or dogs, though dog safety should be a consideration when choosing appropriate parks. But dog safety is ultimately the dog owner's responsibility.

- *The City of Santa Barbara may be liable for negative incidents involving dogs.* The City is legitimately concerned that legalizing the use of public property for off-leash recreation creates the risk of public liability. The experience of other municipalities indicates, however, that the risk is minimal. For example, the Point Isabel Regional Shoreline is a 21 acre off-leash park located at the border of the cities of Berkeley and Richmond, California. According to its park supervisor, the area averages 730,000 dog visitors each year. **The attorney for the East Bay Regional Park District reports that the district has had no claims and has not been named in any litigation regarding dogs during the seven years he has been attorney for the agency.**

Laguna Beach has had off-leash areas for several years with no claims. The Sepulveda Dam Basin, which is the largest off-leash area in Los Angeles, also reports no claims or litigation over dog incidents

At least one reason for the lack of claims is legal: the "dangerous condition" immunity from public liability generally relieves the public agency of liability, especially for the acts of third parties using the public property (Gov't. Code section 830 et. seq.; Jones v. Czapkay (1960) 182 Cal.App.2d 192).

Nevertheless, the City should take precautions to protect itself (and the taxpayers) from potential liability. There are several ways to limit liability, including:

A. *Express assignment of liability and indemnification by users of off-leash areas.* This can be accomplished by conditioning the issuance of dog licenses on an express indemnification agreement, or by a "permissive use" ordinance change. The city of Claremont chose the latter approach. Its off-leash ordinance states in part:

   "The use of an off-leash area by a dog owner or other person having care, custody, or control of that shall constitute agreement by the dog owner and the person having care, custody, or control of that dog to? a waiver of liability of the city, and his or her agreement to protect, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the city from any claim, injury, or damage arising from or in connection with such use." (City of Claremont Ordinance 11.02.125 (E).)

B. *Signage:* Full and complete signage, both advising visitors that the park is an off-leash area and that they use the area at their own risk, and advising dog owners of their assumption of liability and hold harmless agreement.
C. *Insurance:* Purchase a commercial insurance policy specifically protecting

the City from dog-related claims.

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Part I Endnotes

1. This document draws from text and information from A Guide to Integrating Domestic Pets into New Residential Development, by Planning & Development Consultants Harlock Jackson Pty Ltd., available through PETNET at http://www.petnet.com.au/

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2. A few of the many California cities that provide off-leash areas are: San Diego, Laguna Beach, Costa Mesa, Los Angeles, Venice, Napa, Sonoma, Berkeley, Santa Monica, St. Helena, Huntington Beach, Davis, Laguna Niguel, Claremont, Oakland, Redondo Beach, Redwood City, Santa Clara, Foster City, and San Francisco. Other California cities with such parks are available from Dog PAC on request.

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3. The following data were used in the estimation of dog and dog owner populations for the city and county of Santa Barbara:

Santa Barbara County

(a) Population: 381,401 [source: 1996 US Census data]

(b) Average Household Size: 2.84 [source: 1990 US Census data]

(c) Number of Households: 134,296 [source: calculation; (a / b)]

(d) % of households with dogs: 41% [source: mean of estimates by (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association, which estimates that 32% of households have dogs and (b) Gallup poll estimate that over 50% of households in California have at least one dog.]

(e) Number of households with dogs: 55,061 [source: calculation; (c * d)]

(f) Number of dog owners: 156,373 [source: calculation; (b * e)]

(g) Number of dogs per dog-owning household: 1.96 [source: American

Veterinary Medical Association]

(h) Number of dogs: 107,919 [source: calculation; (e * g)]

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The City of Santa Barbara

(a) Population: 90,200 [source: Santa Barbara News-Press]

(b) Average Household Size: 2.84 [source: 1990 US Census data]

(c) Number of Households: 31,761 [source: calculation; (a / b)]

(d) % of households with dogs: 41% [source: mean of estimates by (a) the American Veterinary Medical Association, which estimates that 32% of households have dogs and (b) Gallup poll estimate that over 50% of households in California have at least one dog.]

(e) Number of households with dogs: 13,022 [source: calculation; (c * d)]

(f) Number of dog owners: 36,982 [source: calculation; (b * e)]

(g) Number of dogs per dog-owning household: 1.96 [source: American Veterinary Medical Association]

(h) Number of dogs: 25,523 [source: calculation; (e * g)]

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From ***Wikipedia***

Benefits of off-leash dog parks

Pet ownership in the United States increased by over 1 million households between 1990 and 1992, up to 54 million, or 58% of all U.S. households. Of the pet-owning households, 38% included dogs. The number of dogs per dog-household was 1.5, totally 53.3 million dogs. *(1)* This trend is expected to continue into the new millennium.

While suburban and rural zones have traditionally been areas containing most of the pet-owning population, the urban environment has been undergoing an increase in pet population since the 1970s. This, combined with the fact that over the past 15 years urbanization has been taking over what was formerly considered to be suburban and rural areas, has resulted in a phenomenon called "urbananimalization." This, first of all, encompasses the recognition that animals are and will continue to be a "quality of life" aspect of urban society. Secondly, it recognizes that development must specifically provide for the inclusion of domestic animals in its growth plans.

As the dog companion population increases along with development, regulations need to be in place to promote responsible pet ownership, and facilities need to be provided to allow pet owners and their canine companions to exercise and play together. The provision of ample quality space for the human/dog companion recreation promotes the physical and mental well being of both dog and human.

Dogs playing "catch"

Off-leash dog areas provide a social setting in which people can gather and interact in friendship. Off-leash dog areas are places where dog owners and nondog owners can delight in the entertaining and interesting interaction of dogs at play. Scientific studies have shown that people somehow find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual -

social barriers that make people in our society perceive others as "strangers." Research has also shown that companion dogs improve people's health and increase resistance to disease by providing companionship, by giving people something to care for, by providing pleasurable activity, by providing a source of constancy in our changing lives, by stimulating people to exercise, by providing comfort with touch, and being a pleasure to watch. *(2)* The unconditional love of a companion animal is very beneficial.

The benefits to dogs is also well documented. Dogs that are highly socialized and exercised are healthier and happier. They make better neighbors because they bark and dig out of their enclosure less often. If they do escape they are far less likely to be aggressive.

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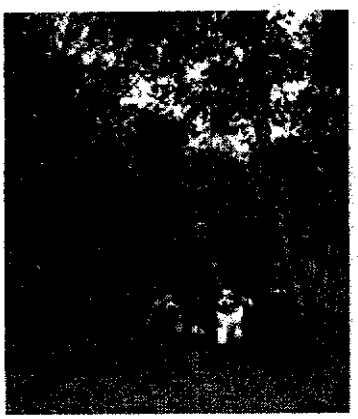

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Public Open Space and Dogs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background to the Study

The public open space management environment has changed dramatically in the last twenty years. The range of activities in which people are engaged has expanded while budgets and resources have contracted. There is now much more emphasis on efficiency and improved management. At the same time, conflict in public parks appears to have increased although not necessarily because of a higher incidence of problems. Dog owners have not been immune from these changes. Increased restrictions are being placed on their use of public open space either by requiring dogs to remain leashed or by outright banning.

Many Councils are grappling with these difficult questions regarding dogs' access to public open space but their responses are often based on unproven assumptions and principles. Part of the problem is that the whole area of urban animal management is so new. The time has come to re-assess established practices. This Study aims to fill that gap.

Study objectives

The aims of this report are as follows:

1.To clarify the needs of dogs and their owners for access to public open space.

2.To improve understanding of the benefits of access to public open space by dogs and their owners.

3.To develop principles for accommodating dogs and their owners in public open space.

4.To recommend improved techniques of planning and design to improve the quality of the experience for dogs and their owners and to minimise potential conflicts.

5.To present the findings in a format that will assist local government and other park management authorities to assess their own requirements for accommodating the needs of both dog owners and non-dog owners using public open space.

Study approach

The Guide's principal concern is with planning at the area or municipal wide level although we provide guidance and suggestions for design and management of individual parks. It stresses the importance of taking a comprehensive approach that is forward planning in outlook as opposed to reacting to issues on a case-by-case basis as they arise.

The Guidelines are not prescriptive because there is no single right way to address these issues. The most important contribution this Guide can make is to set out the strategic framework to assist local authorities to assess their own requirements and choose the right combination of options in a balanced and informed manner. It provides the background and supporting information required and a framework for Councils to initiate a process in their own communities - the more detailed planning can then be done at the local level.

Section 2: The role and place of domestic pets

This section discusses the popularity and benefits of pet ownership and concludes with a brief examination of the developing field of urban animal management.

Owning pets has always been popular in Australia and it has become more popular over time. In 1994, 57% of households owned either a dog or a cat (42% of households owned one or more dogs and 31% owned one or more cats).

Owning pets is part of the Australian way of life. Eighty-nine percent of present pet owners and 83% of non-pet owners had pets in the family during their childhood. Fifty-three percent of non-dog owners surveyed would, in the future, like one.

The benefits of pet ownership are becoming clearer as more studies and case histories become available. Pets are now being recognised for their physical and mental health benefits, for their role as companions and social lubricants and in helping children learn responsibility and how to share.

The field of urban animal management has emerged to ensure pets are appropriately managed in the urban environment. The number and range of programs being trialed and implemented both here and overseas reflects increased community, professional and academic interest in urban animal management. We now have a broader and more soundly based body of knowledge on which to make judgements about managing domestic pets as well as more effective ways of disseminating new ideas and knowledge.

Section 3: Open space planning and management in Australia: How dogs and their owners have been affected

This section looks at how dogs and their owners have been affected first by planning for public open space and then by its management. It establishes the context within which access by dogs to public open space may be considered.

Dogs have not been considered separately by open space planners - their needs have been assumed to be part of the overall need for passive open space. This is probably as it should be and worked well in the past. The difficulty has emerged with the changing management environment where park managers have been forced to deal with more intense user conflicts. For dogs, this has meant greater restrictions on access.

It is because of this gap between the planning and management levels that we now need to plan for dogs and their access to public open space.

Local authorities have responded in an infinite variety of ways and with varying levels of success. Part of the problem has been a lack of correct information about both the conflicts and the reasons why dogs need continued access to public parks.

Section 4: Domestic dogs in the public realm: the case for continued access

That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this study. As a principle we believe it should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. That is not to say that problems don't exist, only that the benefits should outweigh the disadvantages and that there is considerable scope for the problems to be better managed.

Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

Conflicts

Conflict is inevitable in urban areas, it is not confined to park management nor indeed to dogs' use of public parks. Conflict is a matter of degree with its impacts ranging from threats to safety, to detracting from the quality of the recreation experience, to more simple annoyance. Whether a perceived conflict warrants attention is problematic. It is not an either/or situation, i.e. that there is or isn't a conflict, but is one of degree. It requires judicious assessment of circumstances and a recognition of the inevitability of conflict in urban society.

The problems generally attributed to dogs and their owners in the public realm include defecation, aggression to humans and other animals, barking and other nuisance behaviour. A related issue for park managers is non-compliance with leash laws.

It would seem that the problems are, on the whole, being kept at a manageable level. There are incidences where the level of conflict is high but we need to remember that these are issues that are easily inflamed by community, media and political interest - they require impartial assessment. We need to be wary of accepting

uncritically many assertions made against dogs' use of public open space.

Having said that we don't want to underestimate or trivialise the seriousness of some problems nor do we want to diminish the constructive efforts being made to resolve the numerous practical issues that dogs use of parks entails. However we do urge park authorities to critically appraise reported problems and keep them in perspective: they represent a challenge but they are not insurmountable.

Why dogs need access to public open space

The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not immediately clear and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that they apply not only to dogs and their owners but also to the wider community as well as those responsible for urban animal management.

The most obvious reason why dogs need access to public open space is because of their popularity. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users.

The second reason has to do with its links with promoting acceptable behaviour from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialised in appropriate behaviour. They also need regular outings to reduce boredom and pent-up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure owners socialise their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbours who are affected by unacceptable behaviour at home, other park and street users and authorities responsible for urban animal management.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects it can have on their owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise and visit their local park. Taking a dog out has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other humans.

All of these reasons are likely to be magnified in the future as a consequence of the government's urban consolidation policies (i.e. a higher incidence of smaller homes and back gardens). As more people live in compact types of housing it will place greater demands on public open space both for humans and as an outlet for dogs; a fourth reason to provide for dogs' access to public open space.

The final reason is that a balanced approach to accommodating dogs' owners in public open space may achieve higher levels of compliance by dog owners with relevant by-laws. If dog owners perceive by-laws to be unfair it may elicit a defiant rather than a compliant response from dog owners - they may ignore the by-laws in protest. If on the other hand, the by-laws are perceived to be fair they will be more likely to voluntarily comply. The disillusionment with enforcement has led to many worthwhile education programs being introduced. However the impact of these programs can only be limited without an access policy that is perceived to be fair by dog owners.

ection 5: Towards a model for access to public open space by dogs: establishing the principles

With the changing management environment new ideas are being tried but often on the basis of old assumptions. What is needed is a new set of principles that challenge, or at least clarify, these old assumptions.

The first principle is formal recognition of the legitimacy of dog owners as being as deserving a group of clients as any others. It affirms their legitimacy where disagreement exists and frees decision-makers from a limiting mindset that emphasises problems over the need to accommodate the needs of all park users.

The second principle is to understand more clearly the needs of both dogs and their owners. Management practice to date has been hampered by a lack of information - inaccurate in the case of dogs' needs and simplistic in the case of dog owners needs.

The most fundamental need for dogs is that they be taken out with their owner as much as possible. This enables them to experience the full range of benefits from the public realm (benefit to every-one, not just dogs). They don't need to run freely off the leash as much as they need interaction with their owner and diversity of experience.

For dog owners we need to recognise that their needs are likely to be very different depending on stage in the life cycle, housing type, inclination, etc. We need to avoid defining dog owners needs in terms of one universal set of prescriptions.

The third principle is that we should aim for integration of dogs with other park users. While separation is warranted in some instances, it should not be a philosophy upon which to base an area-wide strategy for dogs.

The final principle is that Councils should apply a strategic approach that considers access on a comprehensive municipal wide basis rather than on a piecemeal park by park basis. The latter is reactive and problem-oriented. It fails to adequately address needs.

The strategic approach aims for a hierarchy of opportunities that provides for daily, regular and occasional use.

These principles should form the basis for planning and managing dogs' access to public open space.

ection 6: Assessing the options and establishing the framework

ssessing the options

he principles outlined in Section 5 provide a sound basis for assessing the options for dogs' access to public pen space. The main options are:

1. On-leash areas
2. Free running areas (access allowed off-leash)
3. Banning

- 4. Different zones in one park
- 5. Time share arrangements

Section 6 assesses each of the options and makes appropriate design and management recommendations for each.

It would seem that the benefits of on-leash areas are misunderstood in Australia. In fact they provide an appropriate context for socialisation and some forms of training.

There is an infinite variety of ways in which free running areas can be provided. We present three approaches in this section but the distinctions are actually blurred.

Banning may be appropriate in certain contexts but should be used as a last resort measure, and only after a careful and impartial assessment of the conflicts and any alternatives.

Different zones in one park raise additional difficulties associated with the effect of different zones on each other. It is this option that has the most scope for improved design and management.

Time share arrangements allow dogs' access at certain times of the day, week or year. It is a workable option but has a number of inherent disadvantages.

These options have been used in many different ways throughout Australia. It is important to understand the strengths and weaknesses of each and ensure that they are used appropriately. However it is the combination of options overall that is most important not the policy affecting a particular park. Hence the need to establish a municipal wide framework

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Establishing the framework

The starting point for any dog access policy should be to allow dogs in all parks in a municipality. In many cases this will mean access on a leash, although we found many successful examples where unleashed dogs were allowed in nearly all parks in a municipality. Areas where they are banned and/or allowed off leash can then be designated after a thorough and impartial assessment. This provides for a package of opportunities while accounting for any incompatibilities.

The question is where do you draw the line. We cannot answer that question - it can only be decided at the local level taking into account levels and distribution of dog ownership, housing type, existing opportunities, local opinion and so on.

The most effective way to accommodate dog owners' needs, taking into account these existing constraints and incompatibilities, is to aim for a hierarchy of opportunities throughout the municipality that provide dogs and their owners with daily, regular and occasional opportunities. The higher up the hierarchy the greater the priority given to dogs in planning, design and management. In practice the location and spacing of opportunities will vary widely according to local circumstances. Defining opportunities on the hierarchy should be an objective to work towards and a tool for assessing needs. In practice the process will be fluid.

Section 6 also provides suggestions for implementation and develops an example of how the principles and recommendations might work in a hypothetical municipality we call "Anytown".

Section 7: Guidelines for the selection, design and management of individual parks

This section provides advice and assistance on a range of common issues including:

- location and accessibility
- form and layout
- surrounding land use
- designing parks with dogs in mind
- fencing
- paving and surfaces
- removing faeces
- support facilities
- signage

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Dog Park SCANDALS

The truth about aggression issues in dog parks

Wendy van Kerkhove

Off-leash dog parks are relatively new phenomena in the United States. In the Twin Cities, they seem to be springing up like grass. You'll get no argument from me. As a dog trainer, I believe that the off-leash park system is a godsend for many dogs and their owners. However, not everyone shares my sentiment.

I consider myself a frequent visitor to off-leash parks. I take my own dogs weekly, and I help socialize my client's dogs that have no (or poor) social skills with other dogs. I go about five times a week to either the Lake of the Isles or Arkwright/ Arlington locations because these parks are completely fenced. Each time I go, I usually witness some fisticuffs that I would not describe as fighting, but rather squabbling. I have never seen a dog get bitten at the park. I have seen, however, pictures from the aftermath of a dog fight at a park, and they were ugly.

What exactly constitutes aggression and fighting is widely open to interpretation. This, in part, explains why the dog park scandals exist. After a scuffle at the park (in which no blood has been spilled) the 10 people who witnessed it will have numerous interpretations. Two people might have forgotten about it within seconds. Three of them will probably not give it a second thought after they leave the park. Another three people might remain upset and leave the park immediately. And two people may be so distressed that they leave the park, remain visibly shaken, call five of their friends who own dogs and advise them to never go to a dog park again. Of these 10 people, perhaps only two of them actually had dogs that were involved in the scuffle.

Until recently, no scientific research had been published establishing the frequency and severity of interdog aggression at dog parks. However, in 2003, an article entitled, "Bark Parks —A Study on Interdog Aggression in a Limited-Control Environment" was published in the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science* which scientifically studied the activity at a dog park in Indianapolis. This park was similar in size and style to the fenced-in city parks of Arkwright/Arlington in St. Paul and Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis.

The study involved the systematic observation (and often videotaping) at one dog park over an eight month-period. Overall, 72 hours of activity were recorded, and 177 dogs were observed. Clear descriptions for aggressive behaviors, play behaviors, dominance displays, and social greetings were developed—based on generally accepted definitions developed by numerous certified animal behaviorists. Features such as body postures, facial expressions, and vocalizations were used to categorize the observed behaviors.

Aggression was defined as any of the following behaviors alone or in combination: charging or lunging at another dog while growling or barking; snapping at another dog and biting (clamping down) once physical contact was made; AND along with any or all of the following behaviors: the victim dog had to be pinned, bitten multiple times, or chased away.

In other words, the victim-dog's behavior had to be part of the aggression picture. If an aggressor is lunging and/or growling, but the victim dog is not running away or not being pinned and bitten, then the incident is not recorded as aggression. This is important to note because often what we humans interpret as aggression, dogs understand to be something else. Therefore, using the "other" dog's reactions as a barometer to gauge the level of aggression that another dog is

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...Dog Park SCANDALS *continued*

showing is a smart method of assessment. Over the eight-month, 72-hour observation period, the study resulted in the following findings:

- 28 conflicts occurred and involved 37 of the 177 dogs.
- Only 12 dogs showed aggression towards other dogs. Of these 12 dogs, some were repeat offenders. In other words, of the 37 dogs involved, 12 showed aggression and the other 25 were involved in the scuffle but were not the aggressors, they were, however, recorded as part of the conflict.
- Of these 28 conflicts, only 14 were clear and unambiguous conflicts and involved 21 dogs. The other 14 were too ambiguous in nature to be definitively described as aggressive encounters or merely rough play.
- Each clear aggressive encounter lasted less than one minute. Sometimes, the dogs terminated the conflict themselves, and other times the owners intervened.
- In each of the 14 clearly aggressive encounters, there were only nine aggressors. Three were repeat offenders.
- Offenders were generally adult dogs (16 months to seven years) and victims were generally puppies or young adults (four months to 12 months), but there were some outliers on either side.
- Five aggressors were female and four were male. All aggressors were neutered.
- In no case did one of these aggressive encounters resume after being terminated.
- Each ambiguous aggressive encounter lasted less than 30 seconds. This time factor was part of the reason why the observers could not make a clear determination as to whether they were really aggressive incidents.
- No patterns were found involving specific dog breed or mix in terms of aggression.

While these findings are incredibly interesting and point to the fact that aggressive encounters in off-leash dog parks are very minimal, it is important to note that it is only one study at one park over a period of time. By no means does it imply that serious altercations do not occur. I personally know of two dogs that were bitten at an off-leash park. However, I have seen many scuffles over the numerous hours in which I have visited the parks, and none of them resulted in even a puncture wound. My personal belief (based solely on anecdotal evidence) is that while scuffles do occur and can sound quite nasty, most are short-lived and do not involve any physical damage.

Off-leash parks give owners the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a manner that is hard to do under any other condition. Nothing beats playing with other dogs when it comes to getting a dog tired out. In addition, one cannot underestimate the importance of allowing a dog to continually practice his or her social skills. Yes, each one of us assumes some risk when taking our dog to a dog park, but in my opinion, the reward substantially outweighs the risk.

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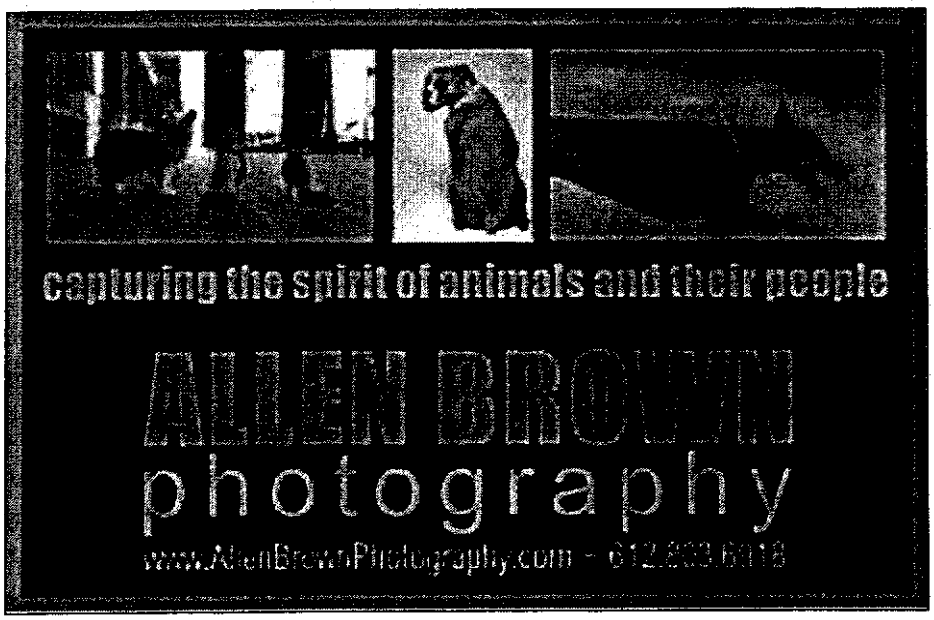

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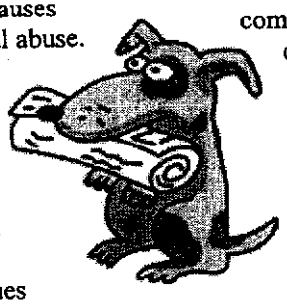
News & Special Announcements

New FIREPAW Book Will Soon be Available!

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet

written by FIREPAW'S Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank & LINK-UP's Officer Tom Flanagan

Silent Victims: Recognizing and Stopping Abuse of the Family Pet is designed to give professionals and laypersons an overview of the most critical scientific and anecdotal findings about the factors surrounding animal abuse. Presented in a user-friendly style, the goal is to provide readers with the findings and strategies that are the most useful and effective in everyday, real world settings. The research findings presented in this book include notable studies on animal abuse, perpetrators, and abusive environments, as well as the possible causes and outcomes thought to be linked to animal abuse. Included are discussions of recent research on the attitudes, perceptions and beliefs of animal abusers conducted by author Dr. Carlisle-Frank, in her work with the Foundation of Interdisciplinary Research and Education Promoting Animal Welfare [FIREPAW]. Real life tales from the street, as well as strategies and techniques for recognizing and addressing animal abuse are outlined by author Officer Tom Flanagan. Flanagan draws from his seminal work with the acclaimed Link-UP program that brings law enforcement together with multiple municipal agencies to cooperatively and effectively resolve problems involving animal abuse.



The book is written for domestic violence caseworkers, therapists, law enforcement, veterinarians, social service professionals, judges, district attorneys, animal control officers, humane investigators, fire department officials, animal welfare organizations, and other professions who come in contact with animal victims and perpetrators of animal abuse. University undergraduates and graduate students learning about family violence and students of both veterinarian practice and law enforcement will also find the book quite useful.

The book will be available on the FIREPAW web site (www.firepaw.org) to purchase with your credit card or you can send your payment to:
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The book will tentatively be available this coming Fall. Watch for updates on the launch date for Silent Victims in future Newsletters and on the FIREPAW Web site: www.firepaw.org

Companion Animals in Rental Housing Get Some Much Needed Attention

The findings of the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Study will soon be published in the prestigious international scientific animal welfare sciences journal *Anthrozoös*. See the Research Update section of *this* issue!

More News and Announcements on page 11

Editorial

Senseless Suffering

Society as a whole is opposed to the unnecessary suffering of animals. The problem is that people are often ignorant of the high levels of suffering experienced by animals exploited by industry. The public is also typically unaware of just what exploitative practices are "necessary." Often, people with no real way of knowing the inner workings of an industry depend on the opinions of experts to determine what is necessary.

Take the case of animal research. Animal research kills hundreds of millions of animals annually in the United States and often inflicts great suffering on those animals before their death. This practice is only tolerated for two reasons. First, the public generally is unaware of the magnitude of the deaths and the intensity of the suffering. And second, people take it on faith that the research being done for very necessary and important reasons. But the general public knows very little about the nature of the research process, let alone the specifics of particular projects.

The assumption that the research is necessary stems from the general public's blind faith in our economic system and institutions than in individual researchers. We have been taught to believe that in our economy, only that which is beneficial and efficient will survive. Companies and other organizations that conduct pointless and wasteful research will eventually lose their sources of funding—or so the logic goes.

FIREPAW recently conducted an in-depth analysis on this topic that is forthcoming in the economic journal *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*. The nature of our economy is more complex than most people realize. The assumption that "what is optimal survives" while "what is inefficient does not" is an idealistic oversimplification of the realities of our economic system. In particular, there is evidence to believe that animal research may not necessarily be the best methodology to study most, if not all, of the areas typically now using animals as subjects. The evidence indicates that animal research is deeply entrenched in society to such an extent that it would be self-perpetuating *regardless* of whether there are superior alternatives. The bottom line is that the public's trust in the need for animal research is misplaced. There is now ample evidence to suggest there is no good justification to believe that animal research is always superior to its alternatives.

Even for those who do not believe in an animal rights philosophy, most people now accept that causing animals to suffer and die needlessly is wrong. But if animal research is not superior to its alternatives, isn't this just what we are doing? Public policy needs to be dramatically restructured to, at a minimum, strongly encourage the use of alternatives. In this case, as in many cases, the interests of animals and humans coincide. It is only the interests of certain entrenched professionals and organizations that are being helped by the current state of affairs.

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Research Update

FIREPAW research will soon be published in an upcoming issue of Anthrozoös:

Companion Animal Renters and Pet-Friendly Housing in the U.S.
Carlisle-Frank, P., Frank, J. & Nielsen, L. (2005). Anthrozoos, 18 (1), 59-77.

A nationwide empirical study was conducted to determine the factors influencing the availability of pet-friendly rental housing throughout the U.S. Factors examined included an assessment of a variety of financial and economic factors, rental rates, deposits, turnover and damage histories, rental tendencies and trends, and personal beliefs and attitudes about permitting companion animal renters. A key hypothesis was that the current shortage of pet-friendly rentals may be based on a misperception by rental property owners that renting to tenants with animals is too costly and problem-ridden to justify. The results of the study statistically demonstrated that the primary concerns about permitting animals were unfounded and that for the majority of landlords, offering pet-friendly rentals is not only economically viable, but can actually increase their bottom-line profits.

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Studying the Effectiveness of Spay-Neuter & Adoption Programs

FIREPAW's research project conducted on behalf of Maddie's Fund, "A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation" has now been completed. An article outlining the findings is now available at www.firepaw.org and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal. Stay tuned for updates.

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Breed Discrimination Study Now Complete

The Breed Discrimination Study has now been completed and the results have been submitted to the study's sponsor, The Toby Fund. A scientific version of the study results has now been written and was recently submitted for consideration to a scientific journal.

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Where the Guardian-Owners Study is now

FIREPAW has experienced an onslaught of hate mail lately regarding the findings of the Guardian-Owner Study. That means we must have done *something* of interest! (Though given the extreme hatred and anger expressed in the letters and emails we must admit we are more than a little disturbed that helpless animals are actually living with the writers of these missives.)

In other news, we have now completed the scientific version of the write up of results of the Guardian-Owner study and submitted the article for consideration at a scholarly journal. Stay tuned for updates.

The other good news is that we have recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study to be published in a major mainstream magazine for the pet-loving general public. There will be more details in the Fall Newsletter.

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News of the Companion Animal Renters Study is getting out there.

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Education Update

FIREPAW'S Educational Efforts are on the move...

FIREPAW Presents:
"Companion Animal Renters: Dispelling the Myths," at The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society Conference, PAWS-San Francisco & PAWS-Los Angeles, June, 2005, Los Angeles, California

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FIREPAW Presents:
"A Cross Program Statistical Analysis of Spay/ Neuter and Adoption Programs to Reduce Dog and Cat Overpopulation," at the International Society of Anthrozoology (ISAZ) Conference, July, 2005, Niagara Falls, NY

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FIREPAW Presents
"The Guardian vs. Owner Study: Differing Styles with Pets," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

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FIREPAW Presents
"An Analysis of Breed Discrimination of Domesticated Dogs among Insurance Companies," at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference, Animals & Society Session, August, 2005, Philadelphia, PA

Animals & Kids

While FIREPAW focuses its educational efforts primarily on the adult general public, and professionals and scholars in the animal welfare arena, every once in a while we turn our attention to the young folks. This spring FIREPAW accepted an invitation to conduct an educational seminar on Animal Abuse and Animal Care for the Girl Scouts, Troop 040, in New York. We were thrilled for the opportunity to get the word out about how to stop animal suffering to the younger generation...thanks girls!

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Alert the Media

FIREPAW has been very busy the past few weeks writing and submitting press releases of their latest research projects and findings to national media sources. The goal is to get our findings out to the general public. As a result of these efforts we have been contacted by a number of media sources lately, including the Associated Press.

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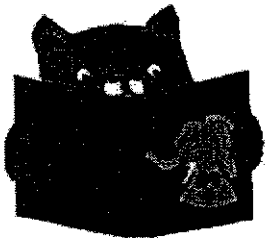
CARP is now on the NET

Thanks to the creative efforts of FIREPAW's Web Master Jen all the key materials for the Companion Animal Renters Program are now available and downloadable on the FIREPAW web site. Visit: www.firepaw.org and if you need any help, contact our web master at: webmaster@firepaw.org

Literary Corner
Book Reviews



The Pig Who Sang to the Moon
By Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson
Reviewed by Joshua Frank

In past books, Masson has written about the emotional lives of dogs, cats, and wild animals. This time, Masson presents to the public the emotional world of farm animals. This is perhaps the most important topic he has covered because of the level of public ignorance and because of what is at stake. No type of animal is exploited more harshly or in greater numbers than farm animals. Dogs and cats are integral to many of our lives and wild animals we at least can observe through numerous nature shows. But those of us who do not work in agriculture have little opportunity to observe farm animals in any setting whatsoever. Our knowledge comes primarily through myths and distortions such as advertisements for happy cows in California, quotes of farmers giving us folk-wisdom on how stupid birds are, or brief clips of convulsing "mad cows."

The emotional lives of farm animals is a worthy subject, and Masson does a thorough job of presenting this subject in an enjoyable, readable text. Masson focuses mainly on facts and anecdotes while occasionally prodding the reader to reconsider their own consumption choices. He achieves a good balance here, pushing the public just enough, but not so hard that he will alienate them. Unfortunately, though the book is strong and would likely have an impact on most readers, it somehow does not have the same emotional punch as previous works. Masson seems to have a deeper connection with the dogs and elephants he has talked about in prior books and this comes across in the level of sympathy we feel for the animals discussed in the text. Perhaps it is simply harder to get us to empathize with these most-mistreated of creatures. Nevertheless, the accounts in this book are moving, and it is worthwhile both as something for an animal activist to read, and as recommended reading material for those who are uninformed regarding these issues.

Animal cruelty: Pathway to Violence Against People
By Linda Merz-Perez & Kathleen Heide
Reviewed by P. Frank

The primary focus of this book is the authors' empirical research study on the link between childhood animal cruelty and adult violent behavior. The book focuses on the details of the methodology and results of this important work. The methodology of the authors' study centered on reviewing criminal records and interviewing/ surveying violent and nonviolent prison inmates—both are highlighted in the book. In addition to their own study the authors have also included a comprehensive review of previous research focusing on childhood animal abuse and the link with violence in adulthood.

While the book is an interesting read for researchers and scholars other professionals may find getting through the statistical discussions a bit much and wish the authors would just "cut to the chase." If you have the time and patience however, and you work in an area of animal welfare that requires knowledge of the antecedents and consequences of childhood animal cruelty, this book will be a good investment of your time and money.

In this reviewer's opinion, however, the best audience for this book would be undergraduates in animal cruelty, criminology, and similar courses. With guidance from faculty to help them through the methodology and stats, undergraduates can benefit from the comprehensive overview of the subject matter. It can work as either required or supplemental reading depending on subject matter and course direction.

Expert Corner

Socialization: The most important thing you can do for your dog

By Jody Diehl

When we bring a new puppy home we are inundated with the details of equipment, vet visits and training. These are all important aspects of ensuring that our new best friend has a smooth and healthy transition into our home. However, what has long been known by behaviorists and has only just begun to sneak into the consciousness of dog guardians, is the importance of early socialization to a puppy's development.

Scientific study has determined that a puppy's Socialization Period of development is from the age of 3 weeks up to 12 - 18 weeks. During this time it is extremely important that your puppy get as much off-leash play with healthy, friendly dogs as possible. Equally as important is that he have a multitude of novel, positive and safe experiences. One important way to do this is to enroll in a puppy class. A class that focuses on your dog's needs during this critical period of development will have a maximum enrollment age of 18 weeks. So, as soon as or even before you get your puppy start shopping for a class and ask lots questions. Make sure that the class you join emphasizes socialization, off -leash play, temperament training and prevention of behavior problems. Most puppies have not been fully vaccinated before 18 weeks. Unfortunately, by then the window of opportunity for this critical socialization period has all but closed. While all of us in the dog care professions would prefer to wait until a puppy has received all of his inoculations for communicable diseases, most behaviorists feel that the benefits of early socialization significantly outweigh the risks of disease.

Dog play allows your puppy to learn his own language. A dog who knows how to communicate with other dogs is less likely to be afraid of them. Fear is the primary cause of aggression. Undersocialization is the primary cause of fear. In puppy class your puppy will also learn from his classmates when he is playing too roughly or biting too hard. Most importantly, he will learn that other dogs are fun rather than scary. Make sure your instructor manages the class so that your puppy's play experiences are good ones. Frequent off-leash dog play throughout a dog's life is considered by behaviorists to be the first line of defense against fear and aggression in dogs. It is also very physically and mentally challenging.... and it's fun.

How do you socialize your puppy to other people? Take him to parties, little league games and anywhere else a variety of humans gather. Expose him to people with uniforms, beards, hats, wheelchairs and loud voices. See that he meets people of all ages, different ethnic groups and the opposite gender from you. It is especially important that your puppy become accustom to children of all ages. Also make sure he experiences other animals of different sizes. Have him play with as many puppies and safe, healthy adult dogs as possible. This cannot be overdone. It should be emphasized that these experiences should not be forced on your puppy. Know his body language. If he is being shy find a way to make it a happier situation for him. Use a happy, light voice and be relaxed and calm yourself. If your puppy is showing signs of stress remove him from the situation. When you take your puppy out to socialize, bring special treats for people to give him. This will make strangers fun.

In addition to learning to like other living things it is important that your puppy learn to be adaptable in new situations and environments. Many of us live in rural areas where the daily events in our dogs' lives are fairly static. That puts the responsibility on us to fabricate these experiences. Make sure your puppy experiences walking on different surfaces like tile, carpet, cement, sidewalk grates and gravel. See that he gets around water and other people's homes. Make special visits to the veterinarian and the groomer just for treats. Train your puppy to enjoy these places now and you will have to drag him out of there instead of dragging him in. Expose your puppy to unusual noises such as babies crying, big trucks, motorcycles, vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers. Get your puppy around (but do not allow him to chase) fast moving objects such as running children, skateboards and dashing cats. Challenge your puppy to climb in, over and under things. Have him eat out of a variety of containers in a variety of locations. Have family and strangers handle your puppy in every way possible. Touch all body parts in

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Special Delivery

Petco Animal Supplies Inc. will stop selling large birds. The decision came after an agreement with PETA, which has now agreed to end its boycott of the pet supply chain. Amazon and African grey parrots, cockatoos and macaws will no longer be sold at Petco stores once the company runs through its existing stock. Petco will continue selling smaller and medium-sized birds, however, such as canaries, finches, parakeets, cockatiels and conures.

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Porsche has entered into a venture with the Humane Society of the United States called "Cayenne for Canines." Starting this month, Porsche will loan used Cayenne sport-utility vans to 10 animal shelters in selected cities for transporting pets and supplies. Porsche is also donating $3,000 to each of those 10 shelters for spaying, neutering and vaccinations. Porsche will also work with its dealers and the selected shelters to host dog adoption days at the dealerships.

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Moose may soon get help to not get hit. Traffic engineers around the country are experimenting with redesigning roads to accommodate wandering wildlife. The engineers are using high tech laser and infrared devices, developed for space exploration and anti-missile systems, to warn motorists when a moose wanders into the road.

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Critter Crawl invention stops road-kill. The University of Montana has patented a professor's invention to help small animals get across busy highways without getting killed. It's called "critter crawl" and consists of a metal mesh shelf suspended inside a culvert -- to let animals go under the road instead of across it. It also has a side tube for use by smaller animals like mice. Four of the shelves are now being used on a busy highway in southwestern Montana. An ecologist says he's documented animals like weasels, raccoons and house cats using it.

Source: Chicago Tribune; Associated Press; The Hartford Courant

Strange But True Animal Stories

Hissing goose greets shoppers—Customers, beware of the hissing goose! For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of an arts and crafts store her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets customers by hissing at them. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials said geese have no teeth and don't carry rabies. They rarely nip, but are known to hiss when people or animals invade their space.

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Secret Service now guarding duck — The Secret Service is protecting a mother duck and her nine eggs. The duck, a brown mallard with white markings, has built a nest in a mulch pile right at the main entrance to the Treasury Department. The Secret Service's uniformed division, which provides protection for the White House and Treasury building, has set up metal guardrails to protect the nest, which has attracted the notice of tourists on their way to see the White House.

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Ducks into deviant sexual behavior--The strange case of the homosexual, necrophiliac duck was recently discovered by a Dutch researcher. He also found that up to one in 10 of mallard couples are homosexual and that they regularly indulge in "attempted rape flights" when they pursue other ducks (the objective is forcible mating).

Source: The Des Moines Register; Associated Press; Guardian-UK

Animal Law

Vets sue over ban on cosmetic pet surgery—A veterinarians group sued West Hollywood, California recently over its ban on animal declawing, which the city regards as inhumane. The suit by the California Veterinary Medical Association says the law conflicts with the state's professional veterinary code. Mayor John Duran defended the 2003 law, saying it prohibits animal cruelty. The city has a history of adopting pet-friendly ordinances. One law designates residents as pet "guardians" rather than pet "owners." Another law passed last year requires pet-grooming businesses to report injuries related to grooming within 24 hours. Besides declawing, the city council ordered the city attorney to prepare another law banning other "noncurative" animal surgeries, including tail docking, ear cropping, defanging and debarking. The law, if passed, would be the first of its kind in the United States. Similar laws already exist in many European countries.

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For the first time in more than a generation, the mustang can be slaughtered for horsemeat. In December, Congress repealed the 34-year-old ban on the slaughter of the wild horses. The move has brought a powerful backlash from activists, who want to reinstate full protection for the mustangs. A bill to reinstate the slaughter ban was introduced in Congress last month. To learn more: www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov

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A new measure would allow Hawaii residents to leave a trust for the care of their pets after their owners pass on. Seventeen states in the U.S. already have similar laws.

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Divorce lawyers across the U.S. say they now handle more custody battles over the family pet than ever before.

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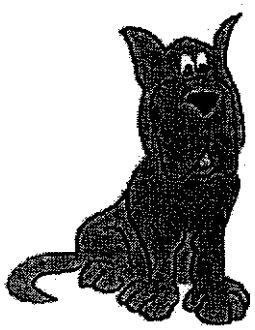
Beginning Fall, 2005 Columbia University Law School will be teaching a course on animal-rights law, including pet-custody practices. New York University is also considering holding a similar class this spring but details are yet to be finalized.

Source: Associated Press; New York Post

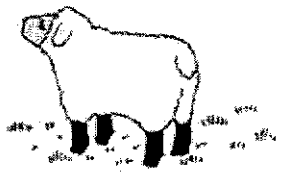
Animal Well-Being



Pfizer dominated the market on dog painkillers when it introduced Rimadyl...Nearly 15 million dogs have taken it since its release in 1997, many for pain from osteoarthritis. The number two drug is Deramaxx. According to the Food and Drug Administration records, more than 3,200 dogs have died or been put down after taking the drugs. Almost 19,000 dogs have had bad reactions to them. The FDA says the drugs are safe, if properly used. Drug-makers say less than 1 percent of dogs have bad reactions to them. If not for the drugs, many dogs might be put to sleep sooner, they argue. Several million dogs received Rimadyl before its warning label was updated to add mention of death in rare cases. No. 2 pain reliever Deramaxx was marketed for a year before its label was changed.

Source: USA Today

Animal Fun Facts



Did you know that...

Farm animals have feelings that should be respected and cared for? That is what researchers in the UK say. They believe animals should not be dismissed as simple automatons. According to the scientists, cows take pleasure in solving problems and sheep can form deep friendships.

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The vampire bat, whose ability to walk enables it to sneak up on sleeping prey - a cow or a chicken - to make a small incision in the skin and drink its blood. The vampire bat is found in Central and South America, and is capable of very fast movement. While this has often been described as hopping, scientists at Cornell University now say the vampire bat is a true runner.

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Americans spent more than $34 billion last year on their pets, double the amount 10 years earlier. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association the spending breaks down like this: Pet food, $14.3 billion; Veterinary care, $8.3 billion; Supplies/medicine, $7.9 billion; Pet services, grooming, boarding, $2.2 billion and Live animal purchases, $1.6 billion.

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There are between 10,000 and 20,000 tigers, lions and other large cats in the United States kept as pets. The popularity of owning big cats prompted Congress to pass a law in 2003 that makes it illegal to sell or ship lions, tigers and other big cats across state lines without permits. But animal welfare groups want an outright ban.
To learn more visit: Wild Animal Orphanage:www.wildanimalorphanage.org ; Animal Protection Institute: www.api4animals.org/; Captive Wild Animal Protection Coalition http://cwapc.org

The Burmese python, like other carnivorous snakes can gobble up to half its weight in rats or other animals at a time. Scientists have just discovered that after eating, the python's ventricle (there's only one, snakes having three-chambered hearts) increases in mass by 40 percent!

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Mormon crickets, also known as flightless katydids, travel in massive packs, devouring all surrounding terrain as they move. Packs of the bugs can cover more than a mile a day and devastate crops.

Sources: The Morning Call; Associated Press; New York Times; BBC News

Expert Corner

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a variety of ways such as squeezing, poking and tugging. This is all done gently, of course. With all this puppy-focused activity do make sure that your puppy is also left alone at least once a day in a safe place with something fun to do. Dogs are extremely social animals and must learn to like being alone.

A young dog who has extensive socialization training during this important period stands a much better chance of growing into a confident adult who is comfortable and adaptable in his environment. In addition to contributing to your dog's emotional health, socialization helps incorporate your dog into your life. The more your dog gets out the more adaptable he will be. The more adaptable he is, the more he will get to go out with you. An adult dog who continues to experience variety throughout life is a happier, more stimulated member of your family.

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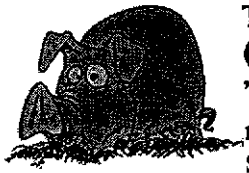
Animal-Related Events

2005 Healing Power of the Human Animal Bond: Companion Animals and Society Conference



June 2-4, 2005

Pets Are Wonderful Support, Los Angeles (PAWS/LA) and Pets Are Wonderful Support, San Francisco (PAWS-SF) announce their 2005 Summit on The Healing Power of the Human-Animal Bond: Companion Animals & Society taking place at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, California
www.pawssf.org/conference/2005

ANIMAL ABUSE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR, Arizona

There will be a 2-day conference
June 24 & 25 on
investigating and psychosocially treating those involved with animal cruelty cases. You can find the program and registration form at
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14th Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ)

July 11 and 12, 2005

This conference will be held at **The Conference Center Niagara Falls**, Niagara Falls, NY, USA and will have as its main theme *Exploring Human--Animal Relationships*. Keynote speakers: Dr. Irene Pepperberg and Dr. Clifton Flynn. Topics include: animal cruelty, human-animal communication, animals and human health, human-animal bond, attitudes toward animals, humane education, alternatives to animal use in research and education. See the ISAZ web site (http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/CCAB/ISAZ2005.html) for the latest information, or contact the conference organizer Dr Kathy Gerbasi (kcgerbasiphd@earthlink.net).

Animals & Society section of the American Sociological Society (ASA) Annual Conference

August 13-16, 2005

Philadelphia, PA
Visit: www.asanet.org for more details

The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) Fifth Annual Conference: "Turning the Tide: The Future of Animal Care & Advocacy"

September 22-24, 2005
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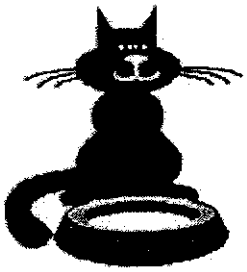

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Research

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We were thrilled to learn that FIREPAW's Companion Animal Renters Study was included this spring in the program materials for the New York State Bar Association's special seminar addressing the legal status of animals in housing. We tip our hats to all the attorneys working to help stop animal suffering!

FIREPAW's Web Site Research Section has now been Updated!

Many thanks to Web Master Jen for updating the research segment of the FIREPAW website. Why not check it out (www.firepaw.org) the next time you are online?

News

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FIREPAW Presents...

FIREPAW principals are happy to report they have accepted invitations to present the latest findings of their research projects at several national and international conferences this spring and summer. The topics are on:

-A cross-program analysis of spay-neuter and adoption programs (in conjunction with Maddie's Fund programs)

-The key findings of the national Guardian-Owner study

-An overview of the Breed Discrimination study

-Highlights of both the Companion Animal Research Study and the FIREPAW Companion Animal Renters Program for Landlords

Details about these presentations can be found in the Education Update section of *this* issue!

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On the Panel...

FIREPAW has been invited to serve on a panel for The Association of Sanctuaries' (TAOS) upcoming conference on Building Animal Care and Advocacy to be held in Denver, Colorado this coming Fall. For more details and to register for the conference see the Animal-Related Events segment in *this* issue.

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In the Ink...

FIREPAW's Dr. Pamela Carlisle-Frank has recently been invited to write an article about the Guardian-Owner study in one of the most popular mainstream magazines for animal lovers. This is great news for getting the word out to the general public! Stay tuned to future newsletters and the web site (www.firepaw.org) for more details.

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A Doggedly Determined Political Action Plan

Knowing the political process, how it's played and who the players are is half the battle. Do the very necessary and Kafkaesque task of learning how your local government operates. Most dog park issues involve municipal or county governments, requiring modifications in ordinances. Chart your way around city hall. City (county) clerk offices or their online equivalent are good places to start. They'll provide lists of legislators. Set up meetings with your legislators to scope out their feelings. (See sidebar.) Identify the procedures needed to get your proposal heard by the legislative body. Battiata describes the scene well: "Finally, late into the evening, only one item remained on the docket. And in the well-established tradition of local government, it was the really controversial one." That final one will undoubtedly be yours, so rest assured, you will learn more than you ever wanted to know about legislative procedures.

If policy advisory commissions are involved, find out which ones recommend policy regarding parks, when they meet and, most importantly, how to get your item on an agenda. Policy can be shaped by a chairperson controlling agendas, so this might be more difficult than you think.

In Berkeley, a process-rich city, attendance at numerous monthly meetings of four separate commissions, plus a Dog Task Force, was needed before we even got close to our first city council hearing. Note that most public meetings reserve time for public comment unrelated to any specific item; take advantage of these opportunities to introduce your proposal. Go as often as you can—hounding them isn't a bad idea; sometimes just showing an interest in their dull proceedings and becoming a familiar, (and hopefully friendly) face, can earn you bonus points.

Determine what public agencies are concerned with parks and dogs: Parks, Recreation, Animal Services, Public Safety and Health departments. Meet with the managers to assess their positions—offer to help with some park maintenance, like organizing a poop clean-up campaign. Let them know that you are there not just to ask for something but to provide a service as well. In New York City, individual directors of parks, such as Central and Riverside Parks in Manhattan and Prospect Park in Brooklyn, can act quite independently. So Jane Cameron's FIDO (Fellowship for the Interest of Dogs and their Owners) group in Brooklyn found the director of Prospect Park more responsive to their demands and thankful for

Jan Drago Legislator of the Decade

If only every dog park struggle could be blessed with having someone like Jan Drago, City of Seattle Councilmember, pulling for them. She has been a tireless supporter. She issued a position-defining press release on October 9, 1995, "... As I listened to the concerns of these Seattle residents, I thought back to the time when I served as a member and chair of a Park Board ... when I developed a personal philosophy that ALL residents of a community had a right to utilize park facilities, not just SOME residents... Why NOT have some areas where dog owners could exercise and play with their pets, socialize with other dog owners?... I came to agree with what Seattle dog owners from all over this city were saying: this is not a DOG issue; it is a PEOPLE issue. It is about recognizing off-leash activity as a valid recreational activity. It is about Seattle residents who pay taxes to support our parks system, who willingly pay for those swimming pools, tennis courts and fields that they may never use and who ask in return only that they be allowed in some places in some parks and to be able to engage in their favorite recreational activity." She then introduced legislation to implement Seattle's off-leash area pilot program.

the assistance they were proffering, whereas Jeff Zahn's FLORAL (Friends and Lovers of Riverside Area Life) had their adopt-a-park space taken away from them by a director with a renovation plan that didn't allow for their good stewardship to even be acknowledged. Go figure!

Civil servants can be your biggest enemies or best allies. Often it is up to them to support the legitimacy of your activity—and this might be key to your success. The Director of Portland, Oregon's Parks and Recreation Department, Charles Jordan, understood the off-leash issue to be a classic example of a land-use conflict: "Public lands belong to everyone, yet when there's not enough for everyone to do what they want to do when they want to do it, we have a collision." His department took the step of accepting the legitimacy of off-leash recreation and set up a task force to find suitable sites. John Etter, of Parks Planning in Eugene, Oregon, is so enthusiastic that he provides a supportive letter to those interested in dog parks. And Dee Tilson, Park Supervisor at Point Isabel— a twenty-one-acre off-leash park in Richmond, California, established in 1975 and receiving an estimated 900,000 dog visitors per year—is also happy to send her supportive letter. Consult with any neighborhood groups that might have an interest in your proposal, especially targeting any and all homeowners and businesses abutting a park that might be under your consideration. Kevin Kraus, the philosophy professor who spearheads the dog group in the Dupont Circle, stresses the importance of consensus building. He recognizes his group's need of first making peace with their neighborhood council so they can achieve the goal of making a de facto off-leash area part of the neighborhood's Adopt-a-Park strategy. He adds, "We're optimistic, we are working with really good people in the neighborhood." Kevin teaches a program in Creative Problem Solving—skills sure to be well tested in his new dog park activism.

"...this is not a DOG issue; it is a PEOPLE issue.

Do not ignore the concerns of the community, as they will be addressed sometime during the public process. Better still, become a player yourself. Get appointed to or volunteer to be on a civic committee, neighborhood council or a task force. Working from within can do wonders.

Task Force

A model that has been used with varying degrees of success by some cities, including Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, San Diego and Berkeley, is a task force appointed to study and make recommendations on off-leash recreation. A task force centralizes the "process," but it needs to represent your constituency as well, with its public meetings conducted openly with schedules properly noticed, and in locations accessible to public participation. Since it is the park users who should determine local park needs, a task force shouldn't just be packed with city hall pols and bureaucrats.

John Etter, Parks Planning, Public Works Maintenance, Eugene, OR

...The trial period came to an end, and following public testimony, the decision was made to retain all five locations. Testimonials include the fact that peopl have moved into a neighborhood because of their existence, and that people derive enjoyment in sharing this activity with others. It is as if these locations are community centers for people to meet at. Canines. There have been no complaints about people havin failed to clean up after their dogs.

It is extremely important that if such an issue-specific committee is convened, your group is well-represented at its hearings—let it be known that this is your issue! A recent decision to "de-list" some San Francisco parks for off-leash activity came about when opponents outnumbered proponents at the final meeting of that city's dog task force. Speaking as someone who serves on a commission, it can't be stressed enough that attendance at these meetings does matter—packing meeting rooms with supporters can sway votes even more than logical and heartfelt arguments. This is especially true with this issue. It might be difficult to convince dog people to attend numerous meetings—especially if its takes four years, which is about average for most of the successful dog park resolutions—but remind them that the game is theirs to lose. (What can be the most frustrating is that even after you convince people to go to these meetings, to write their letters, to do e-mailing, the effort might only be good for one particular time frame, or one meeting. The next time you go before a committee, its members might have changed and you have to repeat the whole show all over again. Sisyphus and his old rock look like a piece of cake to off-leash advocates.)

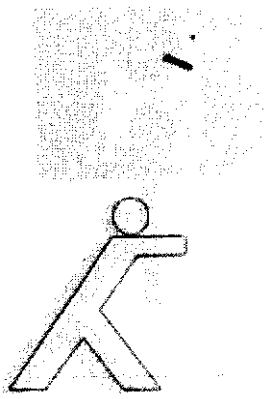
Gathering Support

If the dog park idea starts with just a handful of supporters, you'll need to increase your numbers—few politicians are brave enough to turn their backs on a large number of earnest voters (especially in election years). Unfortunately, volunteers often only come flocking to the cause when citations increase or the status in a park changes. The spark that caused the formation of Seattle's COLA (Citizens for Off-leash Areas, one of the better acronyms; their opponents are called UNCOLA) was an increase in city-wide citations in one year from 300 to 1,200. SFDOG got its push when dogs were banned from Ocean Beach, an area within the the jurisdiction of the National Parks Service, because of unsubstantiated claims that dogs were disturbing Snowy Plover nestings.

But you can also be proactive, like Mary Anne Morrison-Roberts, a founder of Santa Barbara's Dog PAC (Dog Political Action Committee), who recommends making handbills and brochures and posting them at de facto dog parks, vet offices, pet stores and dog-friendly businesses around town. She also suggests that memberships not be subject to dues; she says it is "more important to get the people enrolled—those wishing to donate, will." Their organization, a registered 501-(c)4 nonprofit performing political action, has 1,000 members and has made remarkable strides in a very short time. Dr. Paul, a veterinarian from Coral Springs, Florida, set up a table at his community's annual fair, getting people to sign petitions in support of a dog park. And Bash Dibra, a NYC dog trainer and author, has organized events, including doggie parades, to benefit Van Cortlandt Park, persuading celebrities (whose dogs he trains) to attend and contribute support —impressing both park administrators

introducing a new activity to a park can bring out the kind of people you want in parks, which can help control some of the undesirable activity that may be taking place [in the park]." Mr. Etter signs off with "best wishes for your off-leash venture."

and park users. His fundraising skills and willingness to work toward consensus led to the building of a Canine Court, a state-of-the-art dog area in that Bronx park. Bash told us that "Henry Stern (Mayor Giulaini's Park Commissioner) loves it: I bring celebrities in and they are amazed at the response. You have to show that you have a commitment, and that members of the community participate, so we do these annual fundraisers in the parks."



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You should also look for support from veterinarians and humane organizations. Most vets, especially those with behaviorist training, understand the benefits of off-leash exercise to the health and well-being of their patients. Solicit letters of endorsement from them. Dr. Paul, inspired by what he saw during a conference in Boston, came back home and started one of his state's first dog parks. He tells of seeing "ten or fifteen dog owners having a blast in the Boston Commons, their dogs chasing each other, the people socializing and at the other corner of the park, nobody was talking to anyone else, nobody was doing anything together." But it took him four years to get the park up and running—with no encouragement from the other vets in his area.

Dr. Lynette Hart, director of UC Davis' Center for Animals in Society, addressed many key points in a letter of support for a Sacramento dog park initiative: "Dogs especially facilitate friendly interactions among people, as they so actively solicit play and offer greetings ... establishing a dog park creates a community center of activity where friends and neighbors gather to relax ... users of dog parks are self-policing so as to maintain the appealing environment .... Creating dog parks is a method for more efficiently educating dog owners and facilitating them in assuring excellent behavior with their dogs." Dr. Nicholas Dodman, Tufts University veterinarian and behaviorist (read the complete interview in E-Zine), answering a question about a dog's need for aerobic exercise, stated,"Walking them on a leash is not sufficient exercise. It is not that they die if they walk on a leash, and it's not that a human being dies in solitary confinement either. It is just that it is not optimal for their physiological and psychological well-being." He adds, "It is important for a dog to be provided with natural outlets—to be able to run and exercise and chase things and do as a dog was bred to do." There is plenty of expert testimony—we hope you will be able to get the vets in your community to write letters as well.

Humane organizations and animal shelters should be willing to endorse your efforts as well. As a nationally respected leader on all issues relating to companion animals, San Francisco's SPCA has been a staunch proponent of off-leash recreation. This is evidenced by an excerpt from their statement to the Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force: "We feel that because of the growth of our City's population, in human and canine terms, now is the time to accommodate for the future of our dog-

friendly parks ... Off-leash recreation is not only an essential part of how many people care for their pets—it is a way to give a little something back to the animals who give us all so much." The SF/SPCA cares so much about this issue that they have even offered to contribute financially to the development of a state-of-the-art dog park in San Francisco.

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Running with a Pack

Again, stressing the power in numbers, you might want to consider the formation of an umbrella group composed of groups with a common vision. Seattle's COLA has led the way in this manner, and has been recognized as the official sponsoring group, entering into a formal agreement with the city to perform various stewardship functions in their off-leash areas. New York City's dog people have recently banded together to form NYCDOG ("nice dog") in response to that city's recent draconian crackdown against off-leash recreation. According to Dr. Terry Fonville, "it is hoped that this will give us strength and unified voice ... as well as helping all the diverse users of the City's parks find common ground ... our outreach abilities will be employed to better educate dog owners regarding responsible use of the parks." We certainly wish our doggie friends in the Big Apple a lot of luck. There are many similar umbrella groups across the country, such as Judy Green's ArlingtonDogs in Virginia, SFDOG and DogPAC, SB, all of which understand the importance of unity.

Putting on the Dog: Position Papers and Presentations

A position paper serves a variety of purposes. It will help to synthesize your thoughts and prepare you for the public speaking circuit, and it will be the central part of your proposal (which should also include case studies and supporting affidavits). A shorter version can be used as a handy and ever-necessary "fact sheet" (important for policymakers with short attention spans), and as your press release (get to them before your opponents do). A volunteer with a nose for Internet research can really help out here. There is a lot of good source material available online to get you started. An excellent example has been produced by SFDOG, "Managing Off Leash Recreation in Urban Parks," found on their web site (see resources). They analyze topics such as the benefits of dog ownership, the importance of socialization and exercise, the cycle of violation and enforcement, park guidelines, community organizing and outreach activities etc., with maps illustrating their findings. Another thorough analysis was prepared by students from the University of Southern California, "The Case for Space: An Analysis of Off-Leash Recreation Areas in Los Angeles," written for Freeplay, the off-leash group in Venice, California.

Dee Tilson, East Bay Regional Park District, Park Supervisor
"...Dog fights are rare. In fact, there have been very few reported incidents involving fighting dogs in the last three years...Further, there has never been an incident resulting in litigation in the history of the special dog park off leash use since 1975 over a dog fight incident....The interactions between dogs and people have been very positive...."

One of the most remarkable finds on the Web is a must-read report from Australia, "Public Open Space and Dogs: a Design and Management Guide for Open Space Professionals and Local Government." Reading this might convince you to pack up your dogs and move down under, where there seems to be a very enlightened view of the place of dogs in society, including in parks—think "multi-use" and not separate little dog runs. As evidence of their forward thinking, this is what the report says about dogs as a threat to wildlife: "Another argument for restricting dogs' access to public open space is that their presence (behavior and smell) frightens away native wildlife ... the most direct failing is that the scientific evidence to support this view is far from sufficient to constitute the basis of a management prescription. The second failing relates to the fact that dogs are not the only agents that may frighten wildlife. Humans, especially children and teenagers, park maintenance staff and their machinery are likely to have as much impact as dogs." Makes you want to burst out in a verse of Waltzing Matilda!

"...NOW is the time to accomodate for the future of our dog-friendly parks..."

For some visual inspiration, there are two excellent videos, Your Dog Off Leash, prepared by Dog PAC, SB, and the Point Isabel Video Project. Both demonstrate the benefits of off-leash recreation and provide convincing proof of its efficacy—especially useful for people who have little first-hand familiarity with the joys of dog parks. They are invaluable resources.

Pointers

Taking a clue from Seattle's Jan Drago, focus on points that demonstrate that "this is not a dog issue, it is a people issue." Even though we know we are doing this for our dogs, few policymakers care about them. Discuss the benefits of pet ownership in general, citing examples from both physical and mental health literature. New studies are cropping up every day. Your vet might be able to help with these citations. You can find many excellent reports of this kind from the Delta Society catalog. In our increasingly fragmented and isolated society, any positive opportunity to bring people together into a common space with a common interest is a rarity that should be rewarded and cherished. Recognizing this community ("constituency") is a concept most policymakers will appreciate. Your group's willingness to become a dog park sponsoring group, or to take on stewardship responsibilities, such as self-policing, maintenance chores (ranging from poop clean-ups to wood chip disbursements), fundraising, assistance in shelter adoptions, increasing dog licensing compliance, etc., should not be lost on policymakers. Make sure to include such positive stakeholder assistance in your press release. There will never be enough officers to prevent people from walking leash-free dogs in parks, no matter what New York's Mayor Giuliani feels—so better to make an

alliance with dog people that can take on some of these responsibilities and help to educate others as well.

Discuss the importance for the elderly with dogs to be able to use parks for leashless recreation. Not only does it provide a social avenue, but for those with mobility problems it can be very difficult to walk, much less exercise, a dog on lead. Every local group probably has a dog park champion such as Ruth Wightman, of Alameda County, a "career-change" senior who went from retirement into the "field" of dog-park activism. She attends the bureaucrat's meetings that other advocates can't because their work schedules conflict with middle-of-the-day meeting schedules. She's there keeping careful watch, and she's having a blast with her new dog as well.

Dog owners are taxpayers, paying taxes into a system that provides parks to the public, yet most of us rarely use these greenspaces for anything but walking our dogs. If you can, get some budget numbers from your recreation department to show the public resources that are being spent on sports. Or make graphs or maps showing how much park area is devoted to a single-use activity, like baseball diamonds and tennis courts—contrast that with how much is set aside for your favorite recreational pursuit.

Public Health Benefits

There are great societal benefits, including enhancement of public safety, in allowing off-leash activity in parks. Dogs provide a safety component in the parks themselves; in fact, many marginal open spaces have been reclaimed for use as safe public space because dog people have "reclaimed and civilized" the space for the whole community. This happened in Laurel Canyon in Los Angeles, where an ad hoc dog park drove away the drug dealers and other less desirable users from a park that the rest of the community had abandoned. But, as is often the case, after the dog people transformed this park space, others, such as parents with small children, were once again attracted to the park and tried to dislodge the dog people. In many instances, the majority of dog park people are women, many of whom would not venture out to some areas of urban parks without a "guardian" dog.

We all know that the more a dog is socialized, the less likely it will be to develop aggressive behavioral patterns. Exercise not only tires a dog out, but "also generates ample supplies of the neurotransmitter serotonin, which has a mood-stabilizing and calming effect on personality," as Dr. Nick Dodman describes in his book Dogs Behaving Badly. He also adds that you should exercise your dog "preferably first thing in the morning for an effect that lasts all day." A more relaxed dog also leads to one less inclined to bark the day away, proclaiming her lonely state to the neighbors.

Finally, Jane Dirks, in a paper presented at the 1996 conference of the American Anthropological Association in San Francisco, had the following to say about the public benefits of dog parks: "For ultimately, the Dog People find in the Dog Park a sanctuary, a space for healing. Dog People exult in watching their animals run, feeling that an hour or two's romp with their dogs is essential to health, theirs and their dogs', and makes up for a week of sedentary working hours. Dog People roam the trails of lower Frick Park [in Pittsburgh], alone or in groups, peeling away the stress and cognitions of the human world, cleansing themselves in the world of nature through the heedless antics of a happy dog." Now, isn't that well worth fighting for?

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An Interview with Dr. Nicholas Dodman

BY SOPHIA YIN D.V.M. AND CLAUDIA KAWCZYNSKA

The rules of dog training and care are changing—which means that your role is changing. What will it take to be the leader of your pack? Leading animal behaviorist and veterinarian Dr. Nicholas Dodman discusses new training techniques and dog behavior with fellow veterinarian, Dr. Sophia Yin.

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Dr. Nicholas Dodr runs the renowned University Veterinai He is an internation domestic-animal re well as in the veteri of animal psycholoc

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Bark: What is an animal behaviorist? What qualifies someone to be called a behaviorist?

Dodman: There are only two qualified types of behaviorists; one who is endorsed and certified by the Animal Behavior Society (ABS), the so-called certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (AB). And the veterinary ones, who are the diplomats of the American College of Veterinary Behavior. For the ABS the minimum starting point is a master's degree, but a lot of certified animal behaviorists have a Ph.D. That's the non-veterinary variety. In order to become a veterinary behaviorist, you have to do a vet degree first, taking four years after college, then one year internship and then the residency program that is normally three years long. In other words, it's another four years after the DVM that you become eligible to sit for the specialty examination in behavior. So after leaving high school, the ABS is a minimum of twelve years of study. And then you have to sit a pretty hard exam. These are the two types of people who are qualified animal behaviorists.

Having said that, the fact is, if you happen to have a dog that you trained yourself at home and you think you are pretty good at it, and you believe you have a gift, as some people do; there is nothing to stop you from proclaiming yourself to be a pet therapist, trainer or behaviorist. So the qualifications range from a non-professional-schooled person right the way up to a Ph.D. or DVM-board certified, so there is a tremendous range of people who call themselves behaviorists. I know some dog trainers who go out of their way to avoid being termed behaviorist, so if you ask, "Are you a behaviorist?" they say "no

I am not a behaviorist, I am a trainer."

Bark: What do you feel is the place for punishment or negative re-enforcement in treating behavioral problems?

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Dodman: I think that the direct punishment-based techniques are outmoded, a thing of the past, and should be avoided. Nobel Prize winners Lorenz, Tinbergen and Von Frisch might have disagreed on some points, but the three of them were all in agreement that punishment teaches a dog nothing. All it does is to teach a dog how to avoid the punishment. Which is not the same as teaching the dog what to do. There is no learning, other than learning avoidance of certain actions. You don't need punishment to teach either dogs or children. I don't believe in the concept of "sparing the rod and spoiling the child," or sparing the chain-jerking and spoiling the dog. All the techniques that we use in the clinic are 100 percent motivational—we do not use any coercive techniques. I work on the theory that if you can train a killer whale to launch itself out of a swimming pool, roll on its side and urinate into a small plastic cup, given only a whistle and a bucket of fish, without a choke chain, then you don't need those confrontational techniques with dogs.

As for those prong collars ... I sometimes say to clients what John Lennon rudely said about Paul McCarthy—the only thing he did was "Yesterday." Prong collars are yesterday. There are some trainers, not all trainers, who just seem to know only one thing, and that is how to escalate punishment to reach the desired effect. So they start off with puppies the right way with food motivation. But as soon as the dog reaches a certain age, they go into a slip collar, then a metal choke collar, and if these aren't having the desired aversive effects, they escalate up to a prong collar; some even graduate higher, to electricity. What you have is a gradation of pain. And the pain is designed with the theory "you teach them to do something, and if they don't do it, you hurt them." Konrad Lorenz said that science and know-how aren't enough in dog training; patience is the vital stuff. I find that non-confrontational techniques are more appreciated by owners who often aren't of the disposition to want to hurt their animals to make them do anything.

Bark: I know that one of the big problems in training comes up in animal shelters, where some training is given to the dogs to make them more adoptable. Patience and non-aversive training are wonderful, but what can shelters workers do to make the animals adoptable, quickly?

Dodman: You could train fairly fast with clickers. In my office I use a clicker and food treats. I can have a dog at the beginning of a one-hour session without the faintest idea of what a clicker is, but at the end of the hour I do a click and he'll immediately come and sit for a food treat. They can learn what the clicker means fairly quickly. But in terms of rehabilitation of a dog in a shelter, I don't think that taking a dog that has gone through the kinds of unfortunate experiences that cause it to arrive in a

shelter and then putting a choke chain and popping it a couple of times is going to sort it out. With a lot of the dogs I have seen in the behavior clinic, the relationship with the owner has broken down. Many of these dogs have been to training. They are top of the class. They are very smart. But they are willful or dysfunctional. They have problems that way, and these are the kinds of things that bring animals to shelters. You have dogs that are either relatively normal but untrained, or they are fearful, needing more confidence building. If you put a choke chain on a dog like that, you are going to drive it back in the middle of last week.

It all has to do with communication, too, it's not about having your dog respond like a little soldier to commands. It is just clear communication. I tell people to just imagine if they were in downtown Shanghai: everyone speaks Chinese and they don't have the faintest idea of what is going on. That's a pretty stressful situation to be in. But if someone comes up with just a few basic words—like restaurant, bathroom, transportation—just a few words sprinkled in, that could really mean something and could help with de-stressing the situation. I see communication as being one of the three Rs of rehabilitation for a dog that has gone off the rails. The other two Rs are exercise and appropriate diet. I call that the Reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic of dog rehabilitation. If you are dog, you pronounce that with a rrruhrrr.

Bark: What do you think is the single most important preventative measure people can take to help avoid behavior problems in their pets?

Dodman: That's a difficult question, because there are several factors, such as exercise, diet, communication, suitable restraints and fenced-in yards and perhaps providing a crate, even if you don't ever shut the door. Put as the one single thing? Probably it would be to provide leadership. The dog is a territorial animal and when he moves into your territory, he'll try to take it over; if you feed him, he might keep you on because you are feeding him. So it is very important to provide clear leadership in a non-confrontational way.

I think that dogs and children are a very similar. For example, there was a study done by a masters degree graduate student at Tufts. She took dogs on the basis of puppy temperament testing who were likely to become a bit extroverted, a little dominant. And she said three simple things to their owners—she had two groups so she did it all scientifically—one group of owners were told, "Have a nice day," and the other group was told, "Number one, make your puppy sit in order to get fed; number two, make your little puppy sit to get food treats; and, number three, provide the puppy with a crate. (You don't have to put the dog in there twenty-three hours a day, you can even leave the door open. Make it a safe place for the dog to go to.)" With these three measures none of the dogs in the second group became dominant or gave the owners any trouble. Nearly all the dogs in the first group turned out to be dominant and got

into the territorial mode of guarding their property and possessions within their territory. So I think that leadership is very important because of the pack mentality of dogs. If you are the leader, I don't think that the dog is unhappy about having you as the leader. And when the owner takes clear control through a non-confrontational dominance program, you can almost hear the dog sigh with relief. It's as if they are saying, "My god, for a minute I thought it was me who was in charge here." It's a relief. They don't feel miserable. They are not like humans who have to be number one. They don't care about being at the top of the hierarchy, they just need to know where they are in it. Clearly know .

Bark: In your books you talk about the importance of aerobic exercise for the health of a dog. How can dog owners provide that kind of exercise for their dogs at the end of leash?

Dodman: The vast majority of dogs do benefit greatly from having exercise periods. And walking dogs on a leash is not sufficient exercise. It's not that they die if they walk on a leash, just as it's not that a human being dies in solitary confinement either. It is just that it is not optimal for their physiological and psychological well-being. Exercise is good for us and it is good for a dog. People say to me, "I give my dog a lot of exercise, I take him for a walk around the block every day and it is about a mile or a mile and a half." I say, "Well, I take my eighty-four-year-old mother for a mile walk around the block, but that doesn't constitute exercise." We really need to get heart rate to a certain level, and this is done by running off-lead. Then again, there is another side to the dogs-in-parks issue, and this is where you find people coming out stacked high on both sides. There's responsible pet ownership. But it is the irresponsible behavior of the few that has made society make rules that are punitive for the many responsible owners. So it is not appropriate to walk along Fifth Avenue with your dog off leash—even if you happen to have a dog trained to heel, all it takes is a rollerblader coming down the street and the dog might run after him or the dog might decide to cross the road because there is a bitch in heat. On crowded streets you need to keep a dog on lead, and people need to be responsible for picking up their dog's waste; and if you know that your dog has a weakness for, say, attacking small dogs, that is another thing that you should control. The only way you can control it is physically. But that doesn't mean that you have to forego aerobic exercise. It is the owner's duty to find a place where they can let their dog off leash to run, safely.

I know how difficult it is when you live inside a huge sprawling urban complex, such as a city like Boston. Tufts is north of Boston in Medford and they have the same issues. All the dog people from the north shore of Boston were using the university playing fields to exercise their dogs. They were all congregating on the only green area. The football players were running around and skidding in dog muck. So they put a little fence around a little area in the corner, so now all the dog people are condensed into that small area. This is a difficult situation—the

dog owners have nowhere else to go, but the players shouldn't have to roll around in the dog doo either. I think there should be certain areas where dogs are permitted to do whatever they want to do, to run. I sometimes tell people if they are in a really difficult situation, though this is somewhat illicit, if worse comes to worst, take their dogs to a tennis court—wing a ball to them and they'll run backwards and forwards.

So whether it's continued petitioning to provide parks for dog owners, these things are necessary, considering how many dogs there are in the country. There are something like half as many dogs as there are cars. If you told car owners they could not park on the streets, what would they do? So there is this massive problem. One in five people owns a dog, something like 40 percent of all American households have a pet. And to make a rule that people can't exercise their dogs off leash might even be one of the reasons that we are seeing an increase in problems these days. The demographics of the human population is such that people are moving into the inner cities, we are becoming a nation of city dwellers, and in the city it is a concrete jungle, as Desmond Morris would say. Life is very bizarre for dogs who live in Manhattan. It is not at all like the natural life. A dog needs to be provided with natural outlets—being able to run and exercise and chase things and do what dogs were bred to do. Say you have an apartment-dwelling dog who has little or no exercise and is fed one of these high-energy foods. Then add to that that there isn't much communication because the owner took the dog to obedience training as a puppy and doesn't do it anymore. So now you have a dog that neither is communicated with properly, nor has appropriate outlets or diet. This situation, which is all too common, is an accident looking for a place to happen.

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Types of Off-Leash Space

Most people use the term ?dog park? but not everyone wants to be fenced in for their off-leash recreation; they want off-leash access to open space, trails and beaches. Each community needs to decide what kind of off-leash space it wants. Dog owners probably need different kinds of space within the park system, just as there are indoor and outdoor basketball courts, or tot lots for babies and playgrounds for older kids. Dog owners are legitimate recreational users who need a variety spaces just as other users do. The main types of off-leash space include

- Dog park: Dedicated area set up specifically for dogs, usually fenced-in, either newly designated or set aside at an existing park. Fencing or natural boundaries defines the area.
- Shared use: off-leash access at an existing park where dogs are allowed off-leash in the park with other users
- Passive use open space: off-leash access in open spaces such as beach, forest or hiking trail. rather than developed or monitored park areas
- Combinations of the above

Each type of space has its advantages and disadvantages in terms of user convenience, costs, wear-and-tear, dog-on-dog interaction, and recreational restrictions. An ideal community would offer access to all three types to meet the needs of different dog owners. In reality, most dog groups have to negotiate for one use at a time. The availability of resources, the mood of the community and the attitude of public agencies are usually the primary determinants in allocating space to off-leash activities.

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Why Off-Leash Areas Matter

Life in a Leash-Only World

Imagine that your daily exercise was limited to a slow walk on the end of a rope. This is your only time to get outside, to see the world and have a little fun, but you have to move at the pace of the person controlling you--seeing and smelling only what is in range of the rope.

Imagine now that you are on the other end of that rope. Most likely, you are constantly having to force the creature at the other end of the rope to restrict her movements and impulses. Instead of enjoying the beauty around you as you walk, your focus is on controlling your

companion. Your walk in the woods is no pleasure; it?s a chore at best, and more often, an ordeal.

Finally, imagine that you live near a dog whose only exercise comes at the end of a leash. You have to listen as your dog neighbor, bored and under-exercised, barks at every passerby. You have to deal with the dog?s bad behavior when it manages to escape its prison and steal a few moments of freedom. You wonder why anyone would own a dog, and wish that there were fewer of them around to disturb your peace.

A Better Way

Now, imagine the alternative: each day your dog has a chance to move freely in nature, using body and brain to explore and fulfill her genetic destiny. You are her companion, taking joy in her freedom and sharing with her a direct sense of connection to the natural world. When you get home, your well-exercised and happy dog is content to stick close to home because she knows she?ll have her chance again tomorrow at free play. Your neighbor stops by and comfortably pets your quiet and well-behaved companion, thinking how lucky he is that you are such a responsible dog owner, meeting your dogs needs so that the dog is a boon to the community, not a burden.

This is why access to off-leash areas matters.

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Benefits of Off-Leash Areas

Off-leash recreation offers exercise for people and their dogs. The daily dog walk gives people a chance exercise, to be out in nature, to meet with others and to create a community. Dog walkers find friends at off-leash parks; they also monitor each other and spread the word about courtesy, clean-up, and control. A strong argument in favor of creating off-leash spaces is that availability of legal off-leash areas cuts down on illegal off-leash use, making dog-averse people more comfortable in public spaces because they there is less chance of encountering off-leash dogs in unauthorized places.

The National Parks & Recreation Service notes in its booklet, Planning Parks for Pets: ? Designating an area where dog owners can allow their animals to run off-leash successfully remedies this problem in parks where the concept has been introduced. Violations of the leash law and subsequent public complaints have decreased; and dog owners have a place to legally exercise their pets.? Off-leash areas allow dog owners to be law-abiding, easing the burden of enforcement on animal control officers and freeing them to do more important work, such as animal rescue and control of dangerous animals.

Additional Benefits of Off-Leash Areas

Off-leash areas offer the following additional advantages:

- Accommodate senior citizens and the disabled, who cannot always walk their dogs on leash
- Promote pet behavioral socialization, making dogs safer around other dogs and people
- Discourage delinquent and criminal activity in city parks
- Provide an alternative for dogs and owners no longer permitted access to environmentally sensitive areas
- Build a community of people committed to parks and the environment
- Support local merchants with shopping done on the way home from the ?dog park?
- Could become revenue generators if other user groups are charged for park access

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Become A Powerful Off-leash Advocate—Start or Join a Dog Group

The success of any off-leash movement depends on numbers. The people who make the leash law ordinances are usually elected officials who go where the votes are. In the best circumstance they are highly responsive to public opinion, both in terms of its strength and its size. Off-leash advocates need to present a large and unified voice.

Join a dog group: find out if there is an existing group for the off-leash space you want

Start a dog group: The first and most important step in getting the dog space you want is to join or create a group to get the attention and respect of the officials whose opinion you need to sway. Key steps in creating your group include:

1. Choose a name and make a simple, consistent logo or design
2. Establish clear goals your entire membership can support
3. Sign up supporters: just go where the dog walkers are. Download a sign up sheet, put it on a clipboard and talk to everyone you see with a dog. If your community is dealing with aggressive leash law enforcement, it?s usually easy to get dog owners involved; if not, it may take more work to convince them that you need legally designated spaces. Free membership helps, if you can do without the funds; just get names and contact info, so that your members can be mobilized as needed. Finding more supporters should be easy.

More detailed information on starting a new dog group
You may want to use our outline to plan the first few meetings of your new group.

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Convince officials

Off-leash areas are usually designated by elected officials who are at the mercy of public opinion. So your number one task is to convince them that public opinion strongly supports the establishment of off-leash areas, in whatever form you are requesting.

Here are some key ways to get the point across to your elected officials and the park district staff they will appoint to consider or implement off-leash space:

1. Have a strong presence at city or county council meetings, either to influence a specific vote, or during an open-comment period?when dozens or hundreds of people turn out and speak up, officials listen!
2. Organize letter, e-mail, or phone call campaigns?politicians figure that people who bother to contact them about an issue care, and that catches their attention.
3. Organize letter-to-the-editor or op-ed write-ins?when officials see the issue in their local paper, they know that it has caught the attention of the community; and when the number of letters in favor outweighs those against, they know which side to be on.
4. Make your presence felt?make and distribute bumper stickers, take out ads in the local paper, or host a highly visible event that gets news coverage, so that your officials know you are out there.
5. Put on the peer pressure?let your officials know what other communities are doing, and how yours comes up short by contrast; there?s nothing like ?keeping up with the Joneses? to make them think twice!
6. Present endorsements from other stakeholders: environmental groups, neighborhood

groups, other sports and recreation users. Some dog groups have formed working collaborations with other stakeholders.

7. Document the benefits of off-leash space. Keep the emphasis on people, not dogs.
8. Present a budget showing how little off-leash space will cost.

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Saving Off-Leash Space (SOS)

For every neighborhood dog park that is created hundreds of acres in California have been made illegal to off-leash dogs in the past two years. It happens on every level from neighborhood to Federal. Check the warning signs of losing ground for off-leash access and see if your area is a target.

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What The Opposition Says

Here are some of the most common reasons people don?t want off-leash dogs in ?their? parks.

The Fear Factor

Some people are genuinely dog-averse. They may simply dislike dogs, or may actively fear injury. They often point out the problem of dog poop and express concerns about disease transmission as well rather than simply saying that they are fearful. Such people are often vocal opponents of off-leash space, arguing that dogs should never be allowed off-leash because of the potential threats they pose.

Share and Share Alike

Open space is at a premium these days, especially in urban areas. Other park users often see dog owners as a threat to their own use of space, fearing that dog walkers will encroach on their access to soccer and softball fields, for example. Since they think that off-leash areas are for dogs, rather than for their human owners, they can?t imagine giving up or sharing space with ?mere animals.?

Money Money Money

Public officials tend to respond to two basic factors: cost and public opinion. Their assumption is that off-leash spaces will cost their city additional money, money they don?t want to spend on dogs. And they tend to assume that dog owners are a small user group, not likely to represent a large enough force to matter in political debate.

Poop, Bites, Liability, Noise, Wildlife

All legitimate concerns but all used carelessly by anti-dog forces to stop off-leash recreation.

Learn how to counter these and other arguments at Arguments and Answers. For more specific information on these issues check the CalDOG Resources

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Dog walking - the health benefits

Almost 40 per cent of Australian households own a dog. There are 3.1 million pet dogs in Australia. Simply walking their dog a few times a week could offer owners numerous health and social benefits. Benefits include improved cardiovascular fitness, lower blood pressure, stronger muscles and bones (built up by walking regularly), and decreased stress.

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A study undertaken in New South Wales found that 41 per cent of dog owners walk, on average, 18 minutes per week longer than people without dogs. However, the majority of dog owners (59 per cent) don't walk their dogs at all, and do less physical activity than people without dogs.

Walking is also important for the dog's health. Obesity in pets is associated with a number of medical complaints including osteoarthritis, cardiovascular disease, liver disease and insulin resistance.

Health benefits of pet ownership

Research studies from around the world have found that pets may offer health benefits to their owners. Findings from selected studies include:

- People who walk their dogs are seen by other people as friendly and approachable.
- A study of patients waiting in dentist surgeries found that watching fish swim around in an aquarium is as effective at reducing stress as hypnosis.
- Stroking and patting a pet can reduce the physiological indicators of stress, including high blood pressure.
- The non-judgemental companionship and unconditional love offered by pets is known to have considerable mental health benefits for owners, including increased self-esteem.

The community benefits of pets

Research undertaken by the University of Western Australia has found that owning a pet can also benefit the whole community. The researchers found that pet owners, in particular dog owners, were more likely to:

- Acknowledge and greet other people in the street
- Exchange favours with neighbours
- Meet others in their neighbourhood.

Dog walking – the risks

Like all exercise dog walking can carry some risks, especially for older people. Injuries can include falls in the

home and outside, and dog bites.

Approximately 1,300 Victorians present at emergency departments each year with dog bite injuries. Children aged under four years are at the highest risk of dog bite, and should be supervised around dogs at all times. More children in Victoria aged between one and four years are hospitalised for dog bites than car accidents.

Prepare yourself with warm-ups
Prepare for walking your dog like you would prepare for any exercise, with stretches: in particular, stretches for both front and back legs and stretches of the back and arms. Make sure your equipment (including a dog leash and walking shoes) is suitable and will not cause injury. You and your dog should be protected from excessive heat and sunburn, and have plenty of water for hydration, so make sure you bring some water on a walk.

Choose your dog carefully
If you're not very active, owning a dog could give you a very good reason to walk regularly. But before you rush out and buy a dog, plan your purchase. Make sure you choose a breed that's appropriate to your lifestyle. For example, don't buy a large active dog if you live in a small apartment or have limited mobility.

Dog walking tips
When you walk your dog:

- Aim for 30 minute walks, five times per week.
- Keep your dog on its leash in public areas, unless it's an 'off leash' zone. Contact your local council about areas where dogs can be exercised off leash.
- Supervise your dog around young children.
- Take a plastic bag or scoop to clean up your dog's poo.
- Make sure your dog is properly identified.
- Make sure your dog is desexed.
- Avoid walking in extreme heat.
- Take fresh water for you and your dog to drink.

Environmental considerations
Responsible dog owners respect the environment and the rights of other people. Some things to consider include:

- Most national and state parks and reserves do not allow domestic animals, including dogs (except for guide dogs).
- State forests permit dogs, but only if they are controlled.
- Other parks usually allow dog walking if the animal is leashed.

Where to get help

- The Lost Dogs' Home Tel. (03) 9329 2755

- Your doctor
- Parks Victoria
- Veterinarian.

Things to remember

- Always keep your dog under control, and carry plastic bags or scoops so that you can clean up after it.
- Prepare for dog walking like you would prepare for any exercise, with stretches and the right equipment.
- Always supervise dogs around young children.

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Statement to the City and County of San Francisco
Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force

April 14, 1999

All over the world, San Francisco is regarded as one of the most beautiful and forward thinking cities in the United States. One of its treasures is our neighborhood parks. Through the daily activities available in these parks, San Francisco's culture, community and well-being are continually being shaped. We feel that because of the growth of our City's population, in human and canine terms, now is the time to accommodate for the future of our dog friendly parks.

San Francisco's diminishing number of off-leash areas are among the few remaining places in our densely populated urban environment where dogs can socialize freely and run off the energy they've built up from having been confined in houses and apartments. Off-leash recreation is not only an essential part of how many people care for their pets—-it is a way to give a little something back to the animals who give us all so much.

Accordingly, on behalf of the 90,089 members of The San Francisco SPCA, we recommend that current off-leash areas be improved, new sites added, and that the community be involved in determining the future status of the parks.

Throughout history, art and literature have depicted humans in all walks of life and social strata with dogs, illustrating their widespread acceptance in everyday life. Some religions even incorporated them into their worship. Indeed, dogs have long been admired for the purity of their character traits, with military annals documenting the wartime bravery and courage of dogs in the K-9 Corps.

Closer to home, our own culture is populated with examples of the well-established place dogs have found in our hearts and homes. People of all ages, but particularly the elderly and the young, enjoy their companionship. The emotional, physical, and social benefits dogs provide humans, however, do not discriminate against age, gender, or even physical well-being. For single people, dogs offer a welcome relief from loneliness. For children, an animal in the home contributes warmth and unconditional love, and teaches responsibility and consideration for the needs of another creature. Those who suffer from disease or injury experience a therapeutic, even spiritual, benefit from their presence. For

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the lonely, a dog provides the incentive to get up in the morning—a walk on the beach with their best friend may be the highlight of the day or week. For others, it is often the only daily exercise they get. And in an increasingly sedentary society, these benefits can enhance health and prolong life. Dogs also provide a sense of safety and security, allowing many people freedom they would not otherwise have.

Perhaps most importantly, dogs also contribute to a more positive environment in our City by facilitating communication between people. Studies have found that the presence of a dog increases the likelihood of friendly contact. This is especially true—and important—for people with mobility problems or other special needs that keep them socially isolated. As one dog organization has noted, "[n]eighbors who would otherwise have little reason to speak to one another will stop and chat when dogs are present" (San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "SF DOG", Managing Off-Leash Recreation in Urban Parks, March, 1999 at p. 6). This fact is an important ingredient in the formation of a community. There are countless examples of dogs introducing people to other people, thus leading to the formation of neighborhood groups, park clean-up days, new friendships, and even marriage.

Dogs do so much good for the community: they give us a sense of optimism, safeguard us from depression and loneliness, and break down the barriers that isolate us from one another. Their presence improves our health, protects us from danger, and teaches us about caring and responsibility. And they ask for so little in return. While dog ownership may not be a fundamental right, it is unquestionably an integral aspect of our daily life—which cannot be dismissed lightly and should not suffer unwarranted limits.

What Do Dogs Need?

As a society, we have yet to recognize and appreciate the emotional and psychological needs of animals. As a result, while our laws demand that a dog kept as a companion receive the basic requirements of sustenance and shelter, there is no way to guarantee that an animal receives love and attention. For the dog, the absence of attention and affection is tragic.

Because dogs, like human beings, are "pack" animals, they, like us, need to socialize in order to remain psychologically healthy. Keeping dogs isolated from one another goes against a dog's most basic instincts. In addition, if continually frustrated by their lack of mobility, many dogs will react with intense enthusiasm, such as dashing around wildly.

As noted by the San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "Dogs require daily exercise and contact with other dogs in order to remain healthy and well socialized... [A] well socialized dog learns the skills required for getting along with the people and the other dogs [he/she] meets each day" (SF DOG, at p. 7).

The Need For Off-Leash Parks

Modern urban life makes it difficult to give dogs all that they need. As noted in the Task Force Report, a high number of San Francisco's pet-owning residents are without outdoor yards. In our City's increasingly expensive housing market, many people cannot afford to buy a home and are forced to find virtually any available pet friendly rental housing. Oftentimes, this requires dog owners to go to parks, "because many households have no backyards or other protected areas for outdoor activities"(p. 9).*

There is no substitute for off-leash parks: "Dogs socialize with each other through subtle displays of posture and behavior that can only occur when they are not impeded by a leash. A leash limits a dog's natural movement and can even cause some dogs to become territorial, protecting the area to which the leash confines them" (SF DOG, at p. 7).

Off-leash areas are therefore essential for the health and well-being of our pets. Tens of thousands of dog owners throughout San Francisco depend on City parks to provide for their pets. We believe that, in the interest of representing this large contingent, the need for numerous, widely accessible off-leash areas is imperative.

The Successful Off-Leash Park System

The San Francisco SPCA was disheartened with the recent closing of off-leash activities at Ocean Beach, Lands End, and parts of the Presidio. As noted in the Task Force Report, further Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA") lands could be closed to off-leash walkers at any time (p. 3). Additional closures would lead to increased overcrowding and congestion of existing parks by people traveling to areas they normally wouldn't need to visit in order to satisfy their dogs' needs.

In addition, many of the City's residents do not travel by car or are mobility-impaired, thus preventing them from access to some dog parks. By providing a wealth of local parks, we not only foster a sense of community, we also protect San Francisco's environmental interests. In fact, in the 1996 Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco, the Department of the Environment firmly endorses minimal automobile use (Sustainability Plan, at p. 79). By providing residents with the necessary local park facilities, our City experiences less traffic, as well as less park crowding and degradation—thus meeting the mandate set by the Board of Supervisors.

Moreover, as the Task Force recognized, the twenty-year old park system does not "reflect the distribution of dogs and dog owners in the City," nor does it "reflect an apparent increase in dog ownership in the last twenty years"(p. 3). In fact, The SF/SPCA estimates that there are at least 150,000 dogs in San Francisco. As the City's population has grown, the needs of dog owners have changed

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drastically since the late 1970's. At the same time, the closure of several key off-leash areas has led to tremendous disadvantages for our City's dog owners. Because of this, it is not only imperative that the availability of multi-use parks is expanded, but also that existing parks be properly maintained.

As stated in the Task Force Report, the current off-leash areas "are, by and large, poorly marked, poorly maintained, and inadequate to meet the needs of dog owners"(p. 8). Just as our park system as a whole has aged, the areas available to dog owners have aged along with it. In some cases, simple maintenance and signage will help to improve dog areas. In others, the availability of trash cans, waste bags and benches will lead to a more successful park.

Finally, the Off-Leash Task Force has provided an opportunity for dog owners to voice their opinions. The SF/SPCA strongly believes that future changes regarding the accessibility and availability of dog parks must include public comment and representation by local dog-owners themselves. We feel it is imperative that future decisions include adequate notice of meetings, a full report and accounting by City staff, public input regarding the listing and de-listing of parks, and a forum to share concerns.

The San Francisco SPCA believes that:

- current off-leash parks need to be improved
- new off-leash sites need to be created
- the community needs to be involved in determining the status of parks

The Leader of the Pack

For much of history, animals were considered mere commodities who pulled our wagons, provided the products for our farms, herded our sheep, and kept our barns free of mice. During the last century, however, socio-economic changes in society at large and our own unfolding humane ethic have produced changes in the status of animals as well. Many animals—dogs in particular—are now overwhelmingly *companions* instead of *servants*. In addition, government laws and services have evolved from promoting animals as property, to protecting them as cherished pets. In this regard, San Francisco has led the nation.

San Francisco is the first City and County in the United States, for example, where adoptable dogs (and cats) are guaranteed a home. Ours is the first to undertake a comprehensive rehabilitation program to save thousands of treatable dogs (and cats) in our City's shelters every year. The San Francisco SPCA believes that the system of off-leash dog parks we create today can also, and rightly should, be a model for the rest of the country.

Attachments:

- Selected Comments Regarding the Report of the Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force
- Minimum Requirements for a More Successful San Francisco Off-Leash Dog Park

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P.E.I. HUMANE SOCIETY'S COMMITMENT TO ANIMALS AND THE DOG EXERCISE AND EDUCATION PARK

The P.E.I. Humane Society Dog Park

According to some sources, 62% of Atlantic Canadian households have dogs. Unfortunately, in the Charlottetown area there are no areas where owners are legally permitted to exercise with their dogs without a leash. The P.E.I. Humane Society is committed to providing dogs and their owners the space they need to exercise, train and play.

The Benefits Of A Dog Exercise & Education Park

Dogs and other companion animals have become an important part of our culture and community life. Companion animals provide many benefits which are difficult to quantify in monetary terms, but which have important implications for the health and welfare of humans.

Research shows that dogs are more than just companions. They provide both physical and mental health benefits to their owners. The importance of dogs in society has even helped spawn a new field of study, urban animal management, which aims to ensure that animals are taken care of in the urban environment.

Off-leash recreational areas not only foster the strong historical relationship between dogs and people; they also contribute to urban animal management and the urban environment.

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Studies have shown that dogs that exercise and are allowed to run freely are not as aggressive towards people as dogs that are under-exercised. Allowing dogs to have an off-leash area socializes dogs. It brings them in contact with other dogs and causes them to be less aggressive in each future encounter with dogs. Dog Parks improve the mental state of dogs. Many dog owners report that after a visit to

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- The Provision of a vital public space allowing people to meet and form the bonds of community.

- Allows people to have the pleasure of watching their dogs at play.
  Contributes to the overall physical fitness of people by encouraging them to exercise with their dogs.
  Provides an opportunity for dog owners to enjoy the outside.

Benefits Of A Dog Exercise & Education Park To The Community

The P.E.I. Humane Society Dog Park also make dogs better members of their community. By providing socialization and exercise opportunities, the Dog Park can make dogs less aggressive, thus reducing the risks of dog attacks. In addition, well-exercised puppies and dogs are less likely to create a nuisance by barking excessively or destroying property.

Communities benefit in other ways that do not rest on the improved behavior of dogs. These include:

- **Promotion Of Public Safety**
  Designated spaces for dogs and their owners reduces the likelihood that dogs will be let loose in other recreational areas where they could infringe on the rights of other park users.
- **A Safer Surrounding Area**
  Dog owners have an interest in the safety of their community and can act as a neighborhood watch. Also, designated off-leash spaces reduce the resources law enforcement and animal control officials must spend on enforcing leash laws, allowing of them to devote their time to other areas of crime prevention and animal cruelty investigations.
- **Creates A Social Hub For Communities**
  Dogs often help people break the ice, allowing people who share interests to socialize while exercising their dogs. These interactions help neighbors to get to know each other and to build a sense of community. The social aspect of the Dog Exercise & Education Park also tends to enforce the basic rules of dog ownership such as cleaning up after one's dog and always controlling one's dog's behavior. The area would provide a centralized location and help meet the special need of our community and those traveling here as the P.E.I.

Humane Society is in the process of development the Dog Exercise & Education Area.

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Executive Summary of Selected Studies

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INTRODUCTION:

The following provides specific citations and summaries of several studies pertaining to the benefits of canine off-leash exercise and socialization. The full studies will also be submitted to the Board of Health.

1. Study – Isaz 2003 12th Annual Conference

Off Leash Dog Parks: What makes them Work? Page 5 of 34
BY – Melissa Bain, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California

Injury to people and other dogs was never observed during the visits, and was reported by Park managers to be of extremely low incidence.

A Walk in the Park: An Ethnographic Account of an Interspecies Social Community.
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BY – Shelley Scott, Northwestern University

In a yearlong ethnography of resident who bring their dogs to a neighborhood park in Evanston, Ill. a northern suburb of Chicago

The small park does not contain a designated dog area and people are frequently warned and occasionally fined by patrolling authorities who find them with dogs off leash. This does not deter the folks who live in the nearby houses and condos from meeting at the park because social time has become an essential part of the day for the neighbors an their dogs. In my research I have noted what the park-goers talk about regarding their dogs and other issues.

Taking dogs to Baker Park each day provides as much of a social outlet for many of the neighborhood residents as it does for the dogs. This paper details how human-animal relationships can enhance human-human encounters and how humans and dogs together may form a social community.

2. Study – Golden Gate National Research

Suggestions of the Social Research Laboratory based on study

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- Limit off-leash dog walking to specific designated (not fenced) areas.

- Cite only irresponsible dog owners.
- Schedule specific times for off-leash walking
- Create separate and/or fenced areas for off-leash dogs.
- Create a licensing process for off leash dogs.
- Fence environmentally sensitive areas to reduce environmental impact of off-leash dogs.

3. **Eurobodalla Shire Council (Australia) Companion Animal Plan**

Page 4 Public Risk

Concerns expressed about risks from dog attacks and Council's exposure to an unreasonable level of public liability claims. It is important to understand the reason why dogs won't necessarily behave in the same way in the neutral territory of a public park. Attacks on private property frequently occur when a dominant, protective or injured dog is not adequately supervised with children and visitors. These triggers are not present in the neutral territory of a public park when a dog is with its owner. Most data collected on this issue suggests that dog attacks are more likely to occur in and around the family home or another home.

Page 10 Recognizing the benefits of Pet ownership

The health and social benefits of owning pets are now well understood and have been documented in numerous scientific studies. At one level this means a balanced approach to managing domestic pets. At another more implicit level, there is an emerging understanding that pets contribute to quality of life, a positive that could perhaps be fostered by local government.

4. **Establishing a dog Park In your community American Kennel Club**

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Dogs who are accustomed to playing with animals and people other than their owners are more likely to be well-socialized and react well toward strangers.

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The love people share for their dogs reaches beyond economic and social barriers and helps foster a sense of community.

Well-exercised dogs are better neighbors who are less likely to create a nuisance, bark excessively and destroy property. Their presence in the park along with their owners, also may help deter crime.

5. Meeting the Need: Providing Off-Leash Recreational Space in Santa Barbara

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The benefits of dog ownership are becoming clearer as scientific attention is increasingly directed toward the human-animal bond. Dogs are now recognized not just for their physical and mental health benefits, but for their role as companions and catalysts for human social interaction, and in helping children learn responsibility (Annual Review of Public Health, 1996; Psychological Reports 1996) For many single and elderly people a dog not only provides companionship but often is the only source of home and personal security.

The link between off-leash recreation and promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized to be good "canine citizens" (Canine Behavior, 1965). They also need appropriate exercise to reduce boredom and pent up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure that owners socialize their dogs and provide them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not on benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors, other park and street users, and authorities responsible for urban animal management, all of whom are affected by unacceptable behavior from unsocialized and underexercised dogs.

Another reason dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects on dog owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise, promoting physical and mental health. Taking a dog to a community park has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other people (Journal of Nutrition and the Elderly 1996). The community building that takes place in off-leash areas results in more cohesive neighborhoods, more local involvement in municipal affairs and a heightened sense of connectedness and community for all users.

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The final reason, of most benefit to urban managers and animal control departments, is that a balanced approach to accommodating dog owners in public open space results in higher levels of compliance with relevant laws by dog owners

6. Wikipedia
ref- Pets and People the bonds Grow stronger.

Off-leash dog areas provide a social setting in which people can gather and interact in friendship. Off leash dog areas are places where dog owners and nondog owners can delight in the entertaining and interesting interaction of dogs at play. Scientific studies have shown that people somehow find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual social barriers that make people in our society perceive others as "strangers". Research has also shown that companion dogs improve people's health and increase resistance to disease by providing pleasurable activity by providing a source of constancy in our changing lives.

7. PetNet
Prepared by Harlock Jackson Planning and Development Consultants in Association with Associate Professor Judith K. Blackshaw

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That dogs should be allowed access to public open space is a basic premise of this study. As a principle we believe it should be incorporated into both urban animal management strategies and open space/recreation plans. That is not to say that problems don't exist, only that the benefits should outweigh the disadvantages and that there is considerable scope for the problems to be better managed.

Unduly restrictive access policies are inequitable and likely to be counter-productive in managing conflicts and varying demands.

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The benefits of allowing dogs access to public open space are not immediately clear and warrant closer examination. It is important to understand that they apply not only to dogs and their owners but also to the wider community as well as those responsible for urban animal management.

The most obvious reason why dogs need access to public open space is because of their popularity. Dog owners are a substantial group of park users.

The second reason has to do with its links with promoting acceptable behavior from dogs. Dogs need to be properly socialized in appropriate behavior. They also need regular outings to reduce boredom and pent up energy at home. Access to a park close to home is the safest and most effective way to ensure owners socialize their dogs and provide

them with on-going experiences in the outside world. This not only benefits the dog and its owner but also neighbors who are effected by unacceptable behavior at home, other park and street users and authorities responsible for urban animal management.

The third reason why dogs need access to public open space is for the positive effects it can have on their owners. Owning a dog encourages people to exercise and visit their local park. Taking a dog out has also been found to stimulate social interaction with other humans.

8. Dog Park Scandals
BY Wendy van Kerkhove of Owner of Fresh Air Training

This whole article is relevant

Summarization:

Off-Leash parks give owners the opportunity to exercise their dogs in a manner that is hard to do under any other condition. Nothing beats playing with other dogs when it comes to getting a dog tired out. In addition, one cannot underestimate the importance of allowing a dog to continually practice his or her social skills. Yes, each one of us assumes some risk when taking our dog to a dog park, but in my opinion, the reward substantially outweighs the risk.

9. FirePaw Newsletter
The Foundation for Interdisciplinary Research And Education Promoting Animal Welfare

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Dog play allows your puppy to learn his own language. A dog who knows how to communicate with other dogs is less likely to be afraid of them. Fear is the primary cause of aggression. Undersocialization is the primary cause of fear.

Frequent off-leash dog play throughout a dog's life is considered by behaviorists to be the first line of defense against fear and aggression in dogs.

10. The Bark Unleashed
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Jan Drago City of Seattle Councilmember

Issued a position defining press release on October 9, 1995. As I listed to the concerns of these Seattle residents I thought back to the time when I served as a member and chair of a Park Board, when I developed a personal philosophy that ALL residents of a community had a right to utilize park facilities, not just SOME residents. Why not have some area where dog owners could exercise and play with their pets, socialize with other dog owners? I came to agree with what Seattle dog owners from all over this city were saying: **This is not a DOG issue it is a PEOPLE issue.** It is about recognizing off-leash activity a valid recreational activity. It is about Seattle residents who pay taxes to support our parks system, who willingly pay for those swimming pools, tennis courts and fields that they may never use and who ask in return only that they be allowed in some places in some parks and to be able to engage in their favorite recreational activity. She then introduced legislation to implement Seattle's off-leash pilot program.

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John Etter, Parks Planning, Public Works Maintenance, Eugene, Or.

The trial period came to an end, and following public hearing , the decision was made to retain all five locations. Testimonials include the fact that people have moved into a neighborhood because of their existence, and that people derive enjoyment in sharing this activity with others; it is as if these locations are community centers for people as well as canines. There have been no complaints about people having failed to clean up after their dogs. Introducing a new activity to a park can bring out the kind of people you want in parks, which can help control some of the undesirable activity that may be taking place (in the park).

11. The Bark Unleashed
Page 1 of 4 - Dee Tilson, East Bay Regional Park District Park Supervisor

Dog fights are rare. In fact, there have been very few reported incidents involving fighting dogs in the last three years. Further, there has never been an incident resulting in

litigation in the history of the special dog park of leash use since 1975 over a dog fight incident. The interactions between dogs and people have been very positive.

12. The Bark Unleashed

Interview with Dr. Nicholas Dodman Leading Animal Behaviorist and Veterinarian

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The vast majority of dogs do benefit greatly from having exercise periods. And walking dogs on a leash is not sufficient exercise.

There's responsible pet ownership. But it is irresponsible behavior of the few that has made society make rules that are punitive for the many responsible owners. So it is not appropriate walk along Fifth Avenue with you dog off leash .

So whether it's continued petitioning to provide parks for dog owners, these things are necessary, considering how many dogs there are in the country. There are something like half as many dogs as there are cars. If you told car owners they could not park on the streets what would they do? So there is this massive problem. One in five people owns a dog, something like 40 percent of all American households have a pet. And to make a rule that people can't exercise their dogs off leash might even be one of the reasons that we are seeing an increase in problems these days. The demographics of the human population is such that people are moving into the inner cities, we are becoming a nation of city dwellers, and in the city it is a concrete jungle, as Desmond Morris would say. Life is very bizarre for dogs who live in Manhattan. It is not at all like the natural life. A dog needs to be provided with natural outlets-being able to run and exercise and chase things and do what dogs were bred to do. Say you have an apartment –dwelling dog who has little or no exercise and is fed one of these high-energy foods. Then add to that that there isn't much communication because the owner took the dog to obedience training as a puppy and doesn't do it anymore. So now you have a dog that is neither is communicated with properly, nor has appropriate outlets or diet. This situation, which is all too common, is an accident looking for a place to happen.

13. Cal-Dog.com

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Off-Leash recreation offers exercise for people and their dogs. The daily dog walk gives people a chance to exercise, to be out in nature, to meet with others and to create a community. Dog walkers find friends at off-leash parks; they also monitor each other and spread the word about courtesy, clean-up and control. A strong argument in favor of

creating off-leash spaces is that availability of legal off-leash areas cuts down on illegal off-leash use, making dog averse people more comfortable in public spaces because there is less chance of encountering off-leash dogs in unauthorized places.

The National Parks & Recreation Service notes in its booklet, Planning Parks for Pets:? Designating an area where dog owners can allow their animals to run off-leash successfully remedies this problem in parks where the concept has been introduced. Violations of the leash law and subsequent public complaints have decreased; and dog owners have a place to legally exercise their pets.

Additional benefits of Off-Leash

- Accommodate senior citizens and the disabled, who cannot always walk their dogs on leash.
- Promote Pet behavioral socialization, making dogs safer around other dogs and people.
- Discourage delinquent and criminal activity in city parks.

14. Better Health Channel

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People who walk their dogs are seen by other people as friendly and approachable.

Stroking and patting a pet can reduce the physiological indicators of stress, including high blood pressure.

The non-judgemental companionship and unconditional love offered by pets is known to have considerable mental health benefits for owners including increased self-esteem.

Research taken by the University of Western Australia has found that owning a pet can also benefit the whole community. The researchers found that pet owners, in particular dog owners, were more likely to:

- Acknowledge and greet other people in the street
- Exchange favors with neighbors
- Meet others in their neighborhood.

15. The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Statement to the City and County of SF Advisory Dogs Off-Leash Task Force

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Perhaps most importantly, dogs also contribute to a more positive environment in our City by facilitating communication between people. Studies have found that the presence of a dog increases the likelihood of friendly contact. This is especially true and important for people with mobility problems or other special needs that keep them socially isolated. As one dog organization has noted, "neighbors who would otherwise have little reason to speak to one another will stop and chat when dogs are present" (SF Dog Owners Group SF DOG Managing Off-Leash Recreation in Urban Parks, March 1999 at P. 6) This fact is an important ingredient in the formation of a community. There are countless examples of dogs introducing people to other people, thus leading to the formation of neighborhood groups, park clean-up days, new friendships, and even marriage.

Dogs do so much good for the community: they give us a sense of optimism, safeguard us from depression and loneliness, and break down the barriers that isolate us from one another. Their presence improves our health, protects us from danger, and teaches us about caring and responsibility. While dog ownership may not be a fundamental right, it is unquestionable an integral aspect of our daily life – which cannot be dismissed lightly and should not suffer unwarranted limits.

Because dogs, like human beings are "pack" animals, they like us, need to socialize in order to remain psychologically healthy. Keeping dogs isolated from one another goes against a dog's most basic instincts. In addition, if continually frustrated by their lack of mobility, many dogs will react with intense enthusiasm, such as dashing around wildly.

As noted by the San Francisco Dog Owners Group, "Dogs require daily exercise and contact with other dogs in order to remain healthy and well socialized...A well socialized dog learns the skills required for getting along with the people and the other dogs (he/she) meets each day (SF DOG Page 7).

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There is no substitute for off-leash parks: Dogs socialize with each other through subtle displays of posture and behavior that can only occur when they are not impeded by a leash. A leash limits a dog's natural movement and can even cause some dogs to become territorial, protecting the area to which the leash confines them" (SFDOG at P.7)

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Inviting Politics to Dinner: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Meat Eating

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Food is a constant presence in our lives, serving many functions from sustenance to social facilitation. Yet little research has examined the motivations involved in food choice from a socio-political perspective. Social movements often elucidate the private into a political context and have recently drawn attention to this previously unstudied issue. Examining food selection from the critical socio-political perspective of ecofeminism casts many commonly acceptable behaviors in a new light. This paper proposes meat eating is a social construct that normalizes this behavior and perpetuates patriarchal values.

Gender roles are also a social construct; feminine gender roles dictate a series of behaviors and beliefs that women have traditionally adhered to in Western society. Feminism, a socio-political movement, has called the system of male privilege into question and demands closer examination of women's treatment and role in society. The animal protection movement also calls into question the treatment of non-human animals, and reveals similar patterns of institutional oppression normalizing this behavior.

Ecofeminism sees oppression in broad strokes across a patriarchal society where women and non-human animals are both oppressed, and raises diet as a political issue important to both feminists and animal protectionists alike. At this junction between both movements, meat-eating is no longer a private issue. Some ecofeminists advocate eating that does not harm other beings and recommend strict vegetarianism as an expression of wholesale rejection of such oppressive values.

Curious how widely ecofeminist thought has penetrated the feminist community, interviews were conducted to gauge women's knowledge of and emotions concerning meat production and how/if ecofeminist ideals had impacted their lives. Three distinct groups of women were interviewed: self-identified feminists active in political organizations, evenly split between mainstream and ideologically radical feminism, and women not active in the feminist movement.

Knowledge of and emotions concerning diet were influenced by women's type of feminist views, with ecofeminists expressing the most potent ideology, women not involved in the feminist movement the least potent, and mainstream feminists showing varying degrees of

congruence with ecofeminist philosophy. This transmission of political ideology to women's thoughts and habits regarding meat eating can be interpreted best through a model of policy diffusion that likens levels of ideological penetration to concentric orbits or "onion skin

Dogs in the Lives of Brontë, Dickinson, Barrett-Browning, & Woolf

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The connection between early attachment history and the development of a coherent sense of self is clear from recent research in psychology and neurobiology. Through consistent, responsive, and nonverbal interactions with a caretaker, usually the mother, an infant learns how to regulate emotions. At the same time, he or she begins to experience a coherent sense of self. Ideally these both occur in the first three years of life, but it is possible to repair attachment deficits later in life within an attuned relationship with a partner or a psychotherapist (Lewis, 2000; Schore, 2002). My paper suggests that a relationship with a dog can provide a similar opportunity for healing and reveals the crucial roles played by dogs in the lives of Emily Brontë, Emily Dickinson, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Virginia Woolf.

Each of these writers experienced the loss or absence of her mother and as an adult had difficulty in establishing and keeping intimate relationships. In very different ways, each woman depended on a dog for emotional support, to act as a buffer with other people, and as mirror of her inner world. They wrote about their dogs Keeper, Carlo, Flush and Pinka in their diaries and letters, and glimpses of the four dogs can be seen in poems, novels and essays. Using those sources, I trace the history of each relationship, pointing out similarities, such as the way all the dogs, no matter what their gender, breed, or temperament, represented a maternal presence to the women.

All the dogs served as companions and guardians, but each relationship met different psychological needs as well. Emily Brontë's attachment to Keeper was one of the few she ever made, although there were times when she used him as a scapegoat for her pent-up rage. Emily Dickinson depended on Carlo to soothe her anxiety and as an audience for her poems. Elizabeth Barrett Browning's Flush helped her to emerge from a life-threatening depression. Flush witnessed her transformation from a dependent invalid to an autonomous woman. Virginia Woolf relied on the dogs in her life, especially Pinka, to connect her to nature and to play. She also used dogs as symbols of intimacy in letters and in Flush: a Biography. These analyses of specific human-dog relationships reveal the unique ways an attachment to a dog can be healing in itself and can also serve as a bridge between people.

Avian Wellness: The Proper Care Of Birds In Institutional Settings

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Since animal companionship has been demonstrated to positively influence human physical and psychological health, animals, including several species of birds, are commonly kept in institutional settings. However, in many cases, the people who care for these birds are

unaware of their needs and the birds suffer from a lack of understanding. This presentation focuses on the special health care concerns of birds kept at institutions (e.g., schools, daycare centers, long term care facilities, correctional facilities) and is directed toward the education of health care staff, educators, and others who may care for birds in institutional settings.

Recent advances in avian medicine, nutrition, and behavior reveal that birds have specific needs concerning air quality, nutrition, lighting, housing, sleep, and social and psychological stimulation. Avian behavior should be charted on a daily basis. The services of a qualified avian veterinarian are important in maintaining the health of the birds, and to prevent the spread of zoonoses, such as psittacosis, to clients and staff. It is important that caregivers understand how to visually evaluate the wellness of their avian charges, but this is not a substitute for proper veterinary care because subclinical illness can only be detected through diagnostic tests. The location and arrangement of the cage, and the materials that it is composed of, may also affect avian health and behavior. The role of enrichment, including proper toys, time out of the cage to socialize with caregivers, and or/the introduction of other avian companions, will be discussed. Other important topics of discussion include the costs to provide proper equipment, food and veterinary care, and how to safely introduce birds into schools and health care facilities that already have other residential animals.

With some basic understanding of their needs, health care professionals can create a safe and humane environment for birds, ensuring their wellness, longevity, and continued companionship.

Off-leash Dog Parks: What Makes Them Work?

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With increasing urbanization, dog caregivers are increasingly drawn to dog parks. However, expanding use of off-leash parks has sparked controversy in communities with dog parks. This project set out to learn what characteristics were important determinants of success with regard to achieving harmony with the community, while providing enjoyment for users. Seventeen dog-only and multiple-use parks were visited in California. Visits involved 2 investigators interviewing park managers, surveying physical characteristics, performing scan-samples, and interviewing users. Park success was measured with derived rankings assigned by investigators based on a combination of characteristics, including perceived harmony with the community and its appeal to park users.

In general, maintenance, size, and a qualitative score of the substrate type were significantly correlated with a derived measure of park success. For the 12 dog-exclusive parks, all being 3 acres or less, only maintenance was significantly correlated with success. Safety to people and other dogs, noise, and sanitation were most frequently mentioned by the community decision makers as concerns. Injury to people and other dogs was never observed during the visits, and was reported by park managers to be of extremely low incidence. Noise levels in periods of low-use and peak-use did not correlate with park success, nor did a measure of fecal density. Issues identified by investigators that appear to pose potential problems for the community include park users allowing dogs off-leash outside park boundaries, and use of parks by dogwalkers, who appear less responsible than

owners in picking up feces.

Animal and Human Interaction: A Survival Strategy for Both

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It is well documented that people denied wholesome interactions with others do not do well. One way people can be protected from the ravages of loneliness is animal companionship. Early laboratory observations of people with animals encouraged a period of research to identify, document, and assess the beneficial health implications of our relationship with companion animals. All indications are that companion animals play the role of a family member, often, a member with the most desired attributes. Ordinary interactions with animals can reduce blood pressure and alter survival after a heart attack. Pets, for some, afford increased opportunities to meet people, while for others they permit people to be alone without being lonely.
People are not the only beneficiaries of the human-animal relationship. Common companion animals appear to thrive with human contact. The very nature of the human-animal interaction predisposes both to experience improved health.

Cats, Houses and People

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Cats have traditionally been allowed outdoors by their owners on demand. However, evidence suggests that this has been changing in recent years for a variety of reasons (e.g. health issues, safety, predation on other animals). As part of a larger study on the behavior of cats and people in the home, data were gathered on whether cats were allowed outside to examine this behavior in a large population of owners.

Questionnaires were filled out by a diverse, self-selected, wide-ranging population of owners in response to a number of solicitations, including articles about the research in newspapers, magazines, and on websites. Data for this study came from single, two, three, and four-cat households, expanding on a previous study of just single and two-cat homes. Despite having almost double the number of cats (N = 503 vs 258) and nearly 1.5 times the number of homes (N = 256 vs 178), results were remarkably similar between the two studies. That is, 50% of all cats were kept indoors at all times; only 30% were allowed out on demand; 15% were allowed out with restrictions, such as being kept on a deck with the owner, walked on a leash, or confined to a yard enclosed by a fence with a top. However, looking at households directly provides a more complex picture. Although 50% of all households kept cats indoors, 54% let at least one cat out, with or without restrictions. That is, owners seemed to be making a mixed set of selections, based in part on the cats themselves. Understanding the implications of these seemingly conflicting data will play an important role in advising owners in the future about letting their cats go outside.

How to Change a Chimpanzee's Mind:The Impact of Enculturation

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Recent genetic and paleontological evidence provide strong evidence that the common chimpanzee (Pan troglodytes) and humans (Homo sapiens) have a long shared evolutionary history. Many more scientists now agree that differences and similarities between the two species are ones of degree, not kind. However, the uniqueness of speech and another possibly unique capacity in humans, theory of mind (ToM) are viewed by a segment of the scientific community as critical for some higher-order conceptual learning and problem solving capacities in humans. This, in turn, suggests that although the functional and anatomical areas of the chimpanzee and human brain appear to be quite similar, humans are alone in their ability to attribute mental states to others. Further, it has been suggested that this ability to name and conceptualize possible differences in knowledge states among others is dependent upon language.

Human language, while clearly unique, shares some features with other types of referential animal communication although, to date, no studies of the natural vocalizations of any of the great apes have shown representational features. Several recent studies with chimpanzees will be discussed, including recent work that provides preliminary evidence for referential information available from the acoustic features of chimpanzee food bark vocalizations, and new data from studies exploring ToM in chimps. Together with the archival literature documenting significant cognitive capacities in chimpanzees, the impact of enculturation of chimps within an artifact-laden human environment likely changes the anatomical structure, neural pathways, and dendritic density in the brains of chimpanzees raised under these conditions. Taken together, the considerable cognitive flexibility, neural plasticity, and referential content of chimpanzee food calls demonstrated by enculturated chimpanzees suggests new hypotheses to explain the apparently sudden, exponential leap in brain size in humans and shared ape adaptations for communication that ultimately emerged as spoken language.

Psychophysiological effects of positive human-animal interaction

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Positive human-animal interaction has been demonstrated to have stress-reducing and depression-alleviating benefits, as quantified by various physiological parameters. The present study examines the effect of spending time with a friendly pet dog or cat on electrophysiological phenomena associated with anxiety (especially frontal midline theta waves (4-8Hz) and depression (frontal EEG asymmetry). Subjects' perception of animals was measured via the Pet Attitude Scale. Their EEG patterns at the electrode sites F3, FZ, and F4 were recorded during each of 4 (counterbalanced) conditions: (a) resting with a real pet, (b) resting with a toy pet, (c) performing the PASAT (Paced Auditory Serial Attention Task—a standardized laboratory stressor task) with a real pet, and (d) performing the PASAT with a toy pet. Heartrate was also recorded for comparison with prior studies.

Preliminary results show that activation in the theta band was greater with the real pet across resting and PASAT conditions. EEG alpha asymmetry was attenuated in both conditions with real pets, and in some subjects the attenuation effect was more pronounced during the PASAT condition. Heart rate increased as expected during the PASAT.

Nature's Laws Broken: representations of modernity and postmodernity in du Maurier and Hitchcock's "The Birds"

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"If anything deepens belief in a Creator it is by watching wildlife in the countryside, a constant miracle, and nothing that changes in their routine through the seasons…they are obeying nature's law"
--Daphne du Maurier, "Things Unknown" from Enchanted Cornwall

It is this quote by du Maurier that sets up this connection between nature, specifically the migration of swallows, and humanity. Her view of the laws of nature and birds is explored in her short story "The Birds" which takes place in the English countryside. Here begins an examination of larger questions arising from the influences of war and politics, human creations, during the Cold War. These themes are reiterated in Alfred Hitchcock's film based on the story. Despite his contentions to Evan Hunter, the writer of the screenplay, that it had nothing to do with du Maurier's story other than the birds attacking people, the relationship between nature/culture, du Maurier/Hitchcock, modernity/postmodernity as represented in the short story and the film is the focus of this exploration.

Using Daphne du Maurier's short story and Alfred Hitchcock's film as the primary sources, the paper examines modernity/post-modernity and its connection between birds and humans (nature/culture) in these cold war texts. Linda Hutcheon's The Politics of Postmodernism, David Harvey The Condition of Postmodernity, and Alan Nadel's Containment Culture provide a theoretical base for this examination of modernist/postmodernist interpretation and criticism while du Maurier's biography Enchanted Cornwall, Hitchcock's notes and interviews on the firms from various sources provide both insightful and necessary connections to the texts.

The Social Life of Rabbits

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European rabbits are amongst the most gregarious of animals, living in the wild in large, complex warrens of up to one hundred individuals, yet their
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both the popular and academic presses.

This paper is an attempt to begin an understanding and appreciation for rabbit social life by focusing on the lives of twenty-five rabbits living in a domestic "warren" in my own home. Because the rabbits in my home are not struggling for survival, food, or reproduction, they are free to devote themselves to playing, napping, eating, and creating and maintaining social relationships and an ever-changing social hierarchy.

I have observed that rabbit social structure is based around multiple, overlapping circles, with a leader in each, along with a number of unattached individuals who don't fit with one group but who come and go between the groups. The groups themselves are arranged hierarchically, with some groups—and their leader—dominating the others. High status groups, or cliques, for example, pick the best nap spots, get first pick at food, and can offer protection to lower status rabbits (if they choose).

As a cultural anthropologist who simultaneously runs a rabbit rescue organization, I hope to not only demonstrate the complex social lives of an animal long ignored by behaviorists, but to widen the field by bringing in the perspectives of those who, like myself, speak from both an academic as well as an activist position.

Relating to Animals After Death: Virtual Pet Cemeteries and the Public Act of Grieving on Line

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This paper examines the current range of web-based pet memorial sites, from personal web pages to large professionally produced group sites called "virtual pet cemeteries," Language, visual design, motion and sound effects are analyzed for their contribution to the design.

I argue that these sites operate in the realm of the public/private domain, allowing for an expression of sentiment and sentimentality toward a specific animal that is only rarely socially acceptable off-line in everyday life. In this way women (as the chief architects of these sites) innovatively use the net to create new social relations (a virtual "community" of like-minded people who also post on and presumably "visit" memorial sites.)

However, unlike other on-line communities connected via chat rooms, newsgroups, etc., the posting of a memorial is usually a one-way communication. Therefore the "virtual community" of mourners for animals that it creates is always an imaginary/imagined one of unidentified like-minded people the only evidence of which is the presence of these sites themselves. Still, these practices of memorialization in the virtual realm of the web have the potential to model and validate behavior that may eventually carry over into non-web interactions such as seeking the publication of pet obituaries in local newspapers which is not currently done.

The paper will close with a comparison of virtual pet cemeteries and real ones. Pet burials, with their additional cost and three-dimensional location, are harder to achieve but provide a

place of pilgrimage and an on-going sense of physical relation to an animal that the virtual cemeteries, which function as a cross between obituary, eulogy, and memorial service, can never provide. Virtual cemeteries connect people to people via the death of a pet. Physical pet cemeteries, on the other hand, while providing a sense of shared grieving space for lost pets, primarily reinforce the relationship of the individual mourner to her/his individual pet. They give a material form to human/animal bond that survives death.

Understanding the mind of the horse: the relationship between scientific and non-scientific knowledge

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The pivotal importance of the horse to human civilizations has resulted in deep reservoirs of knowledge about horse behavior. However, this knowledge is primarily contained in non-scientific communities and is rarely tapped by science due to the reluctance of behavioral science to study domesticated species. Likewise, schools of horse handlers and other horse professionals have only sporadic access to scientific studies of animal learning and large ungulate behavior. This provides an interesting opportunity to examine the relationship between scientific and non-scientific knowledge.
I will be presenting a socio-historical paper looking at the ways in which knowledge reservoirs of horse behavior are accumulated within different communities. The study focuses on three major knowledge groups: traditional training schools, the more recent 'natural' training schools, and the scientific community. Traditional training methods primarily rely on negative feedback techniques such as "breaking" horses. Newer training philosophies claim to use information about horse ecology and social behavior to design their techniques. The scientific literature I will be focusing on deals with horse personality and cognition. Each of these communities makes its own set of assumptions about horse behavior. For example, natural training schools point to the social nature of horses to explain and predict many
behaviors. I will be tracing how knowledge of horse behavior has developed within each community with a particular emphasis on the patterns of communication between science and the training schools. Communication between the different communities has been limited not only because of science's reluctance to study horse behavior but also because the trainers have limited access to scientific literature. Understanding the effects that these limitations have had can lead to improvements in scientific knowledge of large ungulate behavior and in the effectiveness of training schools.

"Psychiatric Service Dogs: Practice and Evidence" I & II

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Previously, dogs that provided companionship to persons living with mental illness were called 'Emotional Support Dogs'. They were viewed not as 'Service Dogs', as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Rather, they were household pets that provided comfort to their owners during episodes of acute illness.

In October 1997, Dr. Esnayra coined the term, 'Psychiatric Service Dog' (PSD) in response

to semantic limitations inherent to the 'emotional support dog' terminology. She established an online community called 'Service Dogs Invisible Disabilities' so that others like her would have a safe place in which to articulate how dogs could be trained to mitigate disabling psychiatric symptoms. Five and a half years later, this online community of mental health consumers has blossomed into a legitimate grassroots movement. Community members around the country speak publicly about PSDs, give interviews, write articles, develop websites, participate in television documentaries, and present at medical conferences.

Inspired by the passion and resiliency of this mental health community, Dr. Esnayra founded the Psychiatric Service Dog Society (PSDS), whose mission is to educate, advocate, conduct research and facilitate training of PSDs. In her presentation, Dr. Esnayra will share personal insights into severe mental illness, explain the evolution of the PSD consumer movement, describe a range of psychiatric symptoms that may be mitigated through use of a PSD and share her vision for the Psychiatric Service Dog Society.

Dr. Craig Love is a research Psychologist and board member of the Psychiatric Service Dog Society. In his presentation, Dr. Love will explain the importance of research in effecting change in our society. He will discuss the need for research on PSDs, in order to facilitate their acceptance and to better understand their potential. He will share a synthesis of anecdotal data resulting from over 2 years of PSD public inquiry and describe the research agenda for the Psychiatric Service Dog Society.

Human and Nonhuman Primate Cognition: new approaches using experiment field studies.

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Traditional approaches to the study of nonhuman primate cognition have centered on two contrasting methodological techniques. The majority of investigations have involved either captive research conducted under rigidly controlled experimental conditions or detailed field observations conducted under uncontrolled conditions. Despite the strengths of each approach in identifying the range of information primates' use in decision-making, each is subject to limitations. In captive settings, primates are often presented with problem-solving tasks that may not accurately replicate the social and ecological contexts in which these problems are naturally solved. In contrast, natural field studies generally lack sufficient control over, or information on, the range of behavioral options available to an individual, and therefore may lack robusticity in distinguishing among several competing hypotheses. A third approach, which minimizes several of the limitations of both laboratory and natural field settings, is experimental field studies. Experimental field studies offer the opportunity to examine individual and species differences in problem-solving skills and perceptual abilities under natural conditions in which the information available to the forager is controlled and systematically varied.
In this presentation, I describe the results of a series of experimental field studies designed to test the ability of wild primates to use social and ecological information in foraging decisions. Specifically, data are presented on the ability of wild white-faced capuchin monkeys (Cebus capucinus) to (1) solve a foraging problem using tools, and (2) use an array of three landmark cues to compute the spatial location of baited feeding sites. In

addition to examining how factors such as dominance, social role, access to resources, and opportunities for social learning influence primate problem-solving behavior, I use these studies as a framework for discussing how differences in terminology used by researchers have hindered our ability to identify both similarities and differences in human-nonhuman primate cognition.

Geographical Distribution of Human-Animal Bond Centers, ISAZ members, University and College Courses Dedicated to Anthrozoology and Animal Issues, and Members of Newly Formed A.S.A. Animals and Society Section

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Previous research revealed somewhat contradictory perspectives on the current state of the emerging field of Anthrozoology, also referred to as Human-Animal Studies (Balcombe, 1999 and Gerbasi, et al., 2002). The encouraging news is both studies revealed recent increases in academic interest in the area. Balcombe documented the increase in college courses and Gerbasi et al. found the numbers of doctoral dissertations recorded on topics of Anthrozoology doubled from the 1980's to the 1990's. This rate of rise in Anthrozoology dissertations significantly exceeded the relative increase in dissertations in all other fields combined. In addition to increasing numbers of dissertations, the diversity of academic areas that were producing these doctoral dissertations also greatly increased. However, Gerbasi et al. (2002) also revealed a lack of organization and focus in Anthrozoology at least as related to doctoral research. They concluded that Human-Animal Studies was a low status, high risk innovation which lacks an academic home. They suggested for the field to progress it must become better organized and valued. This current project proposal therefore represents an attempt to contribute to the organization of the field of Anthrozoology.

The presentation will be computer-generated maps of North America and Europe using Geographic Information Systems software. These maps will represent the following variables as they are currently known about Anthrozoology: locations and or/university affiliations of ISAZ members, colleges and universities that offer courses in the broad area of Anthrozoology (as identified by those listed on the Humane Society of the United States web site and through a web search), and locations of University housed Human-Animal Bond Centers, in addition it should be possible to add locations of members of the newly formed Animal and Society Section members of the American Sociological Association.

This mapping will reveal locations where several of these variables coincide, thus making it possible to better identify and organize people and institutions to support and promote the field of Anthrozoology.

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What Do "Top Selling" Introductory Psychology Texts Say About the Ethics and Issues in Animal Research and How Do Students Interpret These Texts?1

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The use of animals as subjects in psychological experiments is a topic which generates a wide variety of opinions. The purpose of this study is to explore the portrayal of this topic as it is presented in 12 top selling Introduction to Psychology Textbooks and to determine students' perceptions of these messages. The first phase of the study was a descriptive analysis of the content of these texts. The goal was to describe the extent to which texts varied in their coverage of the animals in research ethics issue.
A large number of variables were catalogued for each text: these variables included the area of expertise of the text's author (s), column inches devoted to human and animal ethics, visual portrayal of animals throughout the text, (animals as caged, manipulated ,or free), the indexing of various terms, topics and names which may be expected to appear in conjunction with animal research issues such Harlow, Goodall, Plous, Shapiro, animal communication, cognitive ethology, etc. While there was wide variation across these variables in the content of the 12 texts, there appeared to be no pattern or way in which any of these variables correlated with the content of the Animal Ethics section of the text.
To further explore students' interpretation of these text sections and the possible impact of these sections on the formation of student attitudes towards animals used as research subjects, the second phase of the study was undertaken. Animal ethics sections with no images were presented to students who were asked to rate the sections using a modified form of Plous (1996) survey of attitudes toward animal research. The twelve texts were then scored on the extent to which students perceived them as pro or anti animal research. Three texts will then be selected, one rated as very pro animal use, one rated as the least supportive of animal use, and one rated by students as moderate. These 3 text passages will be presented crossed with 3 levels of animal research images. Level one is no image, level two is a photo which appeared in two of the 12 texts, and is a man seated playing with what appeared to be happy chimpanzees, and level three is an image of an animal with an electrical device implanted in its head. New students will be asked to read one of the passages, and decide based on the passage if a research study of moderate invasiveness would be acceptable according to the text. Students will also asked (using a modified Plous (1996) survey) about their own opinions and attitudes toward animal research.
This study should reveal the extent to which students' opinions about the appropriateness of animal research is influenced by their pre-existing attitudes about animal research and the presentation of text and images in introductory psychology texts.

Are cat owners more likely to be wolf lovers? A look at the wolf-cat connection

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People's attitudes towards wolves and towards dogs appear to be correlated (Hannan, this conference). This finding seems intuitive since wolves are viewed as wild relatives of dogs. Levinson (1972) stated that 'the way we keep pets reflects our stance towards the

natural world' so it seems reasonable to make a connection between our feelings towards dogs and our feelings towards wolves.

In the course of her study on people's attitudes towards dogs and wolves, Hannan (this conference) additionally found that cat ownership was also a significant factor in predicting positive wolf attitudes.

When it became clear from demographic data collected in the wolf and dog attitude survey that the 'cat only' pet owners were scoring higher wolf attitude scores than 'dog and cat', 'dog only' or 'no pet' owners, a follow-up survey was prepared to test cat attitudes. The follow-up survey solicited people's attitudes towards wolves, determined past and present dog and cat ownership patterns, and asked several cat characterization questions. The 'cat' survey was administered to 63 adults in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Respondents had strong positive agreement on only two of the cat characterizations: 1. Cats are good predators/hunters, and 2. Cats are independent creatures. The other four characterizations (cats are more wild than dogs; I love the wildness in cats; cats need lots of attention and affection; and cats are cuddly creatures) had equivocal response patterns.

When respondents' wolf attitude scores were correlated with the cat characterizations, only two were significantly different from no correlation and both of these were weak correlations.
1. cats are predators/hunters with Rs of .20, and 2. cats are more wild than dogs with Rs of.10.

The author concludes that current or previous ownership of household cats may provide an alternative predictor for positive wolf attitudes. She speculates that when people positively view their own cats as 'hunter', 'predator', and 'wild', this association may lead to greater understanding of the wildness and hunting nature of wild predators including wolves.

This particular association was not true for dog owners (in previous Hannan survey) who tended to view their dogs as companions and friends rather than wild animals and predators. The cat connection may provide a novel approach to educational programs aimed at greater appreciation of wolves and other wild predators.

Tracking the pet connection: influencing contemporary attitudes towards wolves

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Contemporary attitudes towards wolves and towards dogs are documented in numerous reports, but empirical evidence specifically linking wolf and dog attitudes has not been investigated. The author suggests that since dogs and wolves are closely related, and people tend to view dogs positively, then various methods of exposure to dogs may exert a positive influence on people's attitudes towards wolves.

This presentation examines two propositions: 1) 'people don't change attitudes formed in childhood and educational exposure only strengthens previously held biases' (Kellert, 1985, 1996), and 2) 'the way we keep pets reflects our stance towards the natural world' (Levinson, 1972). Additionally Serpell and Paul (1994) suggest that 'people's

perceptions of animals do change...and these changes can be encouraged through exposure to certain kinds of positive animal-oriented experiences.'

The first proposition is tested by exposing two separate groups of Michigan adults (college student in freshman science course, N=220, and a diverse group of adults, N=566) to photos of dogs just prior to administering a set of wolf attitude questions. Wolf attitude scores of photo-exposed respondents are then compared to a control group who answered the wolf attitude questions but saw no photos. A third treatment group viewed wolf photos then took the wolf attitude questions.

The second proposition is tested by asking a set of wolf attitude questions and then recording respondents' current pet ownership. Wolf attitude scores of the 'dog and cat', 'dog only', 'cat only', and 'no pets' groups are compared and trends examined.

Evidence supports Kellert's assertion of 'no change in attitude' if the pet treatment was simply an ephemeral exposure to dog photos. Additional evidence supports the 'Serpell/Levinson' proposition of 'possibility of change' in that there is a clear difference in wolf attitude scores between pet owners' and non-pet owners' wolf attitudes. There is a surprising result with current cat owners' wolf attitudes.

Short-term exposure treatments such as the photo treatment are not promising tools for affecting attitude changes. Our intimate and longer associations with pet dogs and cats does seem to hold greater promise as a method of affecting long-term attitude changes towards wild relatives of our pets.

Evidence from portions of this study could be used to promote different styles of appreciation for predators such as wolves: introduce children and adults to dogs and cats first during wolf advocacy programs, then stress similarities between species rather than differences.

COGNITIVE BEHAVIOR IN HUMANS' OLDEST WORKING COMPANION, ELEPHANTS

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Perhaps the longest enduring relationship between humans and animals in a working relationship, without the genetic aspects of domestication, is with Asian elephants. Hannibal dramatized the extent to which humans could partner with elephants in war. The close relationships are built on three attributes of elephants: their large size and concomitant strength; their manipulative trunk that approaches the functions of a hand; and their cognitive abilities conferred by a large brain with twice the associative, non-sensorimotor cerebral cortex as humans. That is, they have a higher absolute capacity for cognitive behavior than any other terrestrial species. Elephants have been taught a broad range of tasks beyond that of other animals, for stage performance, warfare, logging, and transport. A hallmark of cognitive ability in animals is in the use and manufacture of tools, which is well-known among chimpanzees and orangutans who use tools for obtaining energy rich food items such as termites and nuts. Investigators of animal cognition may raise a question, however, about the infrequent spontaneous display of cognitive ability by wild

elephants, especially the use of tools. In contrast to the use of tools by chimpanzees and orangutans while foraging for energy-rich foods, elephants, not being omnivores seeking energy-rich foods, spend most of the day foraging on low energy food where tool use would be of little value. Probably the most frequent and creative use of tools by elephants is in the use of branches as fly switches by wild Asian elephants. Captive elephants living under naturalistic conditions and possibly wild elephants modify or "manufacture" fly switches from available branches.

Forty Thousand and One Dalmatians: Booms and Busts in the Popularity of Dog Breeds

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Established in 1884, the American Kennel Club (AKC) is by far the largest registry of purebred dogs in the United States. The organization recognizes 150 breeds with a million new registrations each year. We obtained data from the AKC on the number of new registrations of each breed between 1946 and 2001. This large data set (n = 48,280,840) provides a window into fluctuations in preferences for breeds of dogs in American culture. While most breeds had relatively stable populations, some showed explosive "boom and bust" cycles. This pattern was most evident in 11 breeds (Afghan Hounds, Alaskan Malamutes, Boxers, Chow Chows, Dalmatians, Doberman Pincers, Norwegian Elk Hounds, Irish Setters, Old English Sheep Dogs, Rottweillers, and Saint Bernards). At the height of their booms, these breeds showed an average increase of 1,165% above their baseline population (range = 512% to 4,238%). These increases were typically followed by precipitous declines in which the breeds dropped, on average, to 18% of their population high point (range = 5% to 28%). The boom stages of these cycles lasted an average of 11.2 years and the declines 14.4 years. The causes of these dramatic fluctuations were sometimes apparent. For example, explosions in the number of Old English Sheep Dogs and Dalmatians closely followed the release of popular Disney movies featuring the breeds. In other cases, causes of booms were unclear. These findings are discussed in the contexts of several questions: (1) Is there a population size threshold ("tipping point") associated with large increases in breed popularity? (2) Are "busts" associated with increases in the frequency in which unwanted purebred animal are relinquished to animal shelters? (3) Are dog breeds "memes"?

Looking at Animals "from Bottom-Up": For an Historical Perspective of Agency

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This presentation will ask the audience to consider the active role that nonhuman animals have played in the shaping of history. We will explore this possibility of agency by reexamining and further elaborating on two modern historical events--the agricultural and industrial revolution, and the creation of the animal rights movement.

The first step will be to look at the role of animals in the creation of capitalist agriculture and industry--that is, their unwaged labor. For example, horses and oxen plowed the enclosed fields. Horses and oxen powered the machines (whether crushing sugar cane,

ginning cotton, or milling textiles). Cows, chickens, pigs, and cattle fed the new urban, industrial, and plantation centers (which themselves could not exist without the supplying of flesh, milk, and eggs). Horses and mules transported the goods (both people and products) via roads and canals. Horses and oxen skidded and teamed the timber from the forests. And Pit-ponies hauled the coal from the mines. Indeed, the agricultural and industrial revolution was, in so many ways, produced by the work of the above animals.

The second step will be to reexamine the creation of the modern animal rights movement. It is not a coincidence, I argue, that this movement burgeoned out of the urban centers during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries--for these temporal localities were areas where one could not avoid witnessing the rapidly accruing exploitation of other creatures. Here, animals were working in greater and greater numbers. Here, they were resisting these impositions--whether through violence (kicking, biting, charging) or nonviolence (escape, crying out, refusal to work). Here, they were criminalized, both physically and ideologically, for that resistance--for there would be no need for the whip or bridle and bit if horses obeyed. And it was these actions--laboring, resisting, and being punished for it--which created the growing concerns for their welfare. Indeed, it is, again, not a coincidence that the birth of the animal rights movement occurred at the same moment in history (the dawn of the nineteenth century) as the birth of the working class--for their formation is interrelated and interwoven. Animals are part of the working class.

THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF PET DOG CHOICES

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People have a variety of practical and psychological reasons for sharing their lives with pet dogs. Protection, companionship, status, power, physical form, and function are only a few of the reasons that people choose specific types of dogs. Unfortunately, a poorly considered choice can lead to unhappiness on the part of the owner and, possibly, rehoming or even death for the dog. For these reasons it is important to understand the psychological processes that underlie dog choice in pet owners.

In human social psychological literature there are two areas that can be applied to human/canine relationships. These are stereotypes and attraction. The causes, process, and consequences of stereotypical thinking will be discussed. This information will be applied to common beliefs about specific types/breeds of dogs. Theories about interpersonal attraction and the reasons for specific choices will also be considered. Literature on status, power, and physical attractiveness will be applied to pet dog choices.

Several informal cognitive models of dogs ownership (the assumptions on which people base their relationships with dogs) will be presented. The models include 'Lassie', 'baby', 'macho', and 'dominance'. Each model leads to a very different way of perceiving and interacting with pet dogs.

The role of unconscious choices, motivations, and decisions will also be considered. Pet owners are often completely unaware of the underlying psychological factors that influence their behavior and expectations regarding their dogs.

Pegasus Farm: A Stable Environment II

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This presentation will focus on the behavior of the horse in the special situation of therapeutic riding. Pegasus Farm is a therapeutic equestrian center for persons with disabilities, located in Hartville, Ohio. Horseback riding is a recognized form of therapy that makes the most of the axiom "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man". At Pegasus Farm there is a powerful and beneficial connection between horses and humans, a connection that goes beyond physiotherapeutic exercises. The horse becomes both a partner and companion, offering an extremely rewarding relationship to their special riders.

Human Explanatory Style for Companion Animal Behavior

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It has been estimated that each year in the United States, 8-10 million unwanted dogs and cats are either released as strays or given to animal shelters (HSUS, 2000). Other estimates (e.g., Moulton et al., 1991) place this number closer to 15 million animals. Salman et al. (1998) indicated that behavior problems were one of the most common reasons for relinquishing dogs to shelters and it is likely that this is also a reason behind releasing animals as strays. It seems logical that individuals who relinquish their pets because of behavior problems may interpret the behavior problem as one that cannot be remedied. The cause of behavior (attribution) is internal to the animal and expected to occur again. This type of attribution would imply a potentially difficult future with the animal.

The process of attribution in humans has received a great deal of attention from researchers (e.g., Seligman, et al., 1990; Wiener, 1995), however, less is known about the attributions people hold of animal behavior (Rajecki et al., 2000). The present study sought to examine the possibility that humans have an explanatory style with which they understand companion animal behavior. Following from the concept of explanatory style of human behavior (e. g., Seligman, et al., 1990), a questionnaire was developed to assess whether individuals generally view animal behavior as internally or externally caused, permanent or temporary and global or specific to a given situation.

One hundred twenty-three undergraduate students (83 females and 40 males) completed a questionnaire containing 24 scenarios. Twelve scenarios involved cat behavior (6 positive and 6 negative behaviors) and 12 addressed dog behavior (6 positive and 6 negative behaviors.

Preliminary analyses revealed Cronbach alpha of .83 for the attributional style questionnaire. Paired samples t-tests revealed that individuals rated positive dog behavior (compared to negative dog behavior) as internally caused ($t(122) = 4.20$, $p = .001$) and stable ($t(122) = 3.33$, $p = .001$), however negative cat behavior (compared to positive behavior) was rated as internally caused ($t(122) = -5.64$, $p = .001$). Comparison of negative cat and dog behavior indicated that persons perceived negative cat behavior (compared to negative dog behavior) as internally caused ($t(122) = -11.70$, $p = .001$) and stable ($t(122) = -4.32$, $p = .001$). Though the present findings are based on a convenience sample of college

students, the results are useful in exploring human attributional or explanatory style of companion animal behavior.

Canine Aggression to Owners: Is It Really Based on Dominance?

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Canine aggression to owners is the problem most commonly referred to behavior specialists. The traditional interpretation is that the dog is part of the family hierarchy and strives to assume the alpha position. Once it has reached a high social position and is challenged by an owner, the dog shows dominance aggression. This concept would predict that aggressive dogs are mature when the problem starts, mostly intact males, self-confident, dominant to other dogs, and show offensive body language when aggressive. However, the facts are inconsistent with a diagnosis of dominance.

Neutered males were most likely and intact females lest likely to. Over 50% of dogs started to exhibit aggression at less than 1 year, many at 2 months of age. Body language is ambivalent. Aggressive dogs are more fearful and excitable. They may act submissively to owners and other dogs in various situations.

Dominance is obviously not a valid diagnosis for these cases. The following alternative explanation is offered. Aggression may be shown early on as play aggression, fear aggression, or as an expression of conflict, and then be reinforced by avoidance-conditioning (person retreating).

The above concept challenges us to interpret the social relationship between dogs and owners in a more sophisticated way than as a dominance-submissiveness relationship. It points out the inappropriateness of domination techniques and any form of punishment for these cases. It points out the importance of considering the development of a behavioral problem and the disposition of an animal when making a diagnosis. It necessitates a new approach to treatment, and leads us away from the idea to dominate.

Treatment should address the dog's management, basic disposition (e.g., fearfulness) and the cause of conflict. The situations in which confrontations are likely should be avoided. The dog should be re-introduced to such situations only in the context of systematic desensitization and response substitution. Owners are instructed to avoid all casual interaction and only interact in a command-response=reward format. Obedience and especially clicker training is useful.

A head halter with a leash attached is placed on the dog, so that the owner can control all aggression-inducing situations in a non-confrontational, consistent way. No punishment, no choke chain, no scolding is to be used. Regular exercise will reduce excitability. Situations in which the dog still shows aggression are addressed by systematic desensitization and response-substitution.

Canis Lupus Cosmopolis

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The subject of wolf recovery in North America sparks heated controversy, pro and con. This paper explores how this subject is informed by cosmopolitan worldviews. These worldviews pull nature and culture into a common orbit of ethical meaning, with implications for the normative relationships that ought to pertain in landscapes shared by people and wolves. This theoretical outlook is illustrated using the controversy over wolves in the northeastern region of the United States. I conclude with a set of reflections on theorizing the cosmopolis, the interpretation of cosmopolitan landscapes, and living with cosmopolitan wolves.

From Pet to Domestic Animal: a Shared Odyssey

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In 1883, Francis Galton, a cousin of Charles Darwin, suggested that pet-keeping was a predecessor to the domestication of animals. This theory was discounted at the time, but recently, has received support from a number of zooarchaeologists. The ethnographic literature shows a wide variety of animals kept as pets by various hunting and gathering people around the world. But why do some of these animals become full-fledged domesticates while others remain wild, with the occasional tamed individual? Is pet-keeping, in fact, the key to domestication? Or is there another route from wild to domestic animal? The answer lies in prehistory – in the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods and is very much intertwined with the accompanying human transition from hunting and gathering to farming.

In examining this transition, from wild to tame to domestic animal, a number of factors must be considered. How significant is the social structure of the animals tamed or domesticated? Did some of these animals fulfill one or more functions which ancient peoples found useful? How significant were such functions to eventual domestication? How important was familiarity with a species? A number of early domestic animals, such as sheep, goats and cattle, originally had very specific and limited ranges. Yet this does not seem to have inhibited their spread into very different environments, eventually all over the world. Other early domesticates in the same circumstances, such as camels, yaks and water buffaloes, have never spread far from those original areas, except as curiosities. Why? Finally, having made the transition from tamed pet to domestic animal, why do some of these animals make the transition to domestic pet, while others do not?

This paper will seek to answer these questions using evidence from ethnography, archaeology and behavioral studies.

Blending interpretations of human-dog interaction in the herding paradigm

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Humans and dogs interact on multiple levels during the process of learning how to herd livestock. Two perspectives that can be used to understand how this social communication occurs are ethology and behavior analysis. Traditionally, the question of nature-nurture is addressed from one side of the equation only, but the herding paradigm offers us a unique opportunity from which to examine the boundaries of each. Here, the relations between "instinctive" and learned behaviors can be analyzed at the ontogenic level in naïve herding dogs. While some "innate" behaviors remain fixed, man and dog learn to work together by changing the behavioral elements of specific predatory motor patterns that are modifiable.

There is heuristic fodder in this discussion of how humans and dogs interact in the herding paradigm. Social elements of the relationship affect how quickly the dog progresses in training, and indeed the emotional experiences of both the owner and dog in the process. Voice modulation of the human, personalities of both the dog and owner, and encouragement for both dog and owner by the trainer can all impact learning how to herd sheep. Implications for other human-dog situations can certainly be made.

A presentation of this blended interpretation of ethology and behavior analysis was well received at the 5th meeting of the Maryland Association for Behavior Analysis in November 2002. It would seem that ISAZ is not the only organization that is ready and eager to consider a more inclusive interpretation of behavior. At the 9th Annual Conference of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers in September 2002 national best selling author, Jean Donaldson made a call for more research in the area of human-dog interaction. The applied field of dog training is actively seeking a scientific basis for guidance in developing a comprehensive, well founded training protocol as an industry standard towards nationally recognized certification for dog trainers.

To this end, a study is currently underway to test whether dogs respond in a social seeking or distancing manner to six human postures. This next step of research grew out of the herding work and observations that human physical movement seems to evoke reliable responding in dogs.

Developing and Implementing an AAA/AAT Program in a Pediatric Hospital

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Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio has been conducting a visiting animal program (dogs and a pony) in their facility called the Doggie Brigade since 1990. After almost a year of discussions of concerns, the first teams were screened and permitted to visit in 1991. The program started out with eight teams who visited on one floor on one day each week. Dogs and handlers were conducting animal assisted activity programs with the few patients they were permitted to see. After 6 months, another unit was opened to the program. Slowly, the entire facility, with few exceptions, was allowing Doggie Brigade team to enter.

Today, the program is hospital wide. Teams, now numbering over 60, visit 7 days a week. They are permitted access to the general population, but also the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the Oncology floor, the Burn Unit, and Emergency. Physical therapy utilizes the teams as a modality for treatment every Tuesday and Thursday. Hospital staff members are constantly coming up with new ideas on how to get the dogs to benefit the patients and the

hospital.

To date 12 local hospitals have developed similar programs modeled after this successful and award winning endeavor. This presentation will cover the history of the program from inception in 1990 to implementation in 2003 highlighting its successes and adjustments made to better the interactions between humans and animals.

Saving Ryan's Privates: An overview of the pertinent bond, physiological and behavioral factors that contribute to companion animal neutering

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Within the United States, the relationship between responsible pet ownership and neutering one's dog or cat is so firmly entrenched in pet-owner ideology that most people automatically assume that the reasons underlying this connection are medically and behaviorally as well as ethically sound. However, a review of the literature suggests that any such justification for pet canine and feline sterilization came after the fact and is sometimes tenuous at best.
If population control truly was the driving force behind the practice, why did the wide-scale surgical sterilization of female dogs and cats precede that of males by several decades? And why were veterinarians routinely taught to spay females before they came into heat but to delay castrating males until after they were sexually mature?

To answer these questions, the presentation opens with a brief discussion of the history of castration and ovariohysterectomy in both humans and food animals, and this information is then compared and contrasted to that related to pet dogs and cats. Doing so raises the possibility that the choice of companion animal veterinary practice to align itself with human rather than food animal medicine (and the willingness of the public to accept this alignment) lies at the heart of the more emotion-less science-driven approach to neutering. The presentation closes with a brief exploration of the health and behavioral effects of gonadectomy. Although gonadectomy may prevent certain medical problems, given the recent surge in studies on the nonreproductive effects of reproductive hormones, touting the health benefits of gonadectomy may become increasing more difficult to do in the future. In the behavioral realm, once again the traditional justification given for the surgery doesn't jive with the timing of the surgery and scientific fact, or with what those working with dogs and cats displaying behavior problems see every day.

Obviously an entire meeting could be devoted to all the medical, behavioral, ethical, psychological, sociological, political, historical, and other aspects of companion animal neutering. The purpose of this presentation is simply to nudge this foundation of responsible American pet ownership and see if it's worthy of that position.

When the Pet Becomes Parent to the Human: The behavioral and bond ramifications of on-going domestication in companion animals and humans

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For more than five decades, Russian scientists have been studying the effects of domestication in animals and these studies have demonstrated two concepts of value to those interested in domestic animal behavior and/or the human-domestic animal bond. The first is that domestication results in a physiologically and behaviorally immature animal when compared to its wild predecessors. The second is that animals evolve as a mind-body unit; one cannot change physiology without changing behavior any more than one can change behavior without changing physiology. Although we members of the human species have a way of viewing ourselves as "above" animal behavior and equating our own greater domesticity with greater maturity, logic and our willingness to accept the results of animal studies in the strictly physiological arena and the forays evolutionary psychologists are making into the human behavioral realm argue against this. If we accept that our greater domesticity actually makes us more physiologically and behaviorally immature than those animals over whom we claim superiority, this opens the door to new understanding of previously troubling companion animal health and behavior as well as human-companion animal bond problems.

Could, for example, co-evolving human and companion animal behavioral immaturity explain the increasingly intimate relationship we have with our pets? Obviously, if human and companion animal needs complement each other, no problems arise. But what happens to the companion animals whose care-givers may be more physiologically and behaviorally needy and dependent than the animals themselves? Using canine aggression as a model, this presentation explores how the dog's inbred immaturity and need for a stable pack may combine with the human desire for a protector to result in serious consequences for the animal's health, behavior, and the human-animal bond.

Why (and how) do we talk to dogs? Baby talk in human-dog play interactions

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Many people talk to dogs, even though they know that dogs do not understand much of what they say. The same is true of people's talk to very young human infants ("baby talk"), but this speech is often explained as having the function of teaching infants language, a function which talk to dogs clearly does not have. To explore similarities and differences between talk to infants and dogs, I analyzed talk by 23 people to their own and another's dog while playing with them, using methods employed to analyze talk to infants. I then compared this talk to dogs with talk to infants (from previous studies), to determine if these forms of talk are indeed strikingly similar, to detect any differences between these forms of talk (which might support a teaching function distinct to baby talk), and to evaluate the significance of these similarities and dissimilarities in relation to the functions of talk to dogs and infants. I examined talk to dogs for prosodic, lexical, complexity, redundancy and content features of baby talk, compared men's and women's talk to dogs, and examined evidence in both forms of talk (to infants and to dogs) for various hypotheses concerning functions of baby talk.

Talk to dogs and talk to infants share prosodic features (e.g. high pitch, whispering, extended word duration), lexical features (e.g.frequent attention-getting devices, distinctive words), complexity features (e.g. low MLU, many grammatically acceptable utterances,

many one-word utterances), redundancy features (e.g., high repetition), and content features (e.g., mostly present tense verbs, mostly about action, infrequently about mental states). But talk to young infants has a higher MLU; more phatics, questions, declaratives, and deictic utterances; and fewer exact repetitions and imperatives than talk to dogs. Although there are several differences in baby talk by fathers and mothers, there were few sex differences in the talk to dogs during play.

My examination of similarities and differences between talk to infants and dogs suggests that baby talk serves multiple functions. Four of these functions are common to both forms of talk (to dogs and to infants). One common function is to control the addressee's attention, interest, and/or behavior in relation to an item or activity for several seconds. A second is to communicate with an inattentive addressee with limited understanding. A third function is to indicate friendliness and affection, accomplished almost exclusively by prosodic means (high-pitched speech, whispering, and "slow" extended words). A fourth function is maintaining the pretense that the addressee is a conversant, even though he or she is not. The function of tutoring was found only in talk to infants, and was expressed through deictic utterances and imitation of the infant's sounds, both of which are exceedingly rare in talk to dogs.

Dairy Herd Expansion and the Stockperson-Animal Relationship

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Public interest in the impact that farming systems have on the welfare of animals continues to increase as the intensification of animal agriculture becomes more ubiquitous. One area of concern is the amount of individualized attention and opportunity for positive human-animal interaction that is available to animals as farms increase in size and mechanization. It is widely recognized that positive human-animal interactions help to reduce the fear response of animals while strengthening the human-animal bond, thus enhancing animal welfare. Over the past decade, the dairy industry has undergone significant restructuring as producers pursue herd expansion opportunities in order to realize economies of scale and to adopt emerging technologies. The aim of this study was to explore the nature of the stockperson-dairy cow relationship. In addition, dairy producers' perceptions concerning the impact of herd expansion on stockperson-animal interactions were characterized.

Ethnographic content analysis was used to record specific information concerning the nature of stockperson-animal relationships and the impact of herd expansion. Archival data from producer interviews, public forums and postings to Internet discussion groups concerning dairy herd expansion were analyzed to develop this qualitative characterization. An a priori coding scheme was employed as producer responses were analyzed for the occurrence of words or phrases. Responses were subsequently classified into one of three common types of stockperson-animal relationships -- ownership, partnership or stewardship. More than 80% of recorded responses were categorized under partnership or stewardship. Human interaction was cited as important to the welfare of a dairy cow. Concern for "cow comfort" surfaced as a recurring theme and was often cited as an important provision that the stockperson contributes to their cattle. In this sense, the relationship was characterized by a sense of stewardship. At the same time, producers were very cognizant of the link between cow comfort and milk yield, suggesting interdependency or a partnership between the cow and producer. Responses classified under ownership

primarily consisted of references to animals as capital or as resources that were to be maintained. However, the evidence suggests that the stockperson-dairy cow relationship contains elements that are consistent with all three types of human-animal relationship and herd expansion did not appear to alter this.

Assistance Dog Placement in the Pediatric Population: Benefits, Risks, and Recommendations for Future Application

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Assistance animals have long been recognized for their value in enhancing the lives of disabled adults by increasing the physical independence, confidence, and social lives of their handlers. Recently this concept has been applied to the growing population of physically disabled and developmentally impaired children, though the benefits and risks of these placements have not been thoroughly assessed. Our study used interviews to evaluate the outcome of placing assistance dogs in the pediatric population, looking specifically at the unique advantages and disadvantages of this new application of the human-animal bond.

We administered a structured interview assessing risks and benefits of assistance dog relationships to 17 families with a child under 18 years who graduated from a single provider over a five year time period. Benefits were found in 88% of families, and were overwhelmingly social and cognitive, with additional physical and medical benefits for the pediatric client. Other family members also reported benefits from the presence of the assistance dog in the home. However, risks, including behavioral, financial, and time-cost issues were significant, becoming a burden in 53% of families. Perhaps more than with disabled adult placements, we found that it was of prime importance to understand the assistance animal in the context of the family, rather than in relation to the disabled individual alone. Though most families reported positively on their experience with the assistance dog, children's and families' complex and changing needs should be kept in the forefront of deciding whether to acquire an assistance animal. It is hoped that results of this and future studies will enhance the welfare of both client and assistance animal, as well as the overall success of this unique human-animal relationship.

Perceptual and acoustic comparison of domestic cat (Felis catus) and African Wild Cat (Felis silvestris lybica) vocalizations: evidence of adaptation?

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As part of an ongoing program of research on possible anthropogenic selection effects on the meow cry in domestic felids, vocalizations by domestic cats (Felis catus) were compared with context-matched cries by their likely ancestor, the African wild cat (Felis silvestris lybica). Recordings of the former were obtained in their home environments; the Wild Cats were observed and recorded at the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria, South

Africa. Comparisons included analysis of basic acoustic characteristics and perceptual experiments with human listeners. The latter gathered data on human judgements about the meows, including listener ratings of the pleasantness and urgency of calls by the two species. Both the acoustic and perceptual comparisons revealed clear differences between domestic and wild cat vocalizations: among other contrasting features, the domestic cat meows were significantly shorter in mean duration than the wild cat meows, showed more spectral continuity, and exhibited a higher mean fundamental frequency. Human listeners at all levels of experience/affinity for cats rated domestic cat meows far more pleasant but less urgent-sounding than context-matched wild cat vocalizations. Based on these results, it is argued that human perceptual biases have applied selective pressure on cats since domestication, leading to vocalizations that have more "ear-appeal" for humans

Why it is okay to talk to your dog

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Darwinian principles of evolution by natural selection apply to complexes of species as well to individual species, so long as no species in the complex is disadvantaged. Dogs and people are arguably one such complex; they are extended phenotypes of each other.
Bipedalism was a survival trait of hominids: in the emerging savannas they could see better, carry things such as food and weapons, and apply their forefeet to making and using tools. The rotation of the head of evolving hominid bipeds was physically necessary if the centre of gravity of the head was to align better with an increasingly upright spinal column. Some hominids such as the Neanderthal survived without this change and retained a muzzle and heavy neck muscles in a what, with hindsight, now seems an overly conservative form of evolution. In some hominid variants, however, rotation of the head and a routinely upright stance resulted in a "falling" of the face, better stereoscopic vision and enhancement of the "voice box" as the larynx, suspended by the hyoid bone, pointed upward and backwards into the pharynx to form a resonating space. Falling of the face led to impaction of the teeth and shortening of the tongue into a blunt piston. This combination is ideal for creating the components of spoken words. However the capacity for smell in the evolving flat human face was compromised because turbinate bones and the area of nasal mucosa became reduced. Capacity for smell is an important survival trait and its loss would seem to be a lethal affliction for variants with fallen faces. But, if the capacity for smell was being provided by another animal in the complex, afflicted human variants would be protected and could survive to reproduce in a process leading to an even more important survival trait for human beings, the capacity for speech.
Hominids are characterised by an increasingly high brain to body weight ratio. They had the capacity to organise for survival. Those with a developing capacity for speech, the human variants, could organise better, eventually creating a novel ecological niche: the human home base. Human variants continued to evolve in these bases and so too did other species, especially a canid variant which became the dog. The superb sensory powers of the canids benefited developing human variants within that base. Humans survived and continued to be naturally selected for improving capacity for speech. This in turn led to home bases that were organised better. Those canine variants which best fitted in to those bases were naturally selected for survival and reproduction. The characteristics of the dog evolved until it became differentiated from its ancestors. The human-dog complex has proved robust.
This paper refers to circumstantial evidence from evolutionary theory, palaeontology and

molecular biology for the assertions above and points to the evolutionary success of the human being and the dog vis-à -vis their forebears. It is human nature to associate with dogs and vice versa. Speech is our ultimate tool for survival and was possible only because we associated with the dog. That is why it is okay to talk to your dog.

We landed on the Moon, mosquitoes didn't: qualitative data on animal experimentation

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This poster presents the methods and the results of some exploratory socio-psychological studies conducted in Italy and Finland, concerning the animal activists' representations of the non-human animals. The chosen approach is the socio-constructivist one. Among the different theories which systematically study the humans' interaction with their social environment, the theory of social representations focuses on collective forms of thought and belief and on communications produced under the constrain of society. Social representation is "a set of concepts, statements and explanations originating in daily life in the course of inter-individual communication". Serge Moscovici (1981) argues that in social representations we discern not only "opinions about", "images of", or "attitudes towards", but "theories", "sciences sui generis", devoted to the discovery of reality and its order.
Using a qualitative approach, the first study investigates people's representations and attitudes toward animal use in scientific research. Primarily in medical and psychological scientific research, animals have been considered for a long time as models for human physiology, and animal testing has played a crucial role in the development of modern medical treatments. Among the factors correlated to the attitudes toward animals, it has been found the gender, with women significantly more concerned with animal well-beings and less favouring animal experimentation than men (see Gallup & Beckstead, 1988; Pifer, Shimizu & Pifer, 1994; Plous, 1996; Pifer, 1996 among others). According to M.O.R.I. survey (1999), the most important factors affecting people positions on animal experimentation are 1) the high potential benefits of the research (e.g. to save lives), 2) the low level of invasiveness entailed by the experiment, 3) The animal species involved dissimilarity to humans (e.g. rodents). Opinion polls have shown that while Europeans seem generally opposing research on animals (Pifer, Shimizu & Pifer, 1994), most Americans support the need for animals in scientific research (Gallup Poll, 2002; General Social Survey, 2000).
Few investigations have been devoted to the qualitative study of social representation of animal experimentation. Studying the way people construe their arguments about animal experimentation during everyday conversations, can lead to a better understanding of the similarities and differences between the attitudes of animal experimentation advocates and detractors. Assuming that the way supporters and detractors conceive animal experimentation significantly affects their social behaviours, this study examines how such categories of people socially understand and represent the phenomenon of animal experimentation.
On such premises, two focus groups, in Italy and in Finland, were organised. They were composed by prospective doctors, laypeople and animal right activists. The qualitative methodology of focus group, based on interaction among participants, leads them to explore their own and others' opinion regarding the current issues, i.e. animal experimentation. The relevant European legislation has been investigated as well. Comparative findings seem to

highlight similar social representations and attitudes between the Italian and the Finnish sample. In particular 1) prospective doctors are faithful to science and favour animal experimentation; 2) laypeople share an emphatic attitude towards animal suffering; and 3) animal right activists, obviously, oppose animal experimentation, and seem to be more informed about alternatives methods.
The second study focuses in particular on the animal activists' representations of non-human animals in Italy. Digard's (1992) definition of domesticated and wild animals is discussed. Focus group interviews have been conducted in the city of Bologna, in the north of Italy. An interesting data may be the fact that the considered area produces up to the 16% of the Italian meat annual production, being this area the major Italian producer (source: ISMEA, 1999). The feelings of empathy towards non-humans animals have been investigated by means of a translated and validated version of the Paul's empathy scale (2000).

Pegasus Farm: A Stable Environment I

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Pegasus Farm is a therapeutic equestrian center for persons with disabilities, located in Hartville, Ohio. Horseback riding is a recognized form of therapy that makes the most of the axiom "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man". At Pegasus Farm there is a powerful and beneficial connection between horses and humans, a connection that goes beyond physiotherapeutic exercises. The horse becomes both a partner and companion, offering an extremely rewarding relationship to their special riders. This presentation will provide an overview of this special relationship

Persistent Myths Regarding Immunosuppression and Safe Pet Ownership

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Interventions that promote the physical and mental health benefits of pet companionship must be tempered with facts--both pro and con. Despite comprehensive educational efforts by HIV/AIDS-support groups, many well-meaning friends, physicians, and other health care providers still insist that people with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) get rid of their pets. Others, including cancer patients, diabetics, transplant recipients, infants, pregnant women, the elderly, and people on immunosuppressive medications, encounter similar advice. By contrast, some listen to only part of the messages regarding safe pet interactions and fail to follow guidelines to prevent the transfer of zoonotic diseases from animals to immunosuppressed people.

Educational programs such as the one at the Center for the Study of Human-Animal Interdependent Relationships at Tuskegee University's School of Veterinary Medicine continue to encounter misinformation that threatens the social lives of animals and people. Examples of myths that persist are:
1) MYTH: Animals living with people infected with HIV carry the virus to other people. FACT: No scientific evidence suggests that animals other than non-human primates can get AIDS or give AIDS to people.

2) MYTH: The medical community over-reacted--animals do not transmit diseases to people. FACT: Over 200 diseases are said to be zoonotic, i.e. shared by people and animals.
3) MYTH: Feline AIDS can infect people. FACT: Cats do not get or give AIDS. The Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is not the same as HIV and cannot infect people. This unfortunate misnomer has cost many cats their homes and their lives.
4) MYTH: Animal caretakers should be fired if they are infected with HIV. FACT: The Americans with Disability Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination in the work place due to HIV/AIDS.
5) MYTH: Pregnant women will get toxoplasmosis from their cats. FACT: Transmission is highly preventable. Cats may shed the toxoplasma organism in their feces two weeks during their entire life. Only if their egg-laden feces sits 24-48 hours before being ingested can toxoplasmosis infect people.

These and other important points about zoonotic diseases, safe pet ownership, health care teams, laws against discrimination, and universal precautions will be presented in this lecture to encourage mutually beneficial relationship between animals and people. By examining persistent beliefs and fears, advocates of human-animal interactions will be better able to safeguard the welfare of animals and the people with whom they live.

A Walk in the Park: An Ethnographic Account of an Interspecies Social Community

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This paper interprets the research I am conducting in a yearlong enthnography of residents who bring their dogs to a neighborhood park in Evanston, Illinois, a northern suburb of Chicago. Each morning and early evening, Baker Park is overrun with people and their dogs running on the baseball diamond, alongside the basketball court and even onto the playgrounds. The small park does not contain a designated dog area, and people are frequently warned and occasionally fined by patrolling authorities who find them with dogs off-leash. This does not deter the folks who live in the nearby ouses and condos from meeting at the park and turning their dogs loose to play, because social time has become an essential part of the day for the neighbors and their dogs. As a participant-observer, I have joined the group with my own two dogs in an effort to discover how a community of people has formed around their pets. In my research, I have noted what the park-goers talk about regarding their dogs and other issues, and I have observed how they interact with one another, their own dogs, and neighbors' dogs.

There is a tradition of dogs being depicted in televisions and film as nurturing relationships between people. Both fictive and real narratives often convey that people learning to care for pets find connecting with other people easier and more rewarding. Taking dogs to Baker Park each day provides as much of a social outlet for many of the neighborhood residents as it does for the dogs. Humans have much to learn from animals about the processes of socialization and this paper explores how one group of people are educating themselves. This paper details how human-animal relationships can enhance human-human encounters and how humans and dogs together may form a social community.

Predicting Justified Punishments for Animal Cruelty and Neglect

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Research has examined ratings of justified punishments for many types of crimes, including robbery, rape, and murder. However, little experimental research has examined beliefs about how crimes against animals should be punished. The present experiment tested whether justified punishment is a function of several variables: Sex of person assigning punishment, Sex of Perpetrator of the Crime, Whether the Crime Involved Abuse or Neglect, Type of Animal in the Crime, and Whether the Animal Lived Through the Incident.

Four hundred forty four undergraduates (117 Males, 327 Females) read one of 16 scenarios describing a crime against an animal, and were asked to make acceptance ratings of possible punishments and restrictions, including: no punishment, counseling, community service, payment of a fine, jail time, inability to adopt an animal in the future, inability to work with children, and inability to work with the elderly. Ratings were made on seven point scales indicating agreement or disagreement.

The five punishment questions were added together to obtain a composite variable, and the three restriction questions were analyzed individually. A 2(Sex of Participant) x 2(Sex of Perpetrator) x 2(Animal Type: Chicken or Puppy) x 2(Crime Type) x 2(Outcome of Crime) ANOVA was conducted for each dependent variable. The composite punishment analysis yielded main effects for Animal Type and Sex of Participant. Ratings were higher for female participants, and for the puppy scenario. The variables perpetrator sex, crime type, and crime outcome were predictive only in conjunction with other variables. The adoption question yielded the same pattern of results, with females and those viewing the puppy scenario more likely to restrict future animal adoptions. For working with children, there was a main effect for Animal, and again, restrictions were higher for the puppy scenario. For the access to the elderly question, there only was a main effect for participant sex, with females more likely to restrict access.

These data suggest that when making decisions regarding the punishment of crimes against animals, two variables emerge as most predictive. Females endorse greater punishment than males, and punishments tend to be stiffer when a crime was committed against a companion animal rather than a farm animal or animal that is regularly consumed for food. Sex of perpetrator, Type of Crime, and Crime Outcome are moderating variables that come into play in conjunction with other information. Participants also endorsed limiting access to future animals, but were less likely to endorse restriction of access to other vulnerable populations, suggesting that for many, the link between animal cruelty and human abuse is not sufficiently strong.

Wild Places, Friendly Faces: American Perceptions of Human-Wild Dolphin Interactions

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Today, opportunities for humans to interact with dolphins continue to increase as captive dolphin facilities offer greater numbers of 'swim-with-dolphins' programs, dolphin-assisted

therapy gains in popularity and as growing commercial interests transport groups of people by boat out to the open waters to swim with wild dolphins. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has suggested that increased human interactions with wild dolphins may risk harm to both people and dolphins. As such, NMFS developed marine mammal "viewing guidelines" and initiated a nationwide education and outreach program that includes the currently active "Protect Dolphins" campaign that challenges thousands of years of myths and legends involving human-dolphin bonds, including the extremely popular (and lucrative) contemporary stories of a bottlenose dolphin named Flipper.

The NMFS campaign is founded on the assumption that the public must be "educated" about wild dolphins; that is, that people must change their understanding of dolphins from smiling, fun-loving, compassionate friends of the sea to unpredictable, wild, potentially dangerous animals. Does everyone want to swim with wild dolphins? Do people today generally think of dolphins as wild or dangerous? Or do people think they should be allowed to feed wild dolphins just as they could feed a duck at the park? The current research is aimed at uncovering contemporary attitudes and opinions regarding human-wild dolphin interactions. Given the undeniable popularity of dolphins, the growing swim-with-wild-dolphins industry, and the recently proposed amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the time to understand public perceptions of human-dolphin interactions is long overdue.

Program Assessment: St. Francis Of Assisi Service Dog Foundation Prison Pup Project

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The purpose of this study was to investigate the emotional and behavioral effects of the Prison PUP (Puppies Uniting People) program on participating inmates at a prison in southwest Virginia, USA. Though similar programs have been in operation since 1981 and are currently functioning across the nation, only two studies have investigated the impact of such programs on the inmates involved. One of these studies (Walsh & Mertin, 1995) was conducted in a women's prison, and the other was conducted in a men's prison but never published (Kleinberg, 2000). The Saint Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, Inc. (SFOA) of Roanoke, Virginia, USA functions to assist people with one or more physical and/or emotional disabilities so that they may become more independent and self-sufficient through partnership with service dogs. SFOA seeks to increase the number of puppy raisers and, therefore, trained service dogs through the Prison PUP program. The program offers an opportunity for minimum-security prison inmates to become puppy raisers, giving of themselves to help others.

Based on the reports of the St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation, programs of this nature have an enormously positive impact on the individuals with disabilities who ultimately receive these service dogs. This organization has estimated that over the eight-year working life of a service dog, approximately $60,000 is saved per individual through a 68% reduction in assistance hours required. Further, while the Foundation experiences a 50% success rate with traditionally raised puppies, prison-raised dogs have been found to have a 75% success rate. Thus, from the perspective of individuals with disabilities receiving service dogs and those who fund such programs, Prison PUP has been a tremendous success. The next step is to assess whether the prisoners involved benefit from

the program. If the emotional and behavioral functioning of the inmates is improved by participation in the project evaluated here, this could provide the foundation for expansion into larger samples. Further, it could stimulate further investigation of the use of animals in rehabilitative efforts with prisoners who seem most likely to benefit from such interventions. While any findings from this study must be interpreted with caution because of the low sample size, the qualitative design allows the opportunity to uncover important issues and questions which could be fruitfully investigated in future research.

The Role of Handler Personality Traits in the Performance of Canine Explosives Detection Teams.

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The terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 have awakened a need for greater national security, particularly concerning the detection of explosive devices. The use of canine teams for bomb detection may play a critical role in disaster prevention for police departments and airports around the country. It is essential that both the canine and handler components of these teams operate effectively as a unit, yet there is an identified need for improvement in this area among today's working teams. Currently, many agencies assign dogs to their handlers according to such criteria as seniority or rank. However, it is possible that the performance of canine teams could be enhanced if handler-to-dog matching and selection were based more on elements of human-animal companionship. Personality compatibility between the two members of a canine detection team may fine-tune important aspects of a search mission, such as the dog's understanding of commands and the handler's ability to interpret the subtle behavioral changes of his partner.

The objective of this study was to observe in an exploratory fashion whether any patterns may occur between elements of handler personality and canine performance in detection of explosives. Such information may provide a direction for further, larger-scale studies with the goal of optimizing the selection of handlers for canine explosives detection teams. This experiment involved assessing personality traits of four canine-detection team handlers using the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and the Eysenck Personality Inventory. The performance of the dogs assigned to these handlers was evaluated in previously collected data, and was analyzed with respect to the personality test results. In addition to the notable observations regarding introversion and judging, this study revealed several questions that must be addressed. The potential value of further information of this type indicates that future, large-scale studies on the subject of explosives detection canine-handler compatibility would be extremely worthwhile.

A pioneering perspective

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An odyssey of an animal behaviorist through the tangle of relationships between companion animals (domestic dogs and cats) and humans. A view of the field from the perspective of the animals and the

people in the trenches. A look at the development of the field and pockets of stagnation.

Topics to be discussed include examining the link between animal and people abuse, the concept in California of people as "Guardians" instead of "owners", how animal welfare and rights have improved, public housing and pets, the development in veterinary schools and local communities of "hot-lines" re grief counseling, the still glaring lack of adequate attention being paid to the study of animal behavior and the animal's side of the human-animal bond (e.g. most progress for animals has been made because of the person's welfare related to the animal, for example, Vet schools and large vet facilities have tended to support hot lines and social worker positions before and instead of animal behavior positions).

Temple Grandin's Sentient Animal Look and the Politics of Visual Engagement

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Over twenty years ago John Berger called attention to the function of the animal look in the zoo, in his celebrated essay 'Why Look At Animals'. Numerous subsequent writers have examined the visual culture of the zoo and its progeny but the animal look has gone largely unexplored. However, in the late twentieth century US the bovine appeared in popular culture as the basis for a celebrated set of claims about human-animal empathy. Author and animal scientist Temple Grandin professes a unique visual identification with cattle, which she attributes to her autism. Based on her capacity for visual identification, Grandin claims special insight into the lives of animals. She describes cattle as subjects who exercise an environmentally engaged, sentient, look, a description that seems to directly challenge their hegemonic construction as instrumentalized bodies. This insistence on subjectivity has been widely received as a progressive breakthrough in the representation of animals. Grandin's empathy is also represented as the motivation her professional work: the design of 'humane' meatpacking plants.
What are we to make of a narrative that so forcefully reinstates animals' visual engagement with the world? Grandin's designs are certainly popularly represented as compassionate interventions, motivated by a profound care for animals. Is Grandin 'looking out' or 'watching out' for animals, as popular culture insists, and is it this altruistic concern that accounts for her sustained popularity? In my paper I will explore the implications of Grandin's account of cattle's visual engagement with the world. I will suggest that this insistence on a distinctly visual sentience is not as inherently progressive as it might first appear. Behavior that is environmentally contingent is inherently malleable. Grandin's production technologies exploit this facility, policing the space of the meatpacking plant in order to render cattle more compliant with the demands of industrialized slaughter. Descriptions of these technologies, notably Grandin's celebrated 'stairway to heaven', typically obfuscate their coercive effects and represent cattle as voluntarily compliant with the inimical demands of production. Such depictions have extremely important implications for the cultural construction of cattle, and non-human animals in general. Killing is powerfully adiaphorized, in direct opposition to the compassion that Grandin ostensibly advocates. The recognition of animal sentience is certainly a crucial step in the improved treatment of animals, but, as Grandin's work demonstrates, its value is not completely unequivocal.

Whistling with the weaverbirds: representations of human-animal relationships in post-1994 South African narratives

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Before the first democratic elections in 1994, the primary foci of South African writing were the multiplicitous effects of the racialised political dispensation. With transformation, however, new subject matter has been emerging. Biography and memoir have been engaging with issues of memory, satires have been exploring novel aspects of humour. What interests me here, however, is the way a number of writers are now able to turn their attention to postcolonial relationships between human and non-human animals, positing some continuum between them. Perhaps for the first time in South African literary writing, non-human animals are subjects capable, within heterarchal relationships, of complex interactions with humans.

In The Heart of Redness, for example, Zakes Mda represents close relationships between the amaXhosa and animals both 'wild' and 'tame.' In Disgrace and Triomf JM Coetzee and Marlene van Niekerk respectively depict relationships between humans and dogs as ontologically central for the former. In The Madonna of Excelsior Mda has the central human characters' traumas healed by keeping bees in the township.

This paper will consider these postcolonial relationships which raise metaphysical and spiritual questions and which make profound ecological statements about the dualisms of racism, speciesism and their reticulations.

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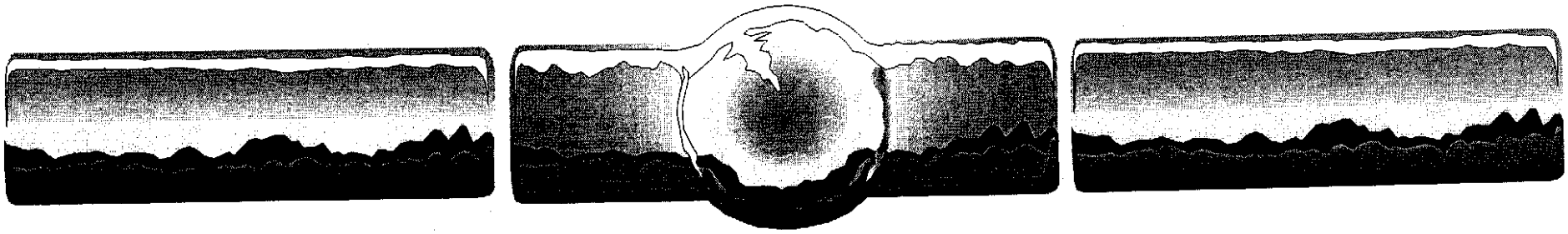

Golden Gate National Recreation Area: Public Opinion Research Telephone Survey & Public Comment Analysis

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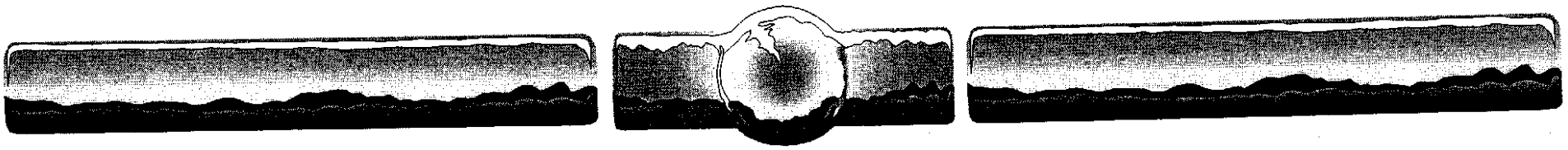
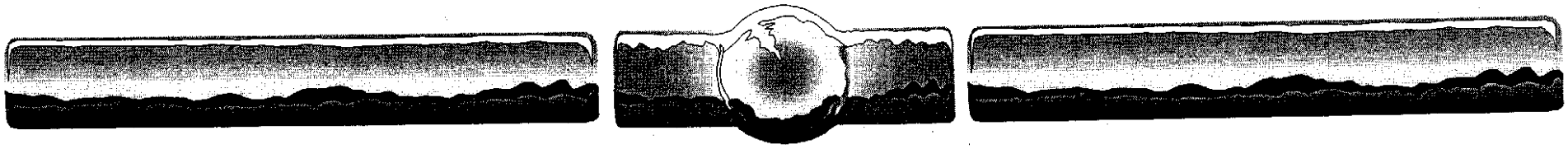
Briefing Overview

- Discuss project background.
- Review findings from public opinion research telephone survey.
- Review findings from public comment analysis.
- Discuss integration of data.



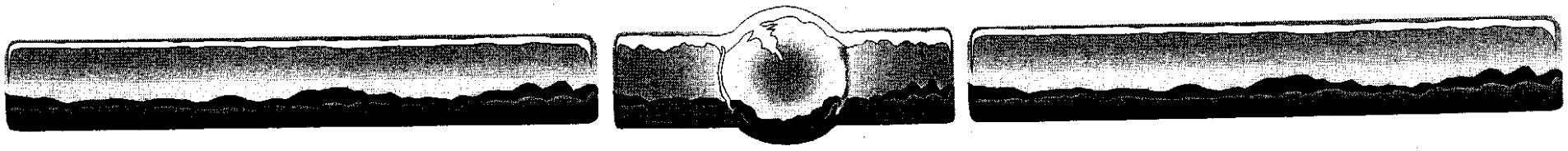
Study Purpose

- The National Park Service sought public comment regarding pet management issues in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area through an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR).
- The ANPR was published in the Federal Register on January 11, 2002. Public comment was received for 91 days, until April 12, 2002.
- Study designed to determine whether the public supports a revision to GGNRA's current pet management regulations regarding dogs in the park.



Comparison of Two Studies

- Phone survey is conducted with a representative sample of the population, while public comment analysis is conducted with self-selected sample.
- Phone survey provides more breadth of understanding, while public comment analysis provides depth of understanding within specific areas of inquiry.



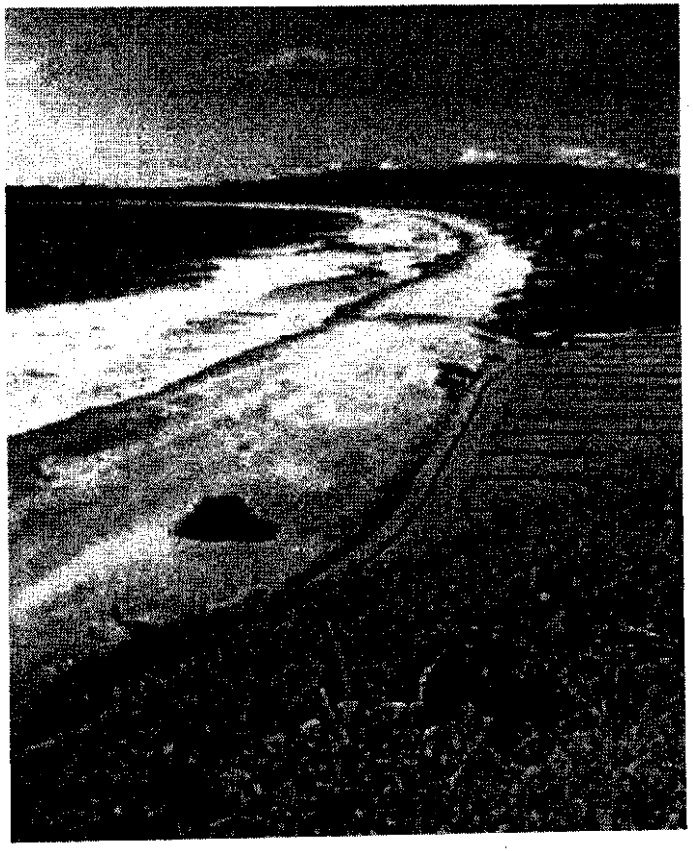
Telephone Survey Research Methodology

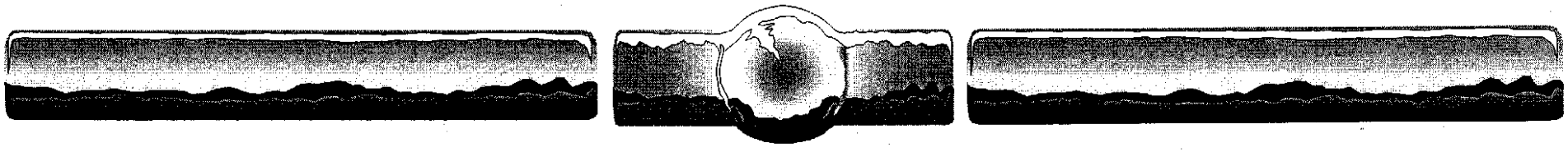
- Random telephone survey of 4 county region:
  - Alameda
  - Marin
  - San Francisco
  - San Mateo
- 400 adult residents surveyed from each county.
- 4-county region results are valid at +/- 2.5% MOE.
- Specific county results are valid at +/- 5.0% MOE.

Park Sites Visitation

- Virtually all respondents (96%) have visited at least one GGNRA site in their lifetime.

- Three-quarters of respondents (74%) have visited at least one GGNRA site within the last year.



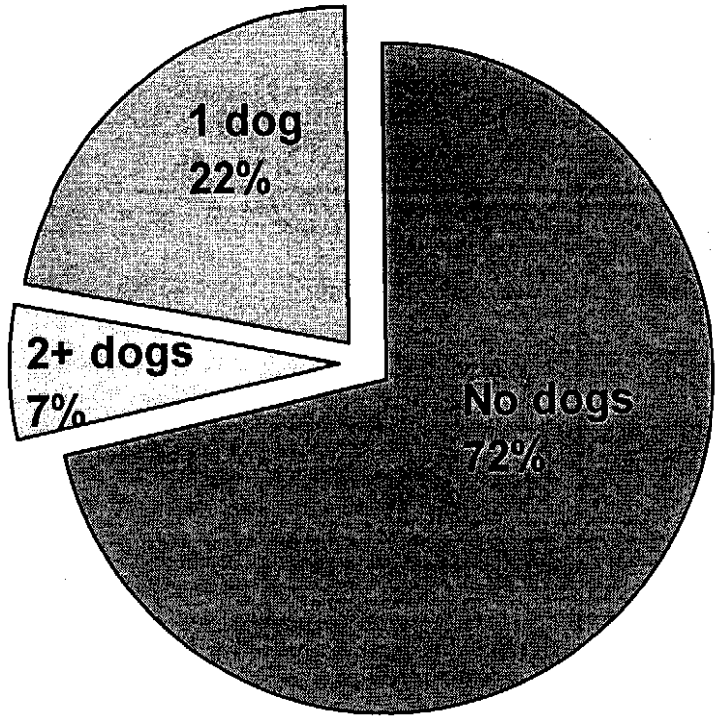


Park Sites Visitation

- Most popular sites overall: Cliff House, Alcatraz, Muir Woods, Stinson Beach, Baker Beach.

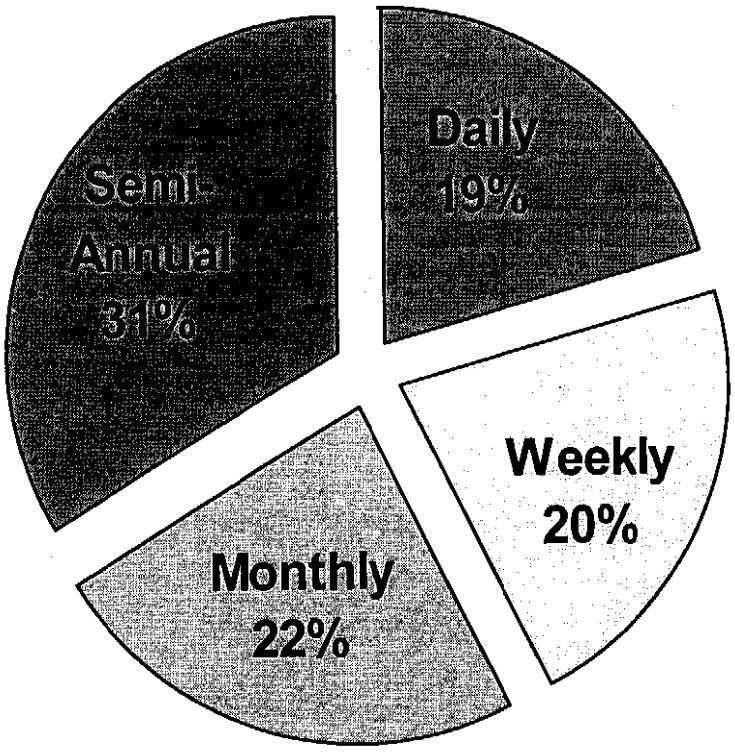
- Most popular sites within last 12 months: Presidio, Ocean Beach, Marin Headlands, Crissy Field, Stinson Beach.

Dog Ownership



- Twenty-nine percent of all respondents own or care for a dog.
- Twenty-two percent of respondents own one dog.
- Seven percent of respondents have more than one dog.

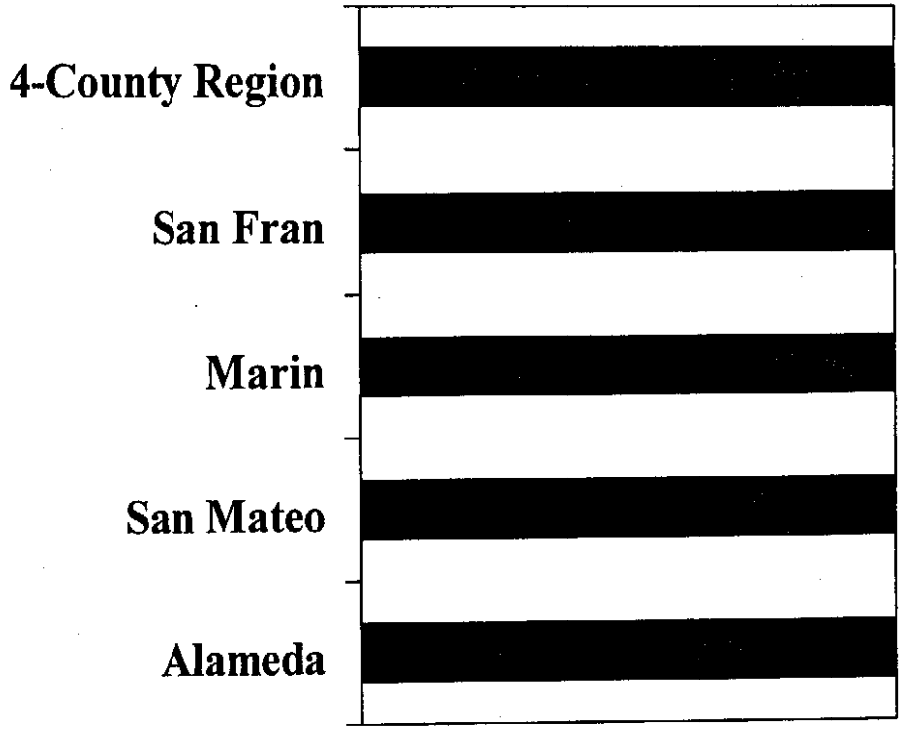
Dog Owner Use of GGNRA Sites



Population: GGNRA Dog-Walkers

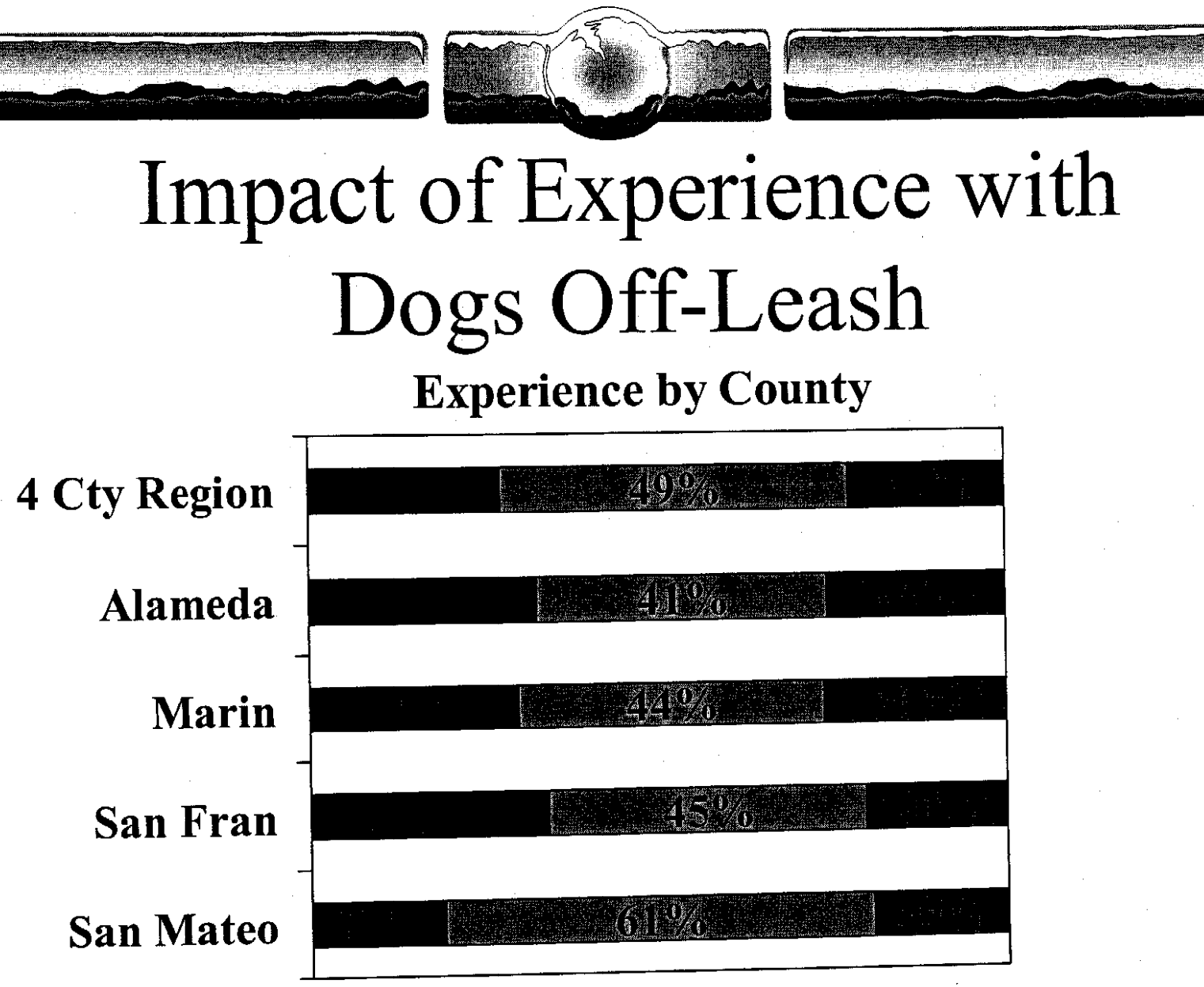
- Half of dog-owning respondents (14% of all respondents) have taken their dog(s) for a walk in a GGNRA site.
- Of those respondents, 39% walk their dog(s) at a GGNRA site at least once a week.

Percentage of Visitors that Report Seeing Dogs Off-Leash in GGNRA

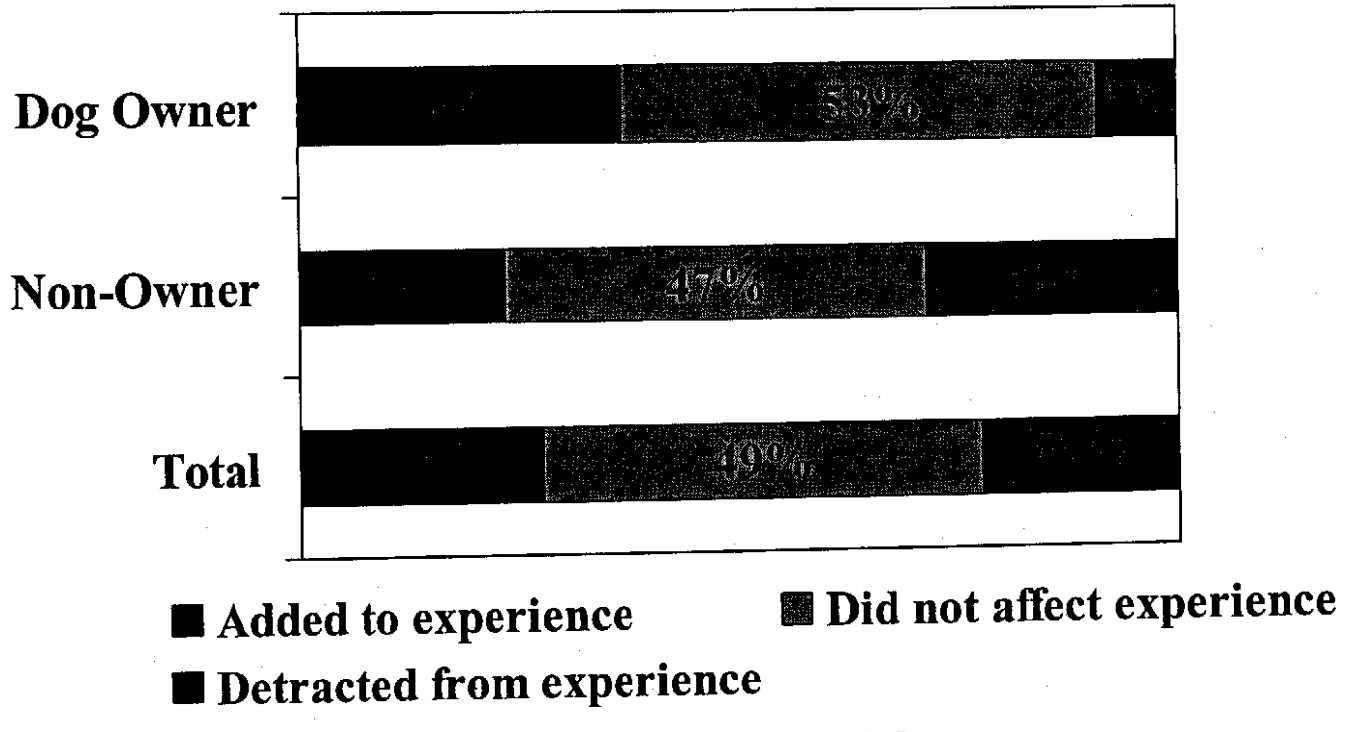


■ Have seen dogs off-leash ■ Have not seen dogs off-leash

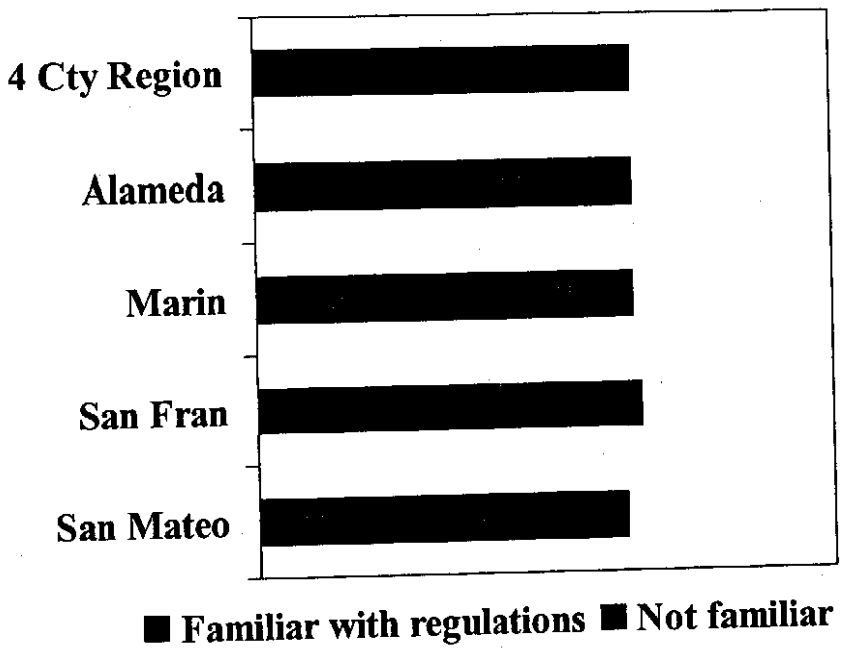
Impact of Experience with Dogs Off-Leash

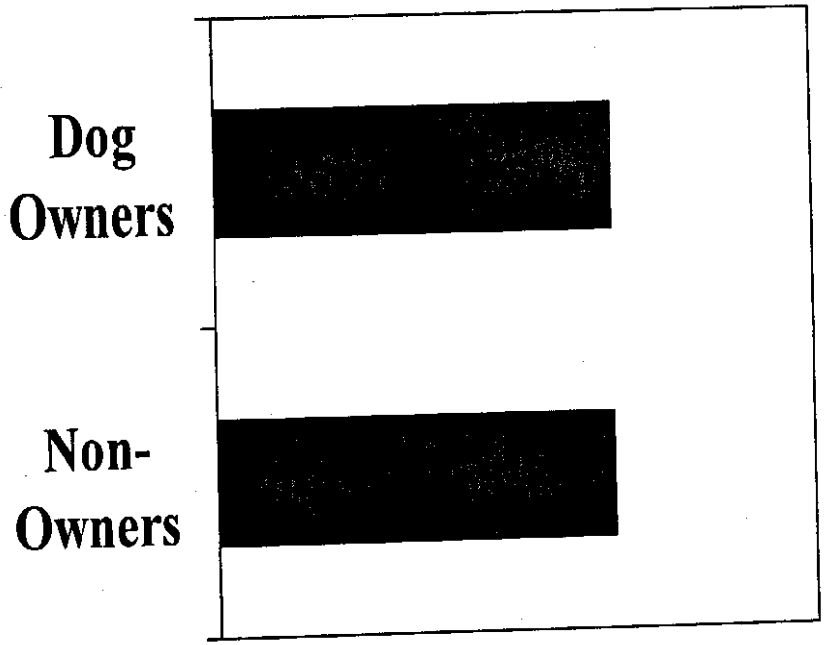


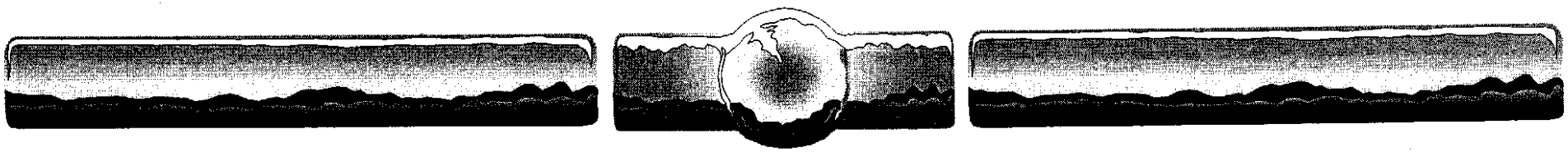
Impact of Experience with Dogs Off-Leash in GGNRA (cont.)



Familiarity with NPS Pet Management Regulations





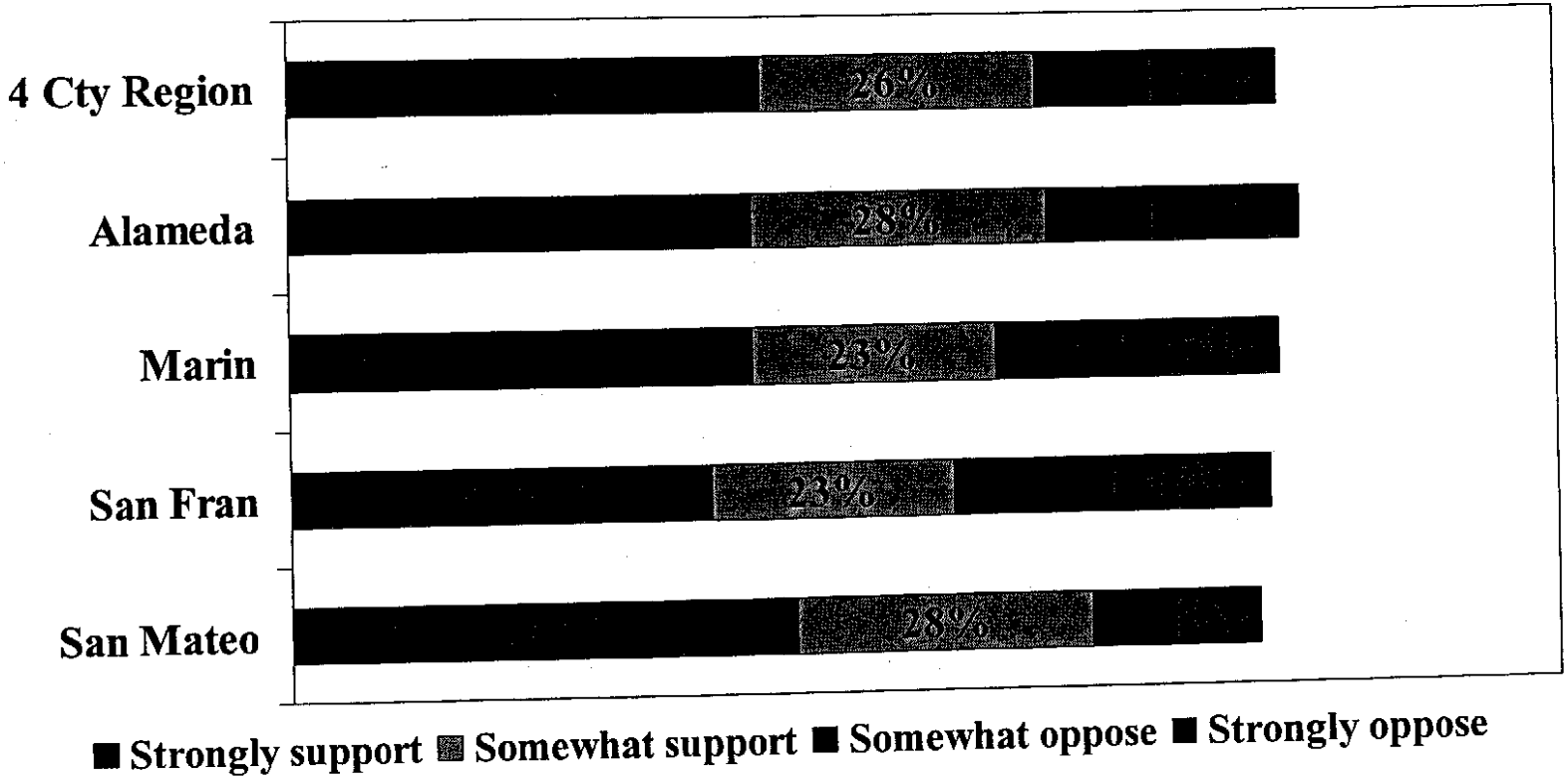


Statement Read to Respondents

"Current NPS regulations allow for walking dogs on-leash at most GGNRA sites; AND, prohibit any off-leash dog-walking."

Do you support or oppose this current regulation?

Position on Current NPS Leash Regulations



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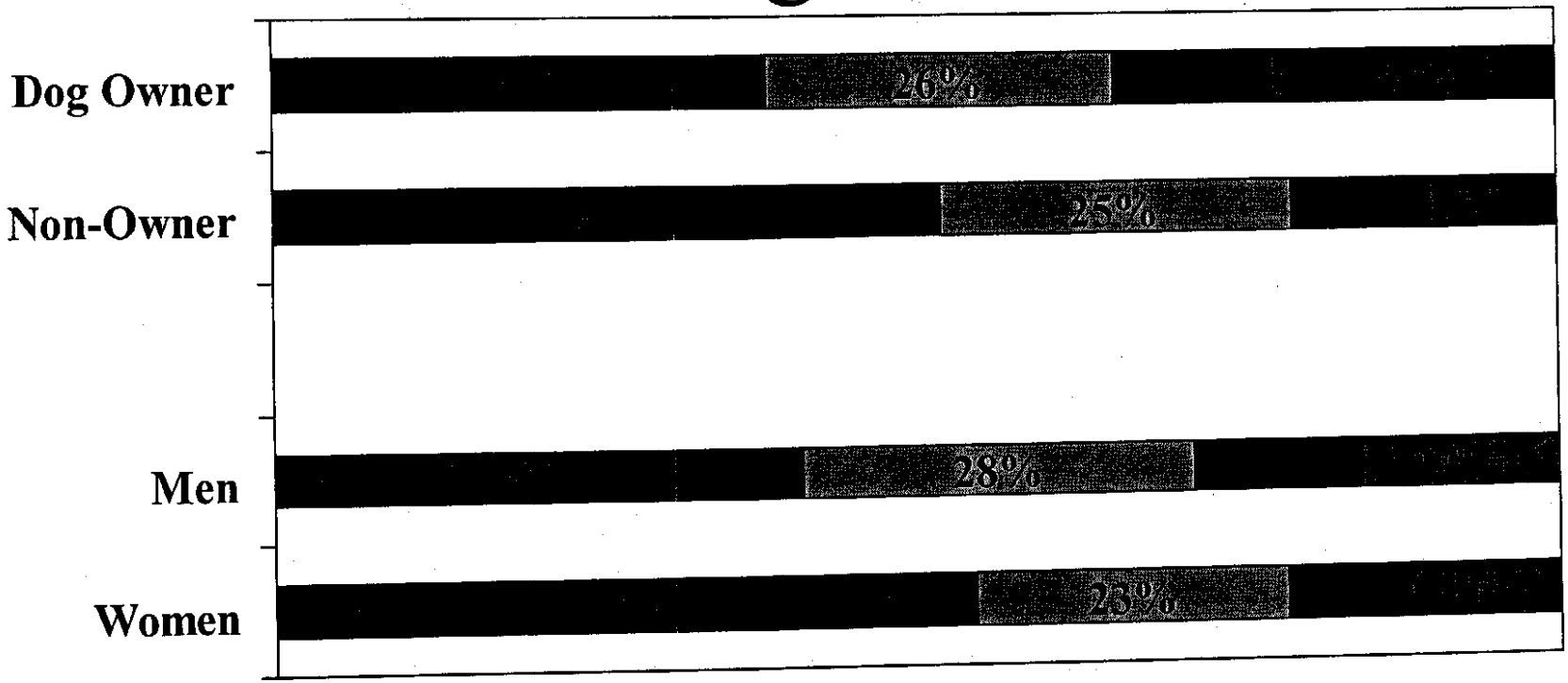
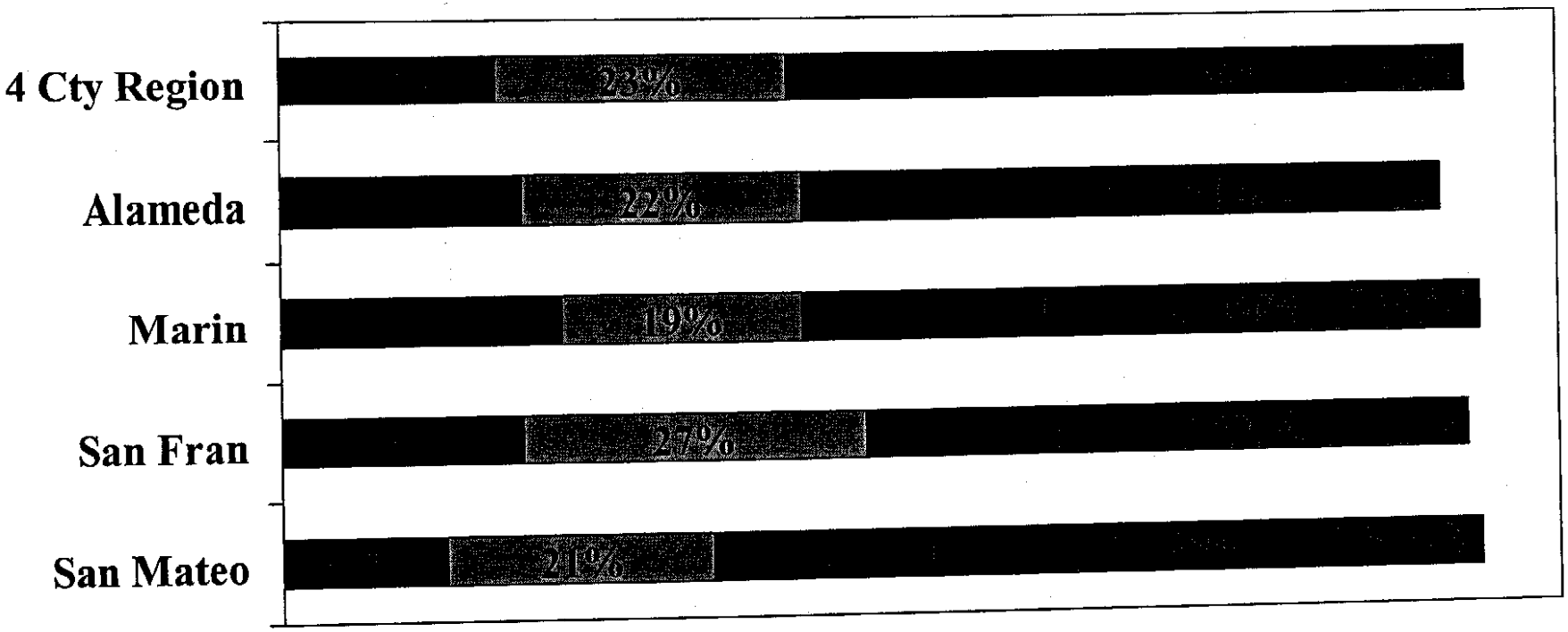


Position on Off-Leash Dog Walking



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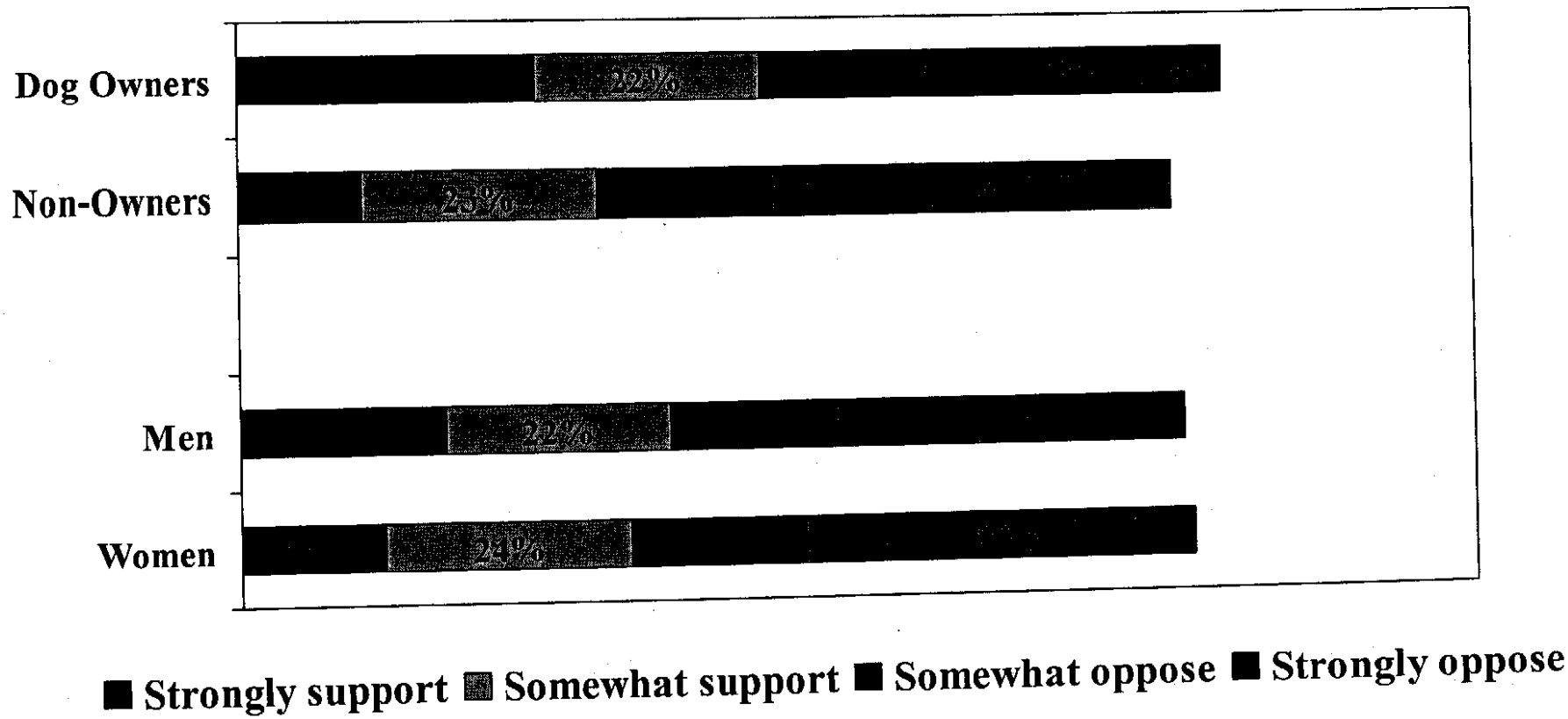
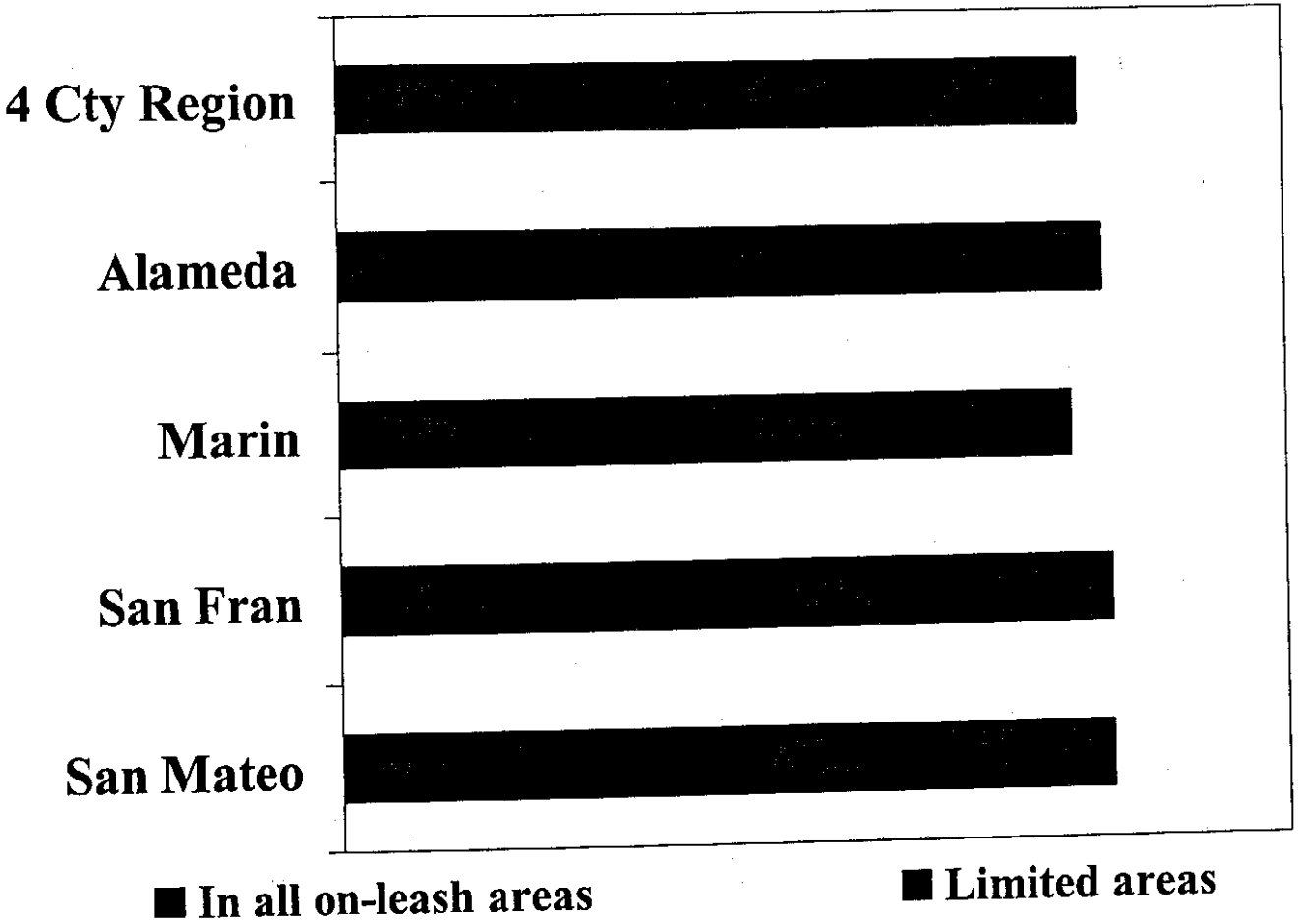


Preferences for Off-Leash Options

(among supporters of off-leash dog-walking – 40% of total resp.)



Limit the Number of Dogs Walked?

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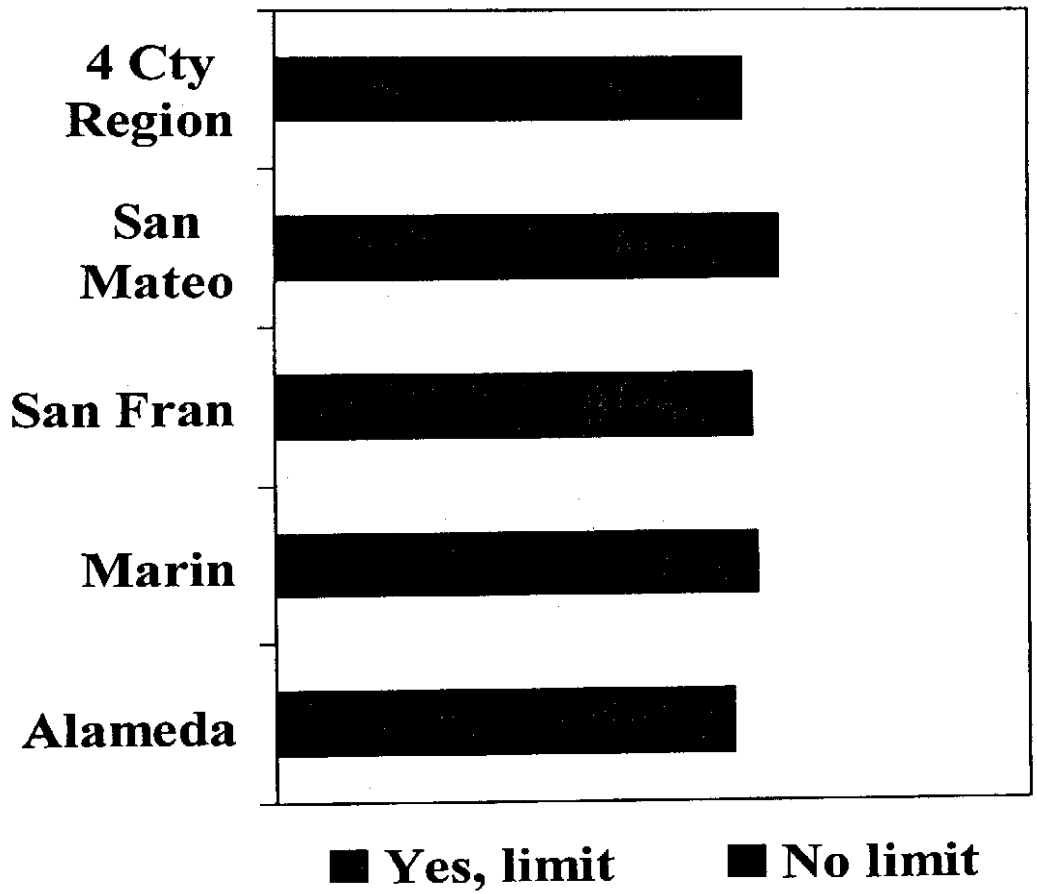

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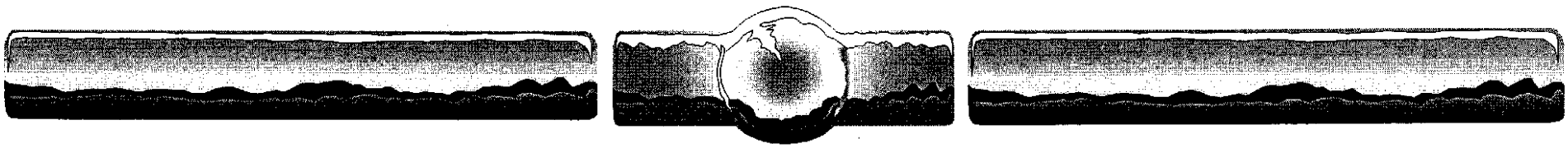

The Mission of the GGNRA

All respondents were read an abbreviated version of the NPS GGNRA mission statement:

"The mission of the GGNRA is the preservation, unimpaired, of the natural and cultural resources, and scenic and recreation values, of the park for present and future generations to enjoy."

After being read this statement, residents were asked if they "support or oppose" off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites.

Position on Off-Leash Dog Walking

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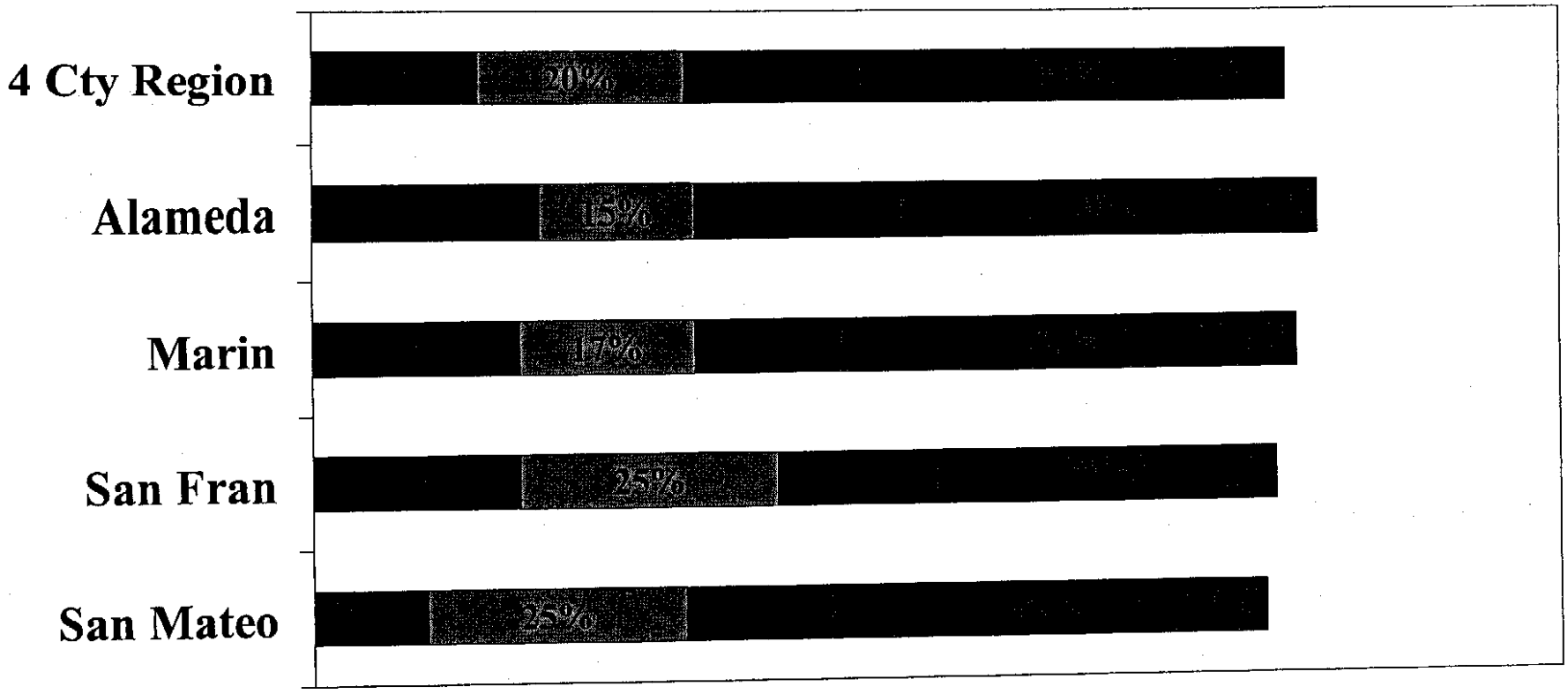

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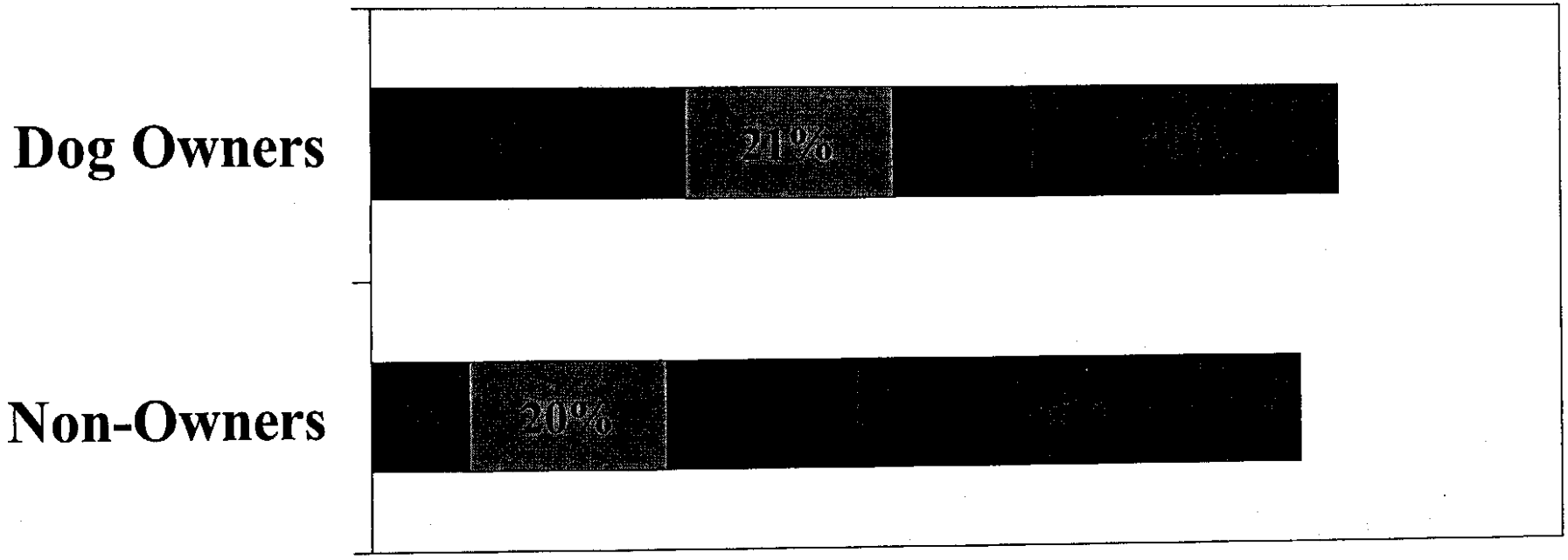
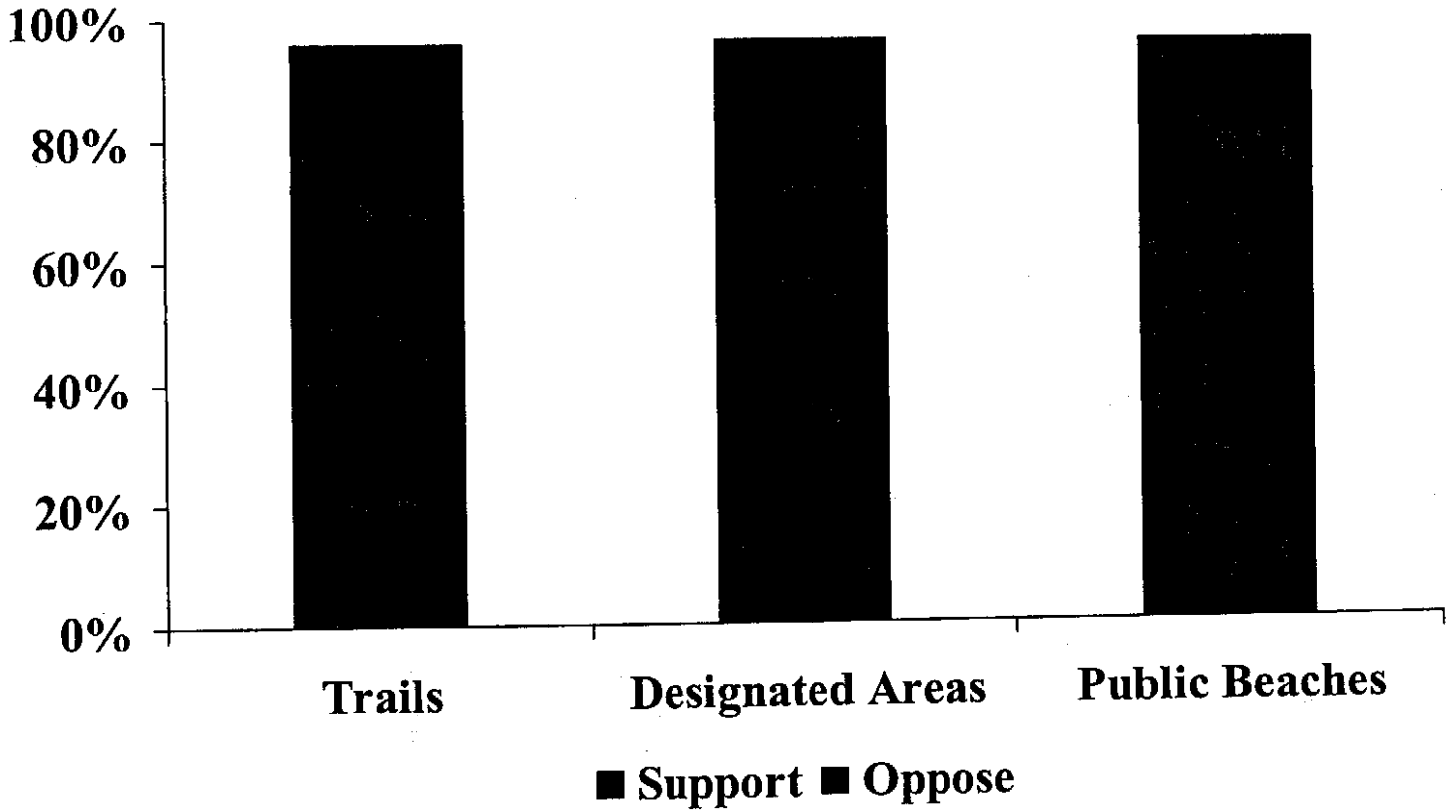
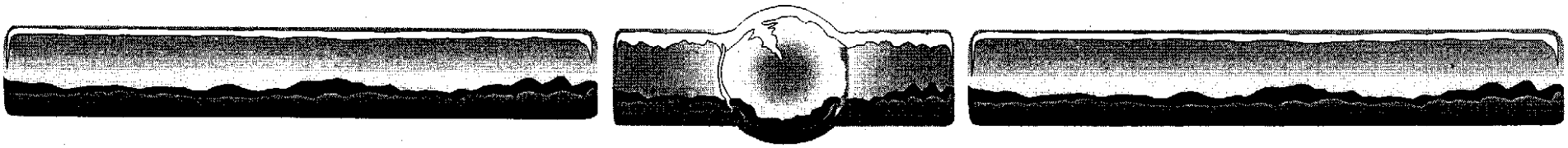


Support for Off-Leash Scenarios

(asked of those not strongly opposed to off-leash dog-walking -- 54% of all respondents)





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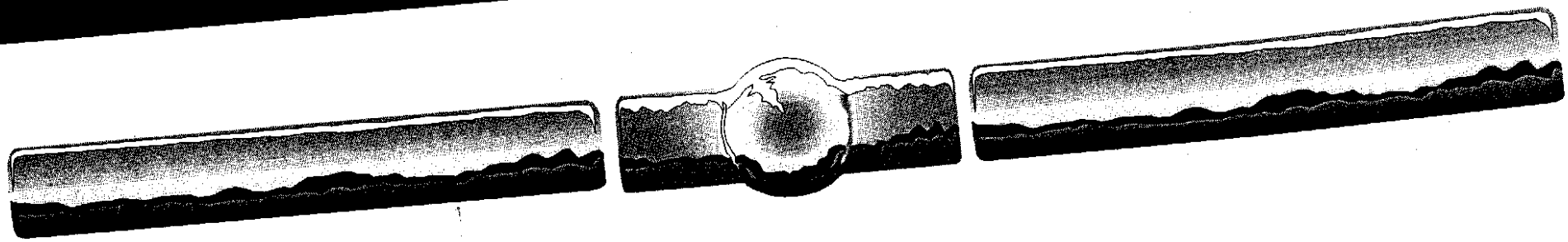
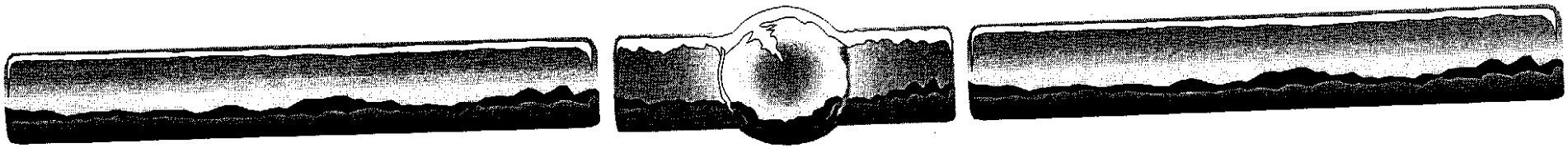
- Three survey questions directly address the central issue of the study: NPS pet management regulations.



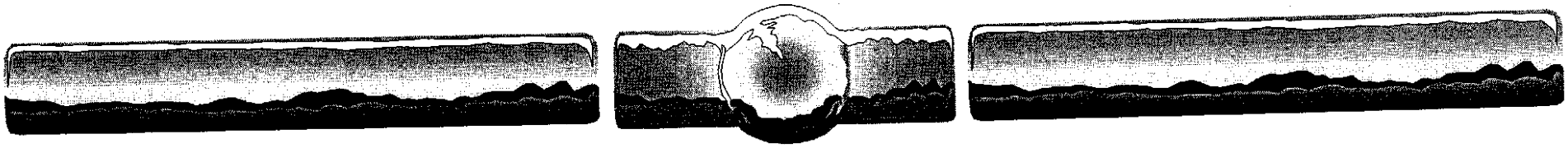
First Question

- "Current regulations allow for walking dogs on-leash at most GGNRA sites and prohibit any off-leash dog walking. Do you support or oppose this current regulation?"
- 71% support current regulations (including 45% strongly supporting current regulations).
- Support is consistent across all demographic groups.



Second Question

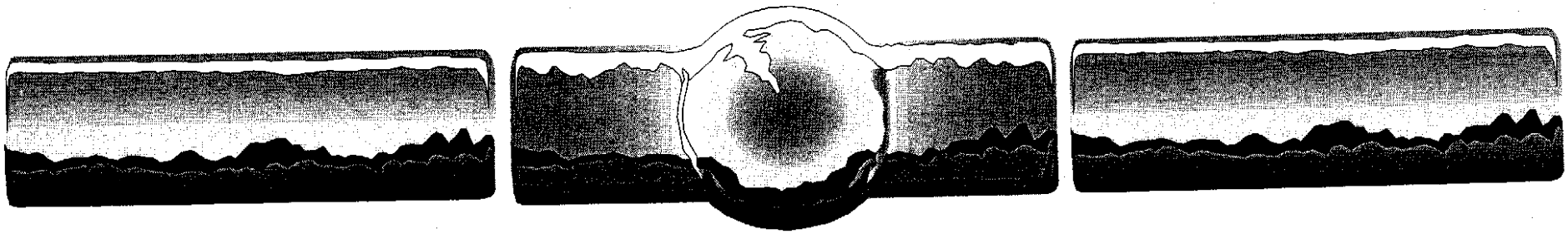
- "Do you support or oppose allowing off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites?" (no context given)
- 53% oppose off-leash dog-walking (including 36% strongly opposing off-leash dog-walking). 40% support off-leash dog-walking.
- All demographic groups except dog owners lean toward opposition to off-leash dog-walking.



Third Question

- GGNRA mission is read. "Knowing this, do you support or oppose allowing off-leash dog walking in GGNRA sites?"

- 58% oppose off-leash dog-walking (including 41% strongly opposing off-leash dog-walking).



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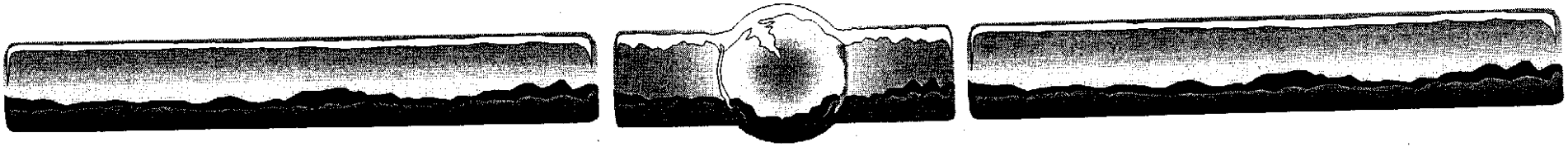
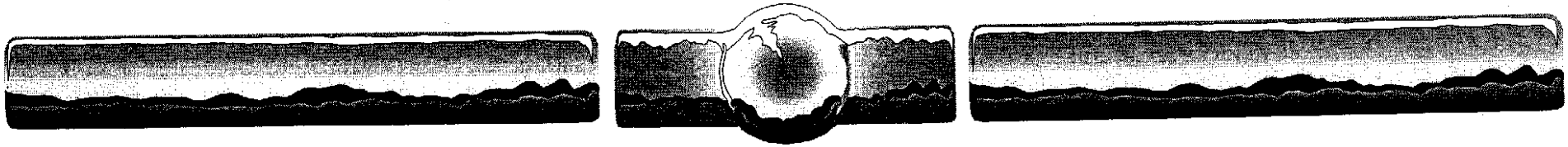


Methodology

- Coding took place June 13-28, 2002.
- 8,580 documents were coded by the SRL.
- Each document was coded for 16 categories.
- Random sample of documents double-checked by SRL supervisors.
- Methodology approved by GGNRA personnel.



Coding Categories

- Document number
- Number of pages
- Location
- Document type
- Substantive comment
- Government agency
- Organization affiliation
- Dog ownership status
- Park sites mentioned
- Position on off-leash
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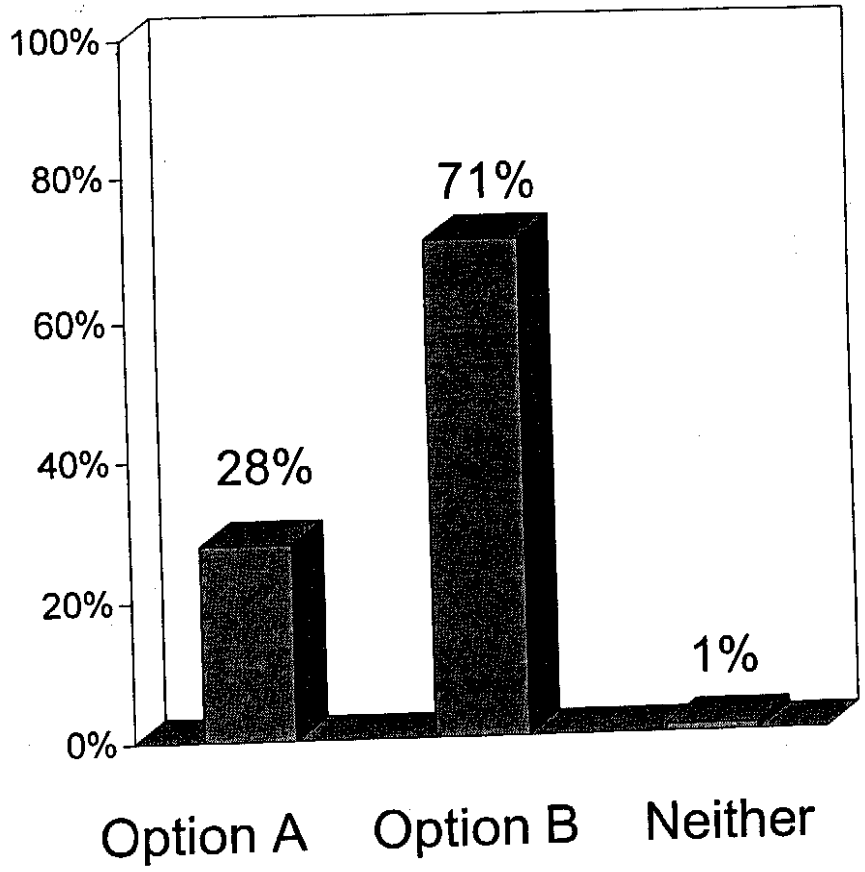
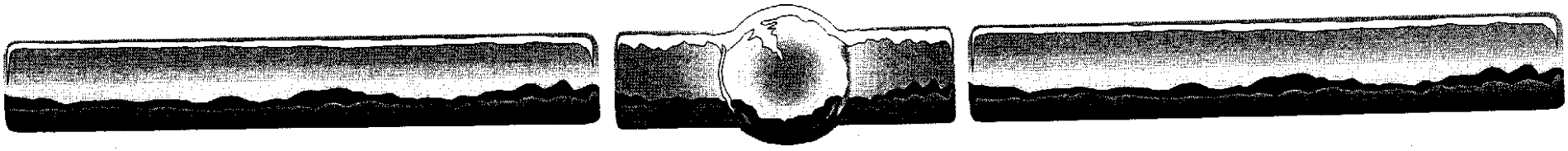
- Position justifications
- Suggestions
- Number of signatures
- Problems
- Illustrative quotes

Support for Options A and B



- Option A: Enforce existing regulations requiring dogs to be on-leash.
- Option B: Allow off-leash dog walking in specific locations.

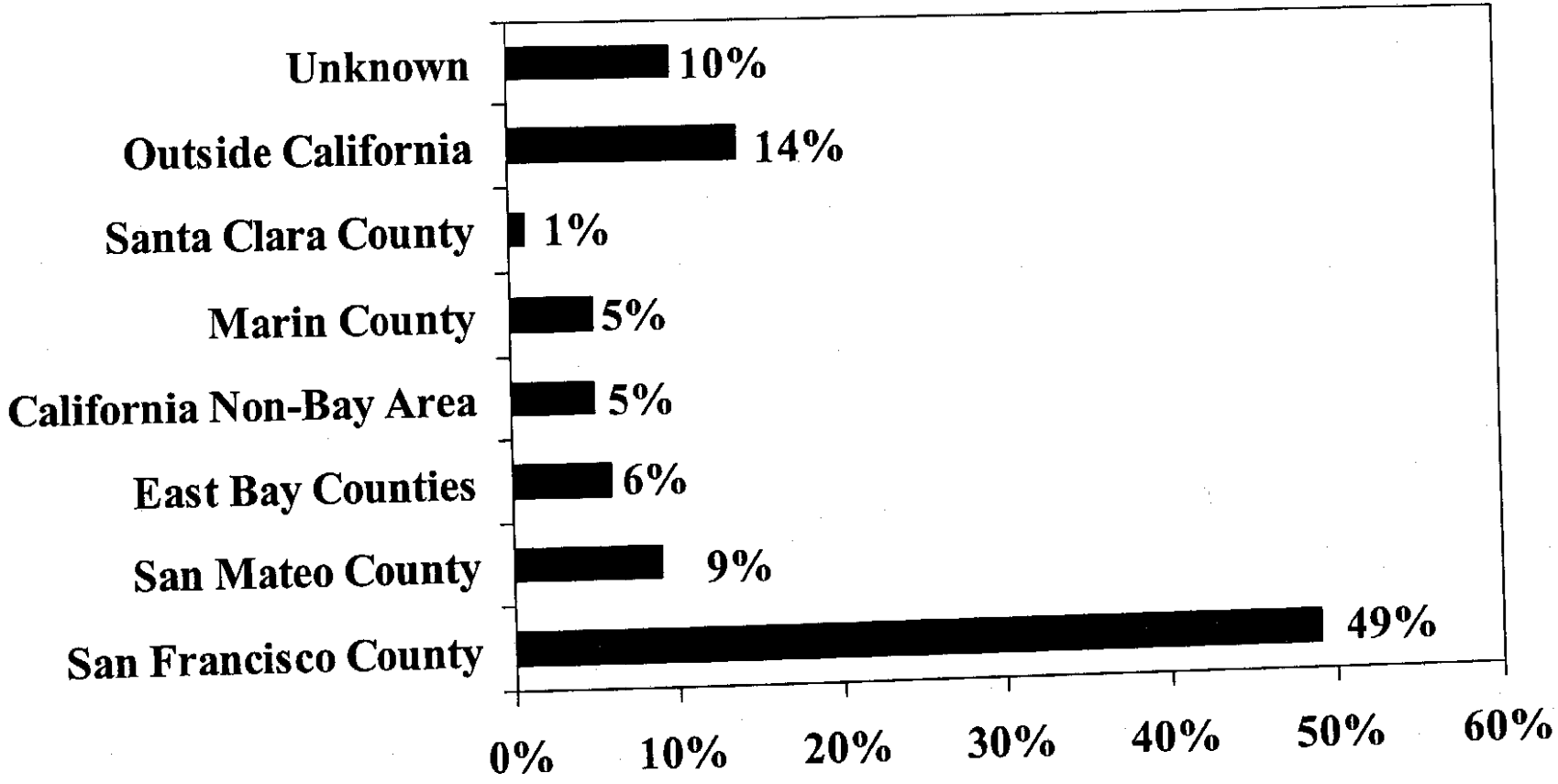


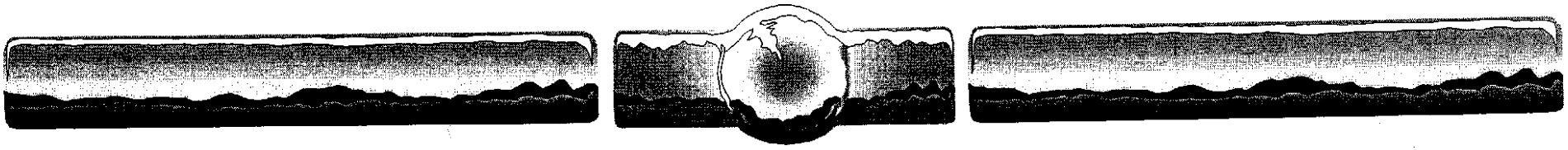
Support for Options A and B: Comment Type

- Among those submitting form letters, there was greater support for Option A (67%).

- Among respondents who signed petitions, made comments at public meetings, submitted form letters or cards with additional comments, and wrote letters that were not form letters, there was greater support for Option B.

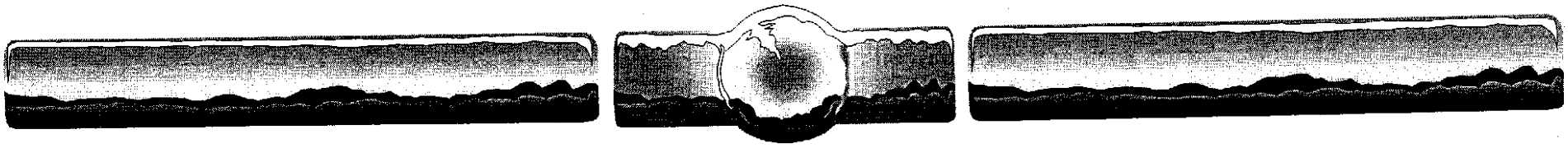
Geographic Origin of Comments





Support for Options A and B: Geographic Location

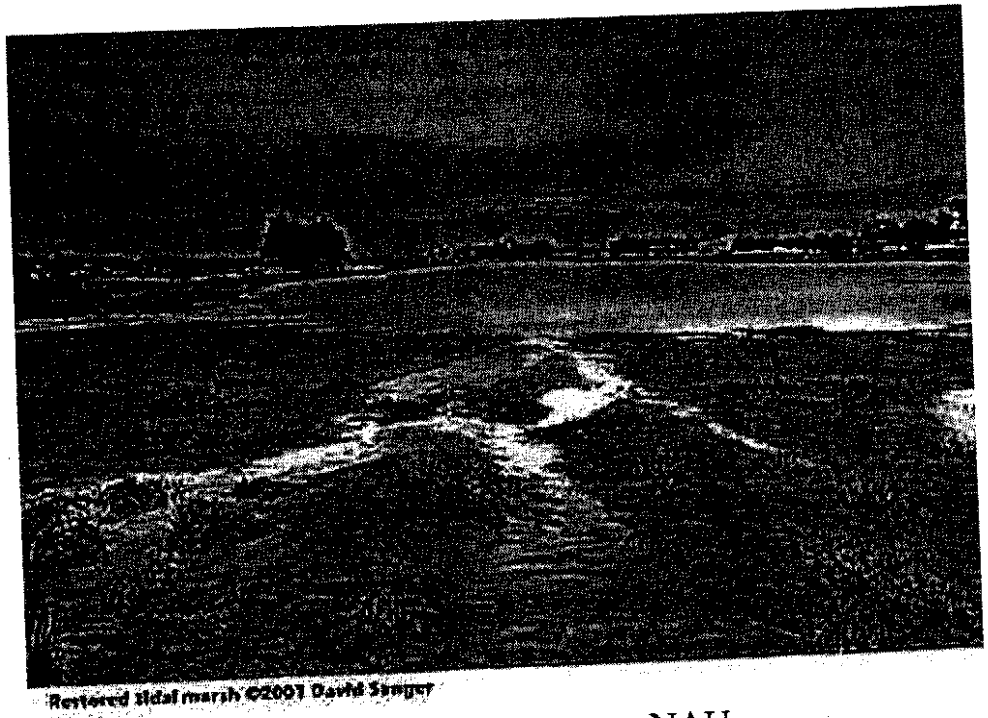
- 86% of documents received from Bay Area residents favor Option B.
- 88% of documents received from outside the Bay Area favor Option A.

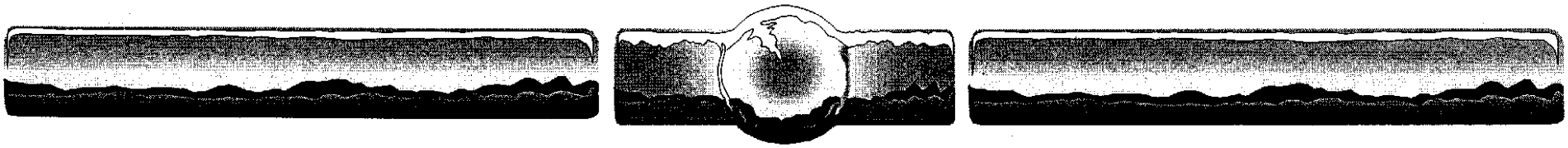


Support for Options A and B: Dog-Ownership (self-identified)

	Option A	Option B	Neither	Total	N
Dog Owner	**2%**	**98%**	**--**	**100%**	**4079**
Non-Dog Owner	**28%**	**71%**	**1%**	**100%**	**582**
Unspecified	**56%**	**43%**	**1%**	**100%**	**3918**
Total	**28%**	**71%**	**1%**	**100%**	**8580**

Support for Option A: Enforce existing regulations requiring dogs to be on-leash





Support for Option A

1. Off-leash dogs harm wildlife.

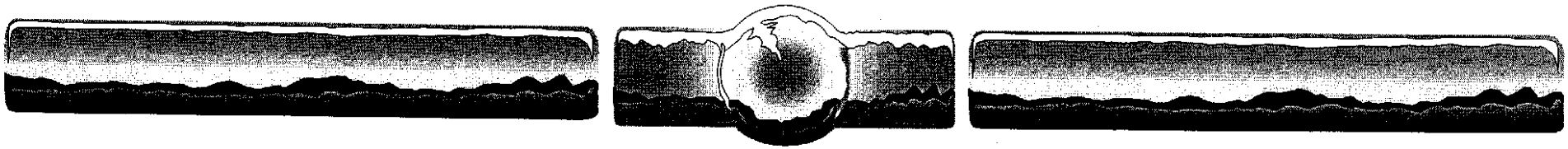
   2030 documents, 84% of Option A supporters, 24% of total

2. Off-leash dogs have a negative impact on the environment.

   1996 documents, 83% of Option A supporters, 23% of total

3. Altering NPS pet management regulations would set a negative precedent.

   1184 documents, 49% of Option A supporters, 14% of total



Support for Option A (cont.)

4. Dogs are dangerous/threatening.

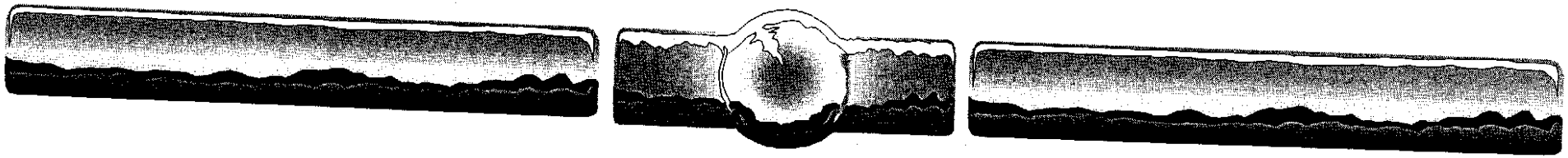
   1156 documents, 48% of Option A supporters, 13% of total

5. Off-leash dogs make parks unsafe for visitors.

   1126 documents, 47% of Option A supporters, 13% of total

6. Off-leash dogs discourage park use by minorities, the elderly, children, and people with special needs.

   954 documents, 39% of Option A supporters, 11% of total



Support for Option A (cont.)

7. The presence of off-leash dogs increases the need for rescue and intervention efforts.

   910 documents, 38% of Option A supporters, 11% of total

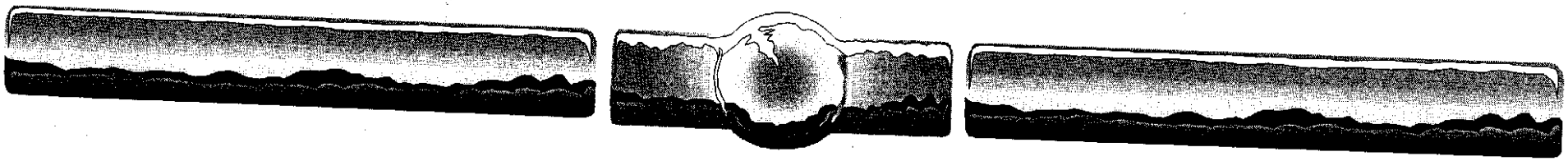
8. Allowing off-leash dogs would violate the National Park Service's mandate.

   307 documents, 13% of Option A supporters, 4% of total

9. Dog owners are selfish/inconsiderate.

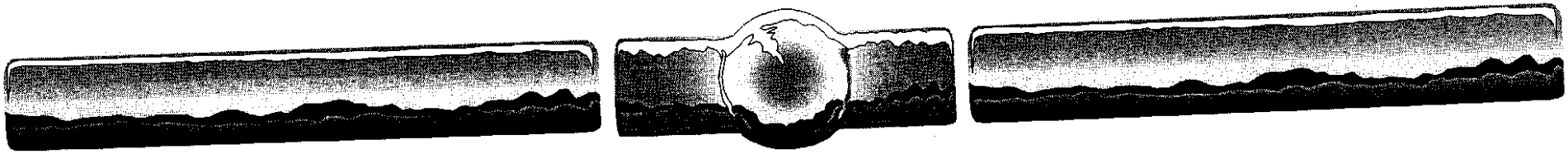
   155 documents, 6% of Option A supporters, 2% of total

Support for Option B: Allow off-leash dog walking in specific locations and ways.



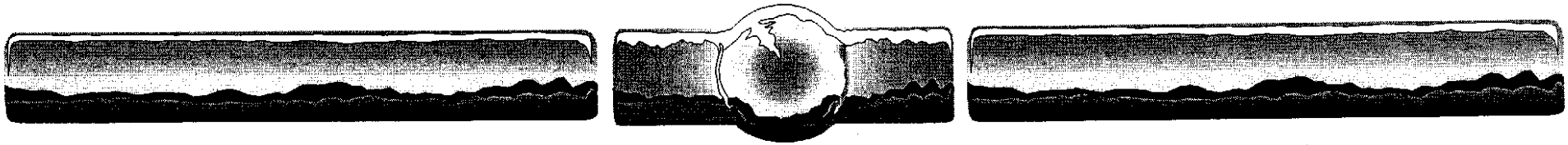
Support for Option B

1. Exercise benefits for off-leash dogs.
   1654 documents, 27% of Option B supporters, 19% of total
2. GGNRA land was given by the city with the understanding that existing uses, including off-leash dog walking, would continue.
   1059 documents, 17% of Option B supporters, 12% of total
3. Sociability benefits for off-leash dogs.
   984 documents, 16% of Option B supporters, 12% of total



Support for Option B (cont.)

4. Health benefits of off-leash dog walking for people.
   917 documents, 15% of Option B supporters, 11% of total
5. Sociability benefits for people walking off-leash dogs.
   842 documents, 14% of Option B supporters, 10% of total
6. Dog owners are responsible/self-regulating.
   841 documents, 14% of Option B supporters, 10% of total



Support for Option B (cont.)

7. Freedom/right to walk dogs off-leash.

   508 documents, 8% of Option B supporters, 6% of total

8. Only a small portion of GGNRA land is used for off-leash dog walking .

   475 documents, 8% of Option B supporters, 6% of total

9. Dogs are friendly/enjoyable.

   392 documents, 6% of Option B supporters, 5% of total

Suggestions

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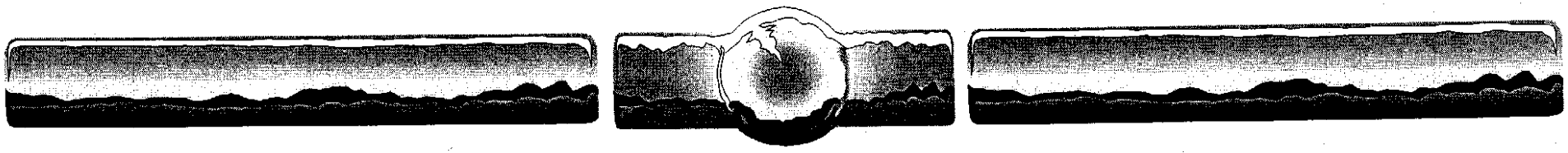


Suggestions

1. Limit off-leash dog walking to specific, designated (not fenced) areas.

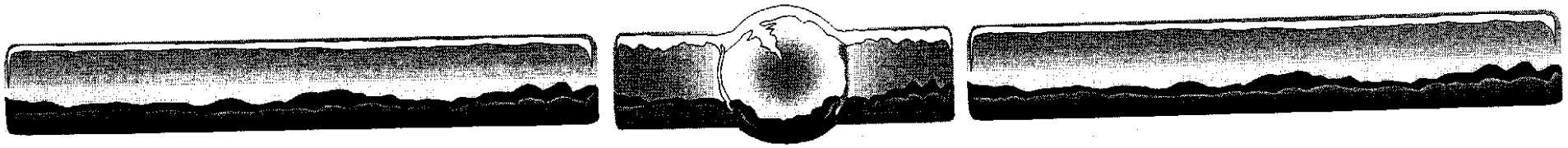
   411 documents, 5% of all documents

2. Cite only irresponsible dog owners.

   334 documents, 4% of all documents

3. Schedule specific times for off-leash dog walking.

   139 documents, 2% of all documents



Suggestions (cont.)

4. Create separate and/or fenced areas for off-leash dogs.

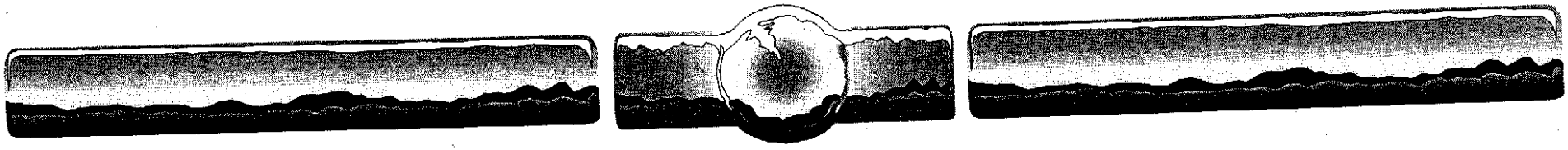
   132 documents, 2% of all documents

5. Create a licensing process for off-leash dogs.

   102 documents, 1% of all documents

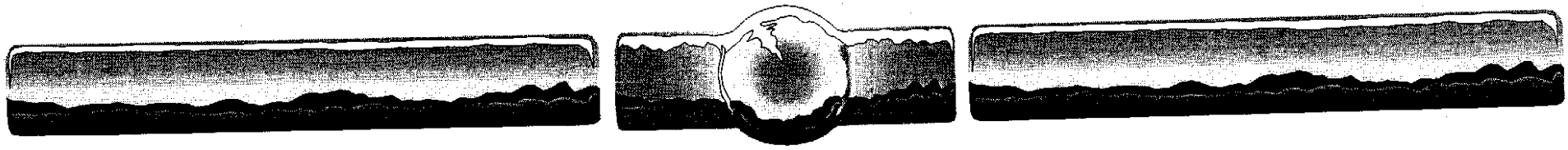
6. Fence environmentally sensitive areas to reduce environmental impacts of off-leash dogs.

   90 documents, 1% of all documents



Comparison of Two Studies

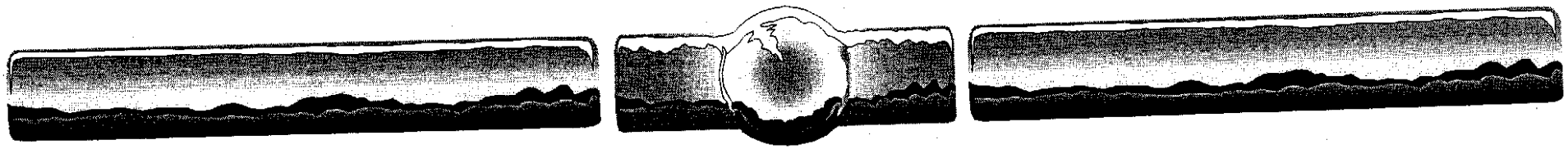
- Phone survey is conducted with a representative sample of the population, while public comment analysis is conducted with self-selected sample.
- Phone survey reflects breadth of understanding; public comment analysis reflects depth of understanding in specific areas of inquiry.



Comparison of Two Studies

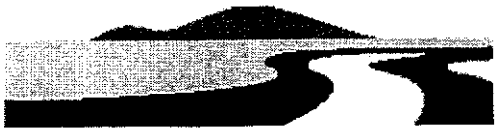
- Telephone survey reflects opinions of all area residents, regardless of interest level in pet management. Public comment analysis reflects opinions of people with a vested interest in pet management issues in the GGNRA.

- Public comment analysis brings texture to position justifications. The value of the analysis is in understanding the context of support for Option A or Option B.



Observations

- Option A supporters have greater unity in their understanding of the issue. Option B supporters are more diverse in their position justifications.
- Option A supporters are most concerned with impacts on the environment and wildlife, policy implications, and safety issues.
- Option B supporters are most concerned with the social and physical benefits for dogs and humans, and policy implications.



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COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Adopted 22 June 1999
Reviewed 22 August 2000
Amended following Council meeting 28 November 2000
Amended following Council meeting 18 December 2001

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Eurobodalla Shire Council has identified the need to develop a Local Animal Management Plan to improve outcomes in the area of companion animals' management. New legislation and changing community expectations mean new approaches are now required. In addition, there is increasing recognition that enforcement approaches will not, on their own, result in lasting changes in human behaviour. They need to be supplemented by a range of other tools that focus on passive and voluntary approaches to achieving responsible pet ownership.

Council sought expressions of interest from members of the community to provide advice and input into the formulation of this Local Plan. Fifteen members and three councillors formed the Eurobodalla Local Companion Animal Management Advisory Committee (ELCAMAC). Through a series of meetings, a Local Plan workshop in Sydney attended by a staff and committee member, and the use of the generic local plan developed by Harlock Jackson P/L, the Draft Eurobodalla Local Companion Animal Plan was prepared for public comment in May 1999.

Investigations include a detailed examination of the issues (Section 2) and analysis of the existing situation in *Eurobodalla Shire* (Section 3). Part 1 culminates in a description of the Strategic Framework including the goal and aims. The Action Plans are contained in Council's 1999-2004 Management Plan. They have been grouped into the areas of.:

- Education;
- Registration;
- Review;
- Complaints;
- Infringements;
- Impoundment and release;
- Faeces disposal;
- Exercise areas;

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Matthew H. Parker, President, Friends of Hillside Dog Park, Inc.
November 1, 2006 Testimony in favor of Amending Health Section 161.05 to More Explicitly Allow the Successful 20-Year Offleash Hours Policy in NYC Parks and to Further Encourage Responsible Dog Ownership.

Good Afternoon:

My name is Matthew Parker. I'm president of Friends of Hillside Dog Park, Inc, the community-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that represents the hundreds of people who recreate with their dogs each week at Hillside Dog Park in Downtown Brooklyn, near the Brooklyn Bridge.

Hillside is a New York City Park designated as an enclosed dog run, and at 2 acres is the largest official enclosed dog run in New York City.

I'm here today to speak strongly in favor of the proposed Health code amendment to Section 161.05.

Why would the community representative of the largest enclosed dog run in New York City support the continuation of the Off-leash Hours policy in certain unenclosed areas of New York City Parks?

As someone who observes hundreds of dog owners and their dogs recreating together in a New York City park each week, I firmly agree with the prevailing scientific data showing dogs that experience off-leash recreation time on a regular basis are far better socialized with humans and with other dogs, than dogs that are not exposed to off-leash opportunities.

It is because of off-leash opportunities like those available at dog runs and during Off-leash Hours for the past 20 years at many parks, that New York City currently enjoys a record historic low number of dog bites, despite the fact there are more dogs in New York City than ever before.

Currently there are over 1.4 million dogs in New York City. Yet there are only approximately 44 enclosed dog runs in the city's 1,700 parks. That averages one enclosed dog run for every 35,000 dogs. There clearly are not enough dog runs to even come close to servicing the off-leash recreational needs of people who live in the five boroughs of New York City. On any given day in New York City, many more people take advantage of Off-leash Hours in certain New York City Parks than attend the 44 enclosed dog runs.

Moreover, since many dog runs need to be at least partially funded by private donations, the distribution of the existing dog runs tends to be in more affluent areas of the City, leaving other areas completely bereft of enclosed off-leash opportunities for dog owners.

The NYC Parks Department's Off-leash Hours policy enables parks, both large and small in size to maintain multiple uses for precious New York City park land.

In contrast, when a decision is made to dedicate scarce park space for an enclosed dog run, that land goes from being a multi-use area, to a single use area.

Most small parks less than 10 acres such as Stuyvesant Park, Cadman Plaza Park, and Ft. Green Park do not have the space to dedicate an adequate parcel of land to be restricted to a single-use dog run. Many parks as well have landmark restrictions that prevent the construction of adequate size dog runs.

The Off-leash Hours policy has shown itself to be a successful compromise for all park patrons. Dog owners are the single largest activity-specific user group in New York City Parks.

The Off-leash Hours policy has allowed the half million dog owning New Yorkers to recreate, exercise and socialize their dogs in limited areas of certain parks at limited hours, while preserving the same space for the general park-going population for the vast majority of the time individual parks are open on a daily basis.

It's clear that increasing the number of enclosed dog parks in the City, where possible and practical, while preserving and strengthening the successful status quo policy of Off-leash Hours will continue to benefit New York City public health as statistics for the past 20 years have demonstrated.

The status quo has proven to be both successful park policy and successful public health policy, as evidenced by the historic low number of dog-related incidents throughout New York City, and a historic high number of people, both dog owners and non-owners who each day successfully compromise in their usage of our multi-use park space.

As you are probably aware, there is a recent lawsuit that threatens the 20-year Off-leash Hours policy and risks taking New York City back to a time that was far less safe and as the statistics show, with a poorer rate of public health.

We encourage the Health Board, as public health professionals, to look at the Off-leash Policy's great success in the aggregate and enact the proposed amendment to Section 161.05, which by adding even additional requirements further emphasizing responsible dog ownership, will continue this public health success story.

Thank you for your time.

- Good afternoon. My name is Matthew Greller, and I am an attorney with Blank Rome LLP.
- I'd like to thank the Board of Health for holding today's hearing.
- I am here today as an attorney representing the New York Council of Dog Owner Groups, or NYCdog, which represents 35,000 City dog owners.
- Additionally, I am here today for Pepper, my Scottish terrier.
- When Pepper was old enough, and had the necessary vaccinations, I took her to nearby Central Park.
- After deliberate recall and other behavioral training, we let Pepper off leash at 6 months old.
- Since then, Pepper exercises and socializes off-leash everyday with a core group of about 15 dogs from 6:30-7:30 am, and until 9 am on weekends with about 40 dogs.
- Plus, my wife and I made many friends – from all walks of life –because of Pepper.
- I commend the Board of Health for clarifying their own regulations to recognize that there is limited City space for dogs to exercise.
- Providing explicit authorization and codification of the successful off-leash policy is the right way to go.
- For starters, it will clarify things so that small groups will not misconstrue plain statutory text and misguidedly sue the City.
- Secondly, it will build upon Section §1-04 of the Parks regulations, which states that the Parks Commissioner may permit dogs to be unleashed within City Parks.
- Thirdly, this will underscore Chapter 21 of the New York City Charter, Section 533, which lays out the powers and duties of the Parks Commissioner.
- In short, the commissioner shall have the power to establish and enforce Citywide rules and regulations for the use of public parks, which shall have the force of law.
- In other words, the Parks Commissioner can legally issue a 9 PM to park closing, and park opening to 9 AM off-leash policy within certain designated spaces.
- So, this current off-leash policy is quite legitimate, and very much legal.
- But, there is always room for improvement.

- **The proposed amendments will clarify the Health and Parks regulations and bolster this reasonable policy.**
- **Everyday with Pepper, I see that the City's current off-leash policy is a success that is good for all New Yorkers.**
- **Designated off-leash space in parks is needed since only 44 dog runs exist for 1.4 million dogs.**
- **Knowing that we share limited resources, responsible dog-owners annually contribute time and money to help maintain our parks.**
- **Dog-owners use peer pressure to help ensure that other owners pick up waste, comply with the law, vaccinate, license and train their dogs.**
- **They never condone bad behavior from dogs or other owners. I see that every morning.**
- **Moreover, responsible dog-owners are also parents, athletes, and bird-watchers, and want to see parks safely and responsibly enjoyed by <u>everyone</u>.**
- **As a result, they want to strengthen the off-leash policy to insure that they are safe from irresponsible dog owners, and that their loved ones and dogs are safe.**
- **No one wants to see injuries like those suffered by Matthew Connelly or his dog.**
- **They are unacceptable, regardless of where or when they happened.**
- **However, eliminating the off-leash policy is not the way to eliminate these kinds of injuries.**
- **Health Department statistics show that prior to the off-leash policy, the annual number of dog-bites Citywide exceeded 40,000.**
- **These numbers have dramatically dropped during the off-leash policy's time.**
- **In 2005, the number of dog-bites dropped to 3,956, or about one tenth the previous pre-off leash numbers.**
- **For the first seven months of <u>2006</u>, Citywide bites have dropped an additional 10.3% from last year.**
- **This is tremendous progress.**

- **Please bear in mind, the data does not reflect whether these bites occurred when dogs were on or off-leash.**
- **<u>But</u>, we know that the bites have dramatically dropped since the off-leash policy has legally allowed dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash.**
- **Of the 2005 bites, a very small percentage actually occurred <u>in</u> City Parks.**
- **In fact, only 2.2% of these bites - exactly 86 - occurred in City parks.**
- **I use the word "only", not to minimize the unfortunate nature of each of these incidents, but to illustrate that statistically, they are extraordinarily minimal.**
- **These historically low dog-bite numbers could drop further.**
- **But going back to always leashing dogs would cause more bites, since dogs could become more aggressive without daily exercise and socialization.**
- **Many studies confirm that dogs that receive off-leash exercise and socialization are much less aggressive, and can cope with urban surroundings.**
- **I will be submitting these studies, as well as an executive summary.**
- **In short, though, a tired dog is a good dog.**
- **Off-leash activity in designated park space is the best way to get dogs tired.**
- **Additionally, Parks personnel have stated that vigilant and visible dog owners in parks everyday during early morning and late evening hours makes parks safer.**
- **Dog owners know the slogan, "if you see something, say something."**
- **Police data also suggests the off-leash policy, among other factors, deters crime.**
- **Driving down bite numbers, and <u>generally</u> making parks safer is a result of the current off-leash policy.**
- **NYCdog would like an improved reporting system – such as 3-1-1 – to root out <u>any</u> violators of the off-leash policy.**
- **Much like the broken windows strategy in the '80s, NYCdog believes that going after the few but persistent violators will make things better for everyone.**
- **Additionally, NYCdog would like to partner with both the Health and Parks Departments to help promote greater awareness and ensure compliance.**

- **NYCdog fully supports the Health Department's proposed amendments.**
- **Adopting these amendments will strengthen this successful and reasonable policy, and represents the right move for the City and all its park users.**
- **Plus, I know that Pepper will continue to appreciate it.**
- **Thank you.**

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4. Lauren Daugherty	1721 E 46 St	372-2603
5. Esther Swisblind	2721 Kings Hwy #4h	917-319-6337
6. Janine DeMola	2202 E 57 place	917-662-2465
7. Joseph DeMola	6910 E 69 St	917-567-0134
8. Brian fenster	2721 kingsHwy	(917) 319-6117
9. Marlene Novemsky	1573 E 66th St	718-241-5386
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13. RICH NACMIAS	2478 CTA	917-544-9966
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5. Rich Carlson	3700 Fillmore Ave	718-252-7582
6. William Murphy	1854 - E 33rd St	718-258-1064
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6.	J. Cassara	2785 West 5th #11B	(718) 449-4944
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12.	Felicia Francois	9416 Farragut Rd	718-257-1332
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4.	Briana Rodriguez	58ck Ave-P	11234	718-809-3689
5.	Farid El-Hage	330 Lenox Rd.	11226	718-469-0309
6.	Georgina Davis	1441 E 53 Street	11234	718-763-1929
7.	M. O'Neil	966-81st Street	11228	718-680-3849
8.	L DeGraffo	1728 E. 35th	11234	718-376-2171
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10.	Gail Rosenzweig	3708 Avenue S	11234	718-758-1022
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12.	Rhonda Ford	2518 E. 63 St.		763-9121
13.	Raquel Orlando	1647 E 54 St		917-750-2227
14.		430 E 8th St. Brooklyn		718 940-6022
15.	Carmen Giandinoto	9316 Ave K		718 649 752
16.	LORETTA VOTTO	1732 E 51 STREET BKLYN		718 513 6300
17.	JANICE MAGGELL	1542 E 57 ST		718-677-1817
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19.	Hugh Julie	2036 Bartelden ST 11229		718 646 6389
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4.	Judy Kosman	1640 Marine Pkwy Bklyn NY.	11234	917-520-8994
5.	Anne Milley	2721 Knapp St	11229	718-253-0546
6.	S-L IPACKSTEIN	2322 27 St	11229	718 891 6640
7.	Willie Itzkowitz	3203 Nostrand Ave	11229	718 375 2806
8.	Krissopher Chevannes	3917 Ave I	11210	718-377-3906
9.	DROR GOLDSCHEIT	2049 BATCHELDER	11229	718 648 3379
10.	JARED PRATT	2065 COLEMAN ST	11234	718 951-1477
11.	Mitchell Epstein	2118 E 36 St Bklyn NY	11234	917 684-3755
12.	D Rynk	2119 E 34 ST		917 509-6684
13.	C. McLean	2257 Plumb 2 St		718 594 0 453
14.	Philippe Louis	115 Ashland Place #9D		718 858-4764
15.	Marlesa Louis	115 Ashland Place #9D		718 858-4764
16.	Iesha Byrd	3045 Avenue X #4B		718 743-7562
17.	Fred Logger	1520 E. 32 St	11234	
18.	Manual Flores	2978 Ave W #4C	11229	718 743-3387
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11. Ken Horn	925 East 82nd st BKlyn	11236 718-236-0288
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13. Mary Kane	2157 Gerritsen Ave	11229 718-891-7120
14. Jonathan Raffalow	1925 Quentin Rd	11229 718-645-479
15. James K. Gallagher	1768 EAST 51 STREET	11234 718-676-2532
16. ARNOLD MAZOR	2153 East 29 St.	11229 718-7691220
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4. Shari Weiss	3280 Nostrand Ave Bklyn NY 11229	(718) 787 0414
5. Vinny Bonji	1981 Kimball St Bklyn NY 11234	
6. Randi Herman	2441 E 65th St Bklyn NY	11234
7. LISA KURECZKA	1659 E 36ST BK, NY 11234	917 903 8897
8. Regina Minchin	314 Regent Ct BK NY 11229	718-645-8 0061
9. J. Gershen	2822 Fort St " " 11234	646.331.2426
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13. Gene Lemon	2317 Ave U BKLNY	718 743-8164
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5. L. Itzkowitz	3200 Nostrand Ave 11	718 375 2306
6. Caitlin Kearns	2058 E 34th St 11234	718 645-9760
7. Matt Ulmer	2058 E 34th St	718 645-9760
8. Arthur Spitz	82-24 Austin St. Kew Gardens, NY 11415	718-847-1125
9. Nancy Dykes	420 12th St 11215	
10. Johanna Elias	3178 Nostrand Ave Brklyn 11229	
11. Cheryl Rayden	1230 Ave X apt 3N B'klyn 11235	
12. Enid Benezra	1781 E. 10 St.	B'klyn, 11223
13. Judy Zuckerman	601A Surf Ave	Brklyn, NY 11224
14. Etta Horowitz	2770 Ocean Ave	B'klyn, NY 11229
15. James J. Sieg	2129 E. 13 St.	B'klyn. NY 11229
16. Roseman Violette	132-0 x ford St.	B'k. 11235
17. Dorothy R. Stein	31-89 St.	B'klyn, NY 11209
18. Lisa Hoberman	2015 Shore Parkway	Brklyn 11214
19. Ruth Friedman	915 E 7 St.	11230
20.	959 E. 17th	11230

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6. Sal Mastrano	6909 15th Ave	347-722-6844
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8. Joseph Brandi	1733-78th St.	917-770-7751
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10. Anthony Mastrano	1655 71st street	347-723-4971
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6. Terrie Welsh	2042 Kimball st.	718-338-5019
7. Kim Kilroy	2050 Kimball St	718-253-7351
8. John Kilroy	2050 KIMBALL ST	718 253-7351
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2.	Robert Schmidt	1028 71st Bklyn NY 11228	(646) 322-5675
3.	James Bledsoe	482 79th St Brooklyn NY 11209	(718) 680-2070
4.	STEPHEN ELLIS	176 13. 122 ST ROCKAWAY PK NY	11694 (347) 230-46
5.	John DeARRUDA	31 Bay 40 St Bklyn. N.Y.	11214
6.	KHALID MARTIN	491 ASHFORD ST Bklyn N.Y.	11207 718-495-2088
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1. Mary Travis	3117 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy	646-331-1858
2. Robert J Gemmell	1983 E 24th	7183394908
3. DANIEL DIANE	840 HERKIMER ST	718-774-6935
4. Marie Lovgren	1606 Ave U	718-743-4574
5. Danny Pelu	1341 E 64 St	917-407-4467
6. Yolanda J. Revilla	1823 Haring St.	347-254-2187
7. Christina Conway	1116 42 street	917-596-8258
8. JOE MANGI	2611 Coney Island Av	718-765-7090
9. Joseph Machusco	2838 Haring St	718-891 6335
10. Arthur Koenig	1772 Stuart St.	718-676-2958
11. ~~Shelley Beal, Reed~~		
12. Diane Bonavire	1256 E 59 ST	718-531-8082
13. Lauren Haugstatter	1721 E 46 St	718-377-2603
14. Rex Ltr	2110 E 72nd St	718 531-4461
15. ~~Rocky Greenwood~~	~~11 Cain Ct~~	~~332-3659~~
16. Stormy Spinelli	2433 Stuart	718-934-5763
17. Crystal Rivera	2433 Stuart	718-934-5763
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1. [illegible]	2021 STREET	917 873 2[illegible]9
2. Joe D'Amato	563 E85 ST	917-968-1415
3. Joe Moscato	628 E 24 ST	9683737
4. Martin Begun	2277 HOMECREST AVE	645 2526
5. Inna Vaskhaury	2138 E 35 St	(718) - 951 868[illegible]
6. Alina Vaskhaurin	2138 E 35 St	(718) -951-86[illegible]
7. JOSEPH SLADKY	625 AVE N	(718) 510-3544
8. RON ZIARNO	2129 E 70th St.	(917) 364-9011
9. ADAM ZIARNO	2121 E 13th St	(917) 747-1720
10. Eda Yaroslavskaya	3202 Nostrand ave	(718) 627-2170
11. Vitaliy Belov		(718) 95-45594
12. IGOR Kanevskiy		(347) 385-4244
13. MARIE CIANFLONE		718-376-4068
14. Anna Shur		718 645 7290
15. Galina Kalilsdikova		718 934-8634
16. Marc Kurtz	2046 Bragg St	718 769 0204
17. LEONID DORFMAN		516 610 6435
18. Natalya Dorfman	2204 Voorhies Ave Brooklyn NY 11235	
19. Mary Galinda	1661 McDonald	
20. Robert Nolan	1462 East 32 ST BKLYN NY	11229

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1.	Maya Panesenko	2950 W 31 str.	(718) 265-9451
2.	Samoylenko Roman	2965	1718 8911505
3.	Harvey Hepf	2965 OP	718 965 3829
4.	Barbara Shanton	4204 16Ave	718 436-1821
5.	Chingiz Zeynalov	2907 BRIGHTON CS	917-945 8990
6.	Imren Ucar	902 Prudent st. Brooklyn NY	718 789-2896
7.	Rolynskaya, Alla	2901 Ocean Pkwy	718-891-1695
8.	Zamborsky Valeriy	2811 Ocean Pkwy	718-851-1961
9.	Judith Aiken	770 Ocean Parkway #4-0	718-436-0829
10.	Lasker Sofiya		
11.	T. Gorlova	678 Ave Z	347-414-6055
12.	RADIVOVICH		
13.	Dymskiy, Igor	2901 Ocean Pkwy NY	917-759-6834
14.	Neil Cisco	305 95st #308	718/748-9587
15.	Renee B	540 St. John.	(917) 683-2447
16.	Sonia Jungyn	313 6th Ave #4	718 832 3025
17.	Noreen Doherty	157 B 122 St Belle Harbor, NY	718-474-1337
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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1. Laura Harris	2975 W 33 St 13F	
2. Monica Hoyoung	2851 W 29th St. BKLYN.	718-266-2459
3. Mercedes Tary	7649 W. 36 St	449-8791
4. Lucille Ketter	1150 Brighton Beach Ave	332-0085
5. Carol Scardaci	4911 Bch 49 St	449 7067
6. Sylvia Dolch	3818 Nautilus Ave.	449 3833
7. L Beard	2350 Ocean Ave	332-7053
8. Lonnie Dan	2949 W 28th St	1-718-946-1765
9. Nyota Ramos	3020 W 30	718 846 7090
10. [illegible]	4 r 5 Bch	1 18 3 72 29 4
11. Rosa Zirogiannis	2230 V.	718 449 3163
12. Grace Braggi	1733-78th St Brklyn 11214	718-236-0992
13. Doris Sharpe	2814 W. 8th St. Brklyn.	718-372-5020
14. Nelle Ackman	2814 W 8th St "	718 449 3291
15. Ethel Kirschner	2819 W 8th St	718 449 5340
16. Bella Cohen	2521 W 12 St	1718 [illegible] 373394
17. Sylvia Rabinkow	2883 W 12th St	718-354[illegible]
18. Florence Donner	4016 Atlanta Ave	718-266-8275
19. Ida Zuckerman	2821 W. 12 St	718-266-4233
20. Sheila Barry	156 Terrace Place, Brklyn	718-369-1072
Dan Moynihan	51 MacDonough St, Brklyn	347-715-3590 4/08

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Joan Bostwick	13 Landis CT	
TIMOTHY DUFFY	44 FLORENCE AVE	
Crystal Wheeler	12 Knight Ct.	
Kathleen Elles	3196 Ave U	
Barbara Cosa	2220 Burnett St	
Andrea Romeo	1930 Ryder St	
Laura Bardo	8900 - 19th Ave Bklyn N.Y.	
[illegible] McKenna	653 E 24 Bklyn 11210	N/L
ROBERT FINNELLI	109 GAW Court.	
9. Betty Lee	70 EATON G	
1. Andrea Schwartz	38 JOSH Ct	
2. Vanessa Rapuzzi	33 Bevy Court Bklyn NY 11229	
3. Barbara Banham	17 Ira Ct Bklyn 11234	
4. Marina Kvilker	2143 E 23rd st Bklyn, NY 11229	
5. Vyacheslav Belobrovka	1731 Gerritsen Ave Bklyn, NY 11229	
6. VAL Rautnin	1776 E13 St BROOKLYN. NY, 11229	
7. M. Lynn	1735 E36 St 11234	
8. W. Stay	3302 Ave S Brooklyn, NY 11234	
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0. D. Fredrick	48 Bridge Ct Staten Island, 10305	

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1. Ivonne Kaplan	1535 E 14th St	627-0141
2. FANI BISSAS	2061 E 38th	347 374-3739
3. Adele Amore	1027 E 26 St	377-0844
4. Lauren Daugherty	1721 E 46 St	377-2603
5. Esther Swishind	2721 Kings Hwy #4h	917-319-6337
6. Janine DeMola	2202 E 5th place	917-662-2465
7. Joseph DeMola	6910 E 69 St	917-567-0134
8. Brian fenster	2721 kings Hwy	(917) 319-6117
9. Marlene Novemsky	1573 E 66th St.	718-241-5386
10. Sherry O'Brien	62 Canton Court	718 332-3304
11. Megan Gallo	Brooklyn, NY	347-242-4032
12. Lisa Gallo	" " "	
13. RICH NACMIAS	2478 CTA	917-544-9966
14. ANDREW KATZ	4190 BEDFORD AVE #3B	(347) 661-6455
15. Lori Weinstock	2441 E 70th St	718-444-1841
16. Eli Weinstock	2441 E 70th St	718-444-1841
17. S. KRAMER	4661 Bedford Ave	718 368-0702
18. H. Strong	5302 Ave U	718 377-3490
19. S Bonavita	1257 E 5 St	718-531-7[illegible]
20. I Yampe	2668 E. 23 St	718-891-7883

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1. Tomas Gonzalez	1935 Kimball St	718 3775630
2. Luz Carlson	3700 Fillmore Ave	718 252-7582
3. KENT UTERU	1498 38 ST	718-851-4608
4. Lou CASSONE	3801 Fillmore Av	718-375-8627
5. Rich Carlson	3700 Fillmore Ave	718-252-7582
6. William Murphy	1859 - E 33rd St	718-758-1064
7. JOHN Power	3306 Ave T	718-252-9929
8. Bob Bass	125 92 St	718-745 5297
9. MARILYN PLACE	3804 Ave R	718-336-5605
10. Alice D. Murphy	120-86 St SB	718(836)5144
11. Kevin Power	3306 Ave T	718 252-8828
12. ACQUELINE Power	3306 Ave T	718 252-8828
13. Katherine Murphy	3814 Fillmore Ave	718 258 1064
14. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
15. Patrice Murphy	3814 Fillmore Ave	(718) 258-1064
16. [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
17. Jennifer Colaianni	1157 73rd Street	(718) 680-2007
18. Ellen Ware	358 6th Ave	(718) 499-0469
19. BECKY TOTH	800 Argyle St	(718) 638-1346
20. RODNEY BURFORD	345 GRAND AVE	718 622 2460

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1.	ALAN BELL	2560 Batchelder St	718-891-5883
2.	[illegible]	MARINE PARK	work # 212-330-7606
3.	[illegible]	11-24 200 ST	[illegible]
4.	[illegible]	2344 E 22ND ST	11229 718 769 6328
5.	[illegible]	301 E 22 ST.	516-658-4145
6.	[illegible]	4200 AVE L	(718) 253-1987
7.	Fred Butosa	3220 Stuyvesant	917 991-5764
8.	Allan Leventhal	1811 Quentin Rd Bklyn. NY	(718) 501-8989
9.	GINNY HOUSTON	140 VAN COURT AVE W	718-601-7236
10.	LAURA E [illegible]	P.O. Box 404 NYC 10116-0404	(212) 330-2100
11.	Daniel Dobbs	1925 Quentin [illegible]	
12.	Joe Baird	1925 Quentin [illegible]	
13.	Kim Dobbs-Lantigua	1925 Quentin rd.	[illegible]
14.	Ellen Meyer	1925 Quentin Rd	7186274619
15.	Nancy Iskander	1925 Quentin Rd	7186274619
16.	[illegible]	3178 Nostrand Ave	718-758-1492
17.	[illegible]	3178 Nostrand Ave	917-[illegible]-7861
18.	Nancy TRAMONTANO	1375 E 7 ST BKLYN	917-[illegible]-6690
19.	TRA LIVINGSTON	1891 E 29 BKLYN	917-805-4067
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2.	Tekla Schnee	286 Corbin Rd.	718-769-7729
3.	Deraldine Smith	286 Corbin Rd.	718-934-2645
4.		286 Corbin Rd	718 934 2645
5.	MARK SOFFEL		718 743-1808
6.	J. C	2785 West 5th #11B	(718) 449-4944
7.	Dana Karavera	2785 West 5th #11B	(718) 449-4944
8.	Laurie Klein	5716 FARRAGUT Rd. #2-B	(718) 209-3253
9.		2455 EAST 22nd St.	(718) 615-0256
10.	Pat Weisbrucks	1413 East 54th St	718 444-7939
11.	Walter Weisbrucks	1418 E 55 St	" "
12.	Italia Spaccio	9416 Farragut Rd	718-257-1332
13.	Fay Schwimmer	1880 Rockaway Pkwy	718-451-6749
14.	Sally Berman	102-18 AVE K	718 257-7324
15.	H LaMorosso	7125 Vet Ave	718 7634039
16.	Joan LaMorosso	7125 Vet Ave	7187634039
17.	Howard Jaccarino	1656 54th St	718-436-0938
18.	Aileen Cordero	3723 MAPLE AVE	917-972 6714
19.	Jean Moreno	3601 Surf Ave Brklyn	
20.	Myra Marshall	3601 Surf Ave	718 266-0418

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2.	Antonette Panetta	2870 flatbush Ave	11234	718-258-0502
3.	James Keenan	2510 AVE S	11229	646-286-0845
4.	Briana Rodriguez	380 AVE P	11234	718-809-3689
5.	FARUQ EL-HADD	330 Knox Pl.	11226	718-469-0309
6.	Georgina Dady	1441 E 53 Street	11234	718-763-1929
7.	M. O'Neil	966-81st Street	11228	718-680-3849
8.	L DeGraffe	1728 E 35th	11234	718-376-2171
9.	Amy Sonnenblick	1616 E 9th St	11230	718 263-1220
10.	Gail Rosenzweig	3708 Avenue S	11234	718-758-1022
11.	Darren Harper	3300 Bedford Ave #210		718/6462485177
12.	Rhonda Bart	2518 E 63 St.		763-9121
13.	Carol Orlando	1642 E 54 St		917-7502227
14.		430 - E 8th St. Brooklyn		718 940-6022
15.	Carmen Giandinoto	9316 Ave K		718 849 7525
16.	LORETTA VOTTO	1732 E 51 STREET BKLYN		718 513 6300
17.	JANICE MAGGELLI	1542 E 57 ST		718-677-1817
18.		283 Vermont St 11207		718 485-3557
19.		2036 Bartfield ST 11229		718 646 6389
20.		1801 Ocean Ave 11230		(718) 258-3459

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2.	Mary Cacioppo	566 78 Street Brooklyn NY	11209	(718) 921-0421
3.	Dick Schwartz	1640 M.P. Blvd		917-826-8828
4.	Judy Lerman	1640 Marine Pkwy Bklyn NY	11234	917-520-8994
5.	Anne Tilly	2721 Knapp St	11229	718-253-0546
6.	S-L 17 Aces St Elm	2322 27 St	11229	718 891 6660
7.	Willie Itzkowitz	3203 Nostrand Ave	11229	718 375 2506
8.	Krissopher Chevannes	3917 Ave I	11210	718-377-3906
9.	DROR GESCHEIT	2049 BATCHELDER	11229	718 6483379
10.	JARED PRATT	2065 COLEMAN ST	11234	718 951-1477
11.	Mitchell Epstein	[illegible]		917 682-3745
12.	D Kayne	2119 E 34 St		917 509-6656
13.	C. McLean	2257 Plumb 2 St		718 594 0 453
14.	Philippe Louis	115 Ashland Place #9D		718-858-4764
15.	Marissa Louis	115 Ashland Place #9D		718 858-4764
16.	Tesha Byrd	3045 Avenue X #4B		718 743-7562
17.	Saul Lozoya	1520 E. 32 St	11234	
18.	Manuel Flores	2978 Ave W #4C	11229	718 743-3387
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3. Karen Fein	2520 Batchelder St	718-909-7672
4. Michelle Payette	34 Georgetown Lane	182 of 4990
5. Richard Slocinick	18[illegible]7 E. 31 ST	[illegible] N. Y.
6. JAMES INZERILLO	1701 FILLMORE AVE	BKLYN NY
7. Harry Edelson	83-83 118st IC Kew Gardens	NY. 11415
8. Donna Vanderhoff	1925 Ryder St Bklyn 11234	718-252-1463
9. Naisha Mack	1239 E 85th St BKLYN 11236	347 713 5421
10. Sheila Gibbons	342-97th St. #1 Bklyn 11209	718-755-0053
11. Ken Hom	925 East 82nd St BKlyn 11236	718-236-0288
12. Magdalena Krystowczyk	564 Driggs Ave Bklyn 11211	718-963-338[illegible]
13. Mary Kane	2157 Gerritsen Ave 11229	718-891-7120
14. Jonathan Raffalow	1925 Quentin Rd 11229	718-645-479[illegible]
15. James K. Gallagher	1768 EAST 51 STREET 11234	718-676-2532
16. ARNOLD MAZOR	2153 East 29 St. 11229	718-7691220
17. Travis J. Gallagher	1768 E 51 st 11234	718-676-2532
18. Sheldon Becker	1881 E 27 St 11229	917 794 3621
19. Robyn Schneider	2300 Ocean Ave	9988452
20. Lynn Schneider	2200 Ocean Ave	6279198

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2.	Honora Dash	755 E 12 St. Brooklyn 11230	718 859 1449
3.	MARTIN WABER	21 Pros. Prk S.W. B'klyn 11215	917 612 4862
4.	Shari Weiss	3280 Nostrand Ave B'klyn NY 11229	(718) 787 0414
5.	Tony Bonji	1981 Kimball St Bklyn NY 11234	
6.	Randi Herman	2441 E 65th St Bklyn NY	11234
7.	LISA KURECZKA	1659 E 36 ST BK, NY 11234	917 903 0897
8.	Regina Minchillo	31 Franklin Bk NY 11229	718-648 0061
9.	J. Gershea	2822 Fan St " " 11231	646.331.2426
10.	Wozniacki	1645 E 32 St	
11.	[illegible]	90 Cadman Pl. Brooklyn NY	718 971-2588
12.	[illegible]	2317 Ave U Brooklyn NY	718-743-8164
13.	Gene Lemon	2317 Ave U BKLNY	718-743-8164
14.	Joanne Eisen	41 Suffolk Walk BP, NY	718 634-5497
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6. Sal Martorano	6509 15th Ave	347-722-6844
7. Anthony Brandi	1733-78th St	917-250-4873
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5. Danny Peled	1341 E 6th St	917-407-4467
6. Yolanda J. Revilla	1823 Haring St.	347-254-2187
7. Christina Conway	1116 4a street	917-596-8258
8. JOE MANGI	260 Coney Island Av	718-765-7090
9. Joseph Machusco	2838 Haring St	718-891 6335
10. Arthur Koenig	1772 Stuart St.	718-676-2958
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12. Diane Bonavire	1256 E59 ST	718-531-8082
13. Lauren Haugstatter	1721 E46 St	718-377-2603
14. Rey Ltr	2110 E 72nd St	718 531-4461
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16. Stormy Spinelli	2433 Stuart	718-934-5763
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14. Anna Shur		718 645 7290
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November 1, 2006

Ms Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Bryant,

It is a known fact that a leashed dog is much safer and less of a threat to the public than an unleashed dog. The mission of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is to ensure the health and welfare of all New Yorkers. So why is Department of Health even entertaining an amendment to a health code that will clearly endanger the health and safety of New Yorkers?

In the Department of Health brochure on rabies your agency asks New Yorkers to: • License your dog • Leash and monitor your dog in public places • Vaccinate your dogs and cats for rabies."

In 2003, the Parks Department asked the DoHMH to grant them authority to enforce the leash law as currently written without asking for off-leash hours. In other words, they found that there was a problem with people not following the leash law in parks, and therefore, petitioned the agency to grant them enforcement powers so that they could take care of it. This "notice to adopt" states that they expected improved public compliance with the provisions. Just 3 years later, Parks is asking to revise this because there actually is reduced compliance and they can't enforce the law between 9pm and 9am because their PEP officers are not on duty.

Also from the DoHMH press release from 2002 (the notice to amend states that there has been an increase in rabies cases): *" Your agency says that..."New Yorkers should leash their pets to prevent them from coming into contact with wild animals."*

In a Department of City Planning survey of bicyclists it says: *"Dogs off the leash in parks is a huge problem. Owners are absent-minded and/or hostile to cyclists. Dogs sometimes chase/startle/attack bikers. Signs say "no dogs off-leash at any time" but this rule is suspended at times only known to a few select people."* (Note that bike-riding is a form of aerobic exercise that DoHMH would likely recommend.)

From the Department of Parks' Urban Park Ranger publication "The Redtailer" an article mentions attacks in Central Park on wildlife: *"There I stood, on a cool crisp winter day , gazing down at the frozen body of a dead raccoon. This was the second dead raccoon that day, the fifth that week. Something was very, very wrong. Who, or what, was killing the raccoons? ...why do we find squirrels and ducks mauled to death? Because someone's uncontrolled dog attacked them. The moral of this story is: dispose of your garbage properly, and leash your dogs!* Later it was discovered by the tooth marks on the bodies were found to be from dogs.

In 2003 New York City Launched a "Responsible Pet Ownership Campaign" with the release: *New Yorkers are streaming into the parks and onto sidewalks with their dogs. To help ensure the health and safety of pets and residents, the Department of Health*

and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), along with its sister agencies and community partners, is raising awareness about responsible pet ownership. The campaign kicked off earlier this summer with a focus on the importance of licensing in reuniting lost dogs with their owners. NYC pet owners are encouraged to be responsible by following the regulations and suggestions listed below.

Leash: Control your dog with a leash in public places. The NYC Health Code requires dogs in public places to be restrained by a leash or chain not more than six feet long.

Don't Litter: Pick up after your dog and don't allow your animals to create nuisance conditions. NY State Public Health Law requires owners to clean up after their dogs in public areas and NYC Health Codes prohibit creating or allowing nuisance conditions to exist.

Prevent Bites: Avoid situations that may result in your pet biting someone.

And finally from the Parks Department's own website:

Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life.

When an dog attack actually does happen, it's amazing the way the victim gets blamed or the significance of the attack is dismissed by those in favor of this recklessly granted privilege. When Tatiana Grant was attacked and bitten in Juniper Valley Park, she was told that it was her fault because, "she shouldn't have been rollerblading there." On June 8, 2006 when Matthew Connolly and his Shih Tzu were attacked at Principe Park, "it was after 9am and outside the park," and therefore doesn't "count." The Rottweiler was off of its leash, the time was just after 9 am and it ran out of the park to attack them. Dog advocates and the NYC Parks Department seem to believe that this mauling couldn't have occurred 20 minutes earlier, during off-leash hours and on the other side of the fence. How asinine is this mindset? Also, this attack showed that what goes on inside the park can affect what goes on outside of it. Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe feels he is justified in allowing off-leash dogs to roam within city parks; however, sometimes off-leash dogs find their way out of parks and onto city streets and sidewalks, areas over which Mr. Benepe does not have jurisdiction.

The bottom line is that the DoHMH has been woefully ineffective in enforcing animal control regulations. Passing off some of those responsibilities to a department with an admitted record of ignoring New York City and New York State laws and regulations is irresponsible and dangerous.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Holden
President

Parks Enforcement Patrol

The Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) is a division of Parks responsible for ensuring the safe use of parkland for everyone. PEP was created in 1981 as a way of promoting proper use and enjoyment of parks by enforcing park rules and regulations as well as health, traffic and sanitation codes. PEP officers patrol all parks, ensuring that members of the public adhere to rules governing park use as stipulated in the Rules and Regulations Handbook. Summonses are issued to people found in violation of the Parks regulations.

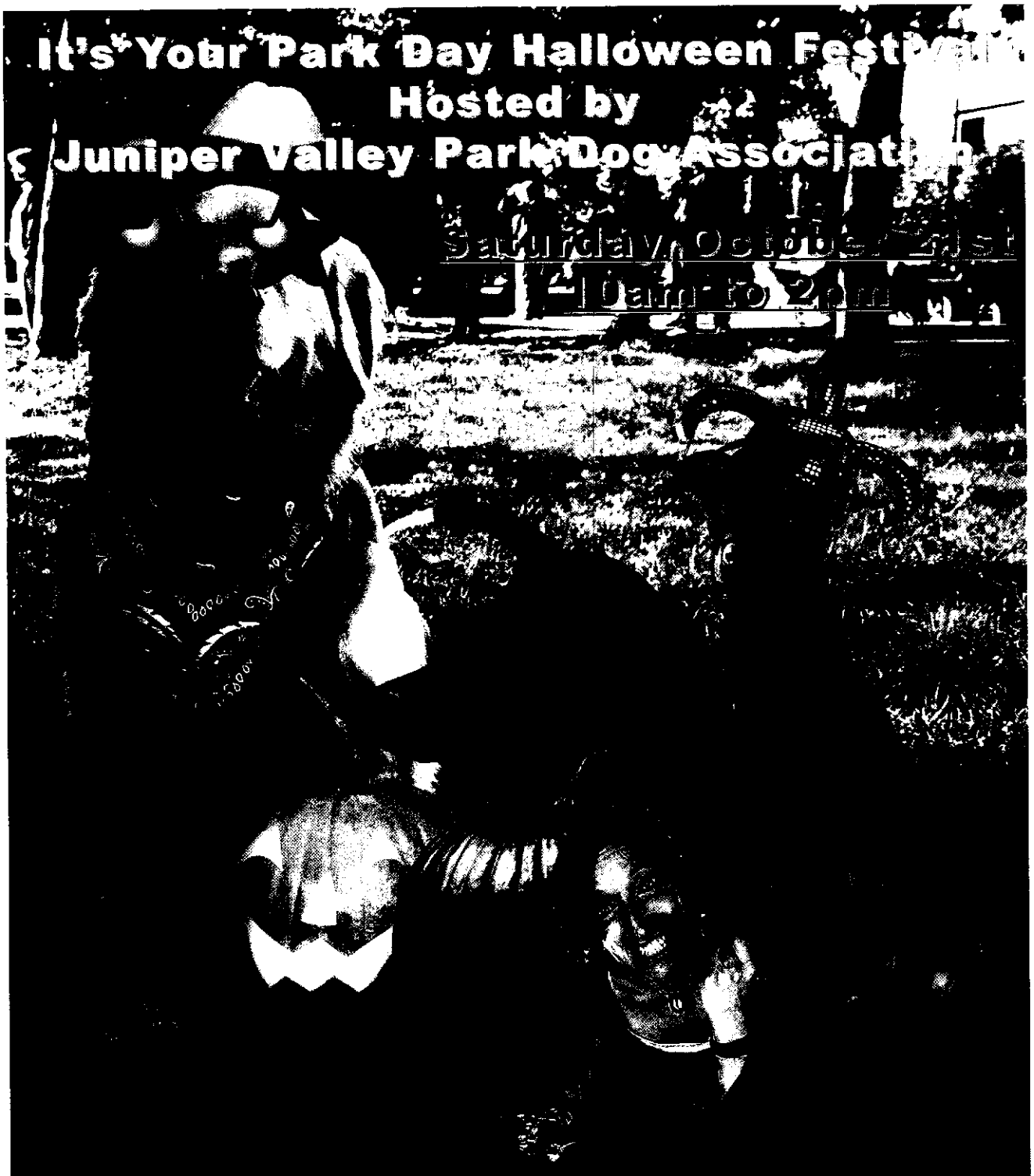
Parks Enforcement Patrol *Dollars in thousands*	2005 Actual Expenses	2006 Current Modified Budget	2007 Preliminary Budget
Spending	**$9,705**	**$10,804**	**$5,700**
PS	9,705	10,614	5,700
OTPS	0	190	0
Full-time Positions	53	53	n.a.

SOURCE: IBO.
NOTE: Full-time personnel: Actual as of June 30 for 2002 through 2005; as of Nov. 30 for 2006.

Performance Results:

Parks Enforcement Patrol ***Performance Statistics***	Type of Indicator	2002	2003	2004	2005
Summonses issued	Output	22,949	29,059	24,906	31,455

SOURCE: Mayor's Management Report.



It's Your Park Day Halloween Festival

Hosted by

Juniper Valley Park Dog Association

Saturday, October 31st

11am to 2pm

Bring your children & dogs and have some fun!

Treats - Games & Face Painting for the Kids

A Halloween costume contest for our four legged family members

Come out and have fun with the Dogs of Juniper Park
(And their Human friends will be there too!)

In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation

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In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation in Parks

Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

- We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of New York City, and as regular users and supporters of the City's parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash privileges in all City Parks.
- We support the continuation of off-leash privileges where appropriate in parks throughout the City of New York.

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Danielle Kwok	860 10th Ave		NY 10019	
ANN ROBERTS	393 W. 49TH ST	6G	NY 10019	
BARBARA ANDERSON	305 W 52nd		NY 10019	
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Carl Dachis	140 W 71st #8D	8D	NY NY 10023	
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In Support of Off-Leash, Dog Recreation in Parks

Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

- We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of NYC, and users of Central and Riverside Parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all City Parks.
- At the same time, we support the right to off-leash recreation for dog owners in other parks throughout the City of New York.
- To help end the lawsuit, as a compromise, we support the construction of a Dog Park in Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within that park.

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T. [illegible]	112 Lamel Walk	G	NY NY	
Alex Ghoashghai	90 Washington St #2000	8W	NY 10006	
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Steve Lefer	295 CPW	5G	NY NY 10023	———
Chris Aitke	1 Union Sq S	16-0	NY 10003	
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DAVID LEE Nancy	207 E 5 #2		NY NY	
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PLEASE RETURN PETITIONS BY JUNE 19 TO

Fort Greene Dog Owners Against Juniper Park Lawsuit
Electronic Petition
June 2006

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

205 Darlene Young
Also, please change the Riverside Park rules so that they are consistent with the off-leash rules of all other NYC parks. Why is Riverside Park singled out for being no off-leash, ever? Because Parks Commission Benepe lives near Riverside Park. Isn't this a bad abuse of power by a "public servant"?

204 susan rowland
Off leash hours in New York City keep dogs and people engaged in the community by populating the parks with responsible people who have a right to use the park in their way, like soccer players, bikers, tennis players, public and private school students and all the other groups who share these public spaces.

203 Angel Moreno

202 Leslie Synn

201 Julien Laor
I support this petition because a beautiful girl with a beautiful dog asked me to.

200 Alisa Drooker

199 Gerald Rourke

198 Kate Twelker

197 Michael Harsh

196 Natlalia Parsons

195 Kevin Mills
My dogs also support this petition.

194 Charita Patamikakorn

193 Peter Eide
It is very important to provide this service to pets and pet owners. Not only does having offleash hours in parks help keep parks safer during off hours but it provides a safe, healthy and humane situation for pets.

192 Allison Messina

191 David Haberer

190 April Walker
We pay taxes and dogs are creatures that need to enjoy life also. Taking off leash hours away is inhumane when the park is available 98% of the time with on leash laws. The hours are very early and very late when most people aren't in the park anyway. Please consider are needs as dog owners and realize that there should be a balance.

189 Alec Denes, MD

188 Gloria Howard

187 ebony shears

186 jb brown
creating harmony allows for differences of lifestyle--recognizing the needs of others allows for balance

185 Ivan Ramirez

184 PKN
Most dog aggression incidents are caused by irresponsible owners or the idiotic, instigating behavior by other people. Passing a law to banish off-leash rights will not solve any perceived, real or unreal, dog-agression problem. The solution is to enforce the law and fine people who mistreat their dogs and/or train them to be agressive, and educate children and adults about how to behave respectfully, and thus stay safe, around dogs.

183 Karinne Keithley
Off leash hours keep dogs well behaved, well exercised and happy, and promote safety and community in our parks.

182 Kristen Benson
As a dog owner I am writing to protest the possible removal of the existing off-leash hours for dogs in Fort Greene Park. I feel that the dog walkers represent one of the largest groups of residents who use the park on a regular basis. There are now more dogs in the area– most are well behaved, well trained and picked-up after – all of which have to be walked two to three times a day. This means a lot of "eyes" in the park, day and night. I believe many people would not even consider walking in the park after dark if it weren't for the company of dog walkers. We keep the park safe for everyone.
Many dog walkers(including myself) have phoned the police to report possible criminal activity going On in the park. This is a great working example of the old "eyes on the street" "neighborhood watch" theory of fighting crime. A dog walker in the park should be regarded as a neighborhood watchdog of sorts, rather than a nuisance or threat to other's safety.
I understand that some people in the community have an unjustified fear of dogs. I believe this is a problem that can be dealt with. Dog owner are more than willing to demonstrate that their dogs are not dangerous. Most dog owners make an effort to keep their dog away from people who are afraid of them.
However I feel if is unfair to make the dogs suffer because some people have a baseless fear of dogs.

And, as far as dogs actually harassing a passerby: in five years of going to park I have never witnessed an unleashed dog menacing a park user. Frankly, I've been more threatened in the park by rock throwing teenagers than any dog.

181 Tatjana Vujosevic

180 Bobby Richardson

179 Steve Wacksman
my dogs are important to my happiness and well-being, and their time in the park is important to their health and happiness.

178 Carol Holland
I support this petition.

177 Suzanne Molinaro

176 Paul Chernis
It is absurd to revoke off-leash privileges because there is no corresponding harm to people who don't care to be around dogs. They have ample recreational facilities. We all pay taxes. Why not provide enjoyment to everyone.

175 Fela Cortes
As a native New Yorker, I know how difficult it is to navigate this crowded city. Continuing the off-leash rights allows us (owners, dogs and neighbors) to feel like we're in a smaller town - a place where there's space for us all to run and jump and enjoy the park. Also, look at the faces of tourists when they visit and see the dogs off-leash - it brings a smile to their faces as they realize that NY isn't that different from their hometown. Let's keep our parks, people and dogs happy!

174 Ann Duignan

173 Ben Drew

172 k. swoopes

171 Marshall Holland

170 Craig Fithian
Presence of dogs and their owners in the mornings and evenings makes the parks safer. Citizens walking dogs at all hours of the day (sometimes on the way to the park) makes our neighborhoods safer for everyone and our citizens healthier. If off leash rights were eliminated in the parks, dog related problems would only increase – the irresponsible dog owners would still ignore the rules, the uninformed dog owners wouldn't have the wonderful opportunity to learn about responsible dog stewardship, and the city's dogs would not be as socialized and well behaved. Finally, the quality of life of the city's dog owners (voters!) is greatly enhanced by the responsible off leash dog recreation in the parks.

169 Kimberli Freeman

168 Sheila
it's only humane to allow dogs during off-leash hours. it's still safe and responsible.

167 Andrew Sherman

166 Sadia Rahman

165 Jean Murley
dogs and their owners have a right to enjoy our park responsibly.

164
Mia Sage
because people who live in this city should not have to sacrifice one of the great joys of life: having a happy dog. This is very important b/c it's about quality of life for people and dogs and there is plenty of QOL time for those who do not want to be around dogs as the off-leash rules are already strict enough! We hardly get any off leash time as it is...this lawsuit is outrageous. NYC already has a bad enough reputation for being 'cold, hard, and unfriendly'. DO we really want to live up to such a reputation? MANY of us feel that our playtime in the park with our dogs is a huge part of what makes living here bearable!

163 Gia Moron

162 Trisha Toelstedt

161
Gerard Consing
I absolutely support this petition! Dog owners that are in the parks after the 9pm time, add saftety and community to the parks. Please continue with off leash hours.

160 Andrea Dibner

159 Diane Hambrook
Don't throw the baby out with the bath water! What is going on at Juniper that might need to be corrected? There is no reason to abolish off leash hours; they keep many parks SAFE!!!

158 Donna Lawrence

157 Olga Akselrod

156 emanuela romano
I support this petition beacuse New York has to stay as human as possible and our pets are human sas much as we are. Of leash hours are freedom to them and theirs owners.

155 Lisa Messina

154 Nathaniel Frank

153 eve mosher

152 Brian Nagle

151 Jeanne Morgan-Nagle

150 Stephanie Borgese
I support this petition because the dog guardians of Fort Greene are responsible and have proven to obey the off-leash laws that are currently in place. In the year I have lived here, I have never witnessed any situation with the dogs that endangered humans. Our dogs need off-leash time to maintain their physical and mental health.

149 Emmely Pierre-Louis

148 Vitaa

147 Spring Dawson-McClure

146 Garen McClure

145 Cecile S. Irvine
off-leash hours in our parks dramatically improve the quality of life in this city for dog owners and those who enjoy seeing the dogs play. The presence of dog-owners and dogs in the parks acts as a deterrent to crime! The hours are limited and reasonable. Replacing them with dog-runs is not an acceptable alternative. Dog owners deserve to have their quality-of-life concerns safeguarded just as readily as do other park users.

144 Rachel Bentley

143 Katie Hartman

142 Christopher Franko
I support this petition because the current policy works well and the dog-owner community is vital to the well-being of the neighborhood

141 William Woods

140 Rina Deych
It's obscene that a few intolerant, anti-dog people in Queens are attempting to destroy the privileges we responsible dog owners have worked so hard to try to preserve. In this concrete jungle, where animals and people do not have the opportunity to breathe fresh air and run freely, offleash privileges have greatly contributed to keeping dogs and their human companions happy and healthy. Attempting to do away with this is not only anti-dog, but also anti human.

139 James Sinclair

138 Shahnaz Taber

137 Ellen Ervin

136 David Straub

I support rules to permit off-leash dog hours in all NYC parks.

135 Anne-Elizabeth Straub
There is so much in our lives that is regulated and regimented, perhaps beyond necessity. We should have some space and time within those regulations which allow for play and free expression. Off-leash hours give all concerned a framework within which they can work. Dog-owners are a presence, which is a deterrence to crime and a positive advantage to the well-being of the animals, owners and the community at large.

134 Barry DeFoe

133 David Allen

132 Matthew Townsend
as off-leash areas provide excellent outlets for responsible pet-owners to exercise their pets .

131 nicole Newman
Responsible dog owners should not be penalized when they are the ones making most use of the City Parks by volunteering their time and money to improve these green spaces for all.

130 Anthony Nieves
I support this petition because in no way shape or form should a minority group be permitted to impose their values or disrupt the quality of life of others.

129 Maren Langer

128 Brian Mundy

127 Diana Villarreal

126 Lisa Levesque
because the large amount of people (and dogs)during the off-leash hours helps keep the park safe. And all the dogs and people congregating in the park are part of what make our community so special.

125 Michael Finn
It will create the very problem it proposes to eliminate. Two it's a pathetic attempt by a small minority to take away the priveleges of a largely responsible group

124 Wayne Quashie
because the park should be enjoyed by all taxpayers

123
Dakota Straub
Off leash hours promote civic engagement, create a stable and constant presence in and attachment to the park. To cite a specific example: the Greene Market at Fort Greene Park was always liveliest after 9am, when dogs and their owners came to shop after off-leash hours.

122 Douglas McLeod
Off-leash hours are a vital benefit of the parks for a large part of our community.

121 Justin Hugh Daly
it helps keep the dogs happy, in turn keep the owners happy, and ultimately the community. Watching the dogs socialize and learning to socialize has a dramatic effect on the owners and the community.

120 Gina Guehrer
I have lived in Fort Greene for 5 years now, and frankly the only people that use this park 12months a year are dog owners. Especially before 9am and after 9 pm. We are a constant presence and we keep this park safe. In fact in the winter months we should have longer off-leash hours. Dogs as well as children deserve some time to run.

119 Angela Martini

118 Michael Kay
the current policy works well and is vital to the community and the health of the animals

117 Sabrina Raymond
dog owners make Fort Green park safe.

116 Leah Foster
Off leash hours make on-leash hours work.

115 Courtney Abrams

114 Drew Elliott
this is the only way to keep dogs on leash the rest of the time. Dogs have to have some time to run, organized or not

113 josephine gear

112 chauncey upson

111
Ben Woolsey
Well exercised dogs are less aggressive and friendlier dogs.

110 RachelGoldstein

109 Ebonie Jackson
Because as a tax paying New Yorker my dog and I deserve to enjoy the city parks as much as everyone lese does.

108 Christina Prostano
and all that it means to have a group of responsible dog-owners and community members using a resource as it should be used.

107 Erik Rhey
I think most dog owners in the neighborhood are respectful with cleaning up after and properly training their dogs. And it gives the neighborhood a place to congregate and talk to each other, even if

the only thing they have in common is owning a dog.

106 sandra sebastian
taking away park access for all dogs is draconian and unfair. don't punish the dogs, instead, choose the solution that will accommodate all members of the community! it's been proven to work in communities like fort greene, where I live, and park slope.

105 craig cooley
People with dogs in green areas of the city that were once undesirable areas to live in are always at the forefront of making a neighborhood safer. Lets not penalize them now.

104 Philip Antoniades
Off leash times keep the park safe.

103 Kevin Lippert

102 Jennifer Thompson
I support this position because as a dog owner and park user I have witnessed first hand the success of allowing dog owners to share this space with other park users. As a group, the dog owners make the park a safer place.

101 Ariadna Correa

100 Jason Marks
Why does this group hate dogs so much? Let em get some exercise

99 Nancy Peterson
I support this petition because as citizens of NYC we must work effectively to ensure all members of our communities have access to our parks and because we have proven, through organizations such as Fort Greene PUPS, that dog owners play an important role in the stewardship of NYC Parks.

98 emily wasserman

97 Muffet Jones
off leash recreation is as valid and important for law-abiding tax paying citizens of New York like me as is soccer or tennis or softball or any of the other recreational activities that take place in the public parks that my tax dollars pays for. That I should be deemed a secondclass citizen and banned from city parks makes me furious.

96 Edie Novicki
I have a very well behaved, very active dog that needs a great deal of exercise. By allowing dogs and dog owners access to parks, the parks are well used, highly populated with responsible individuals at all hours, and therefore safer.

95 Gabriela de la Vega

94 noelle cleary
I support this petition because people and dogs CAN coexist and share open spaces and all be happy. In Ft Greene, where I live, we have limited off-leash hours, and if that was taken away, it would be

devastating to the hundreds of respectful, considerate dog owners in the area.

93 Kevin Webb

92 Christopher Le
Having a dog walking community in the park keeps our park safer, later.

91 Kevin Mills
Fort Greene Park is our haven! They can't take it away!

90 Tyler R. Converse

89 Deborah&Arturo Leconte

88 Tamara Connolly

87 Marion Thomas Mathis

86 Carmen Vega

85 Branwen MacDonald

84 Lia Dikigoropoulou

83 erika doering
In Fort Greene Park we have worked hard and succeeded in sharing and caring for an intensely used modest sized public park. We have proved to our community that we as a user group can coexist with other park user groups. It is possible to have this kind of success. Please recognize this effort, hard work and success by not making a blanket law that abolishes this kind of successful integration of urban community cultures. thank you.

82 Deena Patel

81 mark seitz

80 Mary Jean Matula

79 Jacqueline Craig
I support this petition

78 Joe Henwood
Thanks for helping!

77 George Robbins

76 Limor Gasko

75 Jeanette Sena Muhlmann

74 Tim Smith

73 Annie Carlson
It will be devestating to loose the option of excersizing my dog at our wonderful park.

72 Rachel Elson

71 Lars Fuchs
Rules for individual parks should reflect the interests of the communities that use them, not of those in different boroughs.

70 Julie Pewitt

69 sheryl silver

68 Jay Reiburn

67 Sharon Graves

66 richie lin

65 neil glaser

64 Shauna Braun

63 Catherine Kunicki
Pets make New Yorkers better people. We need access to our parks.

62 Cary Raffle

61 Katie Emmet
Off leash hours are a benefit to the park. It is populated with responsible people at hours it might otherwise be less safe and it is cared for by the dog owners on a daily basis. Many mornings I and others I see pick up general trash to make an environment they use daily more pleasant. The off lease hours also promote community as they bring local residents together who might otherwise never meet. Our lives would be significantly diminished without them.

60 Michelle Lewis

59 Martha Kenton

58 Kimberley Gavin

57 Marla Dekker

56 Libby Baker
The Juniper Park Civic Association is not qualified to represent the communities surrounding all NYC parks. I hope that the dog-owners and dog-avoiders around Juniper Park can come to an equitable arrangement, however the rights of people in other areas of the City should not be affected by this one

disagreement.

55 Tim Stoenner

54 Elizabeth Robinson

53 Charissa Cabot

52 samuel Barron

51 Sara Stopek

50 Justin Banks

49 Karen Malpede

48 Lisa Davis

47 C. Camarena

46 Andrew Craven

45 Sion McCormick

44 John D Clifton

43 Mary Chadwick

42 Sarah Smith

41 Juliet Sternberg

40 Mark Elijah Rosenberg
My dog splits time with me in Brooklyn and my parents in Connecticut, but even when he's not hear, I feel like the park is a safer and more fun place with dogs in it. Save off-leash hours!

39 Abbot Weissman

38 Karuna Patel

37 Raquel Pelzel

36 Jessica Reed

35 Cynthia Barton

34 Alan Matula

33 Jason Carness

32 Dan Sachar

31 Kate Rosen
Responsible dog owners make parks safe

30 Kathy Urbina

29 Ben Henwood

28 Eliza Stamps

27 Robert Dvorkin
I realize what a privilege it is to be able to walk my dog off-leash in NYC's parks. Dog owners are for the most part highly responsible lovers and protectors of our city parks. Please, let us keep our few hours of freedom for our beloved pets. Thank you.

26 Suzanne Butler

25 Madeline Chadwick

24 Cheryl Wolff

23 Mollie Goldstein

22 Elizabeth Adam

21 Amy Hecht

20 Christian Johnson

19 Scott Reiburn

18 Allison Cardona

17 Katie Dunn

16 Kwanza Butler

15 Deborah Leeds

14 sara huber

13 Jennifer Gandin

12 maurice van swaaij

11 Sarah Dupuy
The Parks are meant to serve the community and the community include dog owners and their dogs.

10 jeanette bronee

9 William Massie

8 Sarah Palmer

7 Larry Greenemeier
There's no good reason why dogs shouldn't be allowed offleash during certain hours in our public parks. Juniper Park Civic Association should have no authority to speak for me or how taxpayer-supported parks should be operated.

6 Robert Moskal

5 Chris Peyser

4 christine brumback

3 Pia Diana Martin II

2 Alex Sniderman

1 Kath Hansen

In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation in Parks

Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor, and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

- We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of New York City, and as regular users and supporters of the City's parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash privileges in all City Parks.
- We support the continuation of off-leash privileges where appropriate in parks throughout the City of New York.

FULL NAME & SIGNATURE (Print Name Above Signature)	STREET ADDRESS (Indicate Home or Work)	APT/ FL	CITY, STATE, ZIP	PHONE/E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)
JANE P. DOE III *Jane P. Doe*	600 Columbus Ave (H)	1A	NY, NY 10024	Jdoe@abc.com (718) 965-8945
Barbara A. Kalvoy DVM	150 East 74th St NYC, NY 10021		NY NY 10021	
Melissa Kelly	105 Montague St. ~~Bklyn, NY 11201~~	403	Bklyn, NY 11201	mulkel27@verizon.net
Rachel Morrison	25-26 43rd St	4	Astoria, NY 11103	
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	521 81st	C	NY	US OLDmutts@msn.com
Taryn Lawrence	174 East 74th St #12E New York, NY 10021	12E	NY, NY 10021	TLawrence@burberryusa.com
PAUL HECKLER	73 BAY 17th St	UPPER	B'KLYN, NY 11214	UBERHECK@OPTONLINE.NET
Sonny Dorland	755 Park Ave	1C	NY, NY 10021	sonny@dorlandgroup.com
Jennifer D Dorland Jennifer D Dorland	755 Park Ave	1C	NY, NY 10021	
Marcia Dorland	755 Park Ave	1C	NY NY 10021	mdoezoo4@yahoo.com
Dodge O. Dorland Dodge O. Dorland	755 Park Avenue	1C	NY, NY, 10021	dodge@dorlandgroup.com

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	NAME PRINTED			Address		Do you own a dog?
	Last	First	Signature	Home	E-Mail	
1	WHITE	GERALDINE			geraldinedwhite@yahoo.com	Y
2	Leonardo	TerriJo			terrijo22@yahoo.com	
3	ARIAS	Angela		70-41 45th Ave Woodside, NY 11377	ANGELA.ARIAS@NJ.DBB.COM.	
4	Sullivan	Kevin		Middle Village		
5	Sullivan	Ellen		"		
6	Sullivan	Tim		"		
7	Niski	Vincent		Elmhurst.		
8	PROBST	Dan		Middle Vlg		
9	PROBST	Annette		Middle Vlg		
10	Jackie Probst			"		
11	Sean	Sullivan		Middle Vlg		
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1	Matthaei	George	George Matthaei	17 Hart St. Lynbrook NY	gmatthaei@optonline.net	No
2	Orellana	Livia	Livia Orellana	3450 41st. Apt. D1C, NY 11104	liviaorellana@netscape.net	
3	Marsach	Evette	Evette Marsach	403 W. 40th St NY NY 10018	evette.marsach@ny.ddb.com	Yes
4	Zimpfer	Jennifer	Jennifer Zimpfer	550 11th St 4R Brooklyn 11215	jenaz22@yahoo.com	
5	Rabkin	Jim				
6	Del Pilar	Erving			edelpilar@earthlink.net	No
7	Navarro	Ralph	Ralph Navarro	79-25 150th St Flushing, NY 11367	RALPH.NAVARRO@AOL.COM	Yes
8	Murphy	Peter	Peter Murphy	880 Woodward Ave. Glendale NY 11385	MRPPET8@aol.com	Yes.
9	Miranda	Dan	Dan Miranda	Queens NY	D.MIRANDA@NY.ABS.com	
10	Pot	Ellen	Ellen Pot	101 W. 74th St. 6E NY, NY 10023	ellen_potcollet@hotmail.com	
11	Fulop	Haley	Haley Fulop	306 West 73rd Street, 2B New York, NY 10023	Hale/Fulop@yahoo.com	
12	Cronin	Scott	Scott Cronin	2350 Broadway, #646 NY, NY 10024	Scronin@altavista.com	
13	Hauptman	Keren	Keren Hauptman	141 E. 89th St, Apt 3E 10128 NYC	Kerenhauptman@aol.com	
14	Cohen	Jana	Jana Cohen	400 E 56th St, Apt 3H NY, NY 10022	janacohen@yahoo.com.	
15	Jessen	Lori	Lori Jessen	95 Horatio St. Apt. 5V NY, NY 10014	lori.jessen@ny.ddb.com	
16	Pagano	Charles	Charles Pagano	186 Riverside Dr. #3C, NY, NY 10024	chuck.pagano@ny.ddb.com	
17	Rizzuto	Tony	Tony Rizzuto	756 Washington #5H NY, NY 10014	tony.rizzuto@ny.ddb.com	
18	Deary	Chris	Chris Deary			
19	[redacted] MA	Yinbo	Yinbo Ma	110-11 Queens Blvd 10D Forest Hills NY 11375	yinboma@gmail.com	
20	Fogel	Steven	Steven Fogel	135 W. 16th St. #4G NY, NY 10011	STEVENFOGEL@GMAIL.COM	

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201	Holguin	Jacqueline	Jacqueline Holguin	3[illegible]	Jacholguin@yahoo.com	
202	Holguin	Myrna	Myrna Holguin		myrna210@yahoo.com	
203	Valencia	Joaya	Joaya Valencia	140 Jefferson St	JValBK1@yahoo	
204	Schneider	Fred	Fred Schneider	61-46 84th Place	ithasch@gmail.com	
205	Carbone	Tony	Tony Carbone	60-14 77 St	Tcarbone@401	
	FDNY	Jr		63-41 74TH ST	JFMIST@MSN.COM	
206						
207	Banks	Larry(13)	Larry Banks	63-20 75th pl	Wcrazy_larry@aol.a	
208	Anderson	Rita	Rita Anderson	75-37 Furmanville Ave	Rita Anderson	
209	CANDELA	VINCENT	Vincent Candela	61-47 75th PLACE	VINNYC100@AOL.COM	
210	D'Alessandro	Frank	Frank D'Alessandro	74-19 66 DR.		
211	L. Macias	Leo.	Leo Macias	400 Central.	LMJOE@Yahoo.com	
212	CZERWONKA	EVA	Eva Czerwonka	57-79 75 St	Ewa2272@Gmail.com	
213	PERRICONE	GERARD	Gerard Perricone	60-29 78th ST	gdperricone@yahoo	
214	Conrad	Retta	Retta Conrad	52-66 72nd St.	Supersonicfly2003@Yahoo.com	
215	Paredes	Jovani	Jovani Paredes	52-66-72 st.	11	
216	PATRICK DUIGNAN	PAT	Pat Duignan	69-15 66 PL	PADDYDIGG@HOTMAIL.COM	
217	Leigh Duignan	Leigh	Leigh Duignan	69-15 66 PL		
218	MURPHY	GERARD	Gerard Murphy	59-09 74 ST		
219	Polizzi	Eileen	Eileen Polizzi	82-68 88th Place		
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2						Y
3						Y
4						Y
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21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
22	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
23	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
24	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
26	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	yes
27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
28	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO
29	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO
30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES
31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES
32	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
33	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Yes
34	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	NO
35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	YES.
36	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
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41	DRUSM	BRIAN		718 457 4080	NLKOT@edu.com	✓
42	PAWLOWSKI	Michelle		718-326-2833	Mpawlo3888@aol.com	✓
DPA 43	Grabowska	Agnes		718-429-5328	Agnes_g7@msn	✓
44	Korwicki	Dawn		718-457-2230	DSN@nyc.rr.com	✓
45	Oates	Laura		718-898-7960	Laura.oates@phelps.com clifford	✓
46	Chiaramonte	Christine		718 426 0161	Durisky1@nyc.rr.com	✓
47	Peli	Joe		718-416-2328	PELIJR@AOL.com	✓
48	Allen	Traci		718/894-3216	tea12golf@aol.com	✓
49	Barrett	Eileen		718/894-3216	Spanca1515@aol.com	✓
50	Ciorciari	Nicole		718/894-1937		No
51	GARCES	EDWIN		718 628 5796	sandscabinets@verizon.net	✓
52	Margie Sorrentino			1917 361 1725		
53	Camille Liguori	Camille		65-49 74th St.	None	
54	Annette Aassell	Annette		84-20 153 Ave.	None	
55	Robin Esposito	Robin		20-22 53rd	—	
56	Maria Nemeth	Maria		58-18 83rd St M.V.	—	
57	MONTES	Somelia		82-14 164 Place	—	
		Erwin		718 380 2287	—	
		George		718 843-3445		
		A.		718-386-3834	Biondafoxlosa@aol	

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121	STEPHEN	LESLIE-ANN		390 Lexington Ave 5B	stacey_leslie@hotmail.com	N
122	Goldberg	Melissa		346 E. 87th Street	Mel1505@earthlink.net	
123	Pinnamaneni	Sruthi		142 Henry St, #5W, NY 10002	luminousbead@gmail.com	N
124	Lagerstrom	Susanne		311 East 50 St NY NY 10022	susanne.lagerstrom@ny.ddb.com	
125	CARROLL	KATHY		41-21 56 STREET WOODSIDE 11377	KEVINCARROLL@RCN.COM	N
126	Caricello	John		82-29 60th Rd M.V. [redacted]	NLF10311 AOL	Y
127	Gerlich	Barry		6448 80th Street	MIDJil1@aol.com	
128	~~[redacted]~~ Pinto	Janeth		6431 74ST 11379	JPinto53@msn	
129	GANGI	TERI		6224 72ST MIDDLE VILLAGE	teri326@msn	
130	WALSH	JAMES		63-77 76th Street	devildog1368@earthlink.net	
131	Barakat	Mourad		7006 Eliot Ave.	mourad_barakat@yahoo	
132	Barakat	Maged		6015 83rd street	mbarakat70@yahoo.com	
133	~~Blanca~~ VELASQUEZ	Blanca		53-32 69 St APT 3 Maspeth NY 11378	Blanca_Velasquez@yahoo	
134	WONG	Kalyee				
135	Guardino	Richard		91 11 65th Rd RegoPark NY 11374		
136	GABOR	MICHAEL		61-22 75th Place Middle Villg N.Y. 11379		
137	LE TENNIER	EMIL		59-20 Woodbine st Ridgewood 11385		
138	COLCHI	LAURA		60-61 76 ST MIDDLE VILLAGE NY 11379		
139	COLCHI	LAURA		60-57 69 Place Maspeth NY 11378		
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22	Festa	Lauren	Lauren Festa	212 East 88th St.		NO
23	Stern	Lucia		788 Columbus Ave #16C		YES
24	Katnicki	Martin		326 E. 94 St APT 5 E.		No.
25	Bainbridge	Jason		28 E 10TH ST Apt 5W		NO
26	Naticllo	Debbie	Debbie Natiello	70-16 34th Ave, Apt. 2A		NO
27	Fischer	Agnes	Agnes Fischer	306. W 2 # 12		NO
28	BOWERS	STEPHANIE		212-327-2710		YES
29	WEISS	Ruby		(718) 238-1747		NO
30	WEISS	William		(718) 238-1747		NO
31	BOWERS	LESTER		212-327-2710		YES
32	LaBella	Kate		860 830 3202		NO
33	Rosenblum	Scott		212 684 2357		NO
34	Rosenberg	Kim				YES
35	LUSK	Jillian	Jillian Lusk	212-327-0732		NO
36	Bediako	Nana		212-817-6546		NO
37	Villani	Jen		332 W. 84th St. 3B		yes
38	Tawn	Smith	Tawn Smith	917-559-5059		No
39	~~Michelle~~ Shimamura	Michelle		718-929-1885		
40	Shah	Ronak		908 822 1851		NO

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2	Sabini	George	George Sabini	" " "		
3	D'Elia	Marge	Marge D'Elia	" " "		
4	D'Elia	Anthony	Anthony D'Elia	" " "		
5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
6	Sherman	Caroline	Caroline Sherman	New York, NY		
7	ACERO	SUSAN	[illegible]	GLENDALE, NY		
8	MARANO	ROSEMARY	[illegible]	Jackson Heights NY		
9	Hobbs	Alli	[illegible]	Manhattan		
10	KANTROWITZ	JOE	[illegible]	MANHATTAN		
11	Herr	Matthew	[illegible]	Manhattan		
12	GRAYSON	SCOTT	Scott Grayson	CHAPPAQUA, NY		
13	Sharf	Rumani	[illegible]			
14	Fulop	Henry	[illegible]			
15	Moore	Allison	[illegible]	Manhattan		
16	O'Donnell	Anna	[illegible]	M. V. N.Y.		
17	Veracruchen	Carol	Carol Veracruchen	M V NY		
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282	HIGGINS	Joseph	Joseph P. Higgins	6 CABRINI BLVD NYC NY 10033	pthip@MSN.com	Yes
283	Vaughn	Catherine	Catherine Vaughn	166 E 61st St 8M New York NY 10021	Kittiti@MSN.com	Yes
284	BESOIAN	Chris	Chris Besoian	164 E 61st NY		
285	SCOTT	Kevin	Kevin Scott	166 E 61st St, NY	KABScott@Aol.com	Yes
286	Stein	Jeff	Jeff Stein	" " #7N		NO
287	Halsted	Fran	Fran Halsted	166 E 61st St	N/A	YES
288	LOPEZ	KALININ	Kalinin Lopez	52-67 62 AVE.		YES
289	AVELINO	Rich	Rich Avelino	60-28 70th St Maspeth	JMcasio@verizon.net	Yes
290	ZIELONKA	DANUTA	Danuta Zielonka	60-47 74th St 11379	DZIELONKA@NYC.RR.COM	YES
291	SIVER	Leslie	Leslie Siver	54-21 71st St 11378	lds3774@aol.com	Yes
292	THOERICHT	JOHN	John Thoericht	60-35 71st 11378	Puddycat58@yahoo.com	YES
293	ACquaire	Lisa	Elizabeth Acq	61-31 Madison 11378	Puddycat58@hotmail.com	yes
294	PAWLOWSKI	Michelle	Michelle Pawlowski	67-65 73 PL.		
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22	Giglio	[illegible]ER	Peter Giglio	81-93 CYPRESS AVE	P[illegible]ZON.NET	
23	Dinkelaker	[illegible], Lori		82-[illegible] Caldwell M.V.	LOTI[illegible].com	
24	Procella	Irvin/Carolyn	Carolyn [illegible]	636 Fitchett ST Rego[illegible]	[illegible]@Aol.com	
25	LUCKEY	DIANE	Diane Luckey	141 Conselyea St. Bklyn	VIKINGS926@aol.com	
26	LUCKEY	JOHN	John Luckey	7846 76th St.	~~NOT~~ BSBILDOG@AOL.COM	
27	LUCKEY	DONNA	Donna Luckey	11 11	METFAN11@AOL.COM	
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NAME	ADDRESS	E-MAIL	DATE
Richard Teagues	429 Clinton Ave		7-8-6
James C. PETERSON	275 Clinton Ave		"
Christopher A. Garner	420 Clinton ave	CALEXJ19@Hotmail.com	7-9-06
Lewis Lee	420 Clinton Ave		7-9-06
HILDA COHEN	215 Cumberland St.	[illegible]@yahoo.com	7.8.06
Amira Basel	140-82 Burden Cres.	amirabasel@yahoo.com	7/8/06
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June 16, 2006

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Juniper Park Civic Assoc. v. City of New York

Dear Melanie:

I enclose ~~five~~ 14 pages of signed petitions which were obtained from dog owners in the area of the North playing fields, the tennis courts and the East Meadow. More signatures are being obtained and will follow.

I hope this helps bring some understanding to the court of the well-spring of support for the current policy regarding leashing.

With thanks for all your help.

Sincerely yours,

Bhalinder L. Rikhye

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Petition

McCarren Park Dog Run
McCarren Park, Williamsburg/Greenpoint Brooklyn, NY

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SUPPORT OFF-LEASH PRIVILEGES IN CITY PARKS! SEND THIS MESSAGE TO MAYOR MIKE...

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I wish to express my support for the continuation of off-leash recreation for dog owners in City parks. As a taxpayer, I value my right to enjoy the City's parks in a responsible, safe manner.

Off-leash recreation, the second-most popular activity in many parks, is good for people and good for the parks!

Off-Leash Makes Parks Safer: People who enjoy off-leash make parks safer because we are out there year-round, at odd hours, in all kinds of weather.

Off-Leash Helps Maintain Parks: People who enjoy off-leash cherish and contribute to the parks with volunteer work and monetary donations.

Off-Leash Is Good For Business: People will pay a premium to live near an off-leash area. Both general and pet-centered businesses flourish from the constant traffic in and out of parks.

Off-Leash Helps Build Community: In this wonderful but often cold city, off-leash allows people to interact across social and economic boundaries, forming sound friendships and support systems impossible under other circumstances.

Please, Mr. Mayor, continue your support of our chosen form of recreation in our parks!

Signed: DVM
Name (print): Keith Manning, DVM
Address: 321 E. 52nd St NYC, NY

TO MAYOR MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, CITY HALL, NYC 10007

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6	Sullivan	Tim		"		
7	Niski	Vincent		Elmhurst		
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9	PROBST	Annette		Middle Vlg		
10	Jackie Probst			"		
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212	CZERWONKA	EVA	[illegible]	57-79 75 St	Eva2272@Gmail.com	
213	PERRICONE	GERARD	[illegible]	60-29 78th ST	gdperriconeyahoo	
214	Council	Ruth	Ruth Council	52-66 72nd St.	Skyqueenfly2003@Yahoo.com	
215	Paredes	Jovani	Jovani Paredes	52-66-72 st.	11	
216	PATRICK DUIGNAN	PAT	[illegible]	69-15 66 PL	PADDYDIGG@HOTMAIL.COM	
217	Leigh Duignan	LEIGH	Leigh	69-15 66 PL		
218	MURPHY	GERARD	[illegible]	59-09 74 ST		
219	Polizzi	Eileen	[illegible]	82-68 88th Place		
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1	Schanker	Barbara		89-12 76th Ave	Bschanker@nyc.rr.com	Y
2	Richards	Maurice		81-12 76th Ave		Y
3	CITRALO	PAT		64-87-77 ST	PRESTOS@AOL.COM	Y
4	CITRALO	RAY		64-87-77 ST		Y
5	Barba	[illegible]		64-31 69th Street	[illegible]	Y
6	PAWLOWSKI	Michelle		67-65 73RD Mdle		Y
7	McReady	Debbie-Tim		73-35 67th Rd Mdle	McBone55@yahoo.com	Y
8	MEINECKE	JEAN		59-19 76st Maspeth	JEAN.MEINECKE@CITI	Y/NOT
9	BEIRNE	KATHLEEN		65-18 79th MUNY	Kathleen@continuum.net	Y
10	Mora	Edwin		64-18 78th	[illegible]	Y
11	Kehayan	Zara		60-15 77PL Middle Village	kayanzara@yahoo.com	X
12	ALAJ	JULIE		80-15 PENELOPE LANE		
13	~~LACKS~~ LACKS	Mary		89-11 63rd Dr	Bethanne Stanton	Y
14	Lacks	Andy		89-11 63rd Dr	[illegible]	Y
15	DE CANDIA	VITO		5939 70th ST	VDC19@aol.com	
16	GIORGIO	Marie		6450 73 Place	[illegible]	Y
17	HIGGINS	ANDY		6405-71ST	ANDREW5554@AOL.COM	
18	KORNFELD	William		73-12 58th Dr		
19	DOROFEO	Michelle		80-02 Cooper St	—	Y
20	FALCO	Michael		80-02 Cooper St	—	Y

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21	BRUCATO	MARYJANE	MaryJane Brucato	60-83 Juniper Ave	MJ2CANDI@aol.com	Yes
22	O'MAHONEY	SINEAD	S. O'Mahoney	64-86 58th Rd Maspeth	Sinead2468@AOL.com	Yes
23	WONG	AUSTIN	Austin Wong	62-14 Penelope Ave.	LWong4Ace@Comcast.net	Yes
24	TUTURICI	CHRIS	[illegible]	75-16 Juniper Blvd South	Cpt116@Aol.com	Yes
25	SMITH (DECEASED)	EDWARD	E Smith	60-23 Palmetto St	Ed50@Verizon.NET	Yes
26	ADDEO	VINCENT	Vincent Addeo	69-21 66th RD M.V.		Yes
27	FINKEL (6A)	MARYANN	Maryann Finkel	58-35 84th St. MV		Yes
28	HANLON	TIMOTHY	Timothy Hanlon	58-26 84th St MV		NO
29	CARLSON	ALICE	Alice Carlson	60-40 83rd St MV	Nalice1@MSN	NO
30	PEARL	ELLEN	Ellen Pearl	105-37 65th AVE 6A	Forest Hills NY. 11375	YES
31	~~AMY~~ ELLIS	AMY	Amy Ellis	64-45 Booth St	Rego Park 11374	YES
32	GOULBOURNE	IRENE	Irene GSL@aol.com	98-09 64th RD.	REGO PARK 11374	Yes
33	WITTING	MYRNA	Myrna Witting	64-85 Booth St 2C	Rego Park 11374	Yes
34	morales	michele	Michele Morales	62-1281 St. MV	michele.morales@gsa.gov	NO
35	RYAN	STEVE	Steven Ryan	60-31 83ST MV		YES.
36	MCCORMACK	VIVIAN	Vivian McCormack	63-75 Dry Harbor Rd	Rubyclipper@90i.com	
37	BOLTZ	LARRY	Larry Boltz	61-24 69st	Boltz1522@	
38	LASHINSKY	MARY	Mary Lashinsky	75-22 66th Dr. M.V.	Marlashinsky@	
39	CASINO	PHIL		718-779-3908		
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1	DRURM	BRIAN		718 457 480	NLKOT@edu.com	✓
2	PAWLOWSKI	Michelle		718-326-2873	Hpearl03888@aol.com	✓
3	Grabowska	Agnes		718-429-5328	Agnes_g7@msn	✓
4	Korvienko	Dawn		718-457-2230	DSN@NYC.rr.com	✓
5	Oates	Laura		718-898-7960	dutt and Laura.oates@phelps.com	✓
6	Chiaramonte	Christine		718 426 0161	Durshy1@NYC.RR.com	✓
7	Peli	Joe		718-416-2328	PELI4R@AOL.com	✓
8	Allen	Traci		718/894-3216	tea12golf@aol.com	✓
9	Barrett	Eileen		718/894-3216	Spence1515IS@aol.com	✓
10	Ciorciari	Nicole		718/894-1937		No
11	GARCES	EDWIN		718-628-5796	sandscabinetsc@verizon.net	✓
12	Margie Sorrentino			1917361 1725		
13	Camille Ligueri	Camille		65-49 79th St.	None	
14	Annette Aassell	Annette		84-20 153 Ave.	None	
15	Robin Esposito	Robin		20-22 53rd	—	
16	Maria Nemeth	Maria		58-18 83rd St M.V.	—	
17	Montes	Sonelia		82-14 164 Place	—	
		Erwin		718 380 2687	—	
		George		718 843-3445		
				718-386-3834	Biondafoodjosa@aol	

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121	STEPHEN	LESLIE-ANN		390 Lexington Ave 5b	stacey_leslie@hotmail.com	N
122	Goldberg	Melissa		346 E. 87th Street	melis05@earthlink.net	
123	Pinnamaneni	Sruthi		142 Henry St #5W, NY 10002	luminousbeard@gmail.com	N
124	Lagerstrom	Susanne		311 East 50 St NYNY 10022	susanne.lagerstrom@ny.ddb.com	
125	CARROLL	KATHY		41-21 56 STREET WOODSIDE 11377	KEVINCARROLL@RCN.COM	N
126	Caricello	John		82-29 60th Rd MV.	NLFC0311 AOL	Y
127	Gerlich	BARRY		6448 80th Street	MIDVIL1@AOL.COM	
128	~~Pinto~~ Pinto	JANETH		6431 74ST 11379	JPINTO53@MSN	
129	GANGI	TERI		6224 72ST MVL 11379	teri326@msn	
130	WALSH	JAMES		63-77 76th Street	devildog1368@earthlink.net	
131	Barakat	Mourad		7006 Eliot Ave.	mourad_barakat@yahoo	
132	Barakat	Maged		6015 83rd street	mbarakat70@yahoo.com	
133	~~Blanca~~ Velasquez	Blanca		53-32 69 St	Blanca_Velasquez@yahoo	
134	WONG	Kaylee		APT 3 Maspeth NY		
135	Guardino	Richard		→ 91 11 65th Rd RegoPark NY 11374		
136	GABOR	MICHAEL		→ 61-22 75th Place. Middle Villg N.Y. 11379		
137	LE TENNIER	EMIL		→ 59-20 Woodbine st Ridgewood 11385		
138	COLCHI	LAURA		60-61 76st MIDDLE VILLAGE NY 11379		
139	COLCHI	LAURA		60-57 69 Place Maspeth NY 11378		
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21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	454 W 22		N
22	Festa	Lauren	Lauren Festa	212 East 88th St.		NO
23	[illegible]	Lucia	[illegible]	788 Columbus Ave #16C		YES
24	Katnicki	Martin	[illegible]	326 E. 94 St APT 5E.		No.
25	Baldridge	Jacob	[illegible]	284 E 10TH St Apt 5W		NO
26	Naticllo	Debbie	[illegible]	70-16 34th Ave, Apt. 2A		NO
27	Fischer	Agnes	Agnes Fischer	306. W. 2 # 12		NO
28	BOWERS	STEPHANIE	[illegible]	212-327-2710		YES
29	Weiss	Ruby	[illegible]	(718) 238-1747		NO
30	Weiss	William	[illegible]	(718) 238-1747		NO
31	Bowers	Lesten	Lester Bowers	212-327-2710		YES
32	LaBella	Kate	Kate LaBella	860 830 3202		NO
33	Rosenblum	Scott	Scott Rosenblum	212 684 2357		NO
34	Rosenberg	Kim	[illegible]			YES
35	LUSK	Jillian	Jillian Lusk	212-327-0732		NO
36	Bediako	Nana	Nana Fe	212-817-6546		NO
37	Villani	Jen	[illegible]	332 W. 84th St. 3B		yes
38	Tawn	Smith	Tawn Smith	917-559-5059		No
39	~~Michelle~~ Shimyakura	michelle	[illegible]	718-929-1885		
40	Shah	Ronak	[illegible]	908 822 1851		no

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1	SABINI	JOSEPHINE	Josephine Sabini	middle Village, NY		
2	SABINI	GEORGE	George Sabini	" " "		
3	D'ELIA	MARGE	Marge D'Elia	" " "		
4	D'ELIA	ANTHONY	Anthony D'Elia	" " "		
5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		
6	Sherman	Caroline	Caroline Sherman	New York, NY		
7	ACERO	SUSAN	[illegible]	GLENDALE NY		
8	MARANO	ROSEMARY	Rosemary Marano	Jackson Heights NY		
9	Hobbs	Alli	[illegible]	Manhattan		
10	KANTROWITZ	JOE	Joe Kantrowitz	MANHATTAN		
11	Herr	Matthew	[illegible]	Manhattan		
12	GRAYSON	SCOTT	Scott Grayson	CHAPPAQUA, NY		
13	Sharp	Rachael	[illegible]			
14	Fulop	Henry	[illegible]			
15	Moore	Allison	[illegible]	Manhattan		
16	O'Donnell	Anna	[illegible]	M. V. N.Y.		
17	Vercruysen	Carrie	[illegible]	M V NY		
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282	HIGGINS	Joseph	Joseph P. Higgins	6 CABRINI BLVD NYC NY 10033	pthip@MSN.com	Yes
283	Vaughn	Catherine	Catherine Vaughn	166 E. 61st St. 8M New York NY 10021	Kittiti@MSN.com	Yes
284	BEJOIAN	Chris	Chris Bejoian	164 E 61st NY		
285	SCOTT	KEVIN	Kevin Scott	166 E. 61st St, 19F	KABSCOTT@AOL.com	Yes
286	Stettin	Jeff	Jeff Stettin	" " #7N		NO
287	Husted	Sean	Sean Husted	166 E 61st St	N/A	YES
288	LOPEZ	KALIVIN	Kalivin Lopez	52-67 62 AVE.		YES
289	AVELLINO	Rich	Rich Avellino	66-28 70th St Maspeth	JMCASIO@QUEENS.COM	YES
290	ZIELONKA	DANUTA	Danuta Zielonka	60-47 74th St 11379	DZIELONKA@NYC.RR.COM	YES
291	SILVER	Leslie	Leslie Silver	54-21 71st St. 11378	lds3774@AOL.com	Yes
292	THOERICHT	JOHN	John Thoericht	60-35 71st 11378	Puddycat58@yahoo.com	YES
293	ACquaire	Lisa	Elizabeth Acq	61-31 Madison 11378	Puddycat58@hotmail.com	Yes
294	PAWLOWSKI	Michelle	Michelle Pawlowski	67-65 73 PL.		
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22	GIGLIO	PETER	Peter Giglio	8093 CYPRESS AVE	PETER1110@VERIZON.NE	
23	Dinkelaker	Carl/Lori		82-95 Caldwell M.V.	loricarl@msn.com	
24	Zecorella	Kevin/Carolyn	Carolyn Zecorella	6360 Fitchett ST Rego Park	Lynn1...@Aol.com	
25	LUCKEY	DIANE	Diane Luckey	147 Conselyea St. Bklyn	VIKINGS926@aol.com	
26	LUCKEY	JOHN	John Luckey	7846 76th St.	~~MET~~ BSBILDOG@AOL.COM	
27	LUCKEY	DONNA	Donna Luckey	11 " 11	METFAN117@AOL.COM	
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On-Line Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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Most Recent Signatures

	Name	Comments
2001	Laura Ross	I support this petition
2002	Julie Nicol	I support this petition
2003	Kevin Hervas	I support this petition
2004	Jill Schwartz	I support this petition
2005	Kathy Martens	I support this petition
2006	Brian Ward	I support this petition
2007	lisa gewirtz-ward	I support this petition
2008	Anna Grundstrom	I support this petition
2009	Ellen J. Greenfield	I support this petition
2010	Hazel Jane Lyons	I support this petition
2011	Anne Bobby	I support this petition
2012	Susan Welt	I support this petition
2013	gabriella leff	I support this petition because Because it is vital that our canine companionshave a place to run free so they can be healthyand tame. Only those of us who act responsibly,mindful of our pets and cleaning up after them,actually go to the park during these hours. We area community of pet owners that rejoice in sharingbeauty of the day and our park with our pets.
2014	Vladimir Diaz	I support this petition
2015	Nancy Field	I support this petition because Dog owners who take their pets to the park forexercise during offleash hours are responsible,law-abiding citizens who supervise, train, andclean up after their dogs. They deserve the samerights to engage in the activity of their choiceas any other special-interest group of park users.
2016	Karrin Smoley	I support this petition
2017	Frank Hillmann	I support this petition

2018	Caitlin Barry	I support this petition
2019	Zekio Dawson	I support this petition because 500,000 dog owners and 1.4 million dogs who livein New York City need outdoor opportunities thatallow dogs to become properly exercised,socialized, and well-adjusted canine citizens.
2020	Kevin Rocap	I support this petition because If not for my dogs I might not even get into theparks myself ;-) Dogs bring their owners to thepark, entertain others and create friendly socialenvironments during the times of day when parksmight otherwise be susceptible to crime ormisdeeds, imho. Please save the leash laws.
2021	judith Iovino	I support this petition
2022	Wendy Feuer	I support this petition
2023	Natalie Danford Paolo Pierleoni	I support this petition
2024	James S. Cohen	I support this petition
2025	f peter model	I support this petition
2026	Glenda Brown	I support this petition because because having my dog and responsible off-leashenjoyment is the single greatest factor that haskept my in NYC despite economic and otherinfluences otherwise. It's critical andvaluable for the wellbeing of our animals and themany citizens they help - directly and indirectly.
2027	Kristen Hurwitz	I support this petition because The open fields of the parks are perfect for"real" exercise of dogs (walking a dog is notenough exercise for them, they need to run.Properly exercised dogs are MUCH less likely tobark and perform other nuisance behaviors when intheir apartments.
2028	Amy Rathgeb	I support this petition
2029	Abigail Rosen Holmes	I support this petition because I support this petitiion. Dog owners areresponsible about their pets (we clean up!) andthe park, which they use in every weather. Weappreciate the beauty of the park and fight tomaintain it, while keeping it safer. Our dogsstay healthier and better behaved and the offleash hours are timed so as to allow all groups achance for enjoyment of the park. Please keep theoff leash hours.
2030	Michael Carroll	I support this petition
2031	James E Egan	I support this petition
2032	Victoria Crane	I support this petition
2033	Demarcus Brooks	I support this petition
2034	Grant Burrows	I support this petition
2035	Shari Stadel	I support this petition

2036	Douglas Singleton	I support this petition because The off-leash hours have been a successful,peaceful policy in New York City for years. Wekeep the park safe and follow the rules---pointblank. Please allow us to continue to doso---we're New Yorkers too.
2037	Laura Morrison	I support this petition
2038	adam Wolfensohn	I support this petition
2039	jen small	I support this petition because One of the great joys of living in New York Cityis being able to take my dog to Prospect Park inthe mornings and have him off leash. I don'tknow how we would be able to live in the city ifthat were no longer possible.
2040	Joshua Young	I support this petition
2041	Dawn Sutter Madell	I support this petition
2042	Joseph Carpenter	I support this petition
2043	Liora Schwartz	I support this petition because wholeheartedly!
2044	Kathi Squillacioti	I support this petition
2045	Charles Wakeman	I support this petition
2046	David Ratzan	I support this petition
2047	cliff Silverstein	I support this petition
2048	Steven Wakeman	I support this petition
2049	Theresa Carpenter	I support this petition
2050	Chris Jagger	I support this petition
2051	Kelly Miller	I support this petition
2052	Rebecca Bondanza	I support this petition
2053	David Teilser	I support this petition because Let dogs run; keep the dogs happy; and remember,it was the dogs that reconquered many of the parkswhen they had been overrun with other elements.
2054	Ruth Birsner	I support this petition
2055	Natalie Wright	I support this petition
2056	Esther Blom	I support this petition
2057	Cynthia Price Cohen	I support this petition because Dogs and their owners make NY a friendlier place.

2058	Vicki Roosevelt	I support this petition
2059	Stephen Carter	I support this petition
2060	Anthony Tomari	I support this petition because The freedom of dogs to walk and play off leash isvital to the improved social environment of ourcity as it creates a community and makes joggersand other feel safe to use our parks at night.
2061	Terry Papineau	I support this petition because Let the dogs run. This has worked for the last 20years
2062	Andrew Innes	I support this petition
2063	Stephen Van Dolsen	I support this petition
2064	kelly Reichardt	I support this petition
2065	Robert Cucurullo	I support this petition because I support this petition because dogs exercising inour parks have contributed to their safety atnight
2066	John Vanco	I support this petition
2067	Kesha Tanabe	I support this petition
2068	Margaret Areizaga	I support this petition
2069	Jean Areizaga	I support this petition
2070	Peter Laszlo	I support this petition
2071	Lisa Wolfe	I support this petition
2072	pierre durand	I support this petition
2073	Alex Kaufmann	I support this petition
2074	Alexa Davis	I support this petition
2075	Thomas Holmes	I support this petition because It makes the parks safer all around by encouragingdog owners to be in the parks..
2076	Meghan Murphy	I support this petition
2077	Jessica Arenado	I support this petition

2078	Jessica Chonody	I support this petition because ...because many NY dog owners moved near the parksfor this added benefit. They can use the parksat night and feel safer with their dogs. Unfortunately some dog owner don't pick upafter their dogs, but this is the case whetherthey are off leash or on a leash. You will bemaking thousands of animals and animal ownershappy!
2079	Beth Friedman	I support this petition because We keep to keep the Off Leash Law as it is. Would you prefer to dogs to be shut ins andbark all day long. Dogs are family friendsand protectors
2080	Johnnie Ruth Friedman	I support this petition because Dog are like humans they too need fres air anexercise. They also keep the park safer.
2081	Janie Lerner	I support this petition
2082	Lori Denman	I support this petition

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1	☐	Matthew Parker	I Support This Petition Because For over 20 years offleash hours have been a great benefit to the citizens of NYC, especially the half million that own dogs.	69.86.225.37	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
2	☐	Anaheed Alani	I Support This Petition Because In a city like New York, where no one has a backyard, it's imperative to have designated areas where our dogs can run around off-leash. It's	72.244.211.50	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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			important for their sanity and ours.					
3	☐	Michael McLoughlin	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.196	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
4	☐	Joanne Haire	I Support This Petition Because I support this petitition because my dog loves her off leash time and also because, by eliminating off leash hours, dogs will become neurotic and much more serious problems will develop. If certain people in this city are uncmfortable with dogs off leash, we, as dog oweners and dog lovers, can respect that and they, in turn, can respect our space and our dogs' space.	69.86.224.251	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
5	☐	Martina Sabacka	I Support This Petition Because as a dog owner, I cannot imagine to deprive my dog of the right to have SOME time off-leash.The parks are meant to serve the community and the community include dog owners and their dogs.	70.23.174.124	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
6	☐	kirsten fisher	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
7	☐	Anthony Garoppolo	I Support This Petition Because	208.27.111.121	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
8	☐	April Spicer	I Support This Petition Because the limited hours and space are of enormous benefit to both dog and dog owners. For the small amount	208.46.149.3	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			of time and area we occupy and because the majority of pet and pet owners are respectful and well-behaved, we hope the hours will continue.					
9	☐	Alex Rainert	I Support This Petition Because because eliminating off leash hours will create more behavioral problems than it will solve. Also, dog owners often represent the most active members in a community. Dog parks and off leash hours are also very powerful community activities that enhance a community rather than detract from it.	38.119.128.203	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
10	☐	Ashley Spicer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because the parks are there for the benefit of the public, a significant number of whom own dogs. The amount of off-leash time and space requested is not significant, but is of fundamental importance and value to the dogs and their owners.	160.83.73.7	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
11	☐	Luba Ostashevsky	I Support This Petition Because because dogs are people too and residents of the	208.205.109.130	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			city and are entitled to recreational spaces. Their running offleash does not infringe on anyone's rights. Revoking this right is simply mean-spirited. Humans must learn to scoot over for other creatures on this planet.					
12	☐	Annette Lellis	I Support This Petition Because Our animals both very much need and deserve a place where they can run, play, exercise and socialize, all things that are vital to happy, healthy pets and their people. Please don't take this away from us.	72.229.189.181	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
13	☐	Merrie Singer	I Support This Petition Because because dogs need a safe place to play and run in order to remain healthy and happy.	38.117.201.18	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
14	☐	Jennifer Sherry	I Support This Petition Because	198.22.236.230	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
15	☐	Cynthia Gillis	I Support This Petition Because Public spaces must be shared by everyone who makes up the 'public'. Our varying interests can all be satisfied with a little good will.	68.236.184.79	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
16	☐	Dwight Burton	I Support This Petition Because because the current off-leash hours are a	64.12.116.197	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			reasonable accomodation to rights of dog owners and their pets to enjoy city parks without impacting others who use the parks.					
17	☐	jennifer Donaldson	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because Our animals both need and deserve aplace to run and play. Please don'ttake this away from us.	69.86.146.150	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
18	☐	Malcolm Emerich	I Support This Petition Because off-leash spaces in the city are essencial to raising and keeping socialized dogs.	69.22.242.43	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
19	☐	karen bonna	I Support This Petition Because eliminating off leash hours will create more behavioral problems than it will solve. Also,dog owners often represent the most active members of a community. Dog parks and off leash hours are also very powerful community activities that enhance a community rather than detract from it.	24.90.87.246	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
20	☐	Anthony DeFonzo	I Support This Petition Because	68.195.42.223	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
21	☐	Marci Resnicoff	I Support This Petition Because	138.5.241.21	06-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
22	☐	Marilyn and Barry Parker	I Support This Petition Because because dogs need	69.114.129.236	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			off-leash time to be socialized. It will not interfere with other people's enjoyment of park space.					
23	☐	Elizabeth Amon	I Support This Petition Because I support this because I have a toddler as well as a dog and offleash hours in a park is the only place that lets me be with both in a beautiful setting together.	72.229.191.249	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
24	☐	Emily Plishner	I Support This Petition Because Offleash interaction with our dogs is fundamental to the mental health of many thousands of voters. Dogs have been a fundamental part of human dture for milennia. Society needs them.	162.83.171.10	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
25	☐	Brian Riley	I Support This Petition Because banning off-leash hours is punitive and irrational. NYC dog owners are generally civic-minded, and NYC dogs are better socialized than other dogs anywhere in the country. This can be directly credited to off-leash hours and the existence of dog parks. Without these things it would be untenable to have dogs in a city as congested as NY.	72.225.252.19	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
26	☐	Sarah Reid	I Support This Petition Because I	69.177.191.46	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			support this petition because it sounds like a fair compromise.City dogs should have a chance to be off a leash.					
27	☐	frances Lester	I Support This Petition Because i support this petition because of all the good feelings it engenders for the dogs and the people who intereact with them during their off leash hours. it is a wonderful part of living in new york city,	71.247.251.182	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
28	☐	carine kiss	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.193.173	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
29	☐	Anne Levin	I Support This Petition Because	66.151.126.253	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
30	☐	Mary Alissa Brodsky	I Support This Petition Because dog parks are an essential way to keep dogs healthy in apartment-living situations. They are pack animals and need to run to be mentaly sound and socialized. It would be cruel to sentence them to a life of small spaces and leashes forever. You will have more dog aggression problems throughout the city without the outlet of a dog park.	68.175.66.17	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
31	☐	denise Herman	I Support This Petition Because because off leash activities and community are in	69.86.136.196	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			fact critical to keeping dogs social and create an environment of self policing within the dog community, thus keeping dogs and the non dog owning public more safe than without.						
32	☐	Keith Gardner	I Support This Petition Because I support it wholeheartedly and enthusiastically. For many, life without dogs is like life without kids. Some don't care either way. But for most of us, dogs, kids, keep us happy, they surprise us, they entertain us, they keep us young. And in return, we need to provide arenas for them to live, and to grow, and to interact with their own kind, or just to frolic. Fullness of life, kind of thing.	67.111.169.66	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete	
33	☐	Rebecca de Guzman	I Support This Petition Because Dogs, owners, and the general public all benefit from these open, off-leash spaces. All New Yorkers have the right to share and enjoy the parks--including dogs and their owners. I don't let my dog off-leash, but I greatly enjoy seeing and interacting with the off-leash dogs (and their owners) in city parks. They	69.201.141.178	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete	

			greatly contribute to the culture and health of the city. Please support these off-leash areas!					
34	☐	Ginger Berman	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.184.50	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
35	☐	Debra Gambino	I Support This Petition Because	209.212.75.10	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
36	☐	Mark Hilzenrath	I Support This Petition Because This is the best way to socialize our pets and give them excercise	209.212.75.10	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
37	☐	Carrie Straus	I Support This Petition Because the notion of eliminating off-leash spaces is ridiculous and serves no one. Dog runs benefit all of society, not just dog owners, because happy dogs make happy dog owners who contribute to the upkeep of these parks and the economy of surrounding areas. As has been noted, well-socialized pooches are the least likely to cause problems, and the people who take the time to frequent these dog runs are clearly among the most responsible, socially aware, safety-conscious and community-involved dog owners in the city. Do not punish us for no reason.	70.23.221.22	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
38	☐	Dorothy	I Support This	207.38.180.251	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Sherman	Petition Because					
39	☐	Vaughn Blake	I Support This Petition Because	74.64.5.21	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
40	☐	annemarie ahearn	I Support This Petition Because	64.115.168.61	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
41	☐	Nirmala Charan	I Support This Petition Because	66.43.89.66	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
42	☐	Jordan Rosenfeld	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
43	☐	Jou-Yie Chou	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.240.97	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
44	☐	Dirk Kaufman	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.61.131	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
45	☐	Jessica Romero	I Support This Petition Because because allowing dogs to play off-leash during hours when parks are sparsely populated hurts no one, yet brings much happiness and amusement to dogs and their owners. Principally, because there is more room to spread out, thus greater exercise is being had and dogs aren't forced to play on top of each other. There are enough responsible dog owners in the city that make this allowance a worth while use of space.	208.201.160.3	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
46	☐	Marcie Klein	I Support This Petition Because dogs do not respond the same way in enclosed spaces as they do when allowed to run off-leash. They get more exercise and are happier as a result. To lose this privilege would	64.131.165.88	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			create dogs that are more pent up, frustrated and aggressive. It will end up creating more behavior problems then it prevents.					
47	☐	Kelli Scarr	I Support This Petition Because	143.104.178.146	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
48	☐	Thomas Lowy	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.153.27	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
49	☐	Judith Brooks Pare`	I Support This Petition Because As a dog owner and tax payer in this wonderful city, I am dumbfounded that anyone would want to curtail dog runs, and off lease hours. Please do not make this city a harder meaner place.	216.89.74.233	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
50	☐	Keith Goldberg	I Support This Petition Because It is essential to have access to off-leash time in the parks for our pets who do not have opportunities to roam in backyards or open spaces.	24.90.250.60	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
51	☐	Candace Roche	I Support This Petition Because Dogs off leash in a natural environment create a happier healthier animal, less problems for everyone.	209.122.225.237	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
52	☐	Alex Gurvich	I Support This Petition Because	12.44.250.2	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
53	☐	A. Demetropoulos	I Support This Petition Because	68.237.0.133	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
54	☐	Amanda Tobier	I Support This Petition Because	192.195.66.46	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
55	☐	Camille March	I Support This	208.205.109.130	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because because the half million (according to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the New York Times) dogs and their owners deserve a chance to enjoy being off leash in a city that doesn't offer many backyards or wild areas. Additionally, frequently crowded dog parks are not desirable to many owners.					
56	☐	Catherine Bailey	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.234.45	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
57	☐	Robert P. Turner	I Support This Petition Because because dogs are man's best friends. A world or city without dogs, smiling at us, playing with eachother, sniffing around, would be a sadder place. Offleash hours have been working well for years. Please let our dogs run free (at least for a little while each day).	208.194.97.9	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
58	☐	Nina Tobier	I Support This Petition Because New York dogs deserve the opportunity to run and socialize in open areas. Responsible dog owners can vouch for the difference this off-leash time makes in their dogs' lives.	207.237.178.176	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
59	☐	Cynthia Hummel	I Support This Petition Because	66.17.177.162	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

60	☐	Michelle Lindenblatt	I Support This Petition Because	82.113.64.5	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
61	☐	Jeffrey Lee	I Support This Petition Because I am a lifelong New Yorker who votes at every single election, and it is imperative that NYC parks retain off-leash areas and hours for the pets which so many of us consider members of our family.	68.164.32.190	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
62	☐	Ann Crumb	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because there is precious little time as it is for dogs to run without being tied by a few feet to a human. They need to explore and socialize with other dogs. Other cities are exploring completely off-leash options in their parks as long as dogs are under "hand-control." NYC can at least keep the off-leash hours it has now. It works beautifully for all families and their dogs.	67.101.197.198	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
63	☐	Ellen Harvey	I Support This Petition Because because the parks are for everyone. Over the years dog owners and their dogs have helped bring back a level of safety to our parks, and to allow dogs off-leash social time creates a more stable and	4.155.105.137	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			social dog. We as owners should be allowed to keep the few off-leash hours we currently have.					
64	☐	Sue Crystal	I Support This Petition Because	209.122.225.81	06-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
65	☐	Jeff Moreau	I Support This Petition Because The Bloomberg administration sees another potential cash cow by handing out citations and ticketing offenders. Will our tax dollars be paying for additional cops to write us up? Will we be paying for their coffee and donuts as well?	69.86.58.21	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
66	☐	Elizabeth Pratt	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs off-leash from 9 pm-9 am keep crime out of the parks, because the dogs deserve it, because the people would be less likely to keep dogs in their homes without off-leash spaces, and because the responsible people who care about other people and animals will be hurt the most if off-leash privileges are taken away.	66.234.44.252	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
67	☐	Katherine Dacey-Tsuei	I Support This Petition Because this is an essential resource for dog owners throughout the city. Many of the city's parks do not have adequate	66.108.187.69	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			dog run facilities and do not have the funds to build them. Moreover, the facilities that do exist in places like Riverside and Central Parks are frequently crowded, unclean, and abused by professional dog walkers, making them an undesirable place to bring a dog. Please make the informal "9 to 9" policy a law.					
68	☐	jennifer	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
69	☐	L Mieszkowski	I Support This Petition Because	64.94.168.10	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
70	☐	The McKenna family	I Support This Petition Because	66.238.205.173	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
71	☐	Ann	I Support This Petition Because I support this position. I especially enjoy off-leash time with my dog. Since 1990, when I first go a dog, the off-leash system of 9 pm to 9 am has worked so well. It is not broken, so don't fix it.	141.155.63.6	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
72	☐	Michelle	I Support This Petition Because	207.101.86.10	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
73	☐	NiCOLE SCHNEIDER	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.116.65	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
74	☐	Lindsay Genshaft	I Support This Petition Because Dogs in New York City need to be able to run around and have a bit of freedom so they will be happier dogs and better	208.120.8.114	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			canine citizens.					
75	☐	Jayson Elliott	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.8.114	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
76	☐	Penny Ashton	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours for dogs and their owners are vital to the well being of our pets. Animals need to run free in the grass and interact freely with each other. Not all dogs do well in dog runs with their artificial surfaces. We don't yet know what the outcome of these artificial surfaces will have on the health of our pets, but that's another story.	205.188.116.197	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
77	☐	Janice Hall	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because most dog owners are responsible and neither they nor their dogs should be punished by changing the current off-leash rules. Dog ownership has many benefits for the community including keep parks safe during these off-hours.	69.86.226.210	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
78	☐	janet fischer	I Support This Petition Because taxpaying half million dog owners in nyc value offleash time for them & their dogs	205.188.116.197	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
79	☐	Carolyn Zajano	I Support This Petition Because Dog owners help make the parks	171.159.64.10	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			safer, especially during the off-leash hours.					
80	☐	Joan	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.192.204	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
81	☐	Lalita Khosla	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.82.18	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
82	☐	Diane Hope McAfee	I Support This Petition Because Off leash courtesy laws have been in effect in Claremont Park for the 32 years I have been a resident and I see no reason why it should be discontinued. I do not favor the creation of a dog run here as the park is too small and intended for quiet escape for strolling and reading.	64.131.162.117	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
83	☐	Sandra Terry	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.132.65	06-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
84	☐	Nellie	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.192.204	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
85	☐	Mary Max	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.205.163	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
86	☐	Tara Bahna-James	I Support This Petition Because Offleash-hours at the park provide THE primary opportunity for our pets to be properly socialized, both with one another and with the humans who share their love of the outdoors. To take this opportunity away does nothing to improve the relationship between people and dogs in this city and actually	24.90.81.124	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			makes the possibility of a violent encounter (between anxious, cooped up dogs and the humans unaccustomed to them) more and not less likely.					
87	☐	Linda Neaalon	I Support This Petition Because	213.201.189.242	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
88	☐	Tracy Sebben	I Support This Petition Because It has been a successful program for 20 years. Dog ownership has increased while dog attacks have decreased. Therefore, I see no justification for removing this right.	24.193.194.9	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
89	☐	Jena	I Support This Petition Because my dog has no place to run and socialize with other dogs. I am a responsible dog owner who pays taxes and should be able to have a part of the park for my use.	141.155.202.147	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
90	☐	Jeff Sebben	I Support This Petition Because I support the petition, dog owners are voters....	24.193.194.9	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
91	☐	heather Kerr	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.121.104	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
92	☐	francis catalano	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.121.104	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
93	☐	Connie Liu	I Support This Petition Because Offleash exercise is vital to a dog's health and in turn works off the dog's tension and	216.254.121.226	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			aggression.					
94	☐	Yuning Chiu	I Support This Petition Because	216.254.121.226	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
95	☐	Etsuko Tulloch	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.100.23	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
96	☐	Richard Haney	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.37.88	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
97	☐	William Hayes	I Support This Petition Because because off leash hours are a daily part of life for many thousands of New Yorkers. Dog owners are among the heaviest users of Prospect Park (and many other parks) on a day-to-day basis, year round. Having off leash hours is a huge quality of life issue.	24.90.255.8	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
98	☐	Zelda Penzel	I Support This Petition Because dogs should be able to run and get exercise for their physical and emotional well-being. It is essential that the off-leash hours in parks be retained.	66.108.43.115	06-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
99	☐	teresa kravitz	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.2.27	06-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
100	☐	Jacques Miller	I Support This Petition Because because dogs should have the opportunity to run and play with other dogs without the restriction of a leash.	69.249.109.180	06-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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101	☐	Robert L Chacona	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are an essential and very important part of our city's character. Dogs provide an indispensable benefit to millions f city residents and not just dog-owners. The off-leash-time regulation is a necessary tradition for city-dog health. Its benefits FAR outweigh any ill-conceived desire for further restriction.	68.160.254.88	06-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
102	☐	Brian McCormick	I Support This Petition Because in addition to making the park safer for everyone to enjoy,	70.107.81.178	06-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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			it reduces the smell of dog urine on the streets.					
103	☐	Sandeep Kandhari	I Support This Petition Because I wholly support this petition because healthy dogs are a vital part of the fabric of NYC and they deserve the meager "privilege" of exercising offleash at these off peak hours in New York's scant parks.	68.239.217.3	06-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
104	☐	Ruth J. Katz	I Support This Petition Because I wholeheartedly support this petition. I am a taxpayer and voter and cherish these off-leash hours; our dogs desperately ened this time. RJK	205.188.116.197	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
105	☐	David A Ross	I Support This Petition Because Dogs make living in the city a much more pleasant and healthy experience. denying dogs the right to exercise is not a realistic option. I strongly support this petition and can not believe anyone would try to enact a CITY WIDE ban! Ridiculous	71.255.60.194	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
106	☐	Sunghung Ahn	I Support This Petition Because please let dogs exercise and be healthy	71.255.60.194	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
107	☐	So-Ok Kim	I Support This Petition Because as it has been proven, most dog attacks occur due to lack of socialization, not only with people but with other dogs. Dogs (and other pets) enhance our lives. And don't NYers need any help to reduce stress?	204.4.131.140	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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			In return, we should be able to provide them with the joy of running off-leash.					
108	☐	Noriko Aoki	I Support This Petition Because most of dog runs in NY are too small and potentially dangerous.	24.193.38.196	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
109	☐	Jo Umans	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
110	☐	Ian Archer-Watters	I Support This Petition Because because I am New York City taxpayer who takes full responsibility of my dog who enjoys his off-leash time and for whom I look after very carefully so he plays safely and happily with other dogs.	210.175.193.174	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
111	☐	Rosalie Hughes	I Support This Petition Because because my dog is so important to the mental health of my family, particul	68.165.250.42	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
112	☐	Fran Hackett	I Support This Petition Because	69.48.131.11	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
113	☐	Paul Dawson	I Support This Petition Because	38.98.66.178	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
114	☐	Amanda Dawson	I Support This Petition Because	38.98.66.178	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
115	☐	Inessa Meyerovich	I Support This Petition Because	166.77.6.4	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
116	☐	John Hughes	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.219.134	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
117	☐	Patricia Santelli	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.81.40	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
118	☐	Anne Herrmann	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	06-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
119	☐	linda james	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.118.95	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
120	☐	James Hobbs	I Support This Petition Because off-leash hours at parks provides for important forms of recreation for both the people and	151.173.12.253	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			the dogs of NYC. The small dog runs of the city are great, but do not provide the space many people and dogs need to enjoy get exercise and socialize. I pay NYC taxes, I vote in local elections, and I chose to live by a park almost entirely because of the off-leash hours policy.					
121	☐	Kathy Forer	I Support This Petition Because because it's a fair way to timeshare access to parks with dogs who need to run free.	68.80.160.225	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
122	☐	Linda Fidelman	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.177.237	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
123	☐	Paul Sheehan	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.194.253	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
124	☐	Daisy Okas	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are an integral part of our lives and contribute much to society and individual well being.	68.156.53.188	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
125	☐	Lara Shalov	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition becuase the off leash rules have worked for the past twenty years. My dog needs the exercise she gets running off leash; she does not get the same amount of exercise in a dog park.	65.198.92.99	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
126	☐	Charles Goings	I Support This Petition Because it is natural for dogs to run untethered as well as beneficial & healthy for their owners. It would be unfair to criminalize the whole dog owning NYC community because of a few rare incidents. It's also pretty fascist and rigid to have absolutely no	64.105.72.118	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			off leash time in NYC.					
127	☐	Deborah Meyers	I Support This Petition Because	170.20.11.116	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
128	☐	Marica Chacona	I Support This Petition Because	170.20.11.116	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
129	☐	Paul de Pass	I Support This Petition Because I SUPPORT THIS PETITION AS IT IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW YORK!	24.105.155.235	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
130	☐	Bryan Cohen	I Support This Petition Because off-leash hours allow responsible dog owners to give their dogs the much needed opportunity for exercise and play. Most people in NYC do not have places other than public parks where dogs can be off the leash.	63.138.222.242	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
131	☐	Rebecca Seltzer	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.177.211	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
132	☐	Andrea Ballantine	I Support This Petition Because It's unreasonable to deprive any dog of daily vigorous exercise, particularly when they currently only have this opportunity during a small window of hours.	69.86.44.253	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
133	☐	M.J. Kaplan	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.177.120	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
134	☐	Felicia Cuthill	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.152.83	06-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
135	☐	David Wieder	I Support This Petition Because I strongly support having dedicated times where off leash running is permitted in NYC Parks	24.193.192.230	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
136	☐	Noelle Collura	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition b/c my dog deserves to have space to run around	162.90.97.254	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			for his mental health and physical health and becasue he is not dangerous.					
137	☐	Randy Shelp	I Support This Petition Because	65.223.242.200	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
138	☐	David Rosenberg	I Support This Petition Because because it is a fair sharing of the park with others like fast bikes, etc It is a 20 year way of life	67.109.123.11	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
139	☐	Angela Tsuei	I Support This Petition Because	149.31.34.193	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
140	☐	Robert Chang	I Support This Petition Because because responsible dog owners shold not be penalized.	69.86.54.214	06-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
141	☐	Thomas P Laquercia	I Support This Petition Because because dogs truly are man's best friend.	69.203.144.122	06-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
142	☐	Judy Wilder	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.57.132	06-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
143	☐	MaryAnn D. Smith	I Support This Petition Because	209.191.143.129	06-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
144	☐	Brian Mori	I Support This Petition Because	209.191.143.129	06-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
145	☐	John Young	I Support This Petition Because The needs of the many are met by the existing compromises.	69.203.110.28	06-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
146	☐	Randy Buck	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because responsible pet owners and properly exercised pets make a safe, sane combination for our community.	204.177.90.3	06-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
147	☐	Dan Jacoby	I Support This Petition Because	204.177.90.3	06-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
148	☐	Kim Sisto	I Support This Petition Because	204.177.90.3	06-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
149	☐	Alanna Medlock	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.225.57	06-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
150		Robert	I Support This Petition	72.229.139.116	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

	☐	Lyons	Because Having dog owners in the parks at these hours make the parks safer at night.					
151	☐	Thomas Macer	I Support This Petition Because it gives dogs a safe area for exersice and interaction	151.203.135.98	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
152	☐	Kelly Moylan	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.139.116	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
153	☐	Scott Cameron	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.185.65	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
154	☐	allison markin powell	I Support This Petition Because dog owners can prove themselves to be more responsible users of parks than many non-dog-owning parkgoers.	66.108.243.185	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
155	☐	Meghan Macer	I Support This Petition Because i love my dog.	24.90.83.162	06-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
156	☐	S. Collura	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.198.114	06-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
157	☐	Margaret Healy	I Support This Petition Because I support this because it contributes to the well-being of my beautiful pets, and to me also when we can play together. It is sort of the same thing that happens when children go to the playground and have fun with their peers & parents. Why take this pleasure away after 20 yrs to satisfy the illogical arguments of one small group in this large & wonderful city. Please try to recognize the incredible bond betw pets and their families.	70.107.202.205	06-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
158	☐	David DuRocher	I Support This Petition Because having dogs (and people!) in the park after hours promotes a far safer park with decreased	65.121.229.5	06-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			muggings, drug deals/use and also brings members of the neighborhood together which has a dramatic improvement in the quality of life in the whole neighborhood.					
159	☐	Jordan Stein	I Support This Petition Because Off leash time helps dog and human socialization, and the 9/9 schedule creates a safe space for this important public good.	69.86.54.214	06-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
160	☐	Daisy Lozada	I Support This Petition Because It is only fair.	38.217.188.220	06-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
161	☐	Marilyn Briskin	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because it's the right thing to do. Off-leash dogs in parks after 9:00pm offer increased safety and well being to park users. During those hours they don't interfere in any substantive way with anyone else. Dogs offer emotional and psychological support to the people they're with and, in fact, encourage them to use parks they would otherwise not access. Cyclists, roller bladders, graffiti defacers, et al abound; responsible people with pets must be afforded no less than equal use of public land.	162.84.234.15	06-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
162	☐	Leslie Truc	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because i love my dog	68.174.14.128	06-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
163	☐	Cathy Renna	I Support This Petition Because our dog is part of our family and we want to give her a	24.193.199.159	06-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			the best care - aprt of which is regular and responsible exercise and play with other dogs. As responsible dog caretakers this law would restrict our ability to give Clara a full life. As long as we are responsible there is NO reason we should have this restiction put in place.					
164	☐	Thereza Radiz	I Support This Petition Because	12.0.25.66	06-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
165	☐	Angela Long	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.198.123	07-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
166	☐	Kanako Ohara	I Support This Petition Because there are many different park users and dogs and dog owners are legitimate constituents that for the most part contribute to the well-being of the park. We have achieved this workable compromise called 9-9 that have been working albeit not perfectly (what's perfect in life? Name one.). Given the sheer number of the dog-owning population, too, the total ban simply will not work and therefore it does not make sense.	222.148.79.67	07-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
167	☐	Russell Chin	I Support This Petition Because the dog-owning population is a significant user group of the city parks.	222.148.79.67	07-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
168	☐	Carine Mitchell	I Support This Petition Because because it is fair.	68.175.118.22	07-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
169	☐	Heather Gray	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because animals need to be thoroughly exercised to be healthy and	65.202.164.63	07-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			happy.					
170	☐	tania ingman	I Support This Petition Because I support this position because I love my dogs.	71.247.62.126	07-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
171	☐	Randie M. Liss	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.190.250	07-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
172	☐	Dylan Braverman	I Support This Petition Because	208.248.223.82	07-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
173	☐	Robert A. Marino	I Support This Petition Because As president of NYCdog.org, I strongly support off-leash rights. Responsible dog owners contribute to the parks and our neighborhoods. In areas where off-leash is inappropriate, the construction of dog parks within parks should be a priority.	69.203.108.105	07-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
174	☐	Jared Skolnick	I Support This Petition Because It is important to encourage responsible dog ownership and to give our four-legged the opportunity to exercise. Responsible dog owners are a positive addition to our parks and our city.	66.108.249.101	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
175	☐	Linda Post	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.209.174	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
176	☐	Marc Wishansky	I Support This Petition Because Dog owners deserve space in public parks for their dogs to exercise.	205.156.188.254	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
177	☐	N. Pitchford	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.137.102	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
178	☐	Suzanne Dickerson	I Support This Petition Because	165.155.176.1	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
179	☐	Erin Costanzo	I Support This Petition Because	70.21.249.10	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
180	☐	Marie Higney	I Support This Petition Because To run free off leash is a vital part	74.66.241.133	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			of the life of a dog, especially city dogs. They need this activity for mental & physical stimulation. NYC animal lovers are begging you not to take it away.					
181	☐	Grace Chan	I Support This Petition Because because my tax dollars and my private donations support the city's parks for the benefit of everyone in the city, particularly my dogs (and their friends) who are my kids.	68.166.228.170	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
182	☐	Rick Duro	I Support This Petition Because Dog owners deserve just as many rights w/i city parks as non-dog owners. We pay taxes too, it is as simple as that.	24.193.14.235	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
183	☐	Joe Dineen	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	66.234.38.108	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
184	☐	Joy Parisi	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.194.142	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
185	☐	jeannette remak	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.96.2	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
186	☐	John Mullane	I Support This Petition Because	67.155.151.90	07-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
187	☐	Marianna Collado	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.187.56	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
188	☐	Michael Collado	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.187.56	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
189	☐	Phyllie Conroy	I Support This Petition Because because it's important for dogs and humans know how to behave around each other. It is also important that children are afforded an opportunity to see and play with very friendly animals. So often children are taught to be fearful of dogs,	64.136.49.226	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			however in a park environment children and dogs off leash can relax and interact with each other, and with the help of adults kids learn limits when around an animal that they don't know, and how to approach that animal. I think this makes for a very healthy environment all round (except of corse for the few who just don't like dogs!).					
190	☐	Susan Hammer	I Support This Petition Because Allowing dogs off leash is important for dog's development and growth. Dogs need to run and play with each other which being on leash does not allow this.	128.59.233.152	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
191	☐	Julie Martin	I Support This Petition Because having off-leash rights for dogs is a huge part of why I chose to move myself and my dog to New York City. So many people responsibly take advantage of the off-leash mornings and evenings in the designated parks; it's clear that this privilege is highly valued by NYC residents. Such an important right should not be arbitrarily withdrawn from the people and dogs who depend on their use of the city's park land resources for their enjoyment and exercise.	128.122.253.229	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
192	☐	Kristi Hart	I Support This Petition Because	12.149.50.2	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
193	☐	Mariann Bloor	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.153.255	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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201	☐	Peter Migliorini	I Support This Petition Because dogs and their owners need a space to allow them to get exercise in New York. Also the more laws we inact against dogs the less dogs that will be adopted from shelters around New York as it makes it more and more difficult and unfriendly to own a dog in New York.	69.200.89.82	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
202	☐	Caren Gurwitz	I Support This Petition Because Pets are an important part of people's lives and they deserve to be happy	206.231.80.2	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			and healthy. Dogs in the park keep the parks safer for adults and children.					
203	☐	Nicole Brown-Williams	I Support This Petition Because	12.170.10.66	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
204	☐	Mary Hargroves	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.53.70	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
205	☐	Jill Stacy	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.74.176	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
206	☐	Mark Barberi	I Support This Petition Because Stand up for man's best friend!	24.193.15.85	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
207	☐	Cassie Nelson	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.124.28	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
208	☐	Martha Spital	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.3.128	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
209	☐	Tavia Kowalchuk	I Support This Petition Because	12.13.135.2	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
210	☐	Michele Lee Amundsen	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are always there for us, this is the absolute LEAST little thing we can do to make their lives a little better!	71.247.98.76	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
211	☐	Richard Greene	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.76.78	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
212	☐	Jacqueline Pfeffer	I Support This Petition Because	156.145.132.77	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
213	☐	Kent Goodwin	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because the current enforcement policy works. It provides a safer, saner lifestyle for dogs and people. To restrain dogs on-leash at all times will cause more problems, not fewers. Victims of rare instances have recourse against irresponsible dog owners if so proven. Do not despotically penalize all responsible dog	206.173.7.26	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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			owners and dogs for the acts of the very few irresponsible owners.					
214	☐	Lica Rodriguez	I Support This Petition Because	69.112.250.57	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
215	☐	Michael Carmona	I Support This Petition Because	66.28.42.166	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
216	☐	Craig Goldstein	I Support This Petition Because	208.237.178.229	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
217	☐	chris shane	I Support This Petition Because	24.188.92.84	07-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
218	☐	Laura Teusink	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.74.149	07-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
219	☐	Anne Scheller	I Support This Petition Because	216.6.168.165	07-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
220	☐	pat linn	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.131	07-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
221	☐	anita linn	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.131	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
222	☐	Guillermo Sefair	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
223	☐	Michelle Levitte	I Support This Petition Because because the current offleash policy provides a safe means for responsible dog owners to exercise their pets. To hold all dogs responsible for a few irresponsible owners is unjust.	141.155.165.160	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
224	☐	Lindsay Parker	I Support This Petition Because	24.49.5.79	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
225	☐	Maryanne Dioquino	I Support This Petition Because	12.170.10.66	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
226	☐	Craig Franco	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.14.70	07-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
227	☐	Maureen Skelton	I Support This Petition Because	24.164.140.149	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
228	☐	Dan Agius	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because because the current offleash policy provides a safe means for responsible dog owners to exercise	71.247.9.161	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			their pets. To hold all dogs responsible for a few irresponsible owners is unjust.					
229	☐	Linda Kessler	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because because the current offleash policy provides a safe means for responsible dog owners to exercise their pets. To hold all dogs responsible for afew irresponsible owners is unjust	152.163.101.9	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
230	☐	Annie Jou	I Support This Petition Because You are in NYC! This is one of the most dog friendly cities in the entire world. I agree that you CANNOT punish all dog owners and their poor dogs just because other dog owners were either irresponsible, lacked better judgement, or were put in unforeseen circumstances.	216.115.180.7	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
231	☐	Shauna Vey	I Support This Petition Because	67.72.98.92	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
232	☐	T. Nicole Toma	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.189.200	08-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
233	☐	Hillel Hirshbein	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.84.109	08-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
234	☐	amalia zarranz	I Support This Petition Because	24.130.208.83	08-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
235	☐	Joan Pagan	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.151.229	08-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
236	☐	Emily Hirshbein	I Support This Petition Because	198.80.208.16	08-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
237	☐	Bridgid Finn	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.233.148	08-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
238	☐	Barbette Havriliak	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.54.120	08-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
239	☐	Gloria Arias	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

240		Sam Schoenfield	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
241		Tyler Stafford	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
242		Kerry Stevens	I Support This Petition Because	64.29.177.155	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
243		Nicole Boucher	I Support This Petition Because	140.163.254.132	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
244		Amanda Soto	I Support This Petition Because	67.151.46.166	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
245		Jackie Balfour	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.206.4	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
246		Marc Balfour	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.206.4	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
247		Karena Wells	I Support This Petition Because	216.2.193.1	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
248		J Hutton	I Support This Petition Because	66.238.228.130	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
249		John Semel	I Support This Petition Because	216.2.193.1	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
250		beth benzaquin	I Support This Petition Because Excerise is necessary for a well behaved dog. Without room to run, quality of life will be affected for all, bored dogs lead to destuctive behaviour and excessive barking. Also, the more people out in the parks, the safer they are.	72.43.141.56	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
251		Jenna Gates	I Support This Petition Because companion animals need exercise and socialization with other animals and people.	67.151.92.162	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
252		Wilhelmina Lydon	I Support This Petition Because I wholeheartedly support this petition!	72.43.108.126	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
253		Ingrid Erickson	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.165.227	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
254		Courtney	I Support This Petition Because	198.140.63.34	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
255		Bailey	I Support This Petition Because	198.140.63.34	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

256	☐	carol stevens	I Support This Petition Because because my dogs are my children and they need some freedom and exercise too!	216.57.21.34	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
257	☐	Melissa	I Support This Petition Because I agree with #251!	216.57.21.34	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
258	☐	Marie Ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because	204.149.192.90	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
259	☐	erika	I Support This Petition Because	204.149.192.90	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
260	☐	Sakura Moriya	I Support This Petition Because	68.236.174.21	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
261	☐	John kapp	I Support This Petition Because	206.64.224.128	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
262	☐	Tony Ottaviano	I Support This Petition Because	216.173.41.46	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
263	☐	Nicholas Ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.6.100	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
264	☐	Randy Penn	I Support This Petition Because because those of us with dogs have the right to enjoy the park the way that people with bikes, skates, scooters, kids, etc. do. The vast majority of us who enjoy the privilege of being able to play with our dogs off-leash, are responsible. We spay and neuter our animals, we pay to license our dog, we adhere to the poop laws, the laws governing where we can take our dog.	66.65.176.235	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
265	☐	John Ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.51.152	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
266	☐	Barbara Schanker	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs are a very important part of our lives. They provide physical and emotional support to	72.229.174.25	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			many, as well as being considered an important part of our families. Pets belong in parks as much as any person does, and as a tax paying citizen, I should have the same rights as anyone else to go to the park together with any of my family members; this includes my dog.					
267	☐	Annelise Pichardo	I Support This Petition Because How long before children are banned from parks???? Dogs deserve to have fun. Irresponsible owners are the problem not the dogs. Keep them free!	72.229.174.25	08-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
268	☐	Kelly McCarthy	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash dog privileges during off-peak NYC park hours is a reasonable balance and compromise. As dog-owners who visit NYC parks frequently, we appreciate and respect the off-leash privileges. With rights come responsibilities, and most dog-owners live up to these responsibilites. Please do not abolish off-leash hours in NYC parks. Thank you.	24.54.37.211	08-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
269	☐	Cynthia White	I Support This Petition Because because off-leash privileges in city parks during off-peak hours is a reasonable balance of use of public land. Denying law abiding, tax paying New Yorkers and their dogs usage of parks in a way that	70.19.43.110	08-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			is necessary to the well-being of their pets, is punishing all dogs and owners for the negligence of a few and will do little to stop the problems that occur with careless owners.					
270	☐	LAURA	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	08-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
271	☐	lori cebrosky	I Support This Petition Because	72.43.106.213	08-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
272	☐	jeremy shaffer	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.53.94	08-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
273	☐	Melissa Wallace	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.207.54	08-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
274	☐	Susan Klimetz	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	08-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
275	☐	Aimee Allocco	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.207.54	08-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
276	☐	Katharine Baur	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.101.9	08-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
277	☐	Isabel Cuervo	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.7.39	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
278	☐	Pauline R. Baba	I Support This Petition Because	64.29.176.65	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
279	☐	Jennifer Gibson	I Support This Petition Because Because of leash time in the parks is a vital part of the mental and physical well being of the millions of dogs (and their owners!) that live with us in this city. Aggression in dogs will increase if they are not allowed to socialize and exercise freely. There are not enough dog runs in this city and many are too small to be an adequate alternative. It seems like the few incidents documented against dogs is not reason enough to recind privledges for all.	74.66.231.205	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			When a car and driver hit a person in a street to we try to ban all driving on local streets or just penalize the individual? Lets be cautious and responsible. Recinding off leash is a over-reaction that will do more damage than good!					
280	☐	Joseph Gibson	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.231.205	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
281	☐	susana byers	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition, because off-leash priviledges during off peak hours is an important part of the quality of life in the city. Dogs learn best how to interact with each other off-leash. I have never seen a dog fight in Central Park during off peak hours. What I do see are happy dogs and happy owners. Because of off-leash priviledges, the early morning hours in Central Park are joyful and a great antidote to the stress of city living.	68.174.179.198	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
282	☐	B. Lukowski	I Support This Petition Because	24.29.147.26	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
283	☐	Patricia Mcteague	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
284	☐	Sarah Diminich	I Support This Petition Because	192.147.56.6	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
285	☐	Stephanie Bonesteel	I Support This Petition Because	63.240.143.147	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
286	☐	Karen Hock	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.166.163	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
287	☐	Laura Barket	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.117.13	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
288	☐	alexis	I Support This Petition	208.196.60.32	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		hawkins	Because					
289	☐	Jeanne Ameres	I Support This Petition Because A dog park within Juniper Valley would be a great solution to both the dog owners and for people who do not own a dog. It gives the dog owners a place where they can enjoy their dogs off the leash and having the dogs socialize with other dogs. I support this petition 100%. Park are for everyone to enjoy, including the four legged kind.	38.117.232.33	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
290	☐	John Hoving	I Support This Petition Because because dogs have a right to a reasonable amount of exercise as long as it is done in a responsible fashion and under the supervision of their owners, and it is not intrusive to other visitors to our Parks and most people are not in the parks during the early morning hours and those that are, do not mind the relaxed privileges dog owners are afforded by the Parks Dept.	68.174.164.221	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
291	☐	Rose Donato	I Support This Petition Because	204.153.88.2	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
292	☐	Julie Pranikoff	I Support This Petition Because	146.96.80.207	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
293	☐	jennifer leoce	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.31.91	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
294	☐	amanda nicol	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.244.31	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
295	☐	Jennifer Perkins	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.212.30	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
296	☐	Matthew Brown	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.212.30	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

297	☐	Kristin McPartlan	I Support This Petition Because	68.195.85.231	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
298	☐	Jennifer McCartney	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.108.31	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
299	☐	mary lou brown	I Support This Petition Because	24.186.68.33	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
300	☐	JoAnn Neugebauer	I Support This Petition Because I definetly support this petition.	69.48.97.238	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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196	☐	Christopher Hall	I Support This Petition Because	63.116.49.36	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
197	☐	Sarah Kickham	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.109.244	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
198	☐	julie kim	I Support This Petition Because	12.170.10.66	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
199	☐	Danira Munari	I Support This Petition Because	66.234.246.206	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
200	☐	Shirley Ho	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.142.53	07-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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302	☐	Nicole Ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.199.88	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
303	☐	Kristina Lenz	I Support This Petition Because	64.242.28.5	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
304	☐	Niccole Spasciani	I Support This Petition Because Having the freedom to let our dogs run free in an environment such as NYC where we do not have traditional backyards is a true treat. It is a tradition that has found a respect between all dog owners.	207.200.116.7	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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305	☐	Tiffany McCann	I Support This Petition Because	66.193.191.10	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
306	☐	Cassie Manders	I Support This Petition Because	71.197.35.12	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
307	☐	walter duran	I Support This Petition Because	24.44.195.15	08-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
308	☐	courtney edson abrams	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.147.189	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
309	☐	marcela tabares	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.239.181	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
310	☐	Christie Shaver	I Support This Petition Because well behaved dogs need a place to have fun and well just be dogs. Punish poorly behaved dogs, not well behaved ones.	71.12.121.73	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
311	☐	Carolyn Jang	I Support This Petition Because I want my dogs to have freedom and be who they are.	69.116.106.176	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
312	☐	James Kang	I Support This Petition Because	69.116.106.176	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
313	☐	Tamara Totah	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.208.174	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
314	☐	Brian Scott	I Support This Petition Because Incorrect leash use creates agressive dogs. Few seem to realize this proven fact.	24.29.136.178	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
315	☐	Michele Le Coz	I Support This Petition Because	66.93.169.2	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
316	☐	Max Erenburg	I Support This Petition Because Agreed, Incorrect leash use creates aggressive dogs	69.86.10.166	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
317	☐	peter maulik	I Support This Petition Because the number of dog attacks has actually decreased since the off-leash laws were adopted.	167.246.2.30	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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318	☐	Brigit O'Meara	I Support This Petition Because well behaved and good natured dogs in the city need a place to run and play. Central Park is our backyard.	66.65.177.138	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
319	☐	Zach Maulik	I Support This Petition Because	66.195.46.2	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
320	☐	Hwan Yoon Chung	I Support This Petition Because	63.117.79.4	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
321	☐	valerie gilbert	I Support This Petition Because	167.230.38.116	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
322	☐	Fiona Walsh	I Support This Petition Because	166.77.6.4	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
323	☐	Sujay	I Support This Petition Because because dogs are lovely.	71.249.208.174	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
324	☐	Soraya Farrah	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because well behaved dogs need a place to excercise and socialize. I support low tolerance for aggresive dogs and that is the legislation that opposers should pursue if they are concerned for their safety. Otherwise the space should be shared fairly among citizens with and without dogs.	67.88.59.229	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
325	☐	Eadie Adamson	I Support This Petition Because city dogs need socialization and space to exercise with their kind. Responsible owners care about their dogs!	207.237.63.170	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
326	☐	Tristin Tate	I Support This Petition Because because the very sweet Judge Maulik and all other NYC dogs need a place to run, exercise and	66.193.128.97	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			socialize with other sweet off leash NYC puppies!					
327	☐	Roger Maulik	I Support This Petition Because New York is known for it's openness to the dogs of the community. It is important that the off leash rules remain the same	63.229.215.78	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
328	☐	linda	I Support This Petition Because well behaved and well trained dogs should have the opportunity to run and play off leash in our wonderful city parks.	24.199.104.32	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
329	☐	Jamie Lieberman	I Support This Petition Because	205.231.146.130	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
330	☐	Patrick Lawlor	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need to run, period.	216.55.131.248	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
331	☐	Paul McCartney	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.108.31	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
332	☐	Michelle Shinagawa	I Support This Petition Because because most dogs interact better off leash.	208.210.197.2	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
333	☐	Kenneth Picache	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.208.174	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
334	☐	Beth Maulik	I Support This Petition Because	63.229.215.78	08-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
335	☐	Maggie Thompson	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because all dogs need space to run free and let out their energy or they will become problem dogs.	24.58.224.33	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
336	☐	Eric Thompson	I Support This Petition Because	24.58.224.33	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
337	☐	Marie-Christine Kresse	I Support This Petition Because I STRONGLY support this petition. I am very responsible with	66.65.131.75	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			my dog, and I must say that all the other dog owners that I have met on the UWS in the year and 3 months that I have had my dog, are as well. We all apprecaite this privilege and treat it as such....it would be ridiculous and groundless to take it away from us.					
338	☐	Julie Rossenberg	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.91.54	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
339	☐	Ara Kurnit	I Support This Petition Because	129.44.58.125	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
340	☐	Paul Williamson	I Support This Petition Because	204.128.220.20	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
341	☐	Peter Meachum	I Support This Petition Because Because Murf deserves to run free. It's capacity building for dogs, and it's long overdue!	84.54.21.148	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
342	☐	Tom Brice	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because this is not kids we are dealing with smoking, drinking, or getting into fights. These are responsible people who are just going out for a walk with their dogs I see nothing wrong with that.	24.168.16.42	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
343	☐	Mary Parks	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.131	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
344	☐	Barbara McCall	I Support This Petition Because	74.71.59.143	08-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
345	☐	Gisele Noel	I Support This Petition Because My dog LOVES being off-leash in Central Park! He's 70 lbs, in a CRAMPED studio & city runs are tiny. No	24.215.187.140	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			off-leash time = inhumane city life for dogs his size. If your #1 fear in a NYC park 9pm-9am is a dog, then be happy & let's muzzle aggressive dogs during off-leash hours. - DogGoneWalking.com					
346	☐	Jason Lamin	I Support This Petition Because Dogs add so much to the lives of city dwellers, allowing our urban hounds to run in the park, off-leash for a few hours is only a small gift back.	72.225.227.76	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
347	☐	Daniel	I Support This Petition Because I think that dogs should be allowed to have their free time. They shouldn't be kept caged and/or leashed all the time just because some uptight and unsetimental New Yorker feels threatened by our canine companions. I feel threatened by uptight and unsentimental New Yorkers, but I don't see any law limiting THEIR freedoms. Also, if they can't stand dogs off the leash, they should simply not go to places where they know dogs play unleashed for that relatively miniscule window of time. If they want to go to these places, they can go when the daytime leash policy is in effect (which is the majority of the day)	66.108.209.61	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
348	☐	Andrew	I Support This	163.166.137.10	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Kresse	Petition Because					
349	☐	Susan Johnson	I Support This Petition Because I have two mix breeds, ranging from 55 to 65 lbs. One is young and active, needs plenty of room to run around at least two times a day. The other, age 14, just loves to bask in the grass and meet dog-friendly people, or roam around as she pleases, or mingle with other dogs. Their walks that enable them freedom and space is the highlight of their day. If they have to be kept on leash for their entire walk it's hard on them and on the walker (usually me).	64.12.116.131	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
350	☐	Dr. Eric Paul Shaber	I Support This Petition Because SImply because is it the right and humane to do..	69.203.102.169	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
351	☐	Gail Gondek	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.199	08-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
352	☐	arthur Liss	I Support This Petition Because thy NY melting pot has always included animals. The parks are safer because of the early and late dog walkers. If they want to enforce this law how about bikers, skate boarders and joggers?	66.65.65.210	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
353	☐	Lauren Rick	I Support This Petition Because because dogs need exercise. The amount of dogs off leash every morning WITHOUT INCIDENT is exactly the proof of how necessary and	207.237.216.6	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			positive, that dogs running free is. Please let us keep this privelege for the sake of MAN'S BEST FRIEND.					
354	☐	Suh-kyung Yoon	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.226.133	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
355	☐	Robert Alper	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.191.44	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
356	☐	Todd Helman	I Support This Petition Because I support this because my dog Madi is a 65lb yellow lab that loves life, people and most of all running in the grass with other dogs chasing her. To take that simple joy away from her would be cruel beyond belief. I would rather pay $100 fines every morning than to do that to her. For people who don't understand that... I feel sorry for them.	63.203.82.110	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
357	☐	zekio dawson	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.206.90	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
358	☐	joan McCann	I Support This Petition Because	192.193.220.142	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
359	☐	lisa greene	I Support This Petition Because My dog needs to run. I have never had any trouble with other dogs, dog owners or non dog people and cannot understand why someone would want to take this privledge for dogs who give so much companionship to people that have no one else.	151.204.150.96	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
360	☐	Rachel Gomez	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because the park is a	69.22.250.6	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			public place and if there is a large number of people who would like to use the park in a certain way then it must be listened to. There needs to be a compromise between the two sides and it seems like it has been reached in the past by establishing time limits. The park belongs TO EVERYONE - bird-watchers, dog owners, runners, walkers, bikers, etc. Others have already spoken to the importance of dogs being able to run free for periods of time.					
361	☐	Andrea Mazie	I Support This Petition Because Parks should be multi-functional places that meet the needs of all kinds of people, families, and animals. With limits to the places and times where dogs can be off leash there shouldn't be problems. There are other ways to manage off-leash related issues than simply eliminating such opportunities.	207.172.86.159	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
362	☐	Katharine Spector	I Support This Petition Because An off leash dog = a happy, healty, well socialized dog that is significantly LESS likely to be aggressive than a dog who never gets to run free, confined to an apartment all day.	74.65.210.101	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
363	☐	N. Elijah	I Support This	24.90.255.71	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Sivin	Petition Because it just makes sense to give the dogs some place to run.					
364	☐	Jane Miller	I Support This Petition Because	63.105.171.11	08-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
365	☐	TL McClendon	I Support This Petition Because It's the right thing to do.	207.237.84.44	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
366	☐	Beth Manes	I Support This Petition Because Dogs who have the opportunity to run and socialize off-leash are better adjusted to city life and less aggressive towards people.	74.65.193.187	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
367	☐	pat gomez	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.25.123	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
368	☐	S. Siegel	I Support This Petition Because responsible owners should not be punished.	68.175.33.161	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
369	☐	William Ashton	I Support This Petition Because I support the petition for the common good based upon the following reasons: There are 2 million dogs in NYC. It is legal to own a dog and people do. Here are your benefits from off-leash hours in your local Park. Less dog poop on your streets. Your neighborhood dogs will go in the park. Less dog poop in the park. Dog owners police each other and "remind" them to pick up after their dogs. Your next door	72.231.30.57	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			neighbor's dog will be less likely to annoy you by barking all day. The dog will get exercise and mental stimulation at the park and be more likely to sleep during the day. Dogs will be less likely to jump at or on you on the street. You've had dogs on-leash walk by you and suddenly poke you, smell you or jump on you. This is because these dogs aren't socialized to people and are restless. Going to the park allows dogs to get socialized to people and to burn off excess energy. Dogs will be less likely to be aggressive dogs. At the park they will burn off energy and be socialized to other people and other dogs. This reduces the likelihood that they will aggress towards people and other dogs.					
370	☐	Valsamakis Metaxas	I Support This Petition Because As a dog owner myself living in Queens and working in Manhattan, I resent the fact that a suit has been raised in this matter. Myself and all other dog owners that take advantage of this generous priveledge are responsible dog owners. As long as I have been at the park there have been no	69.203.219.135	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

incidents that I know of. Why take this away? All our dogs that are exercised daily are less aggressive dogs. They burn lots of energy that otherwise would be targeted towards people, other dogs and at home. (Excessive barking) This priveledge is a benefit to everyone whether they know it or not. Dogs that are able to run off leash will less likely bark when owners go to work. They are also less likely to be aggressive. If their stool is weak it can be picked up at the park because you can grab the dirt underneath and clean it up well. If this priveledge is taken away then I will no longer need to take my dog to the park. I can walk him on the street which is just the same exercise. A weak stool on the sidewalk or street cannot be cleaned, it just spreads. Then people complain. What can I do? There are many reasons why this priveledge is beneficial to us and the general public. We are all hard working, tax paying citizens that are responsible dog owners and constantly on top of our dogs. Most of our dogs are kind and socialized. What is the problem with the off leash laws? We are

			the only ones that use the park all year round. Rain and snow we are out there. We respect our park and take care of it. I myself chased away a group of graffiti kids as they were attempting to tag the bridge supports. Consider our plea and weigh the pros vs the cons. What are the cons? We are there early morning and late at night. Usually there are very few people there, if any at all at those times. Thank you!					
371	☐	Celvyn Morada	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.94.220	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
372	☐	Sean Mandel	I Support This Petition Because As a homeowner and dog owner, I fully support this petition. Dogs and their owners help to keep the parks safe and clean when others are not using them. Without dog owners walking their dogs in the dead of winter - the parks would be empty and unsafe.	71.255.68.36	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
373	☐	Nancy Torres	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.154.10	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
374	☐	Tomoe Kaneda	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.191.207	08-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
375	☐	Cheryl A. Belkin	I Support This Petition Because because I fail to see how dogs, responsibly allowed to enjoy the park area, are any more a "nuisance" than picknickers who clean up after themselves and are not excessively loud.	207.38.187.5	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			What's next, banning children and teens? - they tend to be very noisy, and to drop much litter. Or, we could just fence all parks completely - someone, be it a resident or a passer-by, will always find something objectionable if any being is using the park (noise, litter, just not liking the looks of the user.) Besides, It is not those dogwalkers who utilize offleash hours who are a problem - we police each other. By abolishing offleash hours, you actually remove the safeguard of dog owners policing other dog owners. It should also be remembered that dog owners pay a licensing fee, essentially a tax that no other NYC resident pays, and being allowed equal use of the park for a few non-busy hours each day is the only "benefit" the city offers in return.					
376		Violet Lee	I Support This Petition Because Our loyal, furry companions have the need and basic rights to some socializing, air, and joyful romping around in a safe environment just for them. Being cooped up, or tied/attached to a leash isn't healthy for any living being.	152.163.100.70	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

377	☐	dan guerra	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.250.6	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
378	☐	silvia manzoni	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.2.219	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
379	☐	Bill Montgomery	I Support This Petition Because I have a small, friendly, non-aggressive dog who loves people and other dogs. He is professionally trained and behaves both off- and on-leash. All should not be punished for the bad behavior of a few.	66.65.128.181	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
380	☐	Julie Di Filippo	I Support This Petition Because It is essential to the mental and physical well-being of dogs to have a good run in the morning and learn to interact with people and their kind in the world. If NYC takes away this privilege it would be taking away the lives of many of the dogs (and their owners) who play, run, and walk through Central Park in the early morning and late evening hours. I'm in the park from 7 to 9 every morning (for the past three years) and never have I had a problem with an agressive dog or encountered irresponsible owners. Please do not take away the little freedom our dogs have and cherish.	151.202.92.212	08-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
381	☐	Jennifer Hagan	I Support This Petition Because because dogs who are allowed health interaction and exercise on a daily	141.155.63.6	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			basis are more well behaved dogs and are less likely to be a nuisance or dangerous to others. My dog is well behaved and deserves the same basic rights as other animals. if the squirrels are allowed in the park, why isn't my vaccinated and obediant dog allowed?					
382	☐	Kari Ostrem	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.236.15	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
383	☐	Alissa Mooney	I Support This Petition Because	156.111.164.158	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
384	☐	susan simon	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.235.2	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
385	☐	Lindsey Rothschild	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.34.48	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
386	☐	Amy Koteles	I Support This Petition Because	128.122.66.55	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
387	☐	Michelle Maerov	I Support This Petition Because I have never observed any incident such as the one that occurred in Juniper Park in all my years of walking my dog off-leash in Central Park. The courtesy hours work amazingly well for dogs and owners alike and one careless dog owner in Queens should not spoil this privilege for the rest of us.	68.173.10.145	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
388	☐	Patti Pomerantz	I Support This Petition Because	157.150.192.237	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
389	☐	Joe	I Support This Petition Because I feel that with these hours unchanged, all dogs will benefit. They will be less likely to tear up the lawn, flowers, or something in the	64.12.117.13	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			house. And it will make all our lives a lot easier					
390	☐	Katherine Gross	I Support This Petition Because	64.115.193.67	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
391	☐	Carol Brown	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because off leash hours in city parks benefits the entire community- happy dogs and happy owners make happy neighbors.	12.40.174.2	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
392	☐	Bill Higley	I Support This Petition Because	65.202.49.221	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
393	☐	virginia Hahn	I Support This Petition Because	69.123.162.173	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
394	☐	Julian Soler	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need to run!	38.112.183.138	08-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
395	☐	Linda & Jeff Maerov	I Support This Petition Because	66.193.157.234	08-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
396	☐	DEBORAH NALL	I Support This Petition Because Dogs should be able to run around every day. You would never support chaining up humans all day long, why should dogs be treated differently?	65.198.86.2	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
397	☐	Christina Andrushkiw	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
398	☐	Soretta Rodack	I Support This Petition Because because it is humane and sensible. Dogs need a space to excercise and interact. What are New Yorkers coming to, if they are afraid of dogs? Most dog bites incidents do NOT take place in parks. I am far more afraid of increasingly restrictive laws than of dog bites.	66.238.207.125	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

399	☐	Spencer Parness	I Support This Petition Because Dogs that are given the freedom to romp and play with other dogs are better canine citizens. They are friendlier and more socialized than dogs who are not given this ability. I have read in my local paper about this group who are trying to impose their warped viewpoint on all dogs in NYC because of a few incidents. People have been injured by children on bikes and roller blades and no one is yelling to have them banned from the parks.	64.81.201.56	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
400	☐	Sherry Chaudoin	I Support This Petition Because	64.44.152.142	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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401	☐	Elizabeth Arnold	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
402	☐	Maria Owens	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
403	☐	Ann Hinshaw	I Support This Petition Because	38.138.225.80	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
404	☐	Rina Sproat	I Support This Petition Because because any and all dogs in this concrete jungle we call New York City should have a place where they can run freely - as they were naturally born to do.	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
405	☐	Jennifer Rolfe	I Support This Petition Because	66.70.12.254	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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406	☐	Joseph Chae	I Support This Petition Because Most dog owners in the city are responsible pet owners. Most of us pick up after our dogs. Our dogs need to be allowed off-leash because they need daily workout so that they don't become aggressive. It's unfair that the mistakes of a few less responsible people ruin it for all the dogs and dog people in the city.	205.188.116.130	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
407	☐	Hannah Flynn	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.235.114	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
408	☐	Brandie Knox-Kirkman	I Support This Petition Because	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
409	☐	Steven Kane	I Support This Petition Because	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
410	☐	Wendy	I Support This Petition Because	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
411	☐	Lissette Feliciano	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
412	☐	Mary Hampton	I Support This Petition Because there is no other close green area for them to run, and I wouldn't want a slew of angry pets and owners working with me.	206.64.224.128	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
413	☐	christopher plescia	I Support This Petition Because dog owners constitute a significant cohort in the city population. there have been remakably few incidents as a result of off the leash dogs in any park. dog owners have rights as do any citizens. it is not unreasonable to	70.193.194.37	08-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			ask that our generally non-disruptive animals be allowed off the leash during off hours at the park. it is not terribly difficult to avoid the limited areas where dogs congregate during these hours.					
414	☐	Aminta Polack	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
415	☐	Ashley Swartz	I Support This Petition Because	75.14.233.13	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
416	☐	Joy Parisi	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.194.142	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
417	☐	Lisa Dellamora	I Support This Petition Because this seems like a reasonable compromise, if the dog park is constructed in a size and manner that truly allows for the dogs to exercise by running and playing. It is unfortunate that the lack of responsibility on the part of some dog owners, and the over-reaction of some non-dog owners have led to this. Dogs are a healthy part of many people's lives. Removing off-leash privileges without giving back a dog park for them to exercise would result in angry owners and unfit dogs that will not be well-behaved.	66.65.12.162	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
418	☐	Laura Grimmer	I Support This Petition Because Having had a dog in the city for four years, I attest personally to the responsible ownership of the vast majority of dog owners who	70.19.37.229	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			control and clean up after their dogs more carefully than most parents manage their children in public.					
419	☐	Jonathan Winn	I Support This Petition Because	192.193.221.142	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
420	☐	Trishann Antoine	I Support This Petition Because We live in a crowed city with not much open green space - public or private. Unlike the vast majority of those living outside NYC, most of us don't have back or front yards to allow our dogs the freeedom they deserve as living beings. Public parks with off-lease hours and public dog runs (with well known usage laws) are our only alternatives. Don't punish the dogs. Most owners are responsible. If anything, strengthen the penalties for owners who disobey the usage laws. But don't hurt the dogs.	162.84.204.67	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
421	☐	Vanessa Lennon	I Support This Petition Because because the park is for everyone.	38.112.183.231	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
422	☐	bridget murphy	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.84	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
423	☐	Fan Hon	I Support This Petition Because to give our beloved companions the chance to be free and interact with other dogs, the joy they share in such a small time frame should not be deprive. Please do not take this joy away from them.	208.210.197.2	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
424		philip	I Support This	171.159.192.10	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

	☐	grossman	Petition Because We live in a crowded city, the only place we can bring our dogs to that is safe and in a friendly roomy envoronment is central park. dog owners need to be responsible dont make our dogs the victims here					
425	☐	Ed Talenti	I Support This Petition Because let the NYC Parks Department continue doing its job as they always have!	24.215.210.219	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
426	☐	Amanda Curtin	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash hours allow our community to come together and dogs and their owners to enjoy a shared, public space. The real nuisance is people who litter or misuse the park space; dog owners participating in off-leash hours are generally a conscientious group and community who are part of the solution--not the problem-- to providing safer, cleaner parks. Those who dislike off-leash dogs may enjoy the park during its regular on-leash hours.	216.220.208.231	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
427	☐	William Stamatakis	I Support This Petition Because exercise is a vital component of a sound dog. without a place to properly and freely exercise our pets, you will see an increase in "incidents" involving dangerous dogs and aggression.	68.175.74.19	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

428	☐	Christine Pfeuffer	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.74.19	08-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
429	☐	stephen mukofsky	I Support This Petition Because We all are vital parts of this city and out dogs are vital parts of our lives. Do not punish us for the city"s failure to provide adequate "green space" for all.	70.23.22.154	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
430	☐	Seena Frankel	I Support This Petition Because because I feel dogs need the freedom at certain times and since this is a limted time and place, I agree with the petition.	66.108.59.91	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
431	☐	Susan Hartwell	I Support This Petition Because	24.61.107.24	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
432	☐	Steve Mount	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
433	☐	Pamela Yee	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.89.128	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
434	☐	Frances	I Support This Petition Because Please compromise, don't take EVERYTHING away. Be fair, be reasonable, they need their excercise PLEASE	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
435	☐	Frances	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
436	☐	Ellen	I Support This Petition Because because they spend a great deal of time indoors and need a place to go and run freely without a leash.	38.117.217.4	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
437	☐	Roxana	I Support This Petition Because	69.117.23.194	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
438	☐	barbara	I Support This Petition Because	69.117.23.194	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
439	☐	louise	I Support This	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because I support this petition because this seems like a reasonable compromise, if the dog park is constructed in a size and manner that truly allows for the dogs to exercise by running and playing.					
440	☐	Desiree Scotto	I Support This Petition Because	38.112.183.231	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
441	☐	Terry Donegan	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
442	☐	Dawn Sparks	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
443	☐	Gabriela Zelaya	I Support This Petition Because	65.173.199.254	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
444	☐	Larry	I Support This Petition Because	65.173.199.254	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
445	☐	Josephine	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
446	☐	Diarmuid Foley	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
447	☐	Shane	I Support This Petition Because this proposition seems like a fair compromise for all sides.	195.10.15.10	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
448	☐	Conor Bell	I Support This Petition Because dogs need a little freedom you can't leave them with nothing	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
449	☐	James	I Support This Petition Because for Harry! Woof Woof!	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
450	☐	Mary Schimpf	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.237.205	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
451	☐	Colin Barton	I Support This Petition Because its fair	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
452	☐	Maryann	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need a place to run, just like people. It is	208.51.153.196	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			cruel not to allow dogs to have fun!					
453	☐	Sara Forst	I Support This Petition Because	64.2.77.178	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
454	☐	Alan Kenny	I Support This Petition Because why take this privilege away from them when dog owners have bending enough, also, the parks in the winter are empty, its there to be used, let them use it	216.139.157.210	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
455	☐	Kelly Walsh	I Support This Petition Because	198.80.208.16	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
456	☐	mike s.	I Support This Petition Because support the petition wholeheartedly	67.111.174.99	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
457	☐	Matthew Keough	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.206.49	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
458	☐	LEONARD FRESHMAN	I Support This Petition Because I SUPPORT THIS POSITION BECAUSE THE DOGS WOULD BE CRAZY WITH OUT SOME FREEDOM	68.237.235.216	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
459	☐	Jena Tarleton	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.111.198	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
460	☐	Jenna Peterson	I Support This Petition Because	24.55.144.56	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
461	☐	Anita Shieh	I Support This Petition Because	192.77.198.12	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
462	☐	Carmen Vega	I Support This Petition Because I have a dog (Boxer) Mr. Tibbs who is loved by everyone when we go to Fort Greene Park on Saturdays. I have not encounter any dog at our park who doesn't listen to all dog owners. Dogs need time to bond with there fellow doggie friends.	12.14.115.88	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

463	☐	Stella Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because I have seen first hand how beneficial the off leash time.	208.210.197.2	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
464	☐	Renee Sekino	I Support This Petition Because	12.37.144.130	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
465	☐	Kimberly Smith	I Support This Petition Because	167.230.38.116	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
466	☐	Darragh Fitzpatrick	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because Harry (the dog) said he would organize a doggy revolution if I did not ... well he said woof wooof ... but it translated to doggy revolution.	66.234.241.130	08-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
467	☐	Farrah Buchanan	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.106.135	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
468	☐	michele Clarke	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.248.154	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
469	☐	Michael Schwartz	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.135.194	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
470	☐	Tobias Tolino	I Support This Petition Because	208.252.25.30	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
471	☐	Lynn Cunningham	I Support This Petition Because Our pets' deserve this time and freedom.	208.252.25.30	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
472	☐	Daisley Kramer	I Support This Petition Because because we live in a city with limited space for dogs to stretch and run and their doing so in the few parks where they are able to does not inhibit the ability of people to enjoy the parks as well.	209.73.205.244	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
473	☐	April Farrell	I Support This Petition Because	209.73.205.244	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
474	☐	Chris Thoman	I Support This Petition Because	65.196.66.136	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
475	☐	Mercedes E. Santana	I Support This Petition Because I am	68.175.37.0	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			appalled that we even have to fight for a policy that has worked so well for so many years.					
476	☐	Carol Roman	I Support This Petition Because Dogs that are able to enjoy green spaces make for happier people/nieghbors	141.155.24.51	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
477	☐	Katie Hush	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours in parks make NYC a wonderful place to live for dog owners.	65.105.104.122	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
478	☐	alan gardner	I Support This Petition Because People from all walks of life and backgrounds in this city are owners of man's best friend, including people in powerful political positions. ALL dog owners should have a place for their dogs to run freely and exercise...and be dogs, not just the power brokers and wealthy. Equality for all includes dog owners and their dogs. It takes a "dog" to want to restrict the ability of our real dogs to be just that...dogs.	152.163.100.69	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
479	☐	jenn london	I Support This Petition Because Dog aggression will only be exacerbated with the removal of off-leash hours.	64.95.24.237	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
480	☐	Carla Albergo Rodrigo	I Support This Petition Because dogs deserve the right to run freely and the timeframe is not too much of an imposition	206.64.224.128	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			on others.					
481	☐	G. Joshi	I Support This Petition Because because the idea of abolishing off-leash rights is absolutely ridiculous. What's next, let's eliminate the squirrel population in the city's parks because they might bite people? Dogs, like people, need open space. They were not meant to be cooped up. I say thanks to the genius who thought up this idiotic idea.	206.64.224.128	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
482	☐	Emma C Watts	I Support This Petition Because my dog will go crazy if he doesn't get to play fetch in Central Park at least once a day. If this ban passes it will be awful for dogs and their owners.	66.65.179.192	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
483	☐	ronak shah	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
484	☐	James Schubert	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours in NYC parks are important. Letting a dog run for even 20 minutes a day seems to reduce the dog's stress level thereby decreasing the likelihood of an incident. If there is anything that should be done is enforcement of licensing.	68.237.224.18	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
485	☐	livia orellana	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
486	☐	Melanie Hatz Levinson	I Support This Petition Because because dogs need their own time to just be dogs and enjoy	74.130.72.247	08-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			some of the city's parks just as residents do.					
487	☐	Matt Moscato	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
488	☐	Melissa Howard	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are living, breathing, feeling, caring creatures and bring great joy to others. They deserve to be treated more fairly. We are only asking to afford them freedom when the park is not busy. Dog owners are more conscientious about picking up after their dogs than many humans are about picking up their own garbage. Let's not let NY become the only non-friendly dog city in the world. It just wouldn't be democratic.	152.163.101.9	08-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
489	☐	Patrick Hoogendijk	I Support This Petition Because	209.21.106.213	08-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
490	☐	Monica Noguelra	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.205.48	08-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
491	☐	Jesse	I Support This Petition Because	72.231.23.67	08-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
492	☐	Natalie Kustera	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	08-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
493	☐	Jennie Slentz	I Support This Petition Because off-leash hours have allowed us to socialize our recent rescue dog. She was terrified after coming out of the city pound. Being around other playing dogs and their owners has allowed this pup to not be a fear aggressive threat. A well socialized dog off-leash is much safer	24.90.231.46	08-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			than an unsocialized dog on leash.					
494	☐	Meredyth Capasso	I Support This Petition Because Day in and day out dogs bring us such joy--let's not take away the one true joy that we give them--- time off the leash to run and play!!	146.203.130.11	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
495	☐	M. Bookstein	I Support This Petition Because Please don't take away the little time man's best friend has to be a dog. Besides, who are they hurting??	146.203.130.11	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
496	☐	Lynn Pacifico	I Support This Petition Because As a tax-paying New Yorker I deserve to have my recreational needs met. I do not want to continue to pay for other's recreational facilities and have my recreational needs ignored.	69.86.32.19	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
497	☐	Jennifer de Castro	I Support This Petition Because because our four legged friends need a place to be off leash. They are not doing any harm. The dog owners and their dogs serve as a patrol that prevent crime.	69.200.95.75	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
498	☐	Colin McGivern	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.210	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
499	☐	Mary Ann Puccia	I Support This Petition Because	68.81.41.174	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
500	☐	Natalia Garro	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because my dog has brought meaning to my life. I would give my life for her. Our	208.11.127.131	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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and they deserve to
be treated like so. Let
them run and play!

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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501		Judith	I Support This Petition Because	209.73.205.244	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
502		Lin Fogle	I Support This Petition Because socialized dogs are better behaved, healthier, and happier. Being off leash enables socialization and allows dogs to be dogs. They thrive and learn from interacting with other canines, and to deny them this basic need is unacceptable.	72.225.197.164	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
503		Robert P. Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.54.109	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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504	☐	Steven Rodriguez	I Support This Petition Because	192.147.57.6	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
505	☐	Martin S. Cohen	I Support This Petition Because Allowing dogs off leash in Central Park during the early hour is a wonderful experience for the dogs and their owners at a time when it causes minimal inconveniece to other visitors.	24.189.253.196	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
506	☐	Erica J. Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	63.165.61.253	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
507	☐	Jean Silver	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.136.219	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
508	☐	Sarah Bromberg	I Support This Petition Because	68.236.176.170	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
509	☐	Noreen C. Sweeney	I Support This Petition Because If the Park's Commissioner's policy of allowing dogs to be off-leash at certain times in certain parks were to be revoked, many dogs would no longer able to interact off-leash in the City's parks. I believe that this lack of off-leash recreation opportunities would lead to an increase in anti-social behavior among some City dogs.	72.70.80.4	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
510	☐	Michael Janson	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.74.231	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
511	☐	Steven Mitchell	I Support This Petition Because	68.236.178.132	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
512	☐	Katy Burress	I Support This Petition Because	71.137.0.116	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
513	☐	Meeta Sidhu	I Support This Petition Because	155.201.35.53	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
514	☐	Michael Gilpin	I Support This Petition Because	207.69.138.9	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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515	☐	Adam Hoeffer	I Support This Petition Because	63.211.44.138	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
516	☐	Alicia Hoeffer	I Support This Petition Because	63.211.44.138	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
517	☐	Jonathan Broder	I Support This Petition Because BECAUSE DOG OWNERS AND THEIR PETS ARE OUT AND ABOUT IN THE PARK IN THE EARLY MORNING "OFF LEASH" TIME WHEN MOST NEW YORKERS ARE STILL IN BED. OUR PRESENCE BRINGS LIFE TO THE PARK AND LIKELY WARDS OFF SOME OF THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT THAT MAY LURK ABOUT AT THAT HOUR. THAT'S JUST ONE OF MANY REASONS WHY DOG OWNERS AND DOGS ARE GOOD FOR NY AND GOOD FOR THE PARK AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE A RIGHT TO THIS SMALL WINDOW OF OFF LEASH TIME.	66.227.31.5	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
518	☐	Peggy Klineman	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.190.115	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
519	☐	Caroline Edmunds	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.74.255	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
520	☐	stacey shulman	I Support This Petition Because	68.194.222.20	08-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
521	☐	Alexandre Nogueira	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.205.48	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
522	☐	Elizabeth Rouse	I Support This Petition Because because I am a taxpayer and believe that if I commit no infraction, I should not be punished. People who get up that early to replenish their spirit with a long walk in a	207.237.219.21	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			quiet park, and make sure their dogs are well excercised and healthy are NOT the type of people to be negligent about the dog's behavior. I take my dog there so she will be a peaceful apartment dweller for the rest of the day. It is my favorite time and favorite place in my city. Please don't take it away from us. If you do, you will have one less tax payer for sure.					
523	☐	Richard Duro	I Support This Petition Because Look @ the stats: since off leash rules/dog runs started dog bites are DRAMATICALLY down in NYC. A socialized dog is a better behaved dog. Also, they keep the parks safer by there being a presence there each night of adults. Lastly, the parks themselves are kept cleaner by the dog owners than anyone else. I walk by many parks each day, the majority of the debris has NOTHING to do with any dog...	24.193.14.235	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
524	☐	logan welde	I Support This Petition Because please let the dogs roam free!	66.108.63.16	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
525	☐	Glenn Cheng	I Support This Petition Because	72.254.149.75	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
526	☐	Amy	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
527	☐	Aimee Kelogera	I Support This Petition Because	155.201.35.52	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
528	☐	Jacquline Lee	I Support This Petition Because	155.201.35.52	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

529	☐	Stephen O'Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.19.37	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
530	☐	Carrie B. Kingsley	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.55.201	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
531	☐	Jennifer Zimpfer	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
532	☐	Eric Hauser	I Support This Petition Because	69.176.196.165	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
533	☐	Thomas Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.19.37	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
534	☐	Tracie Libonati	I Support This Petition Because	71.125.207.120	08-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
535	☐	Patty Michaud-Moerlins	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.71.95	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
536	☐	Duff PAcifico-Prescott	I Support This Petition Because	69.50.58.211	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
537	☐	Kofi Donnelly	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.8.102	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
538	☐	Lauren Kingsley	I Support This Petition Because	12.172.4.1	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
539	☐	Michael Weissenstein	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.92.209	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
540	☐	ari gold	I Support This Petition Because if people dont have anything better to do with their energy than try to get rid of dogs in parks then they should email me 'cause there's quite a few more important problems in new york. goodness gracious.	72.76.25.110	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
541	☐	Adam Lerner	I Support This Petition Because	66.146.214.19	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
542	☐	Anni Katz	I Support This Petition Because	72.76.25.110	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
543	☐	Charles Stransky	I Support This Petition Because as a dog owner living in NYC, because off leash shows that we New Yorkers support positive life styles;	132.236.252.122	08-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			not just those of the over-privleged who are looking for some political gain at the expense of the people.					
544	☐	Matthew Barber	I Support This Petition Because It is important for dogs to get excersize. Also creating an area for dogs helps them socialize with both people and other dogs. A well socialized dog is friendlier and therefore much less likely to attack, bite or harm anyone in any way. Dog runs are fenced in keeping dogs away from anyone who doesn't want to be near them creating a safe and secure place for dogs and people.	64.212.34.254	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
545	☐	Mary Williams	I Support This Petition Because I believe dogs need the kind of exercise they can only get off leash. It's cruel to keep them on a leash all the time especially considering New York's small apartments. Also, a well socialized and exercised dog is better behaved and safer to be around.	207.237.168.240	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
546	☐	Leslie Shipman	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.74.82	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
547	☐	Nina Levine	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
548	☐	Cathleen Schine	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.15.216	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
549	☐	Valerie Golden	I Support This Petition Because our dogs give us SO much pleasure and	66.65.90.136	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			this little privilege is one they need and well deserve! PLEASE!					
550	☐	Laura Levin	I Support This Petition Because people with dogs are citizens of this City and no other group should try to exert unreasonable abridgement of our rights.	204.149.81.4	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
551	☐	Amy Calmann	I Support This Petition Because It's outrageous that this lawsuit is allowed to be brought into the courtrooms. The dog parks have lowered crime in many areas, have been an asset to the community as a whole, and have allowed people to own dogs in a city in which it is very difficult to own animals. Having dog parks available to New Yorkers has helped the NYC shelters get more dogs adopted, which lowers the rate of overpopulation in the city animal shelters. Off-leash hours allow people to safely interact with their pets, away from others. How is this a problem?	68.173.23.127	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
552	☐	Sally Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	24.39.130.74	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
553	☐	Jessie Lipson	I Support This Petition Because As a New Yorker with limited outdoor spaces, people should have a carless place to go to excercise their dogs	38.117.136.3	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

554	☐	Jane Elizabeth	I Support This Petition Because I am a responsible owner of a large dog-the offleash hours in Central Park are essential to our health and happiness!	207.237.226.167	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
555	☐	Michael Kay	I Support This Petition Because thousands upon thousands of new yorkers and their pets should not be punished for the bad behavior of very few	69.176.198.2	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
556	☐	Cathay Brackman	I Support This Petition Because Parks need to support different constituencies. Blanket rules that marginalize a single group don't respect all the people. And isn't this what we're all supposed to be about?	160.79.222.142	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
557	☐	Elizabeth Nesbitt	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.84	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
558	☐	Sahara Briscoe	I Support This Petition Because	199.181.174.146	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
559	☐	Alexandra Federov	I Support This Petition Because My dogs are like family members and there should be places people can enjoy the company of their pets outside of the confines of small apartments. Secondly, dogs need exercise just as much as people do. Having a dog park makes my neighborhood far more enjoyable!	152.163.100.69	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
560	☐	Mattew Raus	I Support This Petition Because My dogs are like family members and there	152.163.100.69	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			should be places people can enjoy the company of their pets outside of the confines of small apartments. Secondly, dogs need exercise just as much as people do. Having a dog park makes my neighborhood far more enjoyable!					
561	☐	Lars Kindem	I Support This Petition Because New Yorkers with dogs pay taxes for the ability to walk their dogs off leash. Do not penalize all dog owners for the bad behavior of a few.	24.239.130.41	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
562	☐	Heidi Heikenfeld	I Support This Petition Because because the off-lease policy adds to the culture and community of the city's parks.	63.117.201.120	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
563	☐	jacqueline Broner	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours are important for the well being and health of our pets, and are limited enough that people can avoid the parks at those hours if they don't like it.	68.175.97.103	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
564	☐	Tara Forrest	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.42	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
565	☐	Theresa Hall	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.187.10	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
566	☐	Robert Sosa	I Support This Petition Because	12.0.152.165	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
567	☐	Kim Kennedy	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.84	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
568	☐	Richard Kane	I Support This Petition Because	192.193.221.142	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
569	☐	Katen Fletcher	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.42	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
570		Tazz Latifi	I Support This	72.43.162.198	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐		Petition Because					
571	☐	seth gershman	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.126.155	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
572	☐	michael d'angelo	I Support This Petition Because	192.193.220.142	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
573	☐	Alp Beck	I Support This Petition Because When did dogs become Public Enemy Number One? The removal of all off-leash time in the parks, is now beginning to reflect the slow suffocation of all our freedoms in this country. It is representative of the erosion of our Constitutional Rights and well as that of our sweet canine companions. It is a sad commentary on where we are headed. Soon we will become the total antiseptic society george Orwell envisioned.	72.229.174.25	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
574	☐	Anthony Tsang Yee	I Support This Petition Because Because It is important that friendly dogs are able to socialize with like dogs. The freedon it allows a city dog to run around with other dogs, fetch balls or just hang out making friends with a set pack of dogs is a great enjoyment for both dog and owner. I am for dog owners being 100% responsible for the actions of	68.175.119.254	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			thier dogs. That means no digging deep holes, picking up after thier dogs and paying medical bills if their dog inadvertently injures another dog.					
575	☐	Shana L. Smith	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because I am a New York city voter and tax payer who owns a dog. Dogs need exercise and socialization. The established dog runs are too small and do not have grass for dogs to roll in or space to realy run.	68.174.160.136	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
576	☐	Brenton Downey	I Support This Petition Because	209.10.200.2	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
577	☐	Holly Corbett	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.47.93	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
578	☐	Victoria Williamson	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.47.93	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
579	☐	KATHLEEN MURPHY	I Support This Petition Because 662 PELTON AVENUE STATEN ISLAND 10310	65.88.88.82	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
580	☐	Katya Edwards	I Support This Petition Because	66.200.164.141	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
581	☐	David Lasky	I Support This Petition Because	66.200.164.141	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
582	☐	Tod Thilleman	I Support This Petition Because	66.200.164.141	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
583	☐	Lynne Lino	I Support This Petition Because	204.149.81.4	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
584	☐	Gina Sturman	I Support This Petition Because	81.129.214.17	08-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
585	☐	Hedda Smulewicz	I Support This Petition Because our dogs need some freedom to run and play. off-leash hours are limited enough so that other people are	64.12.116.197	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			not inconvenienced. our healthy happy dogs add joy to our city.					
586	☐	Sabrina Drigout	I Support This Petition Because	69.182.83.22	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
587	☐	Elizabeth Maxwell	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.199.253	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
588	☐	Hope Igleheart	I Support This Petition Because Getting up early on the weekends to let our dog run off leash is a cherished activity for both my family and my dog.	152.163.100.69	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
589	☐	Tobi Stern	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.80.172	08-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
590	☐	Paula Kanno	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.46.146	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
591	☐	Patrick Athy	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.101.9	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
592	☐	Fern Rudin	I Support This Petition Because	207.200.116.197	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
593	☐	Howard Gintell	I Support This Petition Because but not just because I am a dog owner. As Tupper Thomas from Prospect Park (my local park) has pointed out, one of the reasons our parks are safer for everyone is because "dog people" use the parks often, are aware of their surroundings, and cooperate with the police to maintain a safe and pleasant environment. Perhaps we should eliminate all those noisy children, and those unsightly garbage pails and all that dirt and those leaf dropping trees (very messy). Maybe it's time to pave over	64.12.116.197	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			the grass (imagine how much money would be saved not having to mow). When do we stop? Save the freedom that dog owners have to enjoy and the sense of security they bring.					
594	☐	Polly Ssavell	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need freedom and play time as much as children do, but dogs are kept away from playgrounds. A civilized, caring New York would value the animals who provide love, support and companionship to many, many New Yorkers, and would allow times for dog-owners to enjoy the park with their loved ones just as parents can enjoy playgrounds with their little charges. More dogs = more love = a better New York.	216.89.67.4	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
595	☐	Michael Plock	I Support This Petition Because	24.29.137.116	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
596	☐	Anne DePoalo	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
597	☐	Brenda Prindle	I Support This Petition Because	63.202.223.2	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
598	☐	Kelly Smith-Powers	I Support This Petition Because The dog owners that walk their dogs in the parks off leash each morning and night are responsible dog owners (unlike those found in dog parks). They have well socialized dogs that can be off leash in	72.227.154.222	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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601		Raphael Kertesz	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.253.132	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
602		Kristi	I Support This	66.65.126.128	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition Because I support this position because dogs need exercise and the dogs are also a big park of NYC.
The dogs love to run and play in the park and there owners love to take them there. It is a wonderful therapeutic thing that NY has offered it's citizens for years. If it is taken away it will be a big loss to the dogs, their owners and the city of NY.
NY is known for it's large population of dogs. Tourists are fascinated by how well they all intereact with eachother and the humans around them. They spend a lot of time watching them play and some even take pictures. Central Park is the only nature we have. If the off leash law is taken awayit will be a big loss to everyone. There will be no place for the dogs to release there energy and this will cause problems in the long run. Some owners will have to leave the city because certain breeds really need to run and Central Park is their only outlet. People really depend on the park and during the off leash hours the park is relatively quiet. Taking this away from Nyers and their

			dogs will be a big loss to every one. It will create more tension in a city that is already tense enough.					
603	☐	Holly Manley	I Support This Petition Because All parks should not have to be punished because of one.	68.173.220.115	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
604	☐	Martina Moran	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.249.7	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
605	☐	Rachel Kleinman	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.125.214	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
606	☐	Andrew Ayala	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.241.145	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
607	☐	Jennifer Jerutis	I Support This Petition Because	167.246.2.30	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
608	☐	Jill Alberts	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.199.8	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
609	☐	Jennifer Greenberg	I Support This Petition Because	216.206.242.200	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
610	☐	Sejung Yoon	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.137.105	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
611	☐	Emily Litz	I Support This Petition Because because the parks are largely empty between 9pm-9am except for morning runner/walkers, who have far more options for excercise than city dogs. This suit is a mean-spirited assault on dogs and dog owners.	155.201.35.50	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
612	☐	carol carrozelli	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.188.126	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
613	☐	robert nikolewski	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.13.203	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
614	☐	Jo Oppenheimer	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
615	☐	Kurt Loffler	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.11.146	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
616	☐	Margaret Tumino	I Support This Petition Because The	205.188.116.197	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			unofficial off-leash hours in the city's parks are not only utilized by residents of NYC. Dog owners from neighboring counties frequent the park and bestow this priviledge upon their dogs. (I live in Nassau County, and have allowed my dog to happily socialize in Central Park during early morning weekend hours.) It's a shame to see the well running dry in terms of dog-friendly options. These unofficial off-leash hours are a priviledge we, as dog-owners, are thankful to have -- and they must NOT be revoked since they have not been abused.					
617	☐	Kerrie Kent	I Support This Petition Because	69.10.64.13	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
618	☐	Paula Rubenstein	I Support This Petition Because	69.122.161.81	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
619	☐	Mary	I Support This Petition Because With so much of our freedom already under assault these days, we urge you not to take away our right to play with and exercise our dogs in the parks leash-free. Wouldn't it be better to live -- as we used to -- in a truly free society? Eliminating this joy of both people and their pets is a pointless exercise that chips away at the crumbling, beautiful, heartiness	24.215.193.231	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			that was the American lifestyle.					
620	☐	David McCoy	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are an essential element of what makes this city so special. Without the off-leash capability, many owners will choose to leave the City, diminishing needed tax revenues. The City will lose a significant part of its specialness as well as tax revenues.	64.12.116.197	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
621	☐	Joanne Miller	I Support This Petition Because	208.196.60.32	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
622	☐	Ivan Pintor	I Support This Petition Because I find that dogs get happy when off the leash. so if we can have an area in the park allowing off the lease it can help keep my dog happy. This also allows natural dog socialising.	207.101.83.138	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
623	☐	Joann Arne	I Support This Petition Because Always fun to see the dogs having their fun!	198.45.19.39	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
624	☐	Maria Ritter	I Support This Petition Because Increase fines for infractions but don't punish the good owners and dogs.	69.142.8.133	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
625	☐	Gloria Holguin	I Support This Petition Because	167.246.2.30	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
626	☐	Gary Whitehead	I Support This Petition Because It's a beautiful thing to see how well dogs get along, off-leash, in Central Park. It would be a crying	207.237.0.183	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			shame to enact this law.					
627	☐	Andrea Ciannavei	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.51.244	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
628	☐	Leicester Landon	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.51.244	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
629	☐	Laura Somers	I Support This Petition Because	24.30.98.127	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
630	☐	Jeffrey Laguzza	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash rights make parks safer, help maintain parks, are good for business, and help build community.	24.215.221.191	08-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
631	☐	Dorothy Laguzza	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.221.191	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
632	☐	Dana Mollin	I Support This Petition Because	4.236.102.99	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
633	☐	Jessica Zertuche	I Support This Petition Because	71.246.58.92	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
634	☐	Charles Chia	I Support This Petition Because	71.246.58.92	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
635	☐	V. Nesbitt	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
636	☐	Traci Allen	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
637	☐	Michelle	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
638	☐	christina Gressianu	I Support This Petition Because	24.44.62.157	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
639	☐	Beth Cole	I Support This Petition Because	207.251.87.163	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
640	☐	Lori Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.56.123	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
641	☐	Robert Shostack	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.129.102	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
642	☐	Joan Morgan	I Support This Petition Because	74.64.1.9	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
643	☐	Maureen Sheehan	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
644	☐	Michele Risa	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and owners NEED to run free and exercise for our	66.108.223.36	08-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			health and well being.					
645	☐	jennifer la bella	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
646	☐	Eileen Barrett	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
647	☐	K. Brutkiewicz	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
648	☐	Mitch Ross	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
649	☐	Mitch Ross	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
650	☐	Mariona Cami	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.170.141	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
651	☐	Gene Serina	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	69.203.121.247	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
652	☐	Adriana	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.206.7	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
653	☐	Julie Edwards	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.160.4	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
654	☐	Pam Corey DVM	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.109.226	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
655	☐	emile cohen	I Support This Petition Because this is really important for people who live in the city	207.237.58.123	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
656	☐	Ingrid Marcus	I Support This Petition Because I wholeheartedly endorse this petition	216.220.116.146	08-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
657	☐	Samantha Schmidt	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	24.188.85.122	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
658	☐	Joan Feldbau	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.183.168	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
659	☐	Susan McPherson	I Support This Petition Because	199.230.26.51	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
660	☐	George Anderson	I Support This Petition Because I can see that my dog is happier and better behaved due to the off leash socialization he gets with other dogs at the park.	207.38.199.9	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

661	☐	Jacalyn Lee	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.168.119	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
662	☐	francie klein	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.112.71	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
663	☐	Allison Arevalo	I Support This Petition Because If people want dogs to be well behaved by "our standards" they HAVE to have off leash times and places. If you do not like dogs ... too bad I do not like children and most people yet I have to live with them in the world. Guess what dogs are not going anywhere either. So you might as well get use to it!	68.175.25.8	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
664	☐	Carol Chen	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.18.20	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
665	☐	Anthea Disney	I Support This Petition Because	206.15.98.111	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
666	☐	Christine Stragazzi	I Support This Petition Because	69.38.138.131	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
667	☐	Juan-Manuel Olivera-Silvera	I Support This Petition Because Those who complain about dogs off leash only use the parks from May to September. Comes October only the dog owners are in the park, making full use of it, rain, shine, storm.... we make it safe by our presence to everyone. People should worry about those who trash the parks during those peak seasons than about dogs off leash and their conscientious owners. We deserve full day off leash areas and off leash hours in the rest off the parks during off	12.40.238.2	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			peak time.					
668	☐	Gail Murtagh	I Support This Petition Because	66.149.39.26	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
669	☐	Christin Prince	I Support This Petition Because	72.43.163.234	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
670	☐	Heather ODonnell	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.150.45	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
671	☐	Marisol Lopehandia	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.57.204	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
672	☐	laura chavoen	I Support This Petition Because	68.167.115.34	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
673	☐	Julie McKee	I Support This Petition Because One of the most important things we can give our dogs is exercise, and without the off leash hours, many dogs, simply would not get enough. Without the release of all that energy on a daily basis, many beloved pets would become impossible to live with in our New York City size apartments. Those of us who are not runners or bicyclists cannot provide what they need just by walking them on a leash. They need to run freely. This is a fact. Many dogs react badly to lack of exercise, and I fear some owners may have no choice but to give them up. The animal shelters of the city are already under a huge burden and this would only make the situation worse.	63.172.12.36	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
674	☐	Christine Carlson	I Support This Petition Because Dogs Rule!!	68.237.221.38	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
675		lynn yang	I Support This	24.199.103.181	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because parks are where dogs and humans can relax, release and have fun. would you rather have more dog remains on the sidewalks and streets? i think not!					
676		Tara Forrest	I Support This Petition Because	72.70.98.125	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
677		Justis Bolding	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.40.230	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
678		Tarra Speaks	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	209.220.114.106	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
679		Drew Haase	I Support This Petition Because because the friendship and love that dogs offer deserves at least a small amount of nurturing freedom in return. No animal is naturally inclined to be heavily restricted from enjoying pure nature.	74.66.238.9	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
680		Allison Dunmire	I Support This Petition Because	166.77.6.4	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
681		Matthew Mills	I Support This Petition Because	68.237.19.86	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
682		stacy alldredge	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
683		Dawn Toledo	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.8.34	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
684		Margory Cohen	I Support This Petition Because Fair access for off-lead dog walking is in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the community. Training, exercise, conditioning are the real rights for dogs.	66.54.170.187	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
685		Heather Field	I Support This Petition Because	216.254.69.251	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
686		Sinead	I Support This	205.188.116.199	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

		O'Mahoney	Petition Because					
687	☐	Brian Baranaskas	I Support This Petition Because	12.145.126.200	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
688	☐	Nelly Shmukler	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.129.244	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
689	☐	Daniel Miller	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.28.51	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
690	☐	Casey Ngo-Miller	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.28.51	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
691	☐	Tahlia Bliss	I Support This Petition Because	209.177.33.66	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
692	☐	Doris Aradi	I Support This Petition Because No ONE group or interest owns Juniper Valley Park. Enjoyment of the park and facilities, should be SHARED by ALL residents, INCLUDING DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS. Since dogs as pets are perfectly legal, and exercise for the animal essential to it's health and well being, the park should either provide a run for the dogs or allow off leash privileges during acceptable hours. It also socializes a pet to the park environment, the other animals and people, and makes the dog a better park citizen. AND OF COURSE ANY ANIMAL WHO HAS ANY PROPENSITY TO UNSOCIABLE BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE ON A SHORT LEASH AT ALL TIMES FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.	72.229.201.0	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
693	☐	Delia Guazzo	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.26.82	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

694	☐	Bettina Damiani	I Support This Petition Because	216.57.35.166	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
695	☐	Ruth Janson	I Support This Petition Because Having dogs in the park actually deters more serious crimes.	204.118.34.130	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
696	☐	Katie Hammel	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.101.9	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
697	☐	Marc Mayer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition whole-heartedly. Of leash hours are a quality of life issue for me and my dog	64.131.135.251	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
698	☐	Tavia Nyongo	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.135.251	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
699	☐	Sara Bodinson	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.15.150	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
700	☐	Jose Muñoz	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.243.14	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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702		Matt	I Support This	69.86.4.162	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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	☐	Auslander	Petition Because This is not a dog issue, it is a community issue, off leash hours and dog parks creates a sense of unity and well behaved canines					
703	☐	Allane Sexton	I Support This Petition Because	141.149.52.115	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
704	☐	Tracy Rudzitis	I Support This Petition Because One of the reasons I choose to live in NYC, very much a quality of life and quality of community issue, for both myslef and my dogs. The offleash community and privleges have enhanced my life greatly.	64.81.197.57	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
705	☐	KRISTEN OVERDURF	I Support This Petition Because	138.89.177.232	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
706	☐	Allie Smith	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.185.126	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
707	☐	Renee Arena	I Support This Petition Because I find the dog owners who use parks in the early morning hours to be very concientious	38.117.162.66	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
708	☐	Debbie Dardick	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.91.208	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
709	☐	William P. Seward	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.90.34	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
710	☐	Donna Walcavage	I Support This Petition Because	67.153.98.212	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
711	☐	Raymond Gentile	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition but a dag run in juniper valley would be nice.	67.102.45.195	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
712	☐	Patricia Hofer	I Support This Petition Because	209.240.206.193	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

I most definitely

			support this petition. Dogs should have a controlled environment to romp and play.					
713	☐	Susanne Stefano	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.162.66	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
714	☐	Margaret O'Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.242.253	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
715	☐	Heather Maxson	I Support This Petition Because	12.172.4.1	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
716	☐	Amy Beacom	I Support This Petition Because	192.77.198.11	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
717	☐	Vivian Collins	I Support This Petition Because I support this petitition because of the quality of life issue not only for dogs and their owners but also for the safety of others who share the park at off leash hours. I have personally witnessed off leash dogs help in 2 dangerous situations. Once in a purse snatching and once finding a hurt person that needed help. Neither of these 2 people who needed help were dog owners.Yet both these people were aided by off leash dogs. So as far as I can see everyone benefits.	64.12.116.197	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
718	☐	Alyson Redman	I Support This Petition Because	198.80.208.16	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
719	☐	dan roberts	I Support This Petition Because	143.165.201.47	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
720	☐	Emily Johnson	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.61.131	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
721	☐	Sandra Charles	I Support This Petition Because	69.114.162.72	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
722	☐	Kevin Mason	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.197.153	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

723	☐	Beatrice Kozak	I Support This Petition Because	65.54.155.59	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
724	☐	Nina Mortellito	I Support This Petition Because I highly support the 9 to 9 law. It is a joy for the dogs who need to run and socialize.	71.249.26.217	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
725	☐	Caryl Leventhal	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs and their human friends socialize with others making the parks safer for everyone.	152.163.100.196	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
726	☐	Andrea Arce	I Support This Petition Because	72.146.89.46	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
727	☐	Steven Stark	I Support This Petition Because My dog would kill me if I didn't support this petition! I take her to Central Park every morning, no matter what the weather. She MUST be able to frolick off leash. It maintains her sanity - and mine!	141.155.129.228	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
728	☐	Lisa Wolf	I Support This Petition Because It would be inhumane for dogs to have no time off the leash.	69.22.249.81	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
729	☐	Naomi Weinstein	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.61.131	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
730	☐	David Klass	I Support This Petition Because When dogs get the opportunity to "burn off" excess energy and socialize they get to "chill out" and become better adjusted animals. Running off leash gives them the opportunity to become normal and well adjusted.	162.84.155.211	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

731	☐	E. Velazquez	I Support This Petition Because I think it is unfair for a small few to try and impose thier desires on the rest of us. We all live in this city and pay taxes which enable us to have public parks. Our pets should be able to enjoy them as well!	70.107.189.192	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
732	☐	Marilyn Singer	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
733	☐	lucinda carnahan	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.126.72	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
734	☐	Rina Deych	I Support This Petition Because Because of the off-leash courtesy hours, I have a well-socialized dog! Rina Deych, Fido member, and lover of Prospect Park!	205.188.116.197	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
735	☐	jane miness	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.7.236	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
736	☐	Barbara Mitchell	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
737	☐	Melanie Sutherland	I Support This Petition Because - my dog is better socialized because she can run in Prospect Park, every morning, no matter the weather. Confined dogs, leashed or fenced, can become nervous dogs....	64.12.116.197	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
738	☐	Christopher Braun	I Support This Petition Because	68.237.111.89	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
739	☐	David Rick	I Support This Petition Because	24.184.29.165	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
740	☐	frederic Pothier	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.197.146	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
741	☐	Gretchen Irmiger	I Support This Petition Because Because responsible people with peaceful	72.225.197.146	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			pooches shouldn't be held accountable for a minority of irresponsible knuckleheads with knuckleheaded mutts.					
742	☐	Elena Romanova	I Support This Petition Because I am not a dog guardian myself, but I believe that any creature deserves to have at least a little freedom.	24.45.15.60	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
743	☐	Maria McGrath	I Support This Petition Because We do not have a dog, but enjoy visiting Prospect Park as the off-leash hours are winding down. Owners and dogs are always courteous, and my kids adore the "dog parade."	209.51.168.173	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
744	☐	Sharon Kraus	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
745	☐	SK Han	I Support This Petition Because	68.164.37.35	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
746	☐	Stefanie Dworkin	I Support This Petition Because because my dog loves to run free and socialize with other dogs. He has become a calmer, happier and more sociable animal because of our morning visits to the off leash dog park.	70.107.169.175	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
747	☐	Brian Murphy	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
748	☐	Matt Grady	I Support This Petition Because	74.64.8.197	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
749	☐	Patricia Belfanti	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.99.46	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
750	☐	Barbara Fiscarel	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.149.63	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
751	☐	Melinda Mingus	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.121.149	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
752	☐	Robin Klein	I Support This	162.84.212.118	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Petition Because					
753		Miriam Reik	I Support This Petition Because because millions of us consider dogs a part of the fabric of our lives and believe that they, like children, need to exercise and socialize. The vast majority of us are responsible, poop picking-up citizens, and would appreciate not being excluded from the city's resources.	152.163.100.69	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
754		Sarah Archambault	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.232.152	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
755		jonathan lanzkowsky	I Support This Petition Because	74.8.59.34	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
756		Christopher Adams	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.190.178	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
757		Roxanne Mills	I Support This Petition Because	12.34.112.6	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
758		George Kerasiotis	I Support This Petition Because I get sick thinking about life without our off-leash privleges. We must all fight to keep our dogs off-leash!	68.236.171.52	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
759		Mary Wharton	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are New York City residents too!	70.19.52.204	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
760		Cathe Neukum	I Support This Petition Because One group should not dictate to the masses. Dogs with responsible guardians need a little freedom.	12.147.81.205	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
761		Larissa Dooley	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.61.131	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
762		Priya Nat	I Support This Petition Because	69.2.120.11	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
763		Nancy Iskandar	I Support This Petition Because	66.97.10.2	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
764		Andrea	I Support This	64.49.91.254	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Balinson	Petition Because					
765	☐	Jason Hassenstab	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.143.13	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
766	☐	Ilena Baum	I Support This Petition Because	65.88.43.2	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
767	☐	Caroline Sickinger	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.54.91	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
768	☐	M. Nicole Fischer	I Support This Petition Because Well-socialized and exercised dogs are happier creatures -- improve their quality of life and the lives of everyone in the community will be improved.	64.131.134.197	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
769	☐	Karl Baum	I Support This Petition Because Off leashing our dog Nelly in central park might be our favorite NYC activity. I know for sure it's Nelly's favorite.	12.47.208.34	08-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
770	☐	Evelyn Friedman	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
771	☐	Debra Kirschner-Lanzkowsky	I Support This Petition Because	74.8.59.34	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
772	☐	Diane Alexander	I Support This Petition Because	199.43.48.85	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
773	☐	Andrea Casertano	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.227.158	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
774	☐	Michael Freedman	I Support This Petition Because	209.125.161.200	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
775	☐	Pamela Carrier	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
776	☐	Teri Landi	I Support This Petition Because	12.34.112.6	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
777	☐	Martha B. Graham	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.5.119	08-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
778	☐	Christene Maas	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.128.129	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
779	☐	jay andors	I Support This Petition Because	69.201.181.65	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
780	☐	Wendy	I Support This	66.108.207.124	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

		Baum	Petition Because					
781	☐	Julian Klein	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.243.130	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
782	☐	jade klein	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.243.130	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
783	☐	Frances Novellino	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.73.174	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
784	☐	Christine Brumback	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.135.233	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
785	☐	vanessa goldberg	I Support This Petition Because	69.2.124.11	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
786	☐	Holly Santana	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.133.177	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
787	☐	Patrick Neitz	I Support This Petition Because It is vitally important for all well cared for New York dogs to have off-leash hours in New York City where they can run and play. I for one will leave the city if this lawsuit prevails.	24.45.10.64	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
788	☐	rebecca kneip	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
789	☐	Sheila Rothenberg	I Support This Petition Because	216.254.83.132	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
790	☐	Dana Fechner	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
791	☐	Nic DeStefano	I Support This Petition Because	71.125.215.121	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
792	☐	Savannah A. Burnett	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.108.255	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
793	☐	Amy Wilson	I Support This Petition Because	149.31.15.82	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
794	☐	Megan Mulvihill	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.177.241	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
795	☐	mary evangelista	I Support This Petition Because	71.124.240.183	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
796	☐	Corris Williams-Little	I Support This Petition Because Please don't end off leash hours. They are a big part of keeping NYC dog-friendly.	63.251.31.10	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
797		Rece Reid	I Support This	66.65.102.246	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

	☐		Petition Because Running freely is a crucial aspect of good doggie health. It's unfortuanate that there is a community that so opposes the health and well-being of our beloved dogs.					
798	☐	Andrea Puzzangara	I Support This Petition Because as it is important for owners and their dogs to have freedom	152.163.100.69	09-1-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
799	☐	Greg Emmanuel	I Support This Petition Because	65.217.137.4	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
800	☐	Karen Rogers	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.125.22	09-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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601		Raphael Kertesz	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.253.132	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
602		Kristi	I Support This	66.65.126.128	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

Petition Because I support this position because dogs need exercise and the dogs are also a big park of NYC.
The dogs love to run and play in the park and there owners love to take them there. It is a wonderful therapeutic thing that NY has offered it's citizens for years. If it is taken away it will be a big loss to the dogs, their owners and the city of NY.
NY is known for it's large population of dogs. Tourists are fascinated by how well they all intereact with eachother and the humans around them. They spend a lot of time watching them play and some even take pictures. Central Park is the only nature we have. If the off leash law is taken awayit will be a big loss to everyone. There will be no place for the dogs to release there energy and this will cause problems in the long run. Some owners will have to leave the city because certain breeds really need to run and Central Park is their only outlet. People really depend on the park and during the off leash hours the park is relatively quiet. Taking this away from Nyers and their

			dogs will be a big loss to every one. It will create more tension in a city that is already tense enough.					
603	☐	Holly Manley	I Support This Petition Because All parks should not have to be punished because of one.	68.173.220.115	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
604	☐	Martina Moran	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.249.7	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
605	☐	Rachel Kleinman	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.125.214	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
606	☐	Andrew Ayala	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.241.145	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
607	☐	Jennifer Jerutis	I Support This Petition Because	167.246.2.30	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
608	☐	Jill Alberts	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.199.8	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
609	☐	Jennifer Greenberg	I Support This Petition Because	216.206.242.200	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
610	☐	Sejung Yoon	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.137.105	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
611	☐	Emily Litz	I Support This Petition Because because the parks are largely empty between 9pm-9am except for morning runner/walkers, who have far more options for excercise than city dogs. This suit is a mean-spirited assault on dogs and dog owners.	155.201.35.50	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
612	☐	carol carrozelli	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.188.126	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
613	☐	robert nikolewski	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.13.203	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
614	☐	Jo Oppenheimer	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
615	☐	Kurt Loffler	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.11.146	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
616	☐	Margaret Turnino	I Support This Petition Because The	205.188.116.197	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			unofficial off-leash hours in the city's parks are not only utilized by residents of NYC. Dog owners from neighboring counties frequent the park and bestow this priviledge upon their dogs. (I live in Nassau County, and have allowed my dog to happily socialize in Central Park during early morning weekend hours.) It's a shame to see the well running dry in terms of dog-friendly options. These unofficial off-leash hours are a priviledge we, as dog-owners, are thankful to have -- and they must NOT be revoked since they have not been abused.					
617	☐	Kerrie Kent	I Support This Petition Because	69.10.64.13	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
618	☐	Paula Rubenstein	I Support This Petition Because	69.122.161.81	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
619	☐	Mary	I Support This Petition Because With so much of our freedom already under assault these days, we urge you not to take away our right to play with and exercise our dogs in the parks leash-free. Wouldn't it be better to live -- as we used to -- in a truly free society? Eliminating this joy of both people and their pets is a pointless exercise that chips away at the crumbling, beautiful, heartiness	24.215.193.231	08-25-2006	Disapprove	Modify	delete

			that was the American lifestyle.					
620	☐	David McCoy	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are an essential element of what makes this city so special. Without the off-leash capability, many owners will choose to leave the City, diminishing needed tax revenues. The City will lose a significant part of its specialness as well as tax revenues.	64.12.116.197	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
621	☐	Joanne Miller	I Support This Petition Because	208.196.60.32	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
622	☐	Ivan Pintor	I Support This Petition Because I find that dogs get happy when off the leash. so if we can have an area in the park allowing off the lease it can help keep my dog happy. This also allows natural dog socialising.	207.101.83.138	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
623	☐	Joann Arne	I Support This Petition Because Always fun to see the dogs having their fun!	198.45.19.39	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
624	☐	Maria Ritter	I Support This Petition Because Increase fines for infractions but don't punish the good owners and dogs.	69.142.8.133	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
625	☐	Gloria Holguin	I Support This Petition Because	167.246.2.30	08-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
626	☐	Gary Whitehead	I Support This Petition Because It's a beautiful thing to see how well dogs get along, off-leash, in Central Park. It would be a crying	207.237.0.183	08-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			shame to enact this law.					
627	☐	Andrea Ciannavei	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.51.244	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
628	☐	Leicester Landon	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.51.244	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
629	☐	Laura Somers	I Support This Petition Because	24.30.98.127	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
630	☐	Jeffrey Laguzza	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash rights make parks safer, help maintain parks, are good for business, and help build community.	24.215.221.191	08-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
631	☐	Dorothy Laguzza	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.221.191	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
632	☐	Dana Mollin	I Support This Petition Because	4.236.102.99	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
633	☐	Jessica Zertuche	I Support This Petition Because	71.246.58.92	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
634	☐	Charles Chia	I Support This Petition Because	71.246.58.92	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
635	☐	V. Nesbitt	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
636	☐	Traci Allen	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
637	☐	Michelle	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
638	☐	christina Gressianu	I Support This Petition Because	24.44.62.157	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
639	☐	Beth Cole	I Support This Petition Because	207.251.87.163	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
640	☐	Lori Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.58.123	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
641	☐	Robert Shostack	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.129.102	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
642	☐	Joan Morgan	I Support This Petition Because	74.64.1.9	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
643	☐	Maureen Sheehan	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
644	☐	Michele Risa	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and owners NEED to run free and exercise for our	66.108.223.36	08-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			health and well being.					
645	☐	jennifer la bella	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
646	☐	Eileen Barrett	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
647	☐	K. Brutkiewicz	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	08-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
648	☐	Mitch Ross	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
649	☐	Mitch Ross	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
650	☐	Mariona Cami	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.170.141	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
651	☐	Gene Serina	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	69.203.121.247	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
652	☐	Adriana	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.206.7	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
653	☐	Julie Edwards	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.160.4	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
654	☐	Pam Corey DVM	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.109.226	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
655	☐	emile cohen	I Support This Petition Because this is really important for people who live in the city	207.237.58.123	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
656	☐	Ingrid Marcus	I Support This Petition Because I wholeheartedly endorse this petition	216.220.116.146	08-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
657	☐	Samantha Schmidt	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	24.188.85.122	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
658	☐	Joan Feldbau	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.183.168	08-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
659	☐	Susan McPherson	I Support This Petition Because	199.230.26.51	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
660	☐	George Anderson	I Support This Petition Because I can see that my dog is happier and better behaved due to the off leash socialization he gets with other dogs at the park.	207.38.199.9	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

661	☐	Jacalyn Lee	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.168.119	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
662	☐	francie klein	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.112.71	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
663	☐	Allison Arevalo	I Support This Petition Because If people want dogs to be well behaved by "our standards" they HAVE to have off leash times and places. If you do not like dogs ... too bad I do not like children and most people yet I have to live with them in the world. Guess what dogs are not going anywhere either. So you might as well get use to it!	68.175.25.8	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
664	☐	Carol Chen	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.18.20	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
665	☐	Anthea Disney	I Support This Petition Because	206.15.98.111	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
666	☐	Christine Stragazzi	I Support This Petition Because	69.38.138.131	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
667	☐	Juan-Manuel Olivera-Silvera	I Support This Petition Because Those who complain about dogs off leash only use the parks from May to September. Comes October only the dog owners are in the park, making full use of it, rain, shine, storm.... we make it safe by our presence to everyone. People should worry about those who trash the parks during those peak seasons than about dogs off leash and their conscientious owners. We deserve full day off leash areas and off leash hours in the rest off the parks during off	12.40.238.2	08-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			peak time.					
668	☐	Gail Murtagh	I Support This Petition Because	66.149.39.26	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
669	☐	Christin Prince	I Support This Petition Because	72.43.163.234	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
670	☐	Heather ODonnell	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.150.45	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
671	☐	Marisol Lopehandia	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.57.204	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
672	☐	laura chavoen	I Support This Petition Because	68.167.115.34	08-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
673	☐	Julie McKee	I Support This Petition Because One of the most important things we can give our dogs is exercise, and without the off leash hours, many dogs, simply would not get enough. Without the release of all that energy on a daily basis, many beloved pets would become impossible to live with in our New York City size apartments. Those of us who are not runners or bicyclists cannot provide what they need just by walking them on a leash. They need to run freely. This is a fact. Many dogs react badly to lack of exercise, and I fear some owners may have no choice but to give them up. The animal shelters of the city are already under a huge burden and this would only make the situation worse.	63.172.12.36	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
674	☐	Christine Carlson	I Support This Petition Because Dogs Rule!!	68.237.221.38	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
675		lynn yang	I Support This	24.199.103.181	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because parks are where dogs and humans can relax, release and have fun. would you rather have more dog remains on the sidewalks and streets? i think not!					
676		Tara Forrest	I Support This Petition Because	72.70.98.125	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
677		Justis Bolding	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.40.230	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
678		Tarra Speaks	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	209.220.114.106	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
679		Drew Haase	I Support This Petition Because because the friendship and love that dogs offer deserves at least a small amount of nurturing freedom in return. No animal is naturally inclined to be heavily restricted from enjoying pure nature.	74.66.238.9	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
680		Allison Dunmire	I Support This Petition Because	166.77.6.4	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
681		Matthew Mills	I Support This Petition Because	68.237.19.86	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
682		stacy alldredge	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
683		Dawn Toledo	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.8.34	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
684		Margory Cohen	I Support This Petition Because Fair access for off-lead dog walking is in the best interests of the safety and welfare of the community. Training, exercise, conditioning are the real rights for dogs.	66.54.170.187	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
685		Heather Field	I Support This Petition Because	216.254.69.251	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
686		Sinead	I Support This	205.188.116.199	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

		O'Mahoney	Petition Because					
687	☐	Brian Baranaskas	I Support This Petition Because	12.145.126.200	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
688	☐	Nelly Shmukler	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.129.244	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
689	☐	Daniel Miller	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.28.51	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
690	☐	Casey Ngo-Miller	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.28.51	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
691	☐	Tahlia Bliss	I Support This Petition Because	209.177.33.66	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
692	☐	Doris Aradi	I Support This Petition Because No ONE group or interest owns Juniper Valley Park. Enjoyment of the park and facilities, should be SHARED by ALL residents, INCLUDING DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS. Since dogs as pets are perfectly legal, and exercise for the animal essential to it's health and well being, the park should either provide a run for the dogs or allow off leash privileges during acceptable hours. It also socializes a pet to the park environment, the other animals and people, and makes the dog a better park citizen. AND OF COURSE ANY ANIMAL WHO HAS ANY PROPENSITY TO UNSOCIABLE BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE ON A SHORT LEASH AT ALL TIMES FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.	72.229.201.0	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
693	☐	Delia Guazzo	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.26.82	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

694	☐	Bettina Damiani	I Support This Petition Because	216.57.35.166	08-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
695	☐	Ruth Janson	I Support This Petition Because Having dogs in the park actually deters more serious crimes.	204.118.34.130	08-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
696	☐	Katie Hammel	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.101.9	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
697	☐	Marc Mayer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition whole-heartedly. Of leash hours are a quality of life issue for me and my dog	64.131.135.251	08-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
698	☐	Tavia Nyongo	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.135.251	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
699	☐	Sara Bodinson	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.15.150	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
700	☐	Jose Muñoz	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.243.14	08-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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801	[ ]	francine pennacchio	I Support This Petition Because	67.86.217.165	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
802		Hilary Clark	I Support This Petition	199.181.174.146	09-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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	☐		Because					
803	☐	Rachel Jimenez	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need sufficient exercise in order to be well behaved on-leash and in the home. Letting them run in the open meadows of our larger city parks is an ideal way for them to get the exercise they need and deserve.	24.90.250.178	09-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
804	☐	Lee Nevo	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.248.217	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
805	☐	michael beshar	I Support This Petition Because Leashing dogs 100% of the time is wrong!!!	68.38.209.228	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
806	☐	serge milman	I Support This Petition Because	24.53.115.234	09-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
807	☐	joann ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because I definitely support this petition	24.47.111.106	09-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
808	☐	Jack Nayer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because it's great for dogs as well as the park. Dog owners have 'opened' the parks again to the law abiding public. By being there with our dogs we contribute to it's beauty maintainence and safety.	24.161.46.132	09-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
809	☐	Ju H Joh	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.234.31	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
810	☐	Kendall Farley	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.157.167	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
811	☐	Catherine Fenoglio	I Support This Petition Because	151.205.163.231	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
812	☐	Carol Gelles	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.133.164	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
813	☐	Michelle Perez Foster	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.165.255	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
814	☐	Michael Foster	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.165.255	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

815	☐	Ron Gallen	I Support This Petition Because	24.46.48.193	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
816	☐	marty silberman	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
817	☐	Lisa Smith	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
818	☐	janet egan	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
819	☐	josephine pradegan	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
820	☐	Alexandra Nolan	I Support This Petition Because Responsible dog owners should be allowed to enjoy the park off leash. Skaters, riders and children loose in the park pose a threat as well but no restrictions are placed on them. Do not let an isolated case ruin the lives of responsible dog owners.	66.65.185.83	09-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
821	☐	Lisa Schachner	I Support This Petition Because	65.54.155.51	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
822	☐	Mary Courtney	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.162.202	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
823	☐	Sheila Kehoe	I Support This Petition Because What is the point of a park if all citizens cannot enjoy it. Dogs have certainly proved themselves valid citizens in this city from the everyday seeing eye dogs who for years have guided the blind into having more complete lives here in New York to the hero search and rescue dogs of 9/11. Then, of course, there are the "Average Joe" dogs who just enjoy a good morning romp with their owners. We all need a little "off leash" time before starting the work day.	152.163.100.69	09-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

824	☐	Peter Johnson	I Support This Petition Because	24.29.137.19	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
825	☐	Susan Boger	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.29.159	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
826	☐	Kate Larson	I Support This Petition Because Dogs that are well behaved need space to run and play too!	69.112.246.120	09-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
827	☐	Jane Fox	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.8.72	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
828	☐	Francesca Tedesco	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.27.77	09-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
829	☐	Brett Odom	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.82.226	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
830	☐	Paula Galloway	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs that are exercised are happier dogs. They are better socialized. Dog owners that are out in the parks during courtesy hours make the parks safer for all citizens.	166.84.168.6	09-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
831	☐	Gill Terry Cramer	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.201.127	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
832	☐	Christopher Brown	I Support This Petition Because	4.236.123.30	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
833	☐	Deborah Pope	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
834	☐	Peter Corbin	I Support This Petition Because	68.37.172.243	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
835	☐	Peter Brooks	I Support This Petition Because My dog, Leo, whom I am channeling, says that without a place and time to hang out with his friends, most of his buddies would either get fat and sleepy, or become canine juvenile delinquents and drink and bite. Give us a break.	69.22.252.152	09-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
836	☐	Mitchell Landreneau	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.24.69	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

837	☐	carla michelini	I Support This Petition Because Doggies need a place to play in the city!	24.193.58.184	09-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
838	☐	J. Spellings	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.245.181	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
839	☐	Peter Kallis	I Support This Petition Because With common sense and responsibility on the part of dog owners eveyrone can enjoy the park, whether they have two legs or four.	66.65.102.49	09-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
840	☐	Liz Detwiler	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.102.49	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
841	☐	paul orefice	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.104.16	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
842	☐	James Greer	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
843	☐	Derek Lublin	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.157.252	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
844	☐	Pete Ciorciari	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.108.60	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
845	☐	Michele Wucker	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.71.175	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
846	☐	Susan Stollmack	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.141.48	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
847	☐	Emily Rosen	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.212.211	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
848	☐	linda kane	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.0.83	09-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
849	☐	Michael Wiggin	I Support This Petition Because If the Juniper association doesn't want no leash time in their park, that is their perogative. They need not legislate the wishes of their neighborhood to my neighborhood or any other in which they do not live.	70.107.40.81	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
850	☐	ROYCE VASSI	I Support This Petition Because STELLA SUPPORTS THIS AS WELL!!	64.12.116.197	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
851	☐	Kate Brady	I Support This Petition	72.244.211.50	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Because					
852	☐	Donna Komitor	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.89.121	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
853	☐	Jacob Zahniser	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.119.231	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
854	☐	Sean McClintock	I Support This Petition Because because getting rid of off-leash privileges is ridiculous!	69.86.193.38	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
855	☐	Joyce Carter	I Support This Petition Because	62.159.60.194	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
856	☐	James Cunningham	I Support This Petition Because	198.105.45.120	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
857	☐	Amanda Henry	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
858	☐	rob sayers	I Support This Petition Because	24.39.131.222	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
859	☐	Shelly Friedland	I Support This Petition Because	66.80.254.202	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
860	☐	Lisa White	I Support This Petition Because	216.115.180.7	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
861	☐	Matthew Silvan	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.63.6	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
862	☐	Faith Drewny	I Support This Petition Because	66.153.114.238	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
863	☐	julie levine	I Support This Petition Because	216.139.157.13	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
864	☐	L Cabrera	I Support This Petition Because	199.106.94.136	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
865	☐	Jaime Merola	I Support This Petition Because	12.42.245.25	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
866	☐	ron veltri	I Support This Petition Because	12.154.253.126	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
867	☐	Pam Krauss	I Support This Petition Because	170.171.1.5	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
868	☐	Elizabeth Mehling	I Support This Petition Because	208.49.187.22	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
869	☐	Matt Genova	I Support This Petition Because	204.149.192.90	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
870	☐	Shakti Shukla	I Support This Petition Because	209.10.135.130	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
871	☐	Keaton Babb	I Support This Petition Because	209.10.135.130	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
872	☐	Erica Lock	I Support This Petition Because	166.77.6.4	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

873		Angela Galardi	I Support This Petition Because	12.10.219.39	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
874		Sean Campbell	I Support This Petition Because My family and I have been exercising our dogs off-leash in NYC parks for almost 20 years, and we've never seen anything but good come of this policy.	149.77.34.124	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
875		Anna Loengard	I Support This Petition Because I would probably leave NY if this is passed.	69.200.229.147	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
876		CORLETTE HASTY	I Support This Petition Because I TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS PETITION. HAVING TWO DOG OF MY OWN AND KNOWING HOW THEY LOVE TO RUN.	64.32.224.214	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
877		Adam Nettler	I Support This Petition Because	209.220.185.218	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
878		Norman Gorcys	I Support This Petition Because	159.54.131.7	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
879		Dave Locke	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.50.190	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
880		michael bregman	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.15.184	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
881		Sydelle Freed	I Support This Petition Because We must do everything we can to keep off leash hours	165.155.128.148	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
882		Laura Smith	I Support This Petition Because	66.151.126.253	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
883		Lucy Rumack	I Support This Petition Because off leash hours benefit owners as well as their dogs - for exercise as well as socialization!	24.29.136.137	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
884		edward chung	I Support This Petition Because	24.136.100.113	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
885		Dana Linden	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	205.188.116.197	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
886		Andrea	I Support This Petition	199.67.138.83	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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887	☐	Kelly Galligan	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.223.34	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
888	☐	Laura Hoguet	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. Dogs off leash before and after 9 is a good compromise that works for everyone	208.205.104.37	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
889	☐	annelisa gadea	I Support This Petition Because	72.43.107.130	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
890	☐	Audrey Ashendorf	I Support This Petition Because because pets (i.e.dogs) help the mental health of their owners and thus NYC as a whole and because dogs need to run off leash now and then.	208.120.11.118	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
891	☐	Kari Harendorf	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.27.57	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
892	☐	Marjorie Nass	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.144.98	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
893	☐	marie burge	I Support This Petition Because we own two chihuahuas and daily weather permitting enjoy off leash hours with our pups.please allow this this to stay	69.25.116.2	09-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
894	☐	Julie Smith	I Support This Petition Because	192.18.43.249	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
895	☐	Tony Tsai	I Support This Petition Because	69.38.225.90	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
896	☐	HENRY FALCO	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.65.128	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
897	☐	Jennifer Donikowski	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.232.151	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
898	☐	Heather Meyer	I Support This Petition Because .	24.215.196.169	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
899	☐	Iris Keitel	I Support This Petition Because	12.34.112.6	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
900	☐	Al Greg	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.76.174	09-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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903		Miriam Berkley	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
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907		Jesse Weissman	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.95.119	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
908		Tom Hennessey	I Support This Petition Because	63.97.151.130	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
909		Hanh Nguyen	I Support This Petition Because	192.85.47.1	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
910		Megan Todd	I Support This Petition Because	12.149.221.44	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
911		Kevin Livingston	I Support This Petition Because	66.151.117.2	09-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
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914		Karen Apicella	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.125.176	09-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
915		Victoria Bowman	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.130.93	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
916		Robert Rosado	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.130.93	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
917		ali muney	I Support This Petition Because	66.227.111.51	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
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919		Michelle Pawlowski	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
920		gennie gazer	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
921		Barbara Burns	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.199.178	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
922		Kim McGlynn	I Support This Petition Because	65.202.168.194	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
923		Anna Murray	I Support This Petition Because	195.74.241.106	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
924		sophie	I Support This	167.246.2.30	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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925	☐	Patricia Koo	I Support This Petition Because Vehemently support off-leash rights for dog owners.	204.178.86.60	09-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
926	☐	Ray Chan	I Support This Petition Because	204.178.86.60	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
927	☐	Richard Koo	I Support This Petition Because	204.178.86.60	09-7-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
928	☐	Valentine Sheldon	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.201.4	09-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
929	☐	Jan Sabach	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.211.170	09-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
930	☐	jessica escalera	I Support This Petition Because	161.231.132.16	09-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
931	☐	meg mcgee	I Support This Petition Because	165.155.144.4	09-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
932	☐	Laura Stoland	I Support This Petition Because This is an important park of our Brooklyn life. Please preserve it!	72.229.166.44	09-8-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
933	☐	Heather Walters	I Support This Petition Because	128.238.140.66	09-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
934	☐	Angelique Faustino	I Support This Petition Because	66.234.38.243	09-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
935	☐	Bart Adlam	I Support This Petition Because Don't make NYC unfriendly to dogs.	66.234.38.243	09-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
936	☐	Aaron Showalter	I Support This Petition Because	69.81.19.179	09-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
937	☐	Madeleine Schnell	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.55.44	09-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
938	☐	Judith S. Miller	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.75.164	09-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
939	☐	Alise Ferency	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
940	☐	Jim Ferency	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
941	☐	Erin HIggins	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.231.106	09-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
942	☐	Lisa Goldschmidt	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.212.197	09-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

943	☐	Mary McInerney	I Support This Petition Because because Offleash preserves the sanity of owners and dogs alike. We both need it! Remember, Mr. Mayor: My dog can't vote, but I can.	66.167.242.145	09-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
944	☐	Chris Korczowski	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.59.97	09-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
945	☐	Mike Beil	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.95.107	09-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
946	☐	Jacquelyn Dunn	I Support This Petition Because	165.155.160.145	09-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
947	☐	Kate Carr	I Support This Petition Because This is an extremely important privelege which improves the quality of life for many living in NYC.	24.90.8.28	09-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
948	☐	Thomas Carpenter	I Support This Petition Because I am a dog owner and I vote. Please promote health and safety for New York pets by retaining off-leash policies and establishment of dog runs and parks in New York.	24.185.80.216	09-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
949	☐	Sofia Vecchio-von Stange	I Support This Petition Because because a city that is truly evolved is one that recognizes the right of dogs and owners to exercise without being tied to a leash while having large, natural spaces in which to happily run.	72.229.109.227	09-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
950	☐	Michael	I Support This Petition Because because it is cruel to prevent dogs and owners from responsibly enjoying our parks. We pay for	72.229.109.227	09-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			them, too!					
951	☐	Allegra N. LeGrande	I Support This Petition Because	63.164.201.252	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
952	☐	Caren Litherland	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.110.165	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
953	☐	Michael Surtees	I Support This Petition Because	66.92.123.98	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
954	☐	B.J. Navarro	I Support This Petition Because Responsible dog owners should be encouraged and the city should be made friendlier for people and their pets.	207.46.169.60	09-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
955	☐	Dan Lerner	I Support This Petition Because	69.109.239.189	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
956	☐	Tracey Adele Cooper	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
957	☐	Magdalen Kawinski	I Support This Petition Because Dogs live in this city, too!	198.61.20.7	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
958	☐	Julie Levin	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.221.216	09-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
959	☐	Beth Powmesamy	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. By retaining this privelege, I believe it is actually promoting responsible dog ownership and fostering healthy dog behavior.	24.239.174.249	09-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
960	☐	Leslie Ehrlich	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
961	☐	Sara Pyle	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	4.237.179.114	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
962	☐	Tara Gore	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.108.15	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
963	☐	Alexandra Anderson	I Support This Petition Because	129.44.121.63	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
964	☐	Susanna Saarinen	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.7.185	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
965	☐	Renee Ehle	I Support This Petition Because In	165.155.160.145	09-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			my experience, most dog owners in favor of off-leash hours are responsible and courteous, to other dog owners as well as to other members of the public who may be nervous around dogs. We are typically very involved in training our dogs to respond to voice commands--it would be dangerous to our dogs themselves if our dogs would not come to us on command. We typically put our dogs on leash when encountering unfamiliar dogs, or to prevent our dogs from bothering people without dogs. Off-leash hours have been successful precisely because the majority of us making use of them (for the mental and physical health of our dogs) have respected our communities.					
966	☐	Susan McCafferty	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours are not only crucial for the dogs but create a vital sense of real community for New Yorkers	68.174.150.169	09-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
967	☐	Mike Blood	I Support This Petition Because Please do not punish responsible dog-owners. We have well-trained dogs, we pay taxes, and we vote.	161.185.150.4	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
968	☐	Jason Cornwell	I Support This Petition Because	63.89.124.91	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
969		Delia Easton	I Support This	24.199.97.170	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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970		Nuy Cho	I Support This Petition Because	64.236.245.243	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
971		Michael Mathieu	I Support This Petition Because	64.49.75.67	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
972		Erik Rothman	I Support This Petition Because	12.169.193.178	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
973		Brandi Cornwell	I Support This Petition Because	69.176.213.147	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
974		Peta Tarrant	I Support This Petition Because	64.59.41.138	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
975		Maria Polizano	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.35.225	09-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
976		Deborah Cowley	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.37.146	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
977		Brian Brewer	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.97.8	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
978		Ganine Van Alst	I Support This Petition Because	67.183.127.2	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
979		Naomi Hamby	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.16.254	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
980		Vicki Szymczak	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. These parks belong to ALL of us. Shared parks, shared responsibility. Besides, parks with dogs are cleaner than parks with people. Take a look around on a Sunday in Prospect.	66.28.235.62	09-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
981		Gregor Teusch	I Support This Petition Because	12.47.223.8	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
982		Ron	I Support This Petition Because	141.149.169.6	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
983		Mitra Rastegar	I Support This Petition Because	146.96.81.147	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
984		Nicole Larege	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. If my dog were not allowed his off leash time he would be a far less social animal.His face just	68.5.231.144	09-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			lights up when he sees his "friends" in the park. Merely walkin him makes him behave as if he is being punished. I support this petition!					
985	☐	JB Teusch	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.253.245	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
986	☐	Carrie Weinstein	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.57.32	09-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
987	☐	Gonzalo Santos	I Support This Petition Because Dogs' health is vital to their good behavior and most dogs need to run to be able to maintain their health. Most people cannot run along side their dogs so they play ball with them to give them excersize. It is crazy and vindictive to change a 20 year old rule for no apparent reason. Dogs will go in the park or in the street wheather they're off leash or not.	207.172.166.185	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
988	☐	Debi Zelko	I Support This Petition Because	4.237.180.219	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
989	☐	Anouk Beguery	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.239.106	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
990	☐	Margo Scott	I Support This Petition Because	63.116.153.5	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
991	☐	Nick Field	I Support This Petition Because	216.213.97.190	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
992	☐	Marian Cole	I Support This Petition Because	12.42.243.10	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
993	☐	Lucy Silag	I Support This Petition Because	170.171.1.5	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
994	☐	Devon McConnell	I Support This Petition Because	192.193.221.145	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
995	☐	Natascha Fusari	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.6.247	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
996	☐	Karen Tingley	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	69.86.197.251	09-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			because the park is active and alive in the morning during off leash hours. When I walk to work through the park I feel safe becuase there are a lot of people and a lot of activity. If you take dog owners out of the park, (and most will leave to find a fenced in version) I worry that the park will become unsafe due to lack of activity.					
997	☐	Don Nguyen	I Support This Petition Because My dog and I love Prospect Park. Having a park with off leash hours was a real attraction to my wife and I when we were looking for a place to purchase our first apartment.	69.86.197.251	09-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
998	☐	Jan Libby	I Support This Petition Because I can't imagine living in new york without this off-leash time. It is incredible -- not just for the dogs, but for the people as well. It honestly makes living in New York City a wonderful experience. I invite the judge to come to Central Park and meet this incredible community.	71.160.100.236	09-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
999	☐	Amber Flaherty	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.221.119	09-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1000	☐	Beatriz Franco	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.137.248	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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			gave back to "man's best friend". Off leash time is the very least we do for our canines in general. Canines have helped us in the medical field, during war time, saving many lives, as well as in nursing homes where dogs always have time to visit. Pet a dog and lower your blood pressure!					
1002	☐	Debra Citera	I Support This Petition Because I pay my taxes, clean up after my dog. I should be entitled to enjoy the park with my dog by utilizing the off leash hours/areas.	64.12.116.197	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1003	☐	Jessica Schulte	I Support This Petition Because	63.164.201.113	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1004	☐	Barbara Dagen	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.145.191	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1005	☐	Jeff Mason	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1006	☐	Gayle Mason	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1007	☐	Robert Gonzalez	I Support This Petition Because We need these dog runs. We need to socialize our dogs.These dog runs give our family (our dogs) a healthy living.	141.155.63.6	09-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1008	☐	lauren Mason	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1009	☐	John Semich	I Support This Petition Because Dogs make a safer to use park	152.163.100.69	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1010	☐	Jennifer Selig	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need off-leash	66.54.171.6	09-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			time and dog owners have rights too. We have to be responsible but for those who are not, revoking off-leash rights is not going to stop them from being a problem. Revoking off-leash time is the wrong solution for the perceived problem. Let's not punish our dogs a result of all of this either. They add so much to our lives and our city boroughs.					
1011	☐	Gene Trimboli	I Support This Petition Because	66.54.171.6	09-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1012	☐	Leroy Darby	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.5.21	09-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1013	☐	Tracy and Zoe	I Support This Petition Because	192.44.136.113	09-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1014	☐	Allison Hatfield	I Support This Petition Because	24.29.141.180	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1015	☐	STACY MILES	I Support This Petition Because	209.122.225.119	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1016	☐	Tom Beam	I Support This Petition Because	63.138.222.242	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1017	☐	Danielle Angus	I Support This Petition Because	192.234.2.70	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1018	☐	Jacklyn Habib	I Support This Petition Because	204.254.118.4	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1019	☐	Jacklyn Isasi	I Support This Petition Because	204.254.118.4	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1020	☐	Domingo L. Isasi	I Support This Petition Because	204.254.118.4	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1021	☐	George Habib	I Support This Petition Because	204.254.118.4	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1022	☐	Chris Eng	I Support This Petition Because	216.115.180.7	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1023	☐	Dana Crowell	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs are extremely important companions to a	206.135.108.3	09-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			great number of New Yorkers. This is a wonderful place to raise a dog precisely because the parks are available to exercise them. It works well to have large areas designated for off-leash rights at certain times of the day. This works beautifully in Riverside Park. The presence of dogs there during the off-leash hours before 9 a.m. help keep the park safe for early morning runners. It is inconcievable that all these dogs could be exercised all at once in the tiny run available. I urge the city to change its rules to permit off-leash rights in designated large areas until 9 a.m.					
1024	☐	Jennifer D'Orazio	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.24.215	09-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1025	☐	Amy Corbett	I Support This Petition Because	66.252.186.66	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1026	☐	Kari Miller	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.170.115	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1027	☐	JASON BUCKLEY	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1028	☐	Lorraine D'Orazio	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.24.215	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1029	☐	Michael Flynn	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1030	☐	Sandi Lickels	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1031	☐	Carmella Cann	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1032	☐	Matt Rexton	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1033	☐	John Exton	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1034	☐	David R. Brown	I Support This Petition Because	143.58.40.11	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1035	☐	Juan Lopez	I Support This Petition Because	209.227.78.2	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1036	☐	Steven D'Orazio	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because Dogs need to be socialized with other dogs with Off-leash time. The socialization of dogs at a young age is critical for their development and I think that taking away these dog parks could have the opposite affect. I think it could cause more problems since dogs will not have the proper opportunity for socialization, so they may not get along with other dogs when seen in the park on a leash. Not to mention these dog runs are invaluable for the dog owners since it is great benefit to have their dogs get good exercise which also helps keep them be more calm and comfortable at home. Also it should be noted that almost all of the people that go to the dog parks are hard working tax payers so why shouldn't they have a place that benefits their life	151.191.175.195	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1037	☐	Erika Levasseur	I Support This Petition Because I moved to Park Slope soleley because of the off-	71.246.123.218	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			leash times in Prospect park. Critically important factor for my place of habitation. Have had nothing but positive experiences with dog-owners and non-dog-owners alike. Dog owners are very responsible, we don't take this priveledge for granted - and when there's an idiot owner not following the rules or not being courteous, the other dog owners speak up and put pressure on. Dog runs are not an option - they are too small, and create greater atmospheres of tension between both people and dogs. They do not provide proper exercise for bigger dogs. We early morning walkers mind our own business, and keep the park safe for others. Let us keep our small freedom!					
1038	☐	Andrew Miller	I Support This Petition Because	199.229.1.111	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1039	☐	Deena Patel	I Support This Petition Because	128.228.93.106	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1040	☐	David Thompson	I Support This Petition Because	170.171.1.5	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1041	☐	Elise Levine	I Support This Petition Because	204.141.20.221	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1042	☐	Marti Hoffman	I Support This Petition Because Great vehicle for having small children overcome incipient fears they	71.249.74.105	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			may have of dogs.					
1043	☐	czerny auyang	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1044	☐	laura ide	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1045	☐	Jane Holzka	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours are good for parks, for dogs, and for people of all kinds -- dog owners or not. Off-leash hours extend the hours that the park is heavily used, provide a constituency of people (dog owners)who care -- who make the parks safer and cleaner for other users.	199.219.144.50	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1046	☐	Elena-Margarita McCalla	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because as a native of Park Slope Brooklyn, I recall the times when it was extremely unsafe to walk through Prospect Park. The dog walkers have brought safety to this park through their presence. As an owner of two dogs, the park provides healthy excercise and socialization not only for our pets, (in my case-I think of my dogs as children) but for the humans as well. This in turns lends itself to addressing the safety issues in the Park because the presence of dog walkers surely helps	24.90.15.129	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			curtail criminal activity.					
1047		John Armstrong	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are far more aggressive on leash than off leash. The petitioners will have the opposite result from the one they argue they need.	24.39.132.142	09-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1048		Gaylene Charles - Getman	I Support This Petition Because	72.230.97.33	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1049		Janine fago	I Support This Petition Because	151.191.175.195	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1050		Lauren Fago	I Support This Petition Because	151.191.175.195	09-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1051		Eric Brooks	I Support This Petition Because I no longer have a dog but support off-leash hours for responsible dog owners. Not only do dogs get time to socialize, but permitting dogs off lease in brings hundreds of people to the park in hours when parks have little attendance, enhancing security. Permitting off leash hours improves the quality of life of humans as well as dogs.	24.239.141.28	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1052		Eli Ginsberg	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1053		ashley banes	I Support This Petition Because	69.114.214.133	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1054		Alina Kwasnicka	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because there is nothing better than having people dog owners and their friends and children interacting in a	205.188.116.197	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			friendly atmosphere. I've been in the Park Slope area for the past 44 years and were a dog owner most of the time. I gained friends or inherited them through my Dad who has walked our dogs for all those years. He is gone now but I know it would have "killed" him to hear that our canine friends no longer had a time to run off leash. In the 40 plus years I have not heard a one story of a dog attacking a person in our park.					
1055	☐	Mark Deklin	I Support This Petition Because	68.234.191.197	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1056	☐	Leila Ferioli	I Support This Petition Because I support this position. Dogs have been a part of man's landscape for 10,000 years when man first invited the wolf into their lives and offered them food in exchange for protection. There is no other animal that has as special relationship with man as the dog. There are more stories of loyalty and protection of humans by dogs than any other animal. People all over the world love dogs and keep them as pets. I do not understand why this group is looking to go against	72.229.167.8	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			thousands of years of history. Of course they will find some horror stories. That would be like saying that children should no longer be allowed in the playground because occasionally one will hit another child. I'm sure any person who has a brain will look at the number of problems against the vast majority of people who train their dogs properly.					
1057	☐	Judith Stern	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.130.233	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1058	☐	Ellen Morck	I Support This Petition Because	68.237.32.174	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1059	☐	Jasmine Melzer	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash hours make the parks safer during hours that the park would otherwise be empty except for a few joggers. And dogs have rights too; this world was not created only for humans. I don't see anyone enforcing no barbecue rules in the Parks or asking to see permits for large groups over 25. If dog walkers have to tolerate the depredations of other park users, then at least be a little even handed in giving dogs and their owners a bit of leeway.	70.107.216.125	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1060	☐	Christina	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1061	☐	Elizabeth Caron	I Support This Petition Because	69.119.63.133	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			keep the off dog leash abilities.					
1062	☐	jane gilman	I Support This Petition Because I strongly support this petition	72.229.130.233	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1063	☐	Rachel Vicary	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.98.121	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1064	☐	Rick Mangi	I Support This Petition Because	64.59.19.10	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1065	☐	Nevin Patton	I Support This Petition Because Making off-leash illegal would be a horrible repression of what it means to live.	207.237.249.6	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1066	☐	KEVIN P MCKERNAN	I Support This Petition Because	209.2.60.78	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1067	☐	Luke Bebenek	I Support This Petition Because 9pm to 9am are perfect hours to have our dog run around freely. We always monitor his activities, and clean up his mess. This law suit to end this off leash rule, is ridicilous. The same people who are against this, should focus on much more important issues in our parks.	199.43.32.85	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1068	☐	Valerie Bishop	I Support This Petition Because	216.179.75.14	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1069	☐	Daria Fessak	I Support This Petition Because	208.132.238.45	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1070	☐	arlene dreste	I Support This Petition Because	169.203.191.194	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1071	☐	Desmond Dutcher	I Support This Petition Because	208.210.197.2	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1072	☐	Christopher Borg	I Support This Petition Because I agree and hope for more support of this petition!	66.11.197.226	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1073		Beth	I Support This	64.20.163.3	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Anderson	Petition Because					
1074	☐	Jamie Deklin	I Support This Petition Because	24.54.134.146	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1075	☐	James Hidlebaugh	I Support This Petition Because	209.56.118.3	09-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1076	☐	Michael Lenoce	I Support This Petition Because Every dog owner I have encountered during off leash hours are very responsible and respectful of others in the park. This rul creates a safer park during off peak hours as it increases the number of people and makes the park enjoyable for all.	199.198.220.100	09-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1077	☐	Bill Nemes	I Support This Petition Because I feel safer with the dogs off leash than some of the characters I've seen in the park	207.172.172.41	09-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1078	☐	Peggy Cyphers	I Support This Petition Because I think the off leash hours are critical to a healthy park atmosphere.	24.239.162.175	09-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1079	☐	Mike Carter	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.162.175	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1080	☐	Darwin Manning	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.162.175	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1081	☐	Dom Di Saverio	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.199	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1082	☐	Erin Flanagan	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.249.6	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1083	☐	Jihan Kim	I Support This Petition Because The opponents of the off-leash rights are being frivolous in their abuse of municipal resources. They clearly	141.155.7.183	09-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			represent a minorty and have distorted many facts to their cause. Humans, not canines, are to blame for the lion's share of violence and pollution in our parks. The opponents also demonstrate an unwillingness to SHARE our mutually owned resources in a rational way- this makes them TOO SELFISH TO LIVE IN AN URBAN COMMUNITY! THEY NEED TO MOVE TO A GATED COMMUNITY or the likes.- Thank you.					
1084	☐	Cindy Lorimer	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.141.242	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1085	☐	Karen Gilmartin	I Support This Petition Because	65.163.160.177	09-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1086	☐	elaine smith	I Support This Petition Because more people...safer for everyone. Off leash hours help everyone in the community because it promotes a more populated park.	64.12.116.197	09-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1087	☐	Terence Dougherty	I Support This Petition Because	12.42.243.10	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1088	☐	lauren fago	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.24.161	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1089	☐	Mary Maisano	I Support This Petition Because We all should be able to share and enjoy the parks whether with our children or our animals. Generalizations and judgements should not be made based on the actions of a few irresponsible pet owners. When	72.225.198.93	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			complaints are filed against these owners, appropriate action should be taken BEFORE accidents happen.					
1090	☐	Theo Newman	I Support This Petition Because I was in Riverside Park at about 9:30pm one night when a young scared guy ran up to me. He said he was almost mugged and that when he saw me with my dogs he immediately sought us out for protection. We all walked out of the park together. I wouldn't have been there in the first place if my dogs couldn't be off leash.	207.237.218.203	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1091	☐	Wojciech Michalak	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.198.93	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1092	☐	Jean Andrews	I Support This Petition Because The parks have become significantly safer since the advent of off-leash evening and early morning hours.	207.69.139.137	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1093	☐	KimberlyJones	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1094	☐	Barbara Giella	I Support This Petition Because The offleash hours are to everyone's benefit.They have been successful for decades. Keep them!	72.229.131.26	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1095	☐	Annsofie Fasth	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.100.63	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1096	☐	Sara Brandt	I Support This Petition Because Off	152.163.100.69	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			leash hours are important for everyone. It is a great way for dogs & people to soicalize.					
1097	☐	Susan Breen	I Support This Petition Because Because the presence of dogowners and their dogs offers a socially humanizing experience in what can often be a cold city. The responsibility of these dog owners to clean up and "police" themselves is impressive and should be seen in other areas of city life.	72.229.166.67	09-22-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1098	☐	Penny Perasso	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.65.15	09-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1099	☐	John Marasco	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1100	☐	Marni Castellazzo	I Support This Petition Because	69.206.228.170	09-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1101	☐	Anthony Castellazzo	I Support This Petition Because	69.206.228.170	09-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1102		Robin	I Support This	69.203.4.131	09-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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	☐	Kaskey	Petition Because					
1103	☐	Laurie Yankowitz	I Support This Petition Because Off leash time with my dog is one of the great joys of urban living. I invested time and money in training when my 10 year old was a puppy so he could enjoy this precious freedom for the rest of his life. Perhaps consequences for irresponsible owners who do not have proper control of their dogs might be considered to address concerns, but please don't take this joyous privilege away that also increases safety in our parks for everyone.	64.12.116.197	09-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1104	☐	Danielle Swensen Vidals	I Support This Petition Because It would be a great loss to all park patrons. If people are not responsible pet owners changing the law is not going to change their behavior. This law would only be punishing those who want to exercise their pooches and are putting in the time and effort to create well socialized, well exercised, well rounded pets.	4.236.138.111	09-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1105	☐	Jim Moran	I Support This Petition Because	66.61.158.128	09-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1106	☐	arthur ludwig	I Support This Petition Because i support this petition because dogs should be able to exersize at the same time	205.188.116.197	09-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			socialize with other dogs and people.in the end it makes a well balanced dog.					
1107	☐	Mike	I Support This Petition Because	71.246.102.198	09-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1108	☐	evan fraser	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.52.135	09-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1109	☐	Diane Anderson	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.52.135	09-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1110	☐	Roberta Pliner	I Support This Petition Because The few horseback riders have miles of bridle paths to ride any time of the day and do not pick up after their horses. The half-million or more dog owners help keep the parks safe, clean up after their dogs, do not bother anyone else using the parks late at night or early in the morning, i.e., existing off-leash hours. If anything, those hours should be extended an hour each way during winter months. Why shouldn't the many thousands of dog owners enjoy park privileges as horseback riders do.	152.163.100.69	09-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1111	☐	toni gerber	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.83.40	09-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1112	☐	jack hope	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.83.40	09-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1113	☐	Lowell Bacchus	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	70.18.60.99	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1114	☐	Nancy B	I Support This Petition Because Don't punish the wrong people! I can't tell you how many times we have gone	205.188.116.197	09-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			to the park in the morning and have to clean up from people picnicing. They leave their left over food, garbage and broken bottles all over the place.					
1115	☐	Don	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1116	☐	Carole Cramer	I Support This Petition Because	24.164.154.218	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1117	☐	sheila strong	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.120.155	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1118	☐	Gail Smith	I Support This Petition Because	72.231.26.246	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1119	☐	melanie conklin	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.250.182	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1120	☐	cathy nemitz	I Support This Petition Because	64.236.170.228	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1121	☐	Karen Spinney	I Support This Petition Because As a dog owner who responsibly adhears to not only the time constraints set forth by the off-leash courtesy but also the distance from runs rules, it is very sad to hear that there are people who are trying to stop this one act of kindness we can give our dogs in this city. Irregardless of the off-leash courtesy, it is owners' responsibility to pick up after their dogs control their behavior and keep them healthy and happy. I have witnessed hundreds of instances where LEASHED dogs' feces aren't properly disposed of. There are complaints that unleashed dogs "attack" but again	207.156.139.130	09-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			there are hundreds of times more I have myself been "attacked" by LEASHED dogs. It has nothing to do with a long piece of rope or chain – but rather natural, protective instincts of the dog, how the owner manages those natural traits and most importantly owner responsibility and care. A happy, loving dog isn't because it is a certain breed, it's because of a loving home, one that gives lots of exercise, socialization opportunities, healthy diet, and most importantly love.					
1122	☐	Glenn	I Support This Petition Because Dog walkers are some of the best folks in the community. They keep our streets safe by providing "eyes on the street". We need to support them to keep them in our communities.	207.237.131.174	09-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1123	☐	Heather Greaux	I Support This Petition Because	65.209.21.152	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1124	☐	yvette bohlman	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1125	☐	Susan	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	65.34.21.202	09-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1126	☐	Melissa	I Support This Petition Because because the masses shouldn't be penalized because of a few abusers. Irregardless of leash status, people must	69.139.251.218	09-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			pick up after their dogs. Punish the abusers - not everyone! Dogs need a place to get proper exercise. Certain breeds require off-lead exercise - you shouldn't force these people who wish to own these breeds out of the city!					
1127	☐	Alisa Colley	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.77.221	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1128	☐	Lori MacGregor	I Support This Petition Because	71.105.87.122	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1129	☐	Eric Hoyt	I Support This Petition Because The whole idea that somehow these two hours are impringing on anybody elses rights is ludicrous. Phobias of pets should not force unreasonable laws on everybody.	64.192.142.243	09-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1130	☐	kathleen macartney	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.128.120	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1131	☐	Amber Conklin	I Support This Petition Because	209.254.1.114	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1132	☐	suem	I Support This Petition Because	72.89.91.176	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1133	☐	Elizabeth Ferrell	I Support This Petition Because I would leave New York City if there were no off-leash hours.	38.117.182.130	09-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1134	☐	Vanessa	I Support This Petition Because	149.68.177.125	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1135	☐	Tiffany Cotler	I Support This Petition Because	74.72.63.214	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1136	☐	John Dellaportas	I Support This Petition Because	12.144.20.254	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1137	☐	Liz	I Support This Petition Because Absolutely.	208.226.153.24	09-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1138		neil Smith	I Support This	66.108.153.168	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Petition Because					
1139		mike	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.58.62	09-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1140		Thomas Lawrey	I Support This Petition Because	67.45.165.12	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1141		Adriana	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.69.207	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1142		AARON	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.69.207	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1143		ed chen	I Support This Petition Because	66.171.193.116	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1144		Blair Mastbaum	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are a vital part of a safe and civilized neighborhood.	74.65.210.109	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1145		Irma Manasherov	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	168.122.158.200	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1146		scott Coffey	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.210.109	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1147		Matt	I Support This Petition Because Life in the city is hard enough...don't take away the simple pleasure of watching your dog run around freely. Punish those who are irresponsible with their dog...not those who take great pride in being responsible.	66.11.210.250	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1148		Alaina A.	I Support This Petition Because There is no benefit to a dog to be leashed at all times, when they need proper excercise. It is often hard to accomplish this on a leash! How do you play fetch and frisbee with your dog?	66.11.210.251	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1149		haywon	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.146.194	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1150		Jodi Sacks	I Support This	165.155.160.151	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Petition Because					
1151	☐	bethany seabolt	I Support This Petition Because we sacrifice enough to live in this glorious place. Let us have happy, healthy pets.	216.249.47.110	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1152	☐	Cathy Renna	I Support This Petition Because Those of us who are loving and responsible pet owners are not the probem - our lab bebefits immensely from her time at the Hillside Dog Run and Prospect Park - and we all benefit by the great community created when our dogs interact and play.	208.54.95.129	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1153	☐	Ivy lee	I Support This Petition Because	74.8.85.228	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1154	☐	Hayrim	I Support This Petition Because	64.222.136.134	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1155	☐	Shari M.	I Support This Petition Because	66.11.210.250	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1156	☐	Sandy	I Support This Petition Because	69.132.79.219	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1157	☐	ethan kostbar	I Support This Petition Because Dogs love people if people love dogs	24.90.8.179	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1158	☐	Donn Davis	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.237.254	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1159	☐	Mary Church Cornette	I Support This Petition Because	216.115.180.7	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1160	☐	Linda Wangen	I Support This Petition Because	168.98.67.10	09-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1161	☐	Claire A. Britt	I Support This Petition Because I believe those that are irresponsible and leave trash behind should be the ones to be punished.	168.98.67.10	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1162	☐	Tom Reed	I Support This Petition Because I	70.18.58.225	09-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			support this petition because allowing dogs off-leash time is essential to their well-being and as a result, their owners' well-being also. I firmly believe that the socializing that takes place among dogs when they are off-leash decreases their potential aggressiveness toward other dogs and decreases the likelihood of adverse incidents.					
1163	☐	Stacey Reap	I Support This Petition Because Irresponsible dog owners make messes, whether their animals are on or off leash. A ban on off-leash activity won't change that.	68.81.21.190	09-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1164	☐	albert steiger	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	09-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1165	☐	Michele Simons	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	69.203.111.10	09-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1166	☐	Gloria Morgenstern	I Support This Petition Because I would much rather have a dog park at Juniper Par in Middle Vilalge than allowing my dog to run off-leash, but since it is bitterly being fought by a few selfish people, at least let us continue to enjoy playing with our dogs off leash.	64.12.117.13	09-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1167	☐	Cyndi Connolly, PhD	I Support This Petition Because Responsible dog owners are not the problem here, and irresponsible dog owners will make	72.229.165.178	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			problems in parks and elsewhere regardless of leash laws. Prospect Park is an essential resource for off-leash hours and dog socialization.					
1168	☐	Jeffrey Feindt	I Support This Petition Because because the off-leash policy dramatically increases our quality of life. Not only does it make city living feel a little more open and free, but it keeps the park more populated -- and therefore, safer -- during its off-peak hours.	70.107.67.109	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1169	☐	Rachel Mazza	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1170	☐	Stuart Hotchkiss	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.116.106	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1171	☐	Carrie Boretz Keating	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition wholeheartedly!	64.236.245.243	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1172	☐	Barbara Schatz	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.160.77	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1173	☐	Kathy Rothschild	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because of the great joy I receive from mine and other dogs runaround freely. We take great pride in being responsible. The park is safer when we are there.	207.237.232.61	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1174	☐	Nicole Marwell	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs and their owners are a vital part of the city's park life, one of the few genuine places of civil society formation and community responsibility. The	160.39.253.91	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			off-leash policy is good for dogs, good for humans, and good for learning how to engage in public interaction and responsibility. We need MORE public-regarding activities in New York, not fewer.						
1175	☐	Adam Spence	I Support This Petition Because	65.204.33.34	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1176	☐	Elizabeth Marks	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.75.15	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1177	☐	Pat Gorman	I Support This Petition Because	168.98.67.10	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1178	☐	Larry Zelnick	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.7.107	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1179	☐	Melody Chartier	I Support This Petition Because	68.160.79.98	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1180	☐	Julie Miller	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1181	☐	Ann Gross	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition wholeheartedly because the off-leash time in the parks is one of the few ways to escape the rigors of city life, with its ever-present restrictions; without the off-leash laws, I believe I would leave the city, as would so many others (and some 50% of people have dogs in Manhattan), as we have to have some small window of being able to run free. I have never had a problem with an off-leash dogs; owners know when their dogs need to be leashed. Please keep this intact for the good of the parks and of the city.	67.101.128.22	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1182	☐	iva kaufman	I Support This Petition Because I do not have a dog but I support this petition fully	12.42.249.5	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1183	☐	Michael Simon	I Support This Petition Because	24.46.18.165	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1184	☐	Lynnette Kelly	I Support This Petition Because	69.38.172.94	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1185	☐	Shannon Slon Simon	I Support This Petition Because	24.46.18.165	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1186	☐	pam laudenslager	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.117.13	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1187	☐	michael ricciardone	I Support This Petition Because please this is the one tome of the day my dog gets to run and he could care less about people. He only cares about tennis balls.	152.163.100.70	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1188	☐	alfonso paredes	I Support This Petition Because	12.171.226.11	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1189	☐	Tracey Altman	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.146.0	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1190	☐	Edward cone	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.130.32	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1191	☐	Polly Gregor	I Support This Petition Because Off leash rights are benficial to both the dogs, their owners, and other users of our parks. We are responsible owners, only well behaved dogs are trusted to run free, and we serve as a civil and protective presence in our public parks at night and early in the morning. This is very large city, and is it only fair to share her resources.	140.163.254.158	09-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1192	☐	brian guillorn	I Support This Petition Because I agree with Ms. Gregor	64.12.117.13	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1193	☐	brenda Goleburn	I Support This Petition Because	67.101.132.215	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1194	☐	Tessa Kelmes	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.145.122	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1195	☐	David Simon	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	66.108.184.241	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1196	☐	Jennifer Rogers	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.52.186	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1197	☐	Lucy Kuemmerle	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	151.202.94.7	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1198	☐	Naomi Kelts	I Support This Petition Because	204.141.110.16	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1199	☐	Janet Thaler	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.79.29	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1200	☐	Debra Rosenberg	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	09-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1202		Johanna	I Support This	72.184.111.214	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1203	☐	Jennifer Herzog	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.111.163	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1204	☐	MaryJo Johnson	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because the vast majority of dogs and owners are friendly and responsible.	24.193.106.118	09-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1205	☐	Stephanie Interbartolo	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.228.4	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1206	☐	Richard Herzog	I Support This Petition Because	68.193.159.243	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1207	☐	Alexander Kiss	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.146.189	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1208	☐	Molly Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	38.112.7.254	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1209	☐	Sarah McGowan	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.121.172	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1210	☐	Deborah Goldberg	I Support This Petition Because I feel that dogs and people can coexist . the present system is working well for both owners and dogs	160.39.34.206	09-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1211	☐	David Torres	I Support This Petition Because	69.3.194.208	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1212	☐	Jenny Queen	I Support This Petition Because	66.243.169.10	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1213	☐	Karen Gaskill	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.58.103	09-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1214	☐	Blair Keller	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.205.37	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1215	☐	Joseph Lau	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.5.118	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1216	☐	Paul Rowley	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.146.173	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1217	☐	Janine Baron	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.15.56	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1218	☐	Cristen Scully Kromm	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.177.179	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1219	☐	Kent Covington	I Support This Petition Because	70.16.242.49	10-1-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1220	☐	Stuart Auslander	I Support This Petition Because	12.75.136.151	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1221	☐	kathleen zdanok	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1222	☐	David ZDanok	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1223	☐	Wayne Rose	I Support This Petition Because	69.117.21.67	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1224	☐	John Melville	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.157.66	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1225	☐	Jesse Goldstine	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.233.153	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1226	☐	Daniel Frisch	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.244.247	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1227	☐	Suzanne Burley	I Support This Petition Because	65.173.213.250	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1228	☐	Katrina Kimmich	I Support This Petition Because	204.126.99.3	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1229	☐	Miriam Barab	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.117.13	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1230	☐	Michelle Gamble	I Support This Petition Because	66.17.213.2	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1231	☐	Susan Belair	I Support This Petition Because The unwritten rule, allowing dogs off lease in the parks, before 9am in the morning and after 9pm in the evening, encourages dog owners to visit parks during these somewhat sketchy predawn and post dusk periods. The presence of the dog owners, with their dogs, in the parks during these periods makes the parks safer. The dog owners presence encourages other city residents to feel more comfortable in the parks during off-peak hours, and discourages unsavory types from	67.91.226.162	10-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			illegal activities. Should dog owners be required to keep dogs on lease in the parks during these "dark" hours, I am sure that they would be as frequent a presence in the parks at night.					
1232	☐	Laila L. Patino	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.110.200	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1233	☐	ashish	I Support This Petition Because	66.43.72.102	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1234	☐	Carola Vecchio	I Support This Petition Because	65.119.250.186	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1235	☐	Aimee Parow	I Support This Petition Because My puppy needs somewhere to run around safely and release energy. In addition, the dog owners are often the only people in the park with the scattered runners before 9am. I am sure the runners would not be as safe without us there.	24.199.117.214	10-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1236	☐	kaori sohma	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.26.55	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1237	☐	Beth Joy Knutsen	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are an integral part of the NYC community and they deserve their freedoms too!	70.23.243.101	10-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1238	☐	Tara Miller	I Support This Petition Because This petition will serve to continue the successful socialization process of dogs AND their owners. It also facilitates a safer park environment for New Yorkers regardless of dog	216.165.126.109	10-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			ownership.					
1239	☐	Angelo Chiarelli	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.143.118	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1240	☐	Rebecca Eppenstein	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because the current Offleash Policy in NYC has helped create an all-time record low rate of dog-related incidents. Well socialized and exercised dogs are the best, healthiest, least aggressive kind of dogs.	24.239.139.109	10-2-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1241	☐	Anne Lorenzetti	I Support This Petition Because	71.244.83.226	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1242	☐	Jane Tau	I Support This Petition Because	65.213.126.52	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1243	☐	Margaret D'Incecco	I Support This Petition Because	69.2.124.11	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1244	☐	Shelby Lauckhardt	I Support This Petition Because	192.147.57.6	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1245	☐	Erin Olsen	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.118.76	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1246	☐	Christopher Olsen	I Support This Petition Because	66.9.118.76	10-2-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1247	☐	Doug Stern	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	68.197.216.99	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1248	☐	Sarah Auslander	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.211.253	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1249	☐	Rebecca Watermulder	I Support This Petition Because	162.66.50.6	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1250	☐	Daphna Straus	I Support This Petition Because	68.156.53.188	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1251	☐	Philip Galanes	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.255.48	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1252	☐	Michael Haverland	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.255.48	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1253	☐	Daisy Okas	I Support This Petition Because	68.156.53.188	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1254	☐	HilaryErin	I Support This Petition Because	207.162.228.10	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1255		Sarah	I Support This	68.174.4.118	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

	☐	Woodberry	Petition Because I support this petition. Keep the Offleash Hours!					
1256	☐	Maggie Wood	I Support This Petition Because Happy, relaxed, well socialised dogs reduce the likelihood of aggression to other dogs & people. Dog runs are not the answer,the size limitation & overercrowding to not encourge relaxed dogs. Thf offleash period is a vital aspect of New York City life.	4.173.178.157	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1257	☐	Jason Kirschner	I Support This Petition Because	170.20.11.116	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1258	☐	Diann Duthie	I Support This Petition Because	170.20.11.116	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1259	☐	Teresa Cicala	I Support This Petition Because because dogs make neighborhoods safer and friendlier places to live; they need their rec. space too!	205.188.116.201	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1260	☐	Parvene Farhoody	I Support This Petition Because As a professional trainer and behavior consultant in the city, I'm very aware of the mental and physical benefits of off-leash time in Central Park. I would predict a large increase in behavior problems, including aggression, should off-leash time be outlawed in NYC parks.	24.90.107.209	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1261	☐	Jennifer Lee Wilson	I Support This Petition Because Why is it so difficult for dogs and humans to exist in major cities. It is our duty to	24.23.128.132	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			protect their freedom. Off leash is a MUST for a peaceful co-existance. Until we provide better, larger, cleaner dog runs, I support off leash!					
1262	☐	Joe McCleary	I Support This Petition Because	38.119.133.62	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1263	☐	Margo Husin	I Support This Petition Because	192.195.66.49	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1264	☐	Ruth Starer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. The city should put its energy into enforcing the pooper scooper laws and not into promoting laws that increase the likelihood of less socialized and therefore more aggressive dogs.	64.115.240.21	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1265	☐	Carole Lee Hughes	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. NYC is a pet friendly city and a huge populatin of dog owners. Please do not take away a vital part of a well adjusted happy dog. We are attempting to make NYC a no kill city and this initiative only creates less socialized and less exercised dog.	66.174.92.164	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1266	☐	Jennifer Dougherty	I Support This Petition Because	67.188.38.154	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1267	☐	Peter Bohn	I Support This Petition Because	38.101.176.34	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1268	☐	Nicole Samarron	I Support This Petition Because	71.202.84.233	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1269	☐	Sheldon M. Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.99.97	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1270	☐	Cynthia Gillis	I Support This	68.236.184.79	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because People with different interests must share the public parks. The 9pm - 9am off leash custom has proved to be one of the most successful ways for dog-owners and non-owners to share the same space. It should now be codifed in law.					
1271	☐	Catherine Cook	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs need the opportunity to run in open spaces and get the excercise and socialization skills needed for their health, safety, and welfare. Dog runs alone are not always appropriate or healthy solutions.	160.39.100.30	10-3-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1272	☐	Allan Gersten	I Support This Petition Because	66.134.64.194	10-3-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1273	☐	Joann Alvis	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need off leash time. Dog walking off leash in the early morning brings people out and makes the parks safer for everyone.	205.188.116.201	10-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1274	☐	Madelon Wilson	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	71.247.204.58	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1275	☐	Robin Kerner	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1276	☐	maria aquino	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1277	☐	April Bishop	I Support This Petition Because Please do not take away the one thing that so many people enjoy doing with their dogs! This type of	71.109.56.105	10-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			socialization among dogs is necessary for them to become a good citizen in any city. Keeping a dog confined only leads to aggression and destructive behavior. They need to have an outlet for their energy. It is not a right to own a dog, it is a privilage! Let good pet owners reward their dogs for being good.					
1278	☐	Jenifer Parker	I Support This Petition Because Everyone pays for public parks, including dog owners. Dogs need a leash-free area to be well-adjusted members of society.	207.200.116.71	10-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1279	☐	Richard Fischler	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1280	☐	Sandro Battaglia	I Support This Petition Because With all due respect, it is a municipal and bureaucratic disgrace that this issue has creeped as far as it has. The vast majority of dogs, based on my personal experience over the past several years, are happier, healthier and more loving than they would otherwise be precisely because their owners can give them that burst of exercise to start the day. We need it - and our dogs are no different. This is an issue that should be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis - what good does	12.30.96.2	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			banning all off-leash time for our pets solve? Please - I beg you - don't be stupid and alter a good working status quo. if anything, let's go ahead a formalize the present wink-wink that exists with regard to the pre-9 AM off-leash standard, by making that a law rather than a Parks Dept. concession. Let's stop putting human beings first ... all the time. Dogs are the best!					
1281	☐	Evelyn Battaglia	I Support This Petition Because	12.30.96.2	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1282	☐	kristi bobonea	I Support This Petition Because	69.224.56.150	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1283	☐	ion bobonea	I Support This Petition Because	69.224.56.150	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1284	☐	Gail McDaniel	I Support This Petition Because Dog walking offleash in the early morning and late evening brings people out and makes the parks safer for everyone.	199.103.143.97	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1285	☐	Lawrence R. Glosten	I Support This Petition Because Problems associated with off-leash dogs are few and can be taken care of privately	128.59.215.226	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1286	☐	Maya Gaddie	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because off leash play is important for a dog's quality of life.	24.126.171.242	10-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1287	☐	Stacy Giunta	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	199.43.48.129	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1288	☐	Wendy Marder - Sobel	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need space just	152.163.100.69	10-4-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			as people do. I fully support this petition having been on both sides of the fence with the leash issue. Socialization and play time is a reward for good behavior. Responsible owners are the ones who deserve this law. We are the ones who care enough to sign this petition and take good care of our dogs, thus keeping them friendly & kind.					
1289	☐	Jillian Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.178.5	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1290	☐	Dan O'Connor	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.178.5	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1291	☐	Jessica Nunez	I Support This Petition Because	160.39.122.15	10-4-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1292	☐	Kate Heim	I Support This Petition Because While the Juniper Park Neighborhood may be within their bounds to represent their own opinions, this is a matter of some representatives of one neighborhood not wanting a dog run, and in no way should bind the entire rest of the city.	66.65.84.164	10-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1293	☐	Debbie Stern	I Support This Petition Because A healthy and happy dog requires exercise. Responsible owners take the time and care to exercise their dogs. The park should be for EVERYONE to share and part-time off leash hours accomplishes this goal.	172.148.90.201	10-5-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1294	☐	sally mann	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.85.94	10-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1295	☐	Bill Rutledge	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.107.205	10-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1296	☐	Alan Septoff	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.102.229	10-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1297	☐	Tobias Tolino	I Support This Petition Because	208.252.25.30	10-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1298	☐	Hai Carillion	I Support This Petition Because	206.170.104.64	10-5-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1299	☐	Ari Kissiloff	I Support This Petition Because New Yorkers need all the happiness they can get!	24.59.193.21	10-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1300	☐	Jane Moggio	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-6-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

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1301	☐	Mercedes E. Santana	I Support This Petition Because This vital privilege is	152.163.100.69	10-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			essential for socialization of dogs as well as providing safety in numbers for early runners in the parks					
1302	☐	Gregorey Runey	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because off leash time is an important part of keeping your dog healthy, happy and well adjusted. The dog owners who live in the Juniper Park area should be allowed the same privileges that every other tax payer in their area has, which is time in the park with their family. Dogs are a part of our families and we need to be able to keep them exercised and healthy. As long as dog owners are acting responsibly, there should be no concern for issues regarding health/sanitation or safety. We don't leash our children but must be vigilant that they are acting in a safe and respectful manner toward others... this is the same responsiblity we have as dog owners and as long as this is observed, there should be no reason why we can't enjoy the parks as well as any other tax paying citizen.	70.18.52.157	10-6-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1303	☐	cary meyers	I Support This Petition Because Since our best friends cant go to the gym, they must continue to get their much	205.188.116.197	10-7-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			needed exercise and socialization. They can only get this by being permitted to run off leash in the park					
1304	☐	Denise Durando	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.201	10-8-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1305	☐	Sabrina Weiss	I Support This Petition Because Having leash-free hours makes dog owners less likely to break leash laws at other times of the day.	69.22.238.135	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1306	☐	Mary Ellen Bosch	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because responsible offleash recreation is a good thing for everyone.	4.236.204.115	10-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1307	☐	Regan Wood	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because responsible dog ownership includes physical activity and socialization and fosters a sense of community and physical and mental health for both dogs and their owners.	4.237.235.189	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1308	☐	Jim Trzaska	I Support This Petition Because	66.17.213.2	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1309	☐	Matthew Lenning	I Support This Petition Because	198.185.164.128	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1310	☐	Neil Stuber	I Support This Petition Because Lack of social time for dogs is what makes them mean in the first place. Let's keep our dogs happy and healthy and nice. I say extend the hours don't cut them.	24.45.15.130	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1311	☐	Rebecca Schatzer	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.235.211	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1312	☐	K S	I Support This Petition Because	69.38.165.85	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1313	☐	Arielle Kresin	I Support This Petition Because I feel the hours should be later in the morning for those who can't make it by 9:00 AM but better something then nothing...keep up the good work guys!!!!	206.57.118.80	10-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1314	☐	Joseph Gaffney	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.163.175	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1315	☐	Jonathan Shapiro	I Support This Petition Because off-leash dog hours in NYC parks are the best way to balance the needs and interests of all NYC residents and to maximize both communal and individual freedoms to enjoy their parks, respectively. Dog owners should not have to operate in the city as second-class citizens relegated at all times to very restrictive designated areas. Dogs off-leash in parks after dusk hours serve an important and free community policing effort which keeps parks safe at no expense to taxpayers. Persons who are merely offended by dogs off leash must bear that burden as part of the cost of living in a community shared with others. Persons actually injured by a dog off-leash have other legal remedies available which appropriately punish the offending	160.39.43.144	10-9-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			dog and owner without punishing the vast array of innocent and law abiding dog and human citizens.					
1316	☐	Len Siegfried	I Support This Petition Because	69.201.140.211	10-9-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1317	☐	JOHN D CLAYPOOLE	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because a healthy and happy dog requires exercise. Responsible owners take the time and care to exercise their dogs. The park should be for EVERYONE to share and part-time off leash hours accomplish this goal.	199.67.140.84	10-10-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1318	☐	FRANK VAZQUEZ	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.84	10-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1319	☐	Carmela McCleary	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.80.24	10-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1320	☐	tatiana arocha	I Support This Petition Because	66.17.182.18	10-10-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1321	☐	Annie Rosen	I Support This Petition Because This is very important to working service dogs as well.	24.62.25.228	10-11-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1322	☐	Peter	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.3.46	10-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1323	☐	Angus	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.11.35	10-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1324	☐	Andrea Dibner	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.239.131	10-11-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1325	☐	karen kosky	I Support This Petition Because	72.68.187.23	10-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1326	☐	Deirdre Kidder	I Support This Petition Because I strongly support the rights of pet owners to have their dogs off leash in the NYC Parks from 9pm until 9am. 1. The parks are safer	72.229.133.17	10-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			when they are used by many people and their companion dogs. 2. Until the dog owners began using the parks between the hours of 9pm until 9am, the parks were under utilized. Now they are used by many NYC citizens who are enjoying a high quality of life by using the parks. 3. In the past 20 years the parks all over the city have greatly improved, and a big piece of that is the support of citizens with dogs who use the parks. Dog owners support the parks financially and keep the parks clean and friendly. Dog owners are responsible citizens and pick up after their dogs. 4. Off leash hours promote community relationships, and community networking. 5. Off leash promotes responsible animal ownership, and reduces the city's homeless pet population by creating a community of pet owners who adopt, spay and neuter pets. 6. Off leash hours bring JOY and HAPPINESS to huge numbers of people and their pets. What could be more special than that in NYC?					
1327		Cathy Moore	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.62.60	10-12-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1328		Jamie	I Support This	24.90.249.184	10-12-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Greenberg	Petition Because We have such small apartments, our dogs need excercise! They need to expel energy and become social so that they learn to be friendly. We need off leash hours!					
1329		Emily Granger	I Support This Petition Because	64.52.39.98	10-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1330		hilary crook	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.12.109	10-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1331		hayden woodward	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.4.138	10-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1332		Joyce Kravets	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.9.93	10-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1333		Andrew Ayala	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.240.224	10-13-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1334		Randall Kaplan	I Support This Petition Because Q: Who wouldn't? A: Curmudgeons, misanthropes, and zoophobics.	69.22.251.19	10-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1335		Michelle Racca	I Support This Petition Because I not only support this petition, but support a dogrun in Juniper Park also! The park is for everyone!!!	170.171.1.5	10-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1336		Bryan Crook	I Support This Petition Because The city must provide exercise possibilities for all dogs in all parks. To do any less dooms them to health problems and possibly more agressive behavior.	65.201.157.226	10-13-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1337		Emily Burrell	I Support This Petition Because I love the idea of off-leash hours to allow my dog the freedom to run and get exercise. Healthier and happier dogs make for better	66.65.121.244	10-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			behavior in our small NY apts, and better relationships with neighbors!					
1338	☐	kim	I Support This Petition Because Since becoming a NYC resident 4 years ago, I have been amazed at the success of the offleash hours. My dog is happier here than she was when we lived in NC, simply because every day she is guaranteed time to run and stretch her legs in the park with other dogs. It also give me the time to socialize with people in my community I might not ever have an opportunity to meet. In essence, the offleash policy is a boon to everyone - people and dogs alike and I have never seen anything but the positive effects it has on everyone's quality of life. Don't take away a program that has been working immensely well for 20 years!	24.90.254.151	10-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1339	☐	Corrine	I Support This Petition Because Don't take away such an important privelage for our dogs who need the time to run and play freely with other dogs! It is so vital to the millions of NYC residents and their pets to keep this system in place.	24.90.254.151	10-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1340	☐	STEPHEN FRIEDBERG	I Support This Petition Because	70.17.153.146	10-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1341		Tylan	I Support This	68.161.211.178	10-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Greenstein	Petition Because It seems to me that having just a few hours a day in designated locations to keep the city's dog population healthy should be a given. The 20-year off-leash hours policy is a proven and successful public health policy that should be preserved!					
1342		Richard Riskin	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.25.163	10-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1343		Ilene Smith	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.55.146	10-14-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1344		Christina Jones	I Support This Petition Because Dogs help people in so many ways. Please let us give back to them by allowing off-leash areas and hours.	66.65.121.244	10-14-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1345		Valerie Charchan	I Support This Petition Because	74.73.131.101	10-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1346		Timothy Crook	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.12.5	10-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1347		Yenny Cabrera	I Support This Petition Because because I love the fact that my dog and other dogs can run around, exercise and play with each other. We're not asking for much, just a few hours of the day to allow ours dogs to play without the restriction of a leash!	24.193.223.11	10-15-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1348		Susan Regan	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.195.16	10-15-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1349		Timothy Montgomery	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.228.23	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1350		Susan Bender	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.203.224	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1351		Moses Sanzo	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.203.224	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1352	☐	meagan moses	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.133.53	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1353	☐	Michael Sheehan	I Support This Petition Because while I don't have a dog, allowing dogs to roam free late at night makes it more difficult for menacing people to hide and wait for a victim. In fact didn't an offleash dog help thwart a rape in central park about six months ago? In short - offleash dogs make parks safer after dark.	12.75.134.118	10-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1354	☐	Alana Schaefer	I Support This Petition Because	170.252.248.203	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1355	☐	charles nagle	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.202.224	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1356	☐	Sung Andersen	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1357	☐	Khoi Vinh	I Support This Petition Because	199.181.174.146	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1358	☐	Arlene Goldman	I Support This Petition Because Don't tamper with success.	24.184.113.4	10-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1359	☐	Aileen Ruddy	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.18.77	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1360	☐	Ed Goldman	I Support This Petition Because	67.100.224.42	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1361	☐	Hans Ruddy	I Support This Petition Because	24.184.176.98	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1362	☐	Phil Lelle	I Support This Petition Because Correction ... I STRONGLY support this petition!	70.244.248.53	10-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1363	☐	Corey Henderson	I Support This Petition Because	204.227.70.37	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1364	☐	Bobby Treanor	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1365	☐	Deborah Delaney	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.245.56	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1366	☐	Rory Tischler	I Support This Petition Because	208.195.236.21	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1367	☐	Warren Castellani	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and owners need the same access to parks that any and all other groups enjoy.	68.237.203.201	10-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1368	☐	Joanne Goldman	I Support This Petition Because	68.194.96.108	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1369	☐	Lynn Miner	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.95.118	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1370	☐	Jennifer Gribbin	I Support This Petition Because	209.11.31.49	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1371	☐	Jeff Smith	I Support This Petition Because	172.150.136.57	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1372	☐	Christine Foege	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.66.73	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1373	☐	McKay Brown	I Support This Petition Because	209.11.31.49	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1374	☐	Abigail La Pan	I Support This Petition Because	72.89.132.184	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1375	☐	Terri Bishop	I Support This Petition Because I feel it makes Central Park safer because many people are out with their dogs early in the morning. I believe the number of dog attacks went down with the advent of off-leash hours in CP.	66.108.132.117	10-16-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1376	☐	Rebecca Roggeveen	I Support This Petition Because	24.47.4.107	10-16-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1377	☐	Ted Lelle	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.241.24	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1378	☐	Sonia Beltran	I Support This Petition Because Dog ownership responsibility lies with the dog owner. There isn't a vicious breed out there unless the owner trains it that way. I strongly support this petition!	24.90.150.29	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1379	☐	Sherry Fitelson	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.138.216	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1380	☐	Paula	I Support This	69.231.121.247	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

		Jimenez	Petition Because					
1381	☐	David Finlayson	I Support This Petition Because I am in support of this petition. This is a privilege given to dog owners and it is the responsibility of each one of us not to abuse the current rule as it stands. I have seen no evidence that the rule should be changed after twenty years. The owners appreciated and respect it and the dogs need it.	24.215.245.56	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1382	☐	Iris Kaplow	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1383	☐	Phyllis Baden	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1384	☐	Tim McCarthy	I Support This Petition Because as a long time NYC resident and dog owner.	75.80.165.197	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1385	☐	Joan Friedman	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.72.175	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1386	☐	Jenny Fiol	I Support This Petition Because	209.3.37.113	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1387	☐	Jennifer Wise	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash socialization reduces aggressive behavior in dogs, makes parks safer and offers the city's 1.4 million dogs a place to play in a city that offers only 50 dog-runs.	68.156.53.188	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1388	☐	Christine Agius	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.18.140	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1389	☐	Dan Agius	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.18.140	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1390	☐	Shawn Dahl	I Support This Petition Because Having a time when off-leash is allowed makes it easier to	66.108.34.241	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			enforce the times when leashes are required.					
1391	☐	Tine J. Jardine	I Support This Petition Because because NYC is one of the most versitile and tolerant cities in the world making room for all beings, both two and four legged. Let's not eliminate this almost 20 year off-leash priviledge that benefits dogs and people alike. And let's also stay alert and respect the park by adhering to the no off-leaash zones, and by picking up after our dogs.	69.86.60.51	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1392	☐	Roger Grace	I Support This Petition Because	216.173.42.55	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1393	☐	Gay Wachman	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.189.73	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1394	☐	Tara Copeland	I Support This Petition Because	208.41.116.66	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1395	☐	Matt Linderman	I Support This Petition Because Let the dogs enjoy life!	24.193.103.48	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1396	☐	Angela	I Support This Petition Because	199.181.174.146	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1397	☐	Fiona Kirk	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.27.17	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1398	☐	Laura Sampaio	I Support This Petition Because	201.9.171.153	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1399	☐	Mike Essl	I Support This Petition Because I don't even have a dog and I support this petition.	199.98.24.3	10-17-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1400	☐	Helene Ruddy	I Support This Petition Because	24.136.114.95	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1402		Carl Martin	I Support This Petition	70.19.67.45	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐		Because					
1403	☐	Kirsten Kay Thoen	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.6.25	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1404	☐	Janice Ginsberg	I Support This Petition Because responsible dog owners with safe and fun dogs should not be penalized for those people and animals that are irresponsible. dogs and people need to run around and play.. not in a small dirty cage--thank you	64.12.117.13	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1405	☐	Todd Shirley	I Support This Petition Because	209.131.127.11	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1406	☐	Valerie Campbell	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.190.82	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1407	☐	Irene Friedland	I Support This Petition Because because dogs make many parts of our parks safer by bringing people there at all hours of the day, especially early morning and late nights when the dogs are playing off-leash.	216.57.38.43	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1408	☐	elaine buchsbaum	I Support This Petition Because please support this petition	152.163.100.69	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1409	☐	Paul Kowacki	I Support This Petition Because Dog owners and their dogs are a benefit to the parks and city. Off leash time makes this possible.	68.162.212.25	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1410	☐	Jai Griem	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.222.94	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1411	☐	Nathaniel Frank	I Support This Petition Because Please keep off-leash hours!	74.65.192.205	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1412	☐	Cynthia Barton	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.212.88	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1413	☐	Tim Smith	I Support This Petition Because It is only out of fear and ignorance that someone would look to eliminate off	68.45.6.238	10-17-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			leash hours. A dog that isn't exercised enough is much more likely to be a problem than an off leash dog. Thank you!					
1414	☐	Jessica Reed	I Support This Petition Because Off-leash hours keep both myself and my dog healthy. I spend more time in the park as a dog-owner because of the off-leash privileges than I ever did before owning my dog. The hours have allowed me to enjoy the park and the company of my neighbors.	69.86.89.71	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1415	☐	Lily Goetz	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.89.71	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1416	☐	Peter Goetz	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.89.71	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
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1418	☐	Khoi Uong	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.146.38	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1419	☐	Christina Prostano	I Support This Petition Because Please don't punish the responsible dog-owners who follow the rules of off-leash activities.	152.163.100.69	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1420	☐	Shuhei Fujii	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.134.5	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1421	☐	Lisa Braun	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.134.5	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1422	☐	Terri Goodwillie	I Support This Petition Because	4.237.237.240	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1423	☐	maria falgoust	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.146.249	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1424	☐	B.L. Ochman	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition as both a voter and a dog owner.	68.173.212.153	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1425	☐	Alison Walsh	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.227.115	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1426	☐	Holly	I Support This Petition	152.163.100.69	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Kilpatrick	Because Due to off leash time in the park our family has enjoyed the park and the family time immensely. It never would have happened without off leash.					
1427	☐	amy bernstein	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.111.2	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1428	☐	Liz Danzico	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.84.146	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1429	☐	Joy Nolan	I Support This Petition Because The off-leash hours policy is is beneficial for a wide array of city resident.	69.86.86.85	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1430	☐	Diane George	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.4.78	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1431	☐	kevin ryan	I Support This Petition Because dog owners make the park safer for all	69.86.197.159	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1432	☐	Clifford Press	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.55.65	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1433	☐	Abbot Weissman	I Support This Petition Because The 20-year off-leash hours policy is a proven and successful public health policy; , and Dog owners in NYC Parks have contributed to keeping the parks safer, since they are present and vigilant in the late evening and early morning hours.	71.249.74.151	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1434	☐	Terry Baum	I Support This Petition Because off leash time for dogs is a necessary humane accomodation for dogs and their owners. it's been a successful arrangement in the city.	64.12.116.197	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1435	☐	Lynn B. Brewster	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1436	☐	Jovan Vitagliano	I Support This Petition Because Oh	68.174.128.226	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			please!!!!!!					
1437	☐	James Dougal	I Support This Petition Because Since rescuing my dog 3 years ago I have been in the Park everyday. I have never seen any aggression towards a child or adult. Don't let these few people ruin it for the many... dogs an people.	24.189.21.97	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1438	☐	John Cimperman	I Support This Petition Because The parks are for the use and enjoyment of the public. One look at Prospect Park's Long Meadow at 8:30am on a Sunday confirms that a large number of the public enjoy this existing benefit.	170.28.224.114	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1439	☐	Cynthia King	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.29.59	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1440	☐	Aleksandar Pilipovic	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	206.230.48.50	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1441	☐	Carol Fassler	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.154.247	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1442	☐	Damien Walters	I Support This Petition Because	209.191.144.12	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1443	☐	Amy Baker	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.232.134	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1444	☐	Dr. Elizabeth Spiteri	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.246.179	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1445	☐	Susan Milch	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.188.232	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1446	☐	Ronald Milch	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.188.232	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1447	☐	Patricia Enriquez	I Support This Petition Because Let us not go backwards but continuing going forward. The off leash time is very important for the health benefits of both dogs and people. A few selfish	205.188.116.197	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			citizens should not ruin it for tens of thousands of others.					
1448	☐	Adriane Adam	I Support This Petition Because well socialized dogs are happier and healthier and much less likely to be aggressive. I take my dog to the park every day and we both look forward to the experience	64.12.116.197	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1449	☐	Matt Hennessy	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.162.229	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1450	☐	Betty Hinhman	I Support This Petition Because My and I wholeheartedly support this petition. It is the highlight of her day!	71.247.151.37	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1451	☐	Stefana Laurentia Ghita	I Support This Petition Because	128.228.93.106	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1452	☐	Albert Cleary	I Support This Petition Because and suggest anyone who doesn't go to the parks in the morning and evening and see how well the off leash for dogs works now, and how this will only improve it.	65.209.37.34	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1453	☐	Felicia Tunnah	I Support This Petition Because	67.105.189.164	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1454	☐	Marla Dekker	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.198.208	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1455	☐	Rev. Faith Ballenger	I Support This Petition Because For those of us who own dogs, the Park is an invaluable resource. Please continue the off-leash hours.	24.199.121.109	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1456	☐	Mary L. Sandwick	I Support This Petition Because	209.191.143.129	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1457	☐	Gerald Johnson	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1458	☐	Hunter	I Support This Petition	152.163.100.69	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

		Auyang	Because I'm 82 years-old, and I live near Juniper Park. A dog park would be a Godsent for me and my little pet.					
1459	☐	Kevin Belz	I Support This Petition Because Would be fantastic to have a dog park in Quizneens.	4.78.182.66	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1460	☐	A. Zaino	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1461	☐	Kevin Mills	I Support This Petition Because our dogs are citizens of this city to and it is an important and basic right that they deserve!	4.78.182.66	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1462	☐	Donna Sturm	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are part of city life and off-leash hours are necessary for happy well exercised dogs.	64.220.5.2	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1463	☐	Meredith Linn	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because off-leash times because it makes our parks safer and keeps dogs well behaved.	68.174.151.188	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1464	☐	Christine Wang	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.98.136	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1465	☐	Gaurang Desai	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.98.136	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1466	☐	natasha harsh	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.213.182	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1467	☐	Tim Stoenner	I Support This Petition Because	65.91.106.190	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1468	☐	Jack Griem	I Support This Petition Because	12.37.144.130	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1469	☐	N. Spiteri	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.72.144	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1470	☐	Cristina Voorsanger	I Support This Petition Because	4.78.182.66	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1471	☐	Valerie Kitay	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.238.71	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1472	☐	Jeremy Rudnick	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.246.179	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1473	☐	Jonathan Rudnick	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.246.179	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1474	☐	Nancy Wolff	I Support This Petition Because Dogs deserve to run off leash.	205.188.116.197	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1475	☐	Dan Cymbal	I Support This Petition Because	72.231.24.183	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1476	☐	Lynda Cury	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	151.202.72.27	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1477	☐	kchirkova	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.52.194	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1478	☐	Vinz Feller	I Support This Petition Because This is a huge improvement of quality of life esepcially for responsible dog owners.	68.237.226.254	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1479	☐	Kath Hansen	I Support This Petition Because Off Leash hours work for NYC Parks!	209.11.11.98	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1480	☐	Keith Kirkpatrick	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.89.102	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1481	☐	Elise A. Bloustein	I Support This Petition Because This is one of the best programs in the city parks. It would be a tragedy for all park lovers to lose the off leash time.	216.75.87.237	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1482	☐	Laszlo Sulyok	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.26.37	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1483	☐	Ildiko Repasi	I Support This Petition Because	24.189.26.37	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1484	☐	Andrew Crum	I Support This Petition Because	155.201.35.50	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1485	☐	Ellen Kapit	I Support This Petition Because	160.79.209.166	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1486	☐	A Patterson	I Support This Petition Because	38.99.222.70	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1487	☐	Scott Reiburn	I Support This Petition Because We're proud that our little park in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, has always belonged to, and enjoyed by Everyone: Kids, adults,	160.79.184.98	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			dogs, birds, insects, once a rabbit, and occasionally, a misunderstood cat. In the evenings, after 9PM, when most of Brooklyn is at home finishing dinner, our dogs, our best friends, help keep the park safe and friendly. In the morning, before 9AM, when many folks have ventured out to work, we're out there with our pals, running, getting exercise, taking advantage of our perfect park. We care as much for our animals as we do our family, and we would never do anything to allow our dogs- our family members, to harm our fellow neighbors. For every rare incident in our park, (and they are happily few and far between,) there is a woman who feels safer to walk through our park at night. There is a child who learns the importance of discipline and love. There is a community of insects, animals, and the occasional misunderstood cat, who relish and enjoy a safe community, and a safe park, together.					
1488	☐	Talie Melnyk	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.203.41	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1489	☐	Chris Cennamo	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.203.41	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1490	☐	Michael Kay	I Support This Petition Because It is important for canine health, and full utilization of the parks for everyone	200.42.130.2	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1491		Margaret	I Support This Petition	64.131.135.57	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Galbraith	Because					
1492	☐	Mimi Eckert	I Support This Petition Because Dogs, like any other being, need an opportunity to run and play with each other. This makes for a more social, more relaxed and healthier dog.	12.103.239.76	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1493	☐	Ben	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	160.79.146.182	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1494	☐	Ben Barokas	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	160.79.146.182	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1495	☐	Samuel Greenhoe	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.250.14	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1496	☐	Elisa Fante	I Support This Petition Because	24.29.136.244	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1497	☐	Genevieve Barber	I Support This Petition Because because off-leash hours have enriched my life and the life of my dog. We've both found community, and return home each morning pleasantly exhausted, feeling connected to the world around us.	141.157.213.223	10-18-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1498	☐	Gabe Imlay	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.88.205	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1499	☐	Joshua Fields	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.112.254	10-18-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1500	☐	madeleine	I Support This Petition Because it does absolutely no harm, and if proper;y enforced, can only do good.	88.7.150.15	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1501	☐	Meredith Werner	I Support This Petition Because because all dogs need to have the	4.172.63.237	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			freedom to run around and as ong as they aren't a danger to anyone I see no reason NOT to allow them to do this. Dogs provide us with SO MUCH can't we at least give something back to them?					
1502	☐	Erika Puzo	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.216.123	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1503	☐	stephanie Albertson	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.241.55	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1504	☐	Amy Barta	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.190.109	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1505	☐	Mariona Cami	I Support This Petition Because I extremely support this petition, Dogs are animals and they need to run and exercise. IF you deprive a dog from a run and exercising, they you are really creating a problem. You don't want New Yorkers with stressed out dogs, cranky dogs woth tension and bad temper. That would be really dangerous. Off Leash has proved, that dog behave very well adn they haven't cause any danger or problem, humans do.	70.23.137.46	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1506	☐	Barbara Mazzarella	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. The Off-leash program helps to make this hard-edged city more humane--and not just for the dogs & their "owners"--but for the harried, hurried New Yorkers who get to catch quick sight of happy canine creatures at play! It's free, fun and downright therapeutic!	151.202.58.150	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1507		Yolanda	I Support This Petition	24.193.47.183	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Chang	Because					
1508	☐	heidi thomas	I Support This Petition Because support this petition because it dogs need some free time in nature in order to smell the flowers and be able to interact with other dogs and human beings.	24.193.47.183	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1509	☐	Tymberly Harris	I Support This Petition Because I trust that people who have their dogs off of the leash act responsibly for the safety of their dogs and other people. There are more important "rules" to be doled out in this city such as environmental fines for acting irresponsibly toward the environment.	72.244.211.50	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1510	☐	susan sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.161.3	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1511	☐	Anne-Elizabeth Straub	I Support This Petition Because Dogs need off-leash time, whether in parks at off-hours or in dog parks, in order to have the opportunity to be well socialized and exercised, thus reducing aggressive tendencies. Dogs and dog-owners are a positive presence on the streets and in the Parks and as such are deterrents to crime.	207.38.214.66	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1512	☐	Patrick Collison	I Support This Petition Because I support the petition for the simple reason that I believe that as currently structured and restricted it cannot possibly be said to constitute a threat to	172.128.120.64	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			safety or order. Possibly the worst behaved, potentially dangerous dogs I have ever met (I grew up with and around dogs) were those whose freedom was most sharply curtailed. No one here is suggesting that dogs roam the streets in the manner of Sacred Cows, but rather that they have opportunity to avail of areas of parkland to move unfettered...which was, I thought, one of the purposes of parkland for humans, really. And dogs tend to behave better, in truth.					
1513	☐	Erika Rosenfeld	I Support This Petition Because	74.73.148.169	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1514	☐	Carrie Collura	I Support This Petition Because	199.172.169.21	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1515	☐	Ann-Margaret Barnewold	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. Give the dogs a break! In MEMORY of tiny, Bimbo, King, Queenie, Sheeba, Blacky and Fifi's.	199.172.169.33	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1516	☐	Melanie Marshall	I Support This Petition Because --Access to off-leash recreation opportunities encourages people to adopt and socialize thousands of abandoned dogs in NYC each year; --Since there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in designated areas of City parks; -- The off-leash policy is a great compromise for dog	199.172.169.7	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			owners and non dog-owners who use parks - it's only for certain hours (9pm to closing, and again when parks open until 9am), and only in certain designated locations					
1517	☐	Rob Marder	I Support This Petition Because Because it is a GOOD thing for people, dogs and community. There are so many pro-dog people vs. the low number of anti-dog people, that the anti-dog people have resorted to low and nasty tactics to show their "manufactured evidence that dogs are dangerous" under the pretense that keeping all these dogs on leash will keep communities safe.	152.163.100.69	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1518	☐	j. scarola	I Support This Petition Because dogs in the city have no other means of exercise. it's essentially cruel to forbid them this bit of free time that they need so much.	72.68.231.34	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1519	☐	Joan Jarden	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1520	☐	Elaine Sloan	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.177.16	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1521	☐	Jack Chen	I Support This Petition Because responsible pet owners know how to engage their dog in proper 'off-leash' manner. It's well understood there are people who just don't like dogs, but there are no dumb dogs, just dumb people. Not everyone is irresponsible.	12.23.2.98	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1522		Denise	I Support This Petition	206.231.80.10	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Paredes	Because					
1523	☐	Dina Simone	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.132.2	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1524	☐	Barbara Hoffert	I Support This Petition Because I wholeheartedly support this petition. There are not enough dog runs to exercise dogs adequately in the city, and a well-exercised dog is a well-adjusted and socialized dog. Dogs give us their devotion; let's give back a little.	65.242.244.1	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1525	☐	Laura Chavoen	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition!!!!	68.167.115.34	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1526	☐	Juan Olivera	I Support This Petition Because dogs make the city more livable, dogsin teh park make it safer to everyone's use year round...	12.40.238.2	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1527	☐	merry torgan	I Support This Petition Because i support this 100% doesn't this city have more important issues to worry about than the off leash law!	12.42.247.152	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1528	☐	Carol Lewinski	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1529	☐	Nancy Tsuei	I Support This Petition Because	166.111.177.136	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1530	☐	Ruth Mendel	I Support This Petition Because	206.231.80.10	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1531	☐	Andrea Rizzo	I Support This Petition Because	216.236.131.138	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1532	☐	nicky roe	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.130.184	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1533	☐	Marjorie Smith	I Support This Petition Because The off leash law for specified times has become an imortant time for both the dogs and their owners.It would be quite traumatic to take	151.202.63.36	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			away this joy from responsible citizens.					
1534	☐	Eugene Trimboli	I Support This Petition Because The off leash policy is an important part of many people's and dog's lives	70.23.230.94	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1535	☐	Carolyn Reimers	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.90.206	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1536	☐	Michael Reimers	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.90.206	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1537	☐	john hoving	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.164.221	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1538	☐	Diane Dagostino	I Support This Petition Because	216.57.36.226	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1539	☐	Suzanne Washburn	I Support This Petition Because	208.68.244.251	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1540	☐	Fernanda Winthrop	I Support This Petition Because	68.160.254.131	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1541	☐	Linda Lorraine	I Support This Petition Because The off leash law has been successful for many years, and I support this law. Dog owners are respectful of property and need a place to run their dogs.	216.165.126.106	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1542	☐	Blossom Chu	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1543	☐	Chuck Choi	I Support This Petition Because	24.239.179.48	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1544	☐	Una Terrie Collins Herrera	I Support This Petition Because NYC has not been kind to its animals. There are less and less places, buildings, stores we can bring out pets to, therefore, it is imperative that we keep the 20-year off-leash policy for dogs in designated areas and at designated times in the parks. It is a very short amount of time every morning and every evening that	70.23.130.147	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			dogs are allowed in the designated areas. Without this minimal amount of time, I think that quality of life in NYC will deteriorate further. It is a tough city to live in, why make it tougher?					
1545	☐	Yukari Nakamura	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition as my dog really enjoys the free time she gets in the morning. She is well behaved physically and mentally when she has enough exercise which cannot be possible without this off-leash hour!	216.98.114.226	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1546	☐	Rachel Kramer	I Support This Petition Because The off-leash policy brings immense joy to dogs and their responsible owners.	66.65.67.114	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1547	☐	Veronica Calhoun	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.238.82	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1548	☐	Margaret Tan	I Support This Petition Because	24.84.43.184	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1549	☐	Roger E. Katz	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.121.109	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1550	☐	David Bario	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.139.51	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1551	☐	Rascher Alcasid	I Support This Petition Because	24.185.105.214	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1552	☐	jessica murphey	I Support This Petition Because	65.118.44.66	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1553	☐	deborah chu dejah	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.66.211	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1554	☐	Kalyani R. Bulfer	I Support This Petition Because Living in an urban setting is very difficult with pets. This policy has made our dog and our family feel at home in NYC.	128.59.164.157	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1555	☐	Jesse Berger	I Support This Petition Because The off leash law has been	209.83.165.125	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			successful for many years, and I support this law. Dog owners are respectful of property and need a place to run their dogs. Their presnece in the parks early and late, when otherwise the parks might be emptier, help make the parks safer for all. Don't change the law!					
1556	☐	Kelly Cromwell	I Support This Petition Because Amber and I support this position! WOOF!	66.43.72.178	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1557	☐	Betsy Rate	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.138.70	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1558	☐	Elizabeth	I Support This Petition Because DOGS NEED EXERCISE OFF LEASH IN NYC -- DON'T TAKE THAT AWAY FROM THEM OR US!!!	68.174.179.58	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1559	☐	Dr. Michael Greer	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1560	☐	Luis A. Torres	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.205.123	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1561	☐	Rebecca Mitchell	I Support This Petition Because This is a vitally important issue to all New Yorkers, both dog owners and non-dog owners.	192.246.230.133	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1562	☐	Monica Emerson	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and dog owners enjoy NYC and the great opportunity to be in the parks in the morning. It provides community, enjoyment, and sometimes, escape from the buys NYC lifestyle. The parks and the off leash laws make NYC a better place to live.	38.101.176.190	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1563	☐	Elizabeth Henries	I Support This Petition Because	12.145.108.11	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1564	☐	Ray Oliver	I Support This Petition Because	66.162.64.213	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1565	☐	Dana Loguidice	I Support This Petition Because	12.145.108.11	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1566	☐	jennifer geismar	I Support This Petition Because	192.147.57.6	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1567	☐	claudia bader	I Support This Petition Because The off leash law creates a safer park environment and creates community.	152.163.100.69	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1568	☐	Jayne Pliner	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-19-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1569	☐	Brian Glasser	I Support This Petition Because The city without dogs would be a dreary place. Dogs need a place to run off leash.	66.108.80.10	10-19-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1570	☐	Virginia Hoffmann	I Support This Petition Because because dog owners are a large and important part of the community and deserve to use the park with the continued responsibility that they have shown in the past 20 years. Additionally, the ability to exercise the dogs greatly improves their general behavior and safety. Behavior problems will increase not decrease with the elimination of off leash hours.	151.204.147.96	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1571	☐	linda pinsky	I Support This Petition Because it is so important to be able to let the dogs run and people gather and socialize,,, my dogs are a lot healthier than when they are in enclosed dog runs that are way to unsanitary,,, and the freedom of being able to chase a ball,,, priceless	205.188.116.197	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

1572	☐	Kathleen M. Marshall	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.100.201	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1573	☐	Sandi Carroll	I Support This Petition Because because off-leash hours make my dog happier, healthier and therefore safer! He's a rescued pit-bull from the Mayor's Alliance for Animals, and without these off-leash hours, I woudn't be able to keep him. Unhappy dogs make unhappy owners and unhappy owners fill city shelters with unwanted dogs.	69.86.245.236	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1574	☐	Thomas Savio	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.139.252	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1575	☐	Stephen Dudley	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.144.103	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1576	☐	Sara Cross	I Support This Petition Because Anyone who has ever had a dog or experienced off-leash in the park knows that it is a happy, fun, safe place for dogs and people. The idea that this natural activity is a problem is completely ridiculous.	68.15.42.197	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1577	☐	nhill	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.249.175	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1578	☐	Suzanne Latour	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.57.18	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1579	☐	Amy Fannon	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.183.62	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1580	☐	Denise Herlihy	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.219.136	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1581	☐	Monika Cathcart	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.198.126	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1582	☐	William Cathcart	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.198.126	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1583	☐	Mia Sage	I Support This Petition Because	24.215.197.250	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1584	☐	Thomas Martin	I Support This Petition Because	63.139.49.74	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1585		Lester Burg	I Support This Petition Because	170.28.4.4	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1586		Susan Montvel-Cohen	I Support This Petition Because because JUST LIKE HUMANS it is vital to the health, safety and well-being of any community that dogs are socialized properly and get plenty of exercise. This is achieved through interaction with other dogs and people of all ages and physical characteristics. We do not live in a perfect world -- there will always be incidents between pedestrians and bicylces, cars and other people (e.g. muggings), And yes,there will always be the very unfortunate, but infrequent dog incident. All we can do is create thoughtful rules, laws and spaces, which the City's existing off-leash policies do an excellent job at.	71.247.84.211	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1587		Michael Newton	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.208.114	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1588		Lindsay Hirsch	I Support This Petition Because	206.28.73.1	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1589		Kent Johnson	I Support This Petition Because	207.162.228.12	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1590		Elizabeth Leonard	I Support This Petition Because	204.10.132.7	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1591		Jacky Crooker	I Support This Petition Because Let the pups be free!	205.188.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1592		Jason Green	I Support This Petition Because	69.139.251.218	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1593		Christopher Vollmond-Carstens	I Support This Petition Because	205.228.12.236	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1594		Jehanne	I Support This Petition	209.73.223.210	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1595	☐	Diana Jelinek Lebar	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.10.46	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1596	☐	Gretta Wren	I Support This Petition Because	63.138.54.90	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1597	☐	Susan Newton	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.98.17	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1598	☐	Rita McKernan	I Support This Petition Because	163.238.10.48	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1599	☐	Kathleen Carney	I Support This Petition Because	64.132.60.202	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1600	☐	Audra Kujawski	I Support This Petition Because	198.185.164.128	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1602		Dov Frishberg	I Support This	38.98.70.146	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1606	☐	Craig Casey	I Support This Petition Because	216.241.250.30	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1607	☐	Ruth Caine	I Support This Petition Because	75.19.1.98	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1608	☐	Peter Sokol-Hessner	I Support This Petition Because	128.122.114.30	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1609	☐	Tahisha Lozada	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1610	☐	Joseph Bucchignano	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1611	☐	stephanie Ingrassia	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.86.207	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1612	☐	Monica Diaz	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1613	☐	Joanna Lozada	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1614	☐	Nina Curley	I Support This Petition Because	128.122.115.116	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1615	☐	Anne-Marie Bucchignano	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1616	☐	Brian Bucchignano	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1617	☐	Rita Jou	I Support This Petition Because	128.122.114.128	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1618	☐	Idelfonso Carrasquillo	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1619	☐	Judy Darr	I Support This Petition Because This is very improtant to our community.	66.65.181.214	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1620	☐	Heidi Emrani	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1621	☐	Janet Borden	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.230.103	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1622	☐	Jennifer Perkins	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.212.30	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1623	☐	Keira McCrudden	I Support This Petition Because	63.110.245.160	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1624	☐	Brian DeVinney	I Support This Petition Because	75.195.235.220	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1625	☐	Greg Babiuk	I Support This Petition Because	24.213.164.75	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1626	☐	Vladimir Kalman	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1627	☐	Ina Sandles	I Support This Petition Because It has been working for 20 years...why stop now...dogs need the carefree excercise.	69.203.22.155	10-20-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1628	☐	Stephen Schneider	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.81.76	10-20-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1629	☐	ashley bernhard	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.194.130	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1630	☐	Joyce Hyman	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.125.117	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1631	☐	Jean Truitt Ervasti	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.144.114	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1632	☐	Anne Ryan	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.10.201	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1633	☐	Lela Cooper	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1634	☐	Mike Clarke	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.65.225	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1635	☐	Laurie Bleier	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.134.206	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1636	☐	Terri Desai	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.236.121	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1637	☐	Pratibh Desai	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.236.121	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1638	☐	Lucy Ruangvoravat	I Support This Petition Because	208.59.133.113	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1639	☐	Stan Levin	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.6.42	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1640	☐	Linda Gelfond	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.15.127	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1641	☐	LIndsay Broder	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.252.79	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1642	☐	Joel Bernstein	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.155.51	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1643	☐	lenny garber	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.1.228	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1644	☐	jacob garber	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.1.228	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1645	☐	dannny garber	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.1.228	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1646	☐	irene stamler	I Support This Petition Because	74.68.1.228	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1647	☐	Diana Hussey	I Support This Petition Because	207.251.87.182	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1648	☐	Vicki shu Smolin	I Support This Petition Because My puppy LOVES her hour in the park to run around. Please keep the off-leash hours. Thank you!	66.108.159.8	10-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1649	☐	cecilia sun	I Support This Petition Because it is healther for dogs with thier activities and social life. And the dog run is not just far away from where live - because there is not that many.	66.108.187.122	10-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1650	☐	Cory Tixier	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.57.30	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1651	☐	Leonard Cohen	I Support This Petition Because Please keep off-leash hours in the parks. It makes the City livable for people and pets.	71.249.91.2	10-21-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1652	☐	Jacqueline Thaw	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.184.177	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1653	☐	Susan Bolten-Pappas	I Support This Petition Because I love my dog and she is the happiest girl when she is running free through our wonderful Central Park!	69.200.239.44	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1654	☐	Ryan Pappas	I Support This Petition Because my	69.200.239.44	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			dog gets the best exersice and gets socialized best through "off leash" hours in the park.					
1655	☐	ellen kunes	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.97.29	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1656	☐	David Freeman	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.97.29	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1657	☐	Winston Freeman	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.97.29	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1658	☐	Branch Freeman	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.97.29	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1659	☐	Rissa Peckar	I Support This Petition Because I strongly support off-leashing during the hours of 9pm to 9am	65.175.63.135	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1660	☐	Sheldon Peckar	I Support This Petition Because	65.175.63.135	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1661	☐	Louise Monjo	I Support This Petition Because My 50 year residence in NYC has shown me how important dogs are to life here and how responsible dog owners are.	24.215.192.213	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1662	☐	Tara Broder	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.7	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1663	☐	Julia Granacki	I Support This Petition Because My dog is friendly and he is the love of my life. It's hard living in a small apartment where he can't run. The off-the-leash law allows my dog to get the exercise he needs without doing anyone any harm.	68.164.37.159	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1664	☐	Jennifer Reame	I Support This Petition Because	216.66.114.81	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1665	☐	Eve Lazovitz	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.136.111	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1666	☐	Jennifer Glass	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.16.114	10-21-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1667	☐	Patricia Hofer	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because it's a safe way for dogs to exercise and socialize.	65.54.154.118	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1668	☐	Toniann Minafo	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.218.198	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1669	☐	Rose Stone	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because my dog loves his hour run off the lease, the only other time hes off the lease is in the dog run	64.12.117.13	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1670	☐	Jacqueline Bridge	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1671	☐	Chip Overton	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1672	☐	Diana & Terrence Bryant	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1673	☐	mikey& kobi bryant	I Support This Petition Because we love to run and play with our friends Buddy, Yogi, and Cosmo.	152.163.100.69	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1674	☐	veronique dietrich	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1675	☐	lesley simmons	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1676	☐	chloe simmons	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1677	☐	nate mccay	I Support This Petition Because	76.176.95.198	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1678	☐	Andreas Martin	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.115.5	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1679	☐	Constance FitzGerald	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1680	☐	Jay Stevelman	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1681	☐	Jennifer Gage	I Support This Petition Because	24.188.6.178	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1682	☐	Abby Barnett	I Support This	64.12.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1683	☐	Mary Butler	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.191.22	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1684	☐	Laura Mac Donald	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.84.98	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1685	☐	Marc Gordon	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.12.114	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1686	☐	Paul Somma	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.86.97	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1687	☐	Richard Krakowski	I Support This Petition Because	216.165.17.136	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1688	☐	Liz Ann Doherty	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1689	☐	Kristin Carlson	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.90.237	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1690	☐	Michael Craig	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.45.162	10-22-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1691	☐	Shannon Rigney Keane	I Support This Petition Because Off leash rights and dog parks make living in the city with a dog not just possible but wonderful. This is something that affects the quality of life of many people and their animals.	24.239.162.13	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1692	☐	Keith Guthrie	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.189.164	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1693	☐	Marco Torre	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.93.41	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1694	☐	Tim Matson	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.62.126	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1695	☐	Stacey Tavor	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.238.34	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1696	☐	PF Sweet	I Support This Petition Because	216.165.50.97	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1697	☐	Michael Wiltse	I Support This Petition Because	216.165.21.65	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1698	☐	Dana Luther	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.144.74	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1699	☐	Greg Trimmer	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.193.192	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1700	☐	Gregory Williams	I Support This Petition Because Do it!	216.165.61.248	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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1701	☐	Dianna Heldman	I Support This Petition Because I walk in this park in	138.89.78.119	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			the mornings and have never been bothered by dogs off the leash					
1702	☐	Graham Thomas	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.90.145	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1703	☐	Rosalie Russo	I Support This Petition Because It is so important for dogs to be off leash. It builds their confidence and self-esteem. They get to interact with other dogs as well as people and become better pets.	24.168.21.129	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1704	☐	Joyce Carter	I Support This Petition Because	217.7.141.130	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1705	☐	Joseph Bracciodieta	I Support This Petition Because	76.2.107.156	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1706	☐	Susan Walsh	I Support This Petition Because	66.174.79.236	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1707	☐	Chris Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	66.174.79.236	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1708	☐	William Brett	I Support This Petition Because	171.159.192.10	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1709	☐	Yolanda Woroniecki	I Support This Petition Because	69.114.131.82	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1710	☐	Irene Woroniecki	I Support This Petition Because	69.114.131.82	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1711	☐	Paul Biddelman	I Support This Petition Because	66.88.247.50	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1712	☐	Mimi Ekelund	I Support This Petition Because	64.115.42.130	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1713	☐	Alyson Shotz	I Support This Petition Because	151.202.191.193	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1714	☐	Harrry Harrison	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.81.179	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1715	☐	Sabrina LeBlanc	I Support This Petition Because Off leash hours make our parks safer, our communities stronger and our city move liveable.	216.89.71.11	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1716	☐	Nicole Mercer	I Support This Petition Because	216.165.24.122	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

1717	☐	Josephine Gregorio	I Support This Petition Because	65.175.63.135	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1718	☐	Lauren Brescia	I Support This Petition Because	12.168.24.203	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1719	☐	Thomas Brescia	I Support This Petition Because	12.168.24.203	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1720	☐	Amy Schneeberger	I Support This Petition Because	63.118.185.66	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1721	☐	Jodi Komitor	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.75.40	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1722	☐	Muriel C Ferington	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1723	☐	Cynthia Grzymkowski	I Support This Petition Because	65.91.106.68	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1724	☐	Bronwyn Quillen	I Support This Petition Because because dogs that are properly exercised and socialized make better citizens of this city.	69.22.247.38	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1725	☐	Joanna Ifrah	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.205.142	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1726	☐	charles d.klein	I Support This Petition Because	72.5.130.100	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1727	☐	charles r. hinckle	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1728	☐	Anthony Butler	I Support This Petition Because	70.107.130.74	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1729	☐	Mary Jane Monahan	I Support This Petition Because	24.46.143.23	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1730	☐	Veneta Raymer	I Support This Petition Because	38.98.110.10	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1731	☐	lynn douglass	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.192.8	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1732	☐	Kim Glanze	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.255.189	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1733	☐	Lisa Davis	I Support This Petition Because	128.228.93.106	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1734	☐	Juliette Beder	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.131.70	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1735	☐	A. Russo	I Support This Petition Because	24.168.21.129	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1736	☐	Brett Deutsch	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.168.43	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			because the offleash hours makes our dogs healthier and better socialized, and because it makes our parks safer.					
1737	☐	JB Henderson	I Support This Petition Because	66.11.209.50	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1738	☐	Rossana L. Parrotta	I Support This Petition Because	192.217.249.28	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1739	☐	anita culp	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.250.241	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1740	☐	John Young	I Support This Petition Because	69.74.79.122	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1741	☐	Timothy Fallon	I Support This Petition Because	199.43.48.131	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1742	☐	bob Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	65.206.96.254	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1743	☐	Robert Fox	I Support This Petition Because	208.132.238.45	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1744	☐	Jane Hunt	I Support This Petition Because	65.175.63.135	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1745	☐	Nancy Kramer	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.107.140	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1746	☐	Stephen Messer	I Support This Petition Because	71.249.248.100	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1747	☐	Ashley Brown	I Support This Petition Because	206.15.108.23	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1748	☐	robert schneider	I Support This Petition Because watching your dog run and have fun adds to the quality of life for you and your dog	141.157.220.161	10-23-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1749	☐	Timothy O'Connell	I Support This Petition Because	206.15.111.63	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1750	☐	jean lehrman	I Support This Petition Because	4.236.144.110	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1751	☐	Janick Presse	I Support This Petition Because	65.116.170.6	10-23-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1752	☐	Jessica Appelson	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.187.122	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1753	☐	Elizabeth Agge	I Support This Petition Because Responsible dog	69.113.246.100	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			owners should be allowed to exercise their dogs off-leash. We already have enough homeless animals, please don't increase this problem					
1754	☐	Abigail Cane	I Support This Petition Because	146.115.26.144	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1755	☐	Amanda Appelson	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.187.122	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1756	☐	Liz Salen	I Support This Petition Because domesticated dogs have been important members of human society for thousands of years for good reasons. The people of NY benefit from their companionship in so many ways. We need to insure that the dogs of this City are well cared for. That includes providing them with places to run, play and interact with other dogs.	152.163.101.13	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1757	☒	elizabeth gallagher	I Support This Petition Because OFFLEASH RECREATION IS IMPORTANT TO MY QUALITY OF LIFE Living in New York City is not new for my family for at the turn of the century they came through Ellis Island and here we have stayed in Brooklyn for four generation. It is strange as one lives in a place for a long time they lose sight of their surrounding as they say one loses sight	69.203.144.141	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

of the trees for the forest. We work; we raise our children, and get lost in the forest of daily living, surviving and enjoying life, depending on the roll of the dice presented for the day. We are not in prison for there are no bars, but none the less were are locked in a box dictated by where we live and what we have.

My children are grown now and have a life of their own. The years have snuck up and I am no longer young. My house is quiet yet I am no longer lonely for I adopted a stray dog which I have named Dio Mar translated into God of the Sea. He doesn't look like a God, but then again what does a God look like. He has short legs and eyes that remind me of Bambi the story which I read so many times to my children. He is about one year old and his energy is bountiful which has caused me to come out of the box. He and I go to the Prospect Park every morning for at least two hours, he runs and plays, I walk and talk with other dog owners. I never realized thanks to Dio Mar that one did not have to drive for

hours to see the
trees changing
colors, or to smell
the sweetness of
grass in the early
morning or that life
stops when the
children are gone.
He has shown me
that you can run and
laugh at any age
and one does not
have to live in a box.

If the rules are
changed so that the
parks will be closed
to dogs unless they
are on a leash is a
crime, it put those of
us and our pets who
helped take us out
of the box and into
the parks out of the
park and back into
the box.
I do not understand
those that think
dogs are dangerous
and should not be
free to run and play
they must also think
that children should
be seen but not
heard. Until Dio Mar
I never realized how
important it was for
dog and man to be
free if only for a little
while. We do not put
our children on
leashes but we
tranquilized them, sit
them in front of the
Television or give
them a computer
where they sit and
get fat. As a child I
was never in a box,
the streets were our
play ground and we
played for hours,
unfortunately as I
became an adult and
responsible I forgot
to play and let life

but me in a box. I love my freedom and so does Dio Mar. Who needs to live in box when there is a park to run and play with your pet and your new found friends? Life can be beautiful and what could be a better reminder then being in the park, winter, spring, summer and especially in fall with Dio Mar?

Sincerely,

1758	☐	odylle Beder	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.131.70	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1759	☐	VASILIOS TSISINOS	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1760	☐	Wendy Haft	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.182.119	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1761	☐	Ricky Aw	I Support This Petition Because Dogs are our family members and having a dog park is a great deterrent to crime. A would be robber, mugger, etc...will definitely think twice of attempting a crime in a park full of dogs. It's the people that don't understand dogs that give dogs a bad name. The dogs at the off leash sites are not aggressive at all adn enhances their pack mentality and helps socialize our dogs so they don't become aggressive towards people or other dogs. It's the owners who keep their dogs	64.52.46.250	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			indoors and only bring them out so they can go to the bathroom that their dogs become anti social and aggressive as they don't know how to act or react to people or dogs. It's like being in prison wher you only get 30 minutes of outdoor time.					
1762	☐	Nicole Zlotnikoff	I Support This Petition Because	216.52.119.186	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1763	☐	Sherri Callahan	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.177.151	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1764	☐	felicia telsey	I Support This Petition Because it is so essential for the health and happiness of us all!	64.12.116.197	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1765	☐	Sarah Prud'homme	I Support This Petition Because	69.114.215.67	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1766	☐	Laurel Frydenborg	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.255.8	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1767	☐	betsy witten	I Support This Petition Because	69.22.242.247	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1768	☐	Mary Solomon	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.181.116	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1769	☐	David Athey	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.181.116	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1770	☐	Lois Rnz	I Support This Petition Because	12.167.22.178	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1771	☐	Lois Ranz	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because responsible dog owners should be able to exercise their dogs off-leash within the given time restraints.	12.167.22.178	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1772	☐	Linda Elsroad	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and their owners need to be able to socialize in a responsible manner.	66.134.172.197	10-24-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

1773	☐	Kay Harel	I Support This Petition Because	216.213.5.187	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1774	☐	Debra M. Parisi	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.103.219	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1775	☐	Elisandra	I Support This Petition Because	63.173.193.12	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1776	☐	Elizabeth O'Hagan	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.84	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1777	☐	robert sorkin	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.70	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1778	☐	David Bivins	I Support This Petition Because	63.73.226.145	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1779	☐	Jennifer Gardner Trulson	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.10.14	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1780	☐	Colette Pollitt	I Support This Petition Because	38.117.182.130	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1781	☐	Megan Mulvihill	I Support This Petition Because	64.2.77.171	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1782	☐	Joseph L. Biagiotti	I Support This Petition Because	65.175.63.135	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1783	☐	CATHY ACCETTA	I Support This Petition Because	69.112.59.9	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1784	☐	diane charlap	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.153.246	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1785	☐	karen wilbert	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.25.212	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1786	☐	doug wilbert	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.25.212	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1787	☐	cindy hughes	I Support This Petition Because	69.113.106.70	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1788	☐	Susan Golick	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.251.105	10-24-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1789	☐	Odylle Beder	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.131.70	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1790	☐	jay zagoory	I Support This Petition Because	24.90.81.128	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1791	☐	Stephanie Lazzara	I Support This Petition Because	24.185.144.170	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1792	☐	Stacey Schultz	I Support This Petition Because	24.45.11.206	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1793	☐	Alison Trainer	I Support This Petition Because Happy, well exercised, well	72.225.230.220	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			socialized dogs are safer, friendlier dogs					
1794	☐	Amanda Kahn	I Support This Petition Because	74.66.240.29	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1795	☐	Stefanie Albers	I Support This Petition Because	132.252.36.37	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1796	☐	Robert Nicholson	I Support This Petition Because As dogs need exercise and also helps the health of the pet owner.	69.37.114.50	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1797	☐	Susan Buckley	I Support This Petition Because to continue responsible off leash recreation and to give the Parks Commissioner the right to use discretion in making regulations for each city park as needed.	207.237.233.170	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1798	☐	Adam Parks	I Support This Petition Because	63.212.166.134	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1799	☐	Courtney McBride	I Support This Petition Because	216.221.208.43	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1800	☐	Mark Jensen	I Support This Petition Because	204.149.81.4	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1802		Lori Samsel	I Support This	69.112.247.235	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Petition Because					
1803		Jacqueline Mc Cabe	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.205.130	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1804		tiffany kim	I Support This Petition Because	149.39.250.11	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1805		Alyssa St.Vincent	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.53.130	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1806		matthew allen	I Support This Petition Because	205.228.12.194	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1807		Anne Montagnino	I Support This Petition Because	72.76.156.148	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1808		Isabel J. Wacker	I Support This Petition Because	24.39.133.23	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1809		Christopher Leung	I Support This Petition Because	205.228.12.236	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1810		David Reed	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.50.226	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1811		Anouck Le Fur	I Support This Petition Because	162.27.9.20	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1812		Robin Langsdorf	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.128.86	10-25-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1813		mac mc cabe	I Support This Petition Because the 9-to-9 policy regarding unleashed dogs has worked well for 20 years, encouraging dogs to run out their city frustrations and act in a manner we expect of pets. keep it.	152.163.100.69	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1814		Katya Redpath	I Support This Petition Because Dogs and dog-owners make Central Park a safer place for all of us. They are there rain or shine, and tend to be very responsible citizens.	64.131.191.91	10-25-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1815		Dari Litchman	I Support This Petition Because We need this!	24.90.112.8	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1816		Jennifer Barnaby	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.209.164	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1817		Caren	I Support This	162.84.221.229	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

	☐	Graham	Petition Because					
1818	☐	Alex Nelson	I Support This Petition Because	4.21.166.35	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1819	☐	Samuel M. Feldman	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.228.239	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1820	☐	Karen Hopenwasser	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.228.93	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1821	☐	Melinda Rada	I Support This Petition Because	66.43.90.146	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1822	☐	Rosalind Landis	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because dogs enrich the lives of us and our children and they need a place to be active, stay healthy and play	66.65.16.31	10-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1823	☐	Alexandra Le	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1824	☐	Ken Landis	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.16.31	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1825	☐	Jane Troy	I Support This Petition Because	66.200.198.146	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1826	☐	Geoffrey M. B. Troy	I Support This Petition Because	66.200.198.146	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1827	☐	Loraine Rocha	I Support This Petition Because	146.203.130.11	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1828	☐	Anna Cassan de Valry	I Support This Petition Because	12.3.120.121	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1829	☐	Maria Scott	I Support This Petition Because	207.19.205.4	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1830	☐	Barbara Rothberg	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1831	☐	Emma Landis	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.16.31	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1832	☐	Michell Perillo	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	69.117.18.197	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1833	☐	Joni Dropkin	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1834	☐	susan rowland	I Support This Petition Because In Fort Greene the off leash hours build a diverse network of	24.215.217.120	10-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			socially conscious people, who care for each other and their animals.					
1835	☐	Alexandra Gray	I Support This Petition Because A good policy that supports a well-socialized healthy dog population in NYC.	216.254.71.63	10-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1836	☐	Kate Jones	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.52.159	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1837	☐	Dorie Berliner	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.23.100	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1838	☐	Joel Montgomery	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	128.91.104.158	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1839	☐	Merrick Rossein	I Support This Petition Because	69.200.228.93	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1840	☐	Laurie Pauker	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.83.38	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1841	☐	Phil Witt	I Support This Petition Because	63.147.199.130	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1842	☐	Julie Polk	I Support This Petition Because Offleash hours help ensure that dogs are well exercised and socialized, which decreases, not increases, incidents of bad dog behavior.	69.200.236.44	10-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1843	☐	Kimberly Cooper	I Support This Petition Because I support this petititon	72.5.130.100	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1844	☐	Monica Mehta	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.154.173	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1845	☐	Connie Ma	I Support This Petition Because	72.5.130.100	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1846	☐	Kalpana Rao	I Support This Petition Because the responsible dog owner with a well behaved dog is most likely to be at a loss if off-leash privileges are taken away. Bad dog owners with poorly trained dogs	72.5.130.100	10-26-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			are least likely to follow the law and can be a nuisance regardless of leash law. Also, over 7 million adoptable dogs & cats are killed each year due mainly to overpopulation - this will make giving a good pet a home in NY even harder.					
1847	☐	Deborah Sudarsky	I Support This Petition Because This is the only opportunity for city dogs to run free.	72.229.120.144	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1848	☐	Chris Koenig	I Support This Petition Because	199.43.48.131	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1849	☐	Anusha Srinivasan	I Support This Petition Because	162.83.250.216	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1850	☐	Amy Hasslacher	I Support This Petition Because	70.18.51.119	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1851	☐	Ward Horton	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.13.66	10-26-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1852	☐	Antonia Nelson	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1853	☐	Elizabeth O'Brien	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.125.218	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1854	☐	Vallery Koenig	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.64.116	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1855	☐	Dr. Jacqueline Guzda	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.149.148	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1856	☐	Bret Graham	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.221.229	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1857	☐	Annemarie Dooling	I Support This Petition Because	24.185.111.74	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1858	☐	Michael Willner	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	74.128.1.3	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1859	☐	Gretchen Beidl	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition.	74.128.1.3	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1860	☐	Alex Catterick	I Support This Petition Because Responsible dog owners are not the ones that are	199.198.254.100	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			creating problems or nuisance activity in our parks. Do not punish them or their pets.					
1861	☐	susan gorelick	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1862	☐	Richard Fish	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	64.12.116.197	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1863	☐	Carmen Rodriguez	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1864	☐	Linda Leonard	I Support This Petition Because	74.65.203.201	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1865	☐	Leslie Rupert	I Support This Petition Because	38.98.66.94	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1866	☐	Helen Hockney	I Support This Petition Because I saw the research on the very dramatic drop in dog bites during the year off leash was allowed. well socialized dogs are gentler dogs. off leash time creates well socialized dogs. it's a no brainer.	24.193.81.38	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1867	☐	Sara Sturdivant	I Support This Petition Because I've noticed that there are a lot of people in NYC who dislike and fear dogs for personal reasons, and take it out on dog owners and their pets. Please do not sign into the law the results of someone's personal taste.	24.45.11.209	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1868	☐	Kenna Wyllie	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition	71.249.208.174	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1869	☐	Kelly Ryan	I Support This Petition Because	162.84.200.44	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1870	☐	Machiko Yoshinaga	I Support This Petition Because This is the best thing the park is giving the PEOPLE who enjoys	64.131.188.189	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			it, don't take it away!					
1871	☐	John Ross	I Support This Petition Because This is the best thing the park is giving the PEOPLE who enjoys it, don't take it away!	64.131.188.189	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1872	☐	n.e. schlecht	I Support This Petition Because	64.131.165.98	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1873	☐	Daniel Brooks	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition. Allowing dogs off leash during designated hours benefits everyone, and helps to make the parks a safer environment.	24.199.120.41	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1874	☐	Nina Christopher	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.191.123	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1875	☐	Steven H. Lipsitz	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.204.43	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1876	☐	Eva Santiago	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-27-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1877	☐	Peter Chang	I Support This Petition Because Dear Health Official, As an owner of 2 shelter dogs from CACC, I hope that the needs of our animal friends, who gives so much to make the city a more humane place, are not forgotten. Their mental well being, to be able to have a place to run, should not be overlooked. Especially when the hours are limited to before 9 am, I don't think it would take away too much from those who cannot empathize with our canine friends. Sincerely yours,	68.167.78.26	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Peter Chang					
1878	☐	Cynthia Hawkins	I Support This Petition Because I have owned a dog in NYC since 1981 and have enjoyed spending time with all them off-leash in Central Park. It is very beneficial to the dogs. Canines are pack animals and in order to be well adjusted and happy, need time to socialize together without leashes. When dogs are on-leash there job is to protect their owner - not to socialize. Dogs' interactions with each other are therefore very different off-leash to on-leash. We need to preserve this free time for our pets who are all a very improtant part of our lives.	67.99.185.17	10-27-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1879	☐	Noam Christopher	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.191.13	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1880	☐	Felice Douglas	I Support This Petition Because Let's not forget...it creates a nice social interaction with people, friends, families and the neighborhoods. Let's still have nicer and gentler world,	24.193.139.224	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1881	☐	David Nelson	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1882	☐	A. Light	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1883	☐	Barbara DeGarmo	I Support This Petition Because	208.51.94.126	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1884	☐	Mona Lachs	I Support This	64.12.116.197	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			Petition Because I like the offleash law. I like to take my dog and run around he gets his excercise and he is a healthy dog. All dogs need to run. If you ever own a dog u know they need the excercise and social skills with other dogs. They are less agressive.					
1885	☐	lisa chinn	I Support This Petition Because	208.120.1.126	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1886	☐	Julia Gruen	I Support This Petition Because I cannot think of a better way to start each day than walking with my dogs, off leash, throughout the seasons, in spectacular Central Park. As a lifelong resident of Manhattan, I find this to be an enduring and comforting example of our city's humanity and charm, as well as a great gift to our canine friends.	69.122.231.20	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1887	☐	Ruth Nemitoff	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1888	☐	John Jonas Gruen	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.132.153	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1889	☐	Bart Howard	I Support This Petition Because Where can you train dogs to have a friendly social interaction with other dogs and people if you do not allow them some periods of fraternisation.	66.65.54.196	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1890	☐	Mia Moreland	I Support This Petition Because As a newly transplanted	24.215.178.207	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			resident to New York I cannot imagine a more fulfilling time than the time spent in the company of my dog and the friends I have made while allowing our dogs the freedom of being off leash. One of the simplest and greatest joys of living here for me on a daily basis is the city's tolerance and understanding of a dog's need to play and interact with other dogs. Revoking the off-leash law would be a huge step backwards in the social development of the dogs it affects and the people who oppose the law in the first place. This doesn't need to happen.					
1891		Lynn Goldstein	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.129.168	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1892		Daya Madison	I Support This Petition Because	68.161.153.12	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1893		Debra J Snyder	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1894		Scotty Mitchell	I Support This Petition Because because dogs that are allowed to run off their energy are much less likely to be aggresive while on their leash on the city streets. I also feel that the social interaction between dogs and other dogs and people make them less likely to be aggresive. These reasons and more make it an udesirable social	66.47.3.105	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			decision to take this privilage away from dog owners and especially the dogs themselves.					
1895	☐	Mark Gibel	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.18.28	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1896	☐	Dennis O'Sullivan	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.225.46	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1897	☐	Sara Komonchak	I Support This Petition Because	68.173.225.46	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1898	☐	Jill Seitz	I Support This Petition Because	208.51.94.126	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1899	☐	joan horton	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.19.239	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1900	☐	Claudia Miller	I Support This Petition Because Public parks are for the enjoyment of the public we are all the"public". Dog owners account for over a half million people! Animals very much need and deserve a place where they can run & socialize. Happy healthy pets are vital to their community - if a dog is kept on a leash - and not have the chance to be a "dog" we create a neurotic dog which will most certainly cause more serious problems for neighbors (barking, etc.) The majority of pet owners are respectful of the city parks and value the time they can share with their pets - please don't take that away from us. I feel we have a right to enjoy these public spaces as much as anyone else and can do so with respect for each others	72.93.123.25	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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1902		Sandra	I Support This Petition	71.247.155.214	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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	☐	Sawotka	Because					
1903	☐	Kate Myers	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1904	☐	Michael J. Devereaux	I Support This Petition Because	66.236.184.130	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1905	☐	Alison Rose	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1906	☐	Richard E Walsh	I Support This Petition Because	72.80.111.231	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1907	☐	Beatrice Broadwater	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1908	☐	Al Thompson	I Support This Petition Because I support the off leash laws that apply to our City Parks. Unless the alternative of a dog run can be established. Understanding that an argument can be made for limiting the leashing laws to designated times must be fair to all stakeholders we need to be sensitive to concerns of all citizens and make concessions that are equitable and demonstrate our democraticspirit.	69.114.198.202	10-28-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1909	☐	Kenneth Cronin	I Support This Petition Because	69.121.65.170	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1910	☐	Tracy Robbins Kaylie	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.80.16	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1911	☐	Kay Sheehan	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.20.222	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1912	☐	Charles Kevin Hanks	I Support This Petition Because The current law is a valuabl;e asset to all who love and admire dogs. This law should not be revoked.	64.12.116.197	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1913	☐	chad chervitz	I Support This Petition Because	24.193.56.180	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1914	☐	Julie Boyd	I Support This Petition	72.225.236.95	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			Because					
1915	☐	Nicole Gordon	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1916	☐	Matthew LeBlanc	I Support This Petition Because	63.144.146.18	10-28-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1917	☐	Rachel Hemani	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.61.235	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1918	☐	Nancy Castleberry	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.254.126	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1919	☐	Ione Grimaldi	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because of the happiness and well-being it brings to all dogs!	205.188.116.197	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1920	☐	Jonathan Winn	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.155.53	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1921	☐	DEBORAH PARSONS	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1922	☐	kendall & john carter	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.104.105	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1923	☐	Judi Aronowitz	I Support This Petition Because How dare they say that I am lazy if my dog is off leash. I do not smoke, socialize or whatever. I WATCH my dog constantly as he explores, enjoys and lives his life safely anad lovingly without negative persons labeling him or me.	64.12.116.197	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1924	☐	Jacqueline Mullen	I Support This Petition Because this is important to the health of the animals, and the socializing of the owners. the runs are too restrctive for some dogs...my dog will not enter a dog run, because of too many past experiences with aggressive play	64.12.116.197	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1925	☐	Georgia Beach	I Support This Petition Because	64.132.60.202	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1926		Richard	I Support This Petition	68.161.135.144	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

	☐	Malen	Because The benefit of free range park access durng limited hours is great.					
1927	☐	Margaret Ortiz	I Support This Petition Because I fully support this petition.	207.237.85.142	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1928	☐	Laura Judge	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because are entitled to recreational spaces. Denying them access will only augment aggression, not temper it.	74.72.49.157	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1929	☐	susann svendsen	I Support This Petition Because	71.247.209.92	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1930	☐	Joe Kemp	I Support This Petition Because	216.220.110.38	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1931	☐	jon andrews	I Support This Petition Because	216.220.110.38	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1932	☐	Michele Langer	I Support This Petition Because I believe the offleash policy has helped to rehabilitate my dog from a scared, shy stray that I found in the rescue to the vital, healthy, and socialized dog that I have now. I am very much in support of this petition.	162.83.246.179	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1933	☐	Dianne Nagler	I Support This Petition Because	64.12.116.197	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1934	☐	micaela walker	I Support This Petition Because	68.198.5.56	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1935	☐	Julia Herwood	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.110.103	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1936	☐	Simon Breedon	I Support This Petition Because	68.174.110.103	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1937	☐	Lisa Monroig	I Support This Petition Because My pups and I would be devastated if we could no longer enjoy offleash hours. We get along well with people and other animals and always clean up after	72.229.109.109	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			ourselves. That is a lot more than we can say for a lot of the people who use the parks...					
1938	☐	James Stewart	I Support This Petition Because Keep the dogs and owners wandering the parks, they make the parks safer places.	68.174.144.124	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1939	☐	Lisa Scolari	I Support This Petition Because	69.86.197.116	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1940	☐	Lynette Blumenthal	I Support This Petition Because	68.175.83.241	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1941	☐	barbara kramer	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.176.30	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1942	☐	Pam Kemp	I Support This Petition Because Allow all dogs to be socialized appropriately.	68.57.51.71	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1943	☐	Murray Kemp	I Support This Petition Because	68.57.51.71	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1944	☐	Deborah Wiley	I Support This Petition Because because dogs and owners wandering the parks in early morning and late evening make the parks safer. Please keep the off-leash hours.	74.66.224.35	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1945	☐	Denise	I Support This Petition Because	72.89.243.10	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1946	☐	Lillian Fernandez	I Support This Petition Because The parks are for public use, for everyone. More than half of NY's 8 million people own pets. The off leash hours are not very extensive for dog owners but they do allow us to share the park with non-pet owners. It wouldn't be at all fair to do away with them. If they do away with those off-leash hours the only fair way to share the park would be to put	71.125.244.244	10-29-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			in a fenced-in off-leash dog-run in a particular area of the park.					
1947	☐	Peg Callihan	I Support This Petition Because	207.237.20.66	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1948	☐	Joseph Fischetti	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1949	☐	Thomas Pitti	I Support This Petition Because I own a german shepherd dog having to let her off the leash gives her the excise she does not get walking on a leash. she needs the freedom to run	64.12.116.197	10-29-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1950	☐	Diane Barnes	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.133.19	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1951	☐	Barbara Joan Burger	I Support This Petition Because Off leash is valuable to all - both 2 and 4 legged. Don't stop this vital part of NYC life.	68.239.251.86	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1952	☐	Stephanie Borgese	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because off-leash hours are essential for healthy dogs!	70.107.39.142	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1953	☐	Carol S. Grove	I Support This Petition Because I support this petition because it is the only way New York City dogs can get enough excercise to sustain their health	64.12.116.197	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1954	☐	paula deortentiis	I Support This Petition Because	67.87.153.209	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1955	☐	ferdinando locicero	I Support This Petition Because	67.87.153.209	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1956	☐	eleanor dibenedetto	I Support This Petition Because	67.87.153.209	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1957	☐	Levy G	I Support This Petition Because	70.23.154.249	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1958	☐	Bernard Pobiak	I Support This Petition Because I know the off leash policy makes the city a better place,	207.237.20.66	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			the dogs better adjusted and friendlier, and the citizens healthier and happier. Please ratify those effects.					
1959	☐	Karen Kuller	I Support This Petition Because Because it is important way for all New Yorker to enjoy the parks - dog owners and non-dog owners alike.	24.239.134.72	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1960	☐	TINA SLEIN	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1961	☐	JAMES SLEIN	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1962	☐	Doris Leath Strugatz	I Support This Petition Because	72.229.166.172	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1963	☐	Carolyn Sherman	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.84.220	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1964	☐	richard B.	I Support This Petition Because	70.19.58.205	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1965	☐	Roger Bernstein	I Support This Petition Because because responsible dog owners all over the city have successfully used the courtesy hours with minimal disturbance of others.	64.12.116.197	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1966	☐	Louie Ortiz	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.117.5	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1967	☐	Steven Ortiz	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.117.5	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1968	☐	Lucas Belinkie	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.16.236	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1969	☐	John R. Conte	I Support This Petition Because	69.203.16.236	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1970	☐	James A. Simone	I Support This Petition Because	12.106.111.10	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1971	☐	Tanya Braganti	I Support This Petition Because	207.200.116.71	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1972	☐	Tiffany	I Support This Petition Because	167.230.38.116	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1973	☐	laura tesch	I Support This Petition Because There is no reason whatsoever to	67.100.169.82	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

			change a law that has been working well for 20 years!					
1974	☐	Erin	I Support This Petition Because	216.57.39.18	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1975	☐	Andrey Volosevich	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.77.200	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1976	☐	Anna BG	I Support This Petition Because	217.204.190.28	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1977	☐	Gretchen Beidl	I Support This Petition Because	170.20.11.116	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1978	☐	carryll raffel	I Support This Petition Because	163.238.53.148	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1979	☐	Sharon Santana	I Support This Petition Because Living in the city, our dogs especially need the socialization, as well as the exercise to be healthy, well, behaved, happy (translates safe) pets.	165.155.144.5	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1980	☐	Caitlin Quinn	I Support This Petition Because	160.79.104.1	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1981	☐	Suzanne OConnor	I Support This Petition Because	208.194.97.9	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1982	☐	Bryan Flynn	I Support This Petition Because	149.39.250.11	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1983	☐	Samuel Lee	I Support This Petition Because	24.199.116.195	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1984	☐	steven gilbert	I Support This Petition Because	69.159.192.65	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1985	☐	Marianna Sarkis Bentley	I Support This Petition Because	65.115.49.254	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1986	☐	Eduardo Galeano	I Support This Petition Because	146.203.130.11	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1987	☐	Barbara Terrusa	I Support This Petition Because	163.238.53.83	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1988	☐	Marc Allan Toslu	I Support This Petition Because	69.18.180.50	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1989	☐	Michelle Taylor	I Support This Petition Because	67.102.93.242	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1990	☐	Lisa Kampf	I Support This Petition Because I support the petition because dog owners act responsibly	64.193.226.6	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete

			and follow the guidelines of where and when to take their dogs off-leash					
1991	☐	Sarah Landfield	I Support This Petition Because	167.246.2.30	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1992	☐	Belinda Mello	I Support This Petition Because Dogs behave better and are safer when they exercise and socialize-- and the same goes for the people who bring them to the park	64.12.116.197	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1993	☐	Michael S. Garvey, DVM	I Support This Petition Because A healthy bond between dogs and people is good for the citizens of New York. This is one small amenity for our canine friends.	66.108.231.250	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
1994	☐	Andrea Meller	I Support This Petition Because	216.220.117.50	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1995	☐	Christopher Schelling	I Support This Petition Because	205.188.116.197	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1996	☐	Rebecca Cleman	I Support This Petition Because	65.162.140.140	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1997	☐	Rosemary Ahern	I Support This Petition Because	152.163.100.69	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1998	☐	Deborah Brody	I Support This Petition Because	198.45.18.28	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
1999	☐	Solomon Prophete	I Support This Petition Because	128.59.39.44	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2000	☐	Brendan Kelly	I Support This Petition Because	64.236.236.254	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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Petition to Continue NYC Park Offleash Hours

Created by Matthew Parker on June 13th, 2006 at 10:17 pm AST

We, the undersigned, support the construction of a Dog Park at Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within the park. At the same time, we support continuation of off-leash rights in other parks throughout the City of New York. In doing so, we oppose the lawsuit brought against New York City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all New York City Parks.

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2002		Julie Nicol	I Support This Petition	192.193.221.142	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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2003		Kevin Hervas	I Support This Petition Because	128.238.8.120	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2004		Jill Schwartz	I Support This Petition Because	66.108.121.239	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2005		Kathy Martens	I Support This Petition Because	199.67.140.83	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2006		Brian Ward	I Support This Petition Because	66.192.203.3	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2007		lisa gewirtz-ward	I Support This Petition Because	66.192.203.3	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2008		Anna Grundstrom	I Support This Petition Because	66.238.196.58	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2009		Ellen J. Greenfield	I Support This Petition Because	205.228.12.254	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2010		Hazel Jane Lyons	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.20.252	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2011		Anne Bobby	I Support This Petition Because "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be fudged by the way it treats its animals" - M. Gandhi	152.163.100.69	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2012		Susan Welt	I Support This Petition Because because my dog and myself are healthier and happier for it. Thank you.	74.66.225.219	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2013		gabriella leff	I Support This Petition Because Because it is vital that our canine companions have a place to run free so they can be healthy and tame. Only those of us who act responsibly, mindful of our pets and cleaning up after them, actually go to the park during these hours. We are a community of pet owners that rejoice in sharing beauty of the day and our park with our pets.	66.108.121.239	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
2014		Vladimir	I Support This Petition	69.118.6.9	10-30-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

		Diaz	Because					
2015	☐	Nancy Field	I Support This Petition Because Dog owners who take their pets to the park for exercise during offleash hours are responsible, law-abiding citizens who supervise, train, and clean up after their dogs. They deserve the same rights to engage in the activity of their choice as any other special-interest group of park users.	68.174.108.246	10-30-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
2016	☐	Karrin Smoley	I Support This Petition Because	207.38.174.247	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2017	☐	Frank Hillmann	I Support This Petition Because	207.38.174.247	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2018	☐	Caitlin Barry	I Support This Petition Because	170.148.92.41	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2019	☐	Zekio Dawson	I Support This Petition Because 500,000 dog owners and 1.4 million dogs who live in New York City need outdoor opportunities that allow dogs to become properly exercised, socialized, and well-adjusted canine citizens.	66.108.206.90	10-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
2020	☐	Kevin Rocap	I Support This Petition Because If not for my dogs I might not even get into the parks myself ;-) Dogs bring their owners to the park, entertain others and create friendly social environments during the times of day when parks might otherwise be susceptible to crime or misdeeds, imho. Please save the leash laws.	24.45.10.122	10-31-2006	Dissapprove	Modify	delete
2021	☐	judith Iovino	I Support This Petition Because	141.155.124.170	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2022		Wendy	I Support This Petition	71.247.144.67	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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2023	☐	Natalie Danford Paolo Pierleoni	I Support This Petition Because	69.201.187.39	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2024	☐	James S. Cohen	I Support This Petition Because	72.225.243.117	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete
2025	☐	f peter model	I Support This Petition Because	66.65.178.212	10-31-2006	Approve	Modify	delete

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STATEMENT BY HENRY J. STERN,

FORMER NEW YORK CITY PARKS COMMISSIONER
(1983-90, 1994-2002)

November 1, 2006 Board of Health

When I was Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of New York, the dog issue was indeed vexing.

The absolute rule of the Health Department forbidding unleashed animals anywhere in the city was clearly inappropriate here. There are times and places where dogs should be allowed to run free, whether in an enclosed area or not. There are many more places where dogs should not be allowed to run free.

The decision as to how to divide park space geographically should be made by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, with advice from community groups and others interested in the issue.

The solution I formulated was based on the decision of Pope Alexander VI in 1493 on the issue of who should colonize South America. He ruled that east of the 50th meridian the Portuguese should prevail, and west of the 50th meridian the Spanish were given his permission to conquer the Indians and take their land.

Without approving the colonialism implicit in his decision, I ruled that we would divide the parks by time of day. After some adjustment, we found that 9 am to 9 pm were hours when parks were most widely used, often by children, while from 9 pm to 9 am, there was lesser use, and it was primarily by adults.

I decided that we would concentrate our enforcement efforts during the hours when children were more likely to be in the parks, and we did. The result was generally considered equitable, although there were dog-lovers and dog-haters that resisted any compromise.

My decision also led to the growth of dog runs, of which there are now several dozen in the parks. In these fenced areas, dogs are permitted to run free under the supervision of their human companions (Owners and masters are sometimes considered politically incorrect words, although I have heard no objections from dogs.)

It seems clear to me that the allocation of space and time within the parks between the species is a matter for the Commissioner of Parks to decide. Such latitude should be provided by the Board of Health, and the current draconian statute should be modified for the health, satisfaction and pleasure of New Yorkers, both humans and animals.

I hope that common sense prevails, and that we no longer criminalize the conduct of thousands of law-abiding New Yorkers who enjoy the company of another variety of God's creatures.

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To: DOH (Rena Bryant- 212-788-4315)
RE: NYC Dog Off Leash Hearing
Date: 11/1/06

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a dog owner in Brooklyn and vehemently oppose the proposed law that no dogs be allowed off leash at any time during the day or night in NYC. I understand that there are some owners that are not responsible for their dogs, which puts members of the public in danger, however these *bad apples* should not be allowed to cause restrictions for the majority of owners who are responsible and see their dogs as companions.

This proposal would place very undo hardship on all dog owners by placing dogs at great risk for obesity, as they would not be able to get the proper amount of exercise on a leash. Consequently this risk for obesity would require great veterinary trips at increased costs, leaving dog owners with less money to buy either necessary consumables or luxury items. This would in turn hurt NYC business owners, especially the numerous dog-oriented businesses.

In closing, I want to again stress my opposition to this proposal and hope that the powers that be agree with myself and the thousands of dog owners in NYC not to restrict what little opportunity we have to enjoy nature with our companions.

Natalie Wright, LMSW & Uwem Umoh, Esq.
Bedford-Stuyvesant Resident (11216)

Wendy Rogers
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Fax cover sheet

To:	Rena Bryant
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Fax number:	212.788.4315
From:	Wendy Rogers
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Subject: In Support of Amendments to Section 161.05

Key to My Quality of Life - my morning walks and playtime with my 12 year-old German Shepherd during off-lease hours in Prospect Park

I moved to NYC in May 1998 and was lucky to land residency in Park Slope, Brooklyn. I have enjoyed the off-lease hours in Prospect Park for more than 8 years - every single morning (yes - in the rain, through snow, across the icy paths), with the exception of a few summer Monday mornings following a nice weekend since there was too much garbage from weekend picnickers strewn about.

From speaking with the locals when I arrived, I was advised that it was the dog walkers who created the resurgence of Prospect Park. I am a member of FIDO Brooklyn - the organization of dog owners who I understand were the catalyst behind the initiation of off-leash hours in Prospect Park, and who continue to coordinate with the parks department and park police on Prospect Park matters.

Prospect Park dogs and their people are the only park users that frequent the park year round. During my roughly 2,900 mornings in the park, I have come across very few park users without dogs - park workers, birdwatchers for those brief periods of migration, ball players in the summer on the long meadow, occasionally joggers that choose to run through the park rather than around it, Ultimate Frisbee players on Wednesday mornings in the Long Meadow, horseback riders in nice weather, and the occasional cross country skier after a nice snowfall in the winter

Those of us who get up so early to exercise our dog are the most responsible dog owners. We train our dogs. There is self-policing among the Prospect Park dog owners - I myself have picked up a stray poop now and then - and I regularly pick up garbage along my route and transport it to a trash can. In fact, there is a formal arrangement for the Peninsula meadow where dog owners are provided with gloves and pick-up sticks and they assist the park with clean-up of that meadow after summer weekends. The dog owners proactively contacted the parks staff to address the trash issue of the Peninsula Meadow.

Last winter a man walked out on the icy lake and fell through - it was the dog walkers who notified police. If we had not been there no one would have known he went under. We are the eyes of the park in the morning.

The off-leash time is necessary for the mental and physical health of both me and my dog. She is more reliable off leash than any dog I have come across on leash In fact, the more time a dog gets off-leash, the more reliable they are both off and on leash. A tired dog is a better behaved dog. Most dogs cannot be adequately stimulated or exercised solely through on-leash activities. Dogs are more aggressive on-leash. It is indisputable that well socialized canines are safer around people and other animals; such socialization can only be effectively achieved with off-leash activity.

I would not live in a city that did not provide for off-leash activity. The city policy of off-leash between the hours of 9pm and 9am has worked for 20 years. I would hate to see the city go backwards. The issue of a local Queens dog park should not have standing throughout the city, where more than 1 million dogs reside and where park activities and human involvement in such parks vary considerably.

Wendy Rogers
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FAX

TO: Ms. Rena Bryant – Secretary to Board of Health

FAX NO.: 1-212-788-4315

FROM: Muffet Jones

PAGES: 2 inclusive

RE: Please Amend Section 161.05 of the Health Code; Save the Off-Leash Policy

Ms. Bryant:

I'm writing to urge you and the Board to make the Off-leash policy in NY parks official. I have two small dogs and am not comfortable taking them to the dog run because of the larger – though well-behaved, for the most part – dogs. Instead we play in our local park with a smaller group of very nice dogs and their equally nice people every morning before work.

We are all careful to pick up after the dogs and often pick up after the other human park users at the same time.

My quality of life as a New Yorker would be severely impaired if we were no longer able to socialize in the mornings, and I know this is true for the thousands of people who have signed petitions.

Please help us continue to use the public parks along with all the other tax payers of our City.

Thanks for your kind attention.

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November 1, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Bryant:

In the matter of the proposal to amend Article 161.05 of the Health code, the Parks Committee of Manhattan Community Board 6 has submitted a draft resolution to oppose the measure.

This resolution is on the November 8th Full Board agenda. Therefore, we request that the record be held open to November 10, 2006 to allow submission of the Boards resolution if adopted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Gary Papush (sc)

Gary Papush
Chair,
Parks, Landmarks& Cultural Affairs

PRESENTED TO
NEW YORK CITY DEPT. OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

NOVEMBER 1, 2006

After consideration of the off leash laws, the Veterinary Medical Association of NYC representing the practicing and retired veterinarians of New York City gives its full support to amendment #161.05.

It is our educated opinion that off leash exercise provides dogs and citizens recreational time thereby increasing interaction with other animals and humans.

This interaction would reduce animal anxiety and reduce the propensity for animals to injure people.

The Veterinary Medical Association of NYC will provide petitions and updates on this matter to our clients.

We will be happy to respond to specific questions on this matter for the city.

Please address any questions to the Veterinary Medical Association of NYC at 331 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, or call 212-586-3949.

Subj: **2003 adoption**
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Someone might want to mention in their testimony today that in 2003, the Parks Department asked the DOH to grant them authority to enforce the leash law as currently written without asking for off-leash hours. In other words, they found that there was a problem with people not following the leash law in parks, and therefore, petitioned the agency to grant them enforcement powers so that they could take care of it. This "notice to adopt" states that they expected improved public compliance with the provisions. Just 3 years later, Parks is asking to revise this because there actually is reduced compliance and they can't enforce the law between 9pm and 9am because their PEP officers are not on duty.

http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/public/161-03-notice.pdf

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
BOARD OF HEALTH

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 161.03, 161.04 AND 161.05 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

In compliance with Section 1043(b) of the New York City Charter, a Notice of Intention to Amend Sections 161.03, 161.04 and 161.05 of the New York City Health Code and Notice of Public Hearing was printed in The City Record on June 19, 2003. A public hearing was held on July 24, 2003, at which no testimony was presented. One written comment was received, and no revisions have been made. The Board of Health at its December 10, 2003 meeting adopted the following resolution.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This amendment to the New York City Health Code is promulgated pursuant to Sections 558 and 1043 of the New York City Charter ("Charter"). Sections 558(b) and (c) of the Charter empower the Board of Health to amend the Health Code and to include in the Health Code all matters to which the Department's authority extends. Section 1043 grants the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene rulemaking authority.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the "Department") is authorized and required by law to promote and protect the health and safety of New York City residents and visitors by ensuring an environment free from animal-borne diseases and hazards, as well as those caused by other vectors. Article 161 contains various provisions related to issues of public health concern in ownership and management of animals in the City of New York.

The Department enforces provisions of the New York City Health Code (the "Health Code"), the Administrative Code of the City of New York and the New York State Sanitary Code related to investigating reports of animal bites and rabies; managing wild, vicious and/or dangerous animals; licensing and regulating working horses and dogs, and companion dogs; and issuing animal exhibition permits. The Department inspects and issues permits for facilities where animals are sold, adopted, held, groomed, trained, boarded and sheltered. The Department monitors the City's contract for animal care and control services, investigates animal nuisance complaints and cooperates with all government and voluntary agencies involved in the care and control of animals.

New York State and New York City animal control laws are intended to safeguard the health and safety of the public. In addition to having their dogs actively vaccinated against the disease of rabies, responsible dog owners must obtain a license (New York City Dog License Law, Ch. 115 of the Laws of 1894, as amended); attach a dog license tag to the dog's collar when the animal is in a public place (see, Health Code §161.04); hold the dog on a leash no longer than six feet when the dog is in a public place (see, Health Code §161.05); and remove their dog's feces from any

public areas (see, Health Code §161.03 and New York Public Health Law §1310).

Licensing companion dogs is increasingly seen as an important indicator of responsible dog ownership, reducing the numbers of strays, biting incidents and homeless, unwanted animal over-population. It enables owners of stray dogs to be more easily be identified so that lost dogs may be returned to their owners. It makes it possible for the Department to identify and control biting and dangerous dogs, and to control rabies. Information about ownership and rabies vaccination status of a biting dog may aid a victim's medical practitioner in the decision making process regarding the possible need to initiate rabies prophylaxis.

After a pack of dogs inflicted serious bite wounds on two people in the Rockaways in December, 2001, the Department joined with various government agencies and other organizations enforcing dog control and public safety laws, including the New York City Police Department (NYPD), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Department of Sanitation (DOS), Housing Authority, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Center for Animal Care and Control (CACC) and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to form a Dangerous Dog Task Force. The aim of the Task Force is to increase public safety by encouraging responsible dog ownership through the following activities: (a) animal information and ownership sessions, (b) spay/neuter and rabies vaccination clinics, (c) training for various agency units which enforce animal laws and regulations; (d) closing gaps and clarifying applicable laws, and (e) securing vacant properties that provide harborage for stray dogs.

Pursuant to current law, CACC employees who are special patrolmen and NYPD officers may issue notices of violation to owners whose dogs create a nuisance, have no dog license tags attached to their collars, or are unrestrained or improperly restrained. DOS, which is authorized to enforce the State "pooper scooper" law (Public Health Law §1310), and DPR, which currently enforces DPR's animal control regulations in park lands within DPR's jurisdiction, have expressed interest in obtaining authority for their enforcement employees to enforce certain animal control provisions of Article 161 of the Health Code which contribute to public health and safety. Accordingly, the Board of Health has amended applicable provisions of Article 161 of the Health Code to enable DPR and DOS enforcement agents to issue notices of violation of Health Code §161.03 ("Control of dogs and other animals to prevent nuisance"), §161.04 ("Dog Licenses") and §161.05 ("Dogs to be restrained") resulting in an expected improvement in the public's compliance with these provisions.

Except for a letter from the Commissioner of DOS in support of the proposal, there were no written or oral comments submitted in response to the publication of the proposal in The City Record or at the public hearing.

The proposal is as follows:

Note - matter in [brackets] is deleted.

matter <u>underlined</u> is new

RESOLVED, that Section 161.03 of the New York City Health Code, as adopted in nineteen hundred fifty-nine, be and the same hereby is amended, to be printed together with explanatory notes, to read as follows:

§161.03 Control of dogs and other animals to prevent nuisance.

(a) A person who owns, possesses or controls a dog, cat or other animal shall not permit the animal to commit a nuisance on a sidewalk of any public place, on a floor, wall, stairway or roof of any public or private premises used in common by the public, or on a fence, wall or stairway of a building abutting on a public place.

(b) Notices of violation for failure to comply with this section may be issued by any authorized employee, officer or agent of the Department, or of the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation, or successor agencies.

Notes:

Section 161.03 was amended by resolution adopted on December 10, 2003, adding a new subsection (b) to authorize its enforcement by duly authorized employees and agents of the Department and the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation.

RESOLVED, that Section 161.04 of the New York City Health Code, as amended by resolution adopted on the fourteenth of December, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, be and the same hereby is amended, to be printed together with explanatory notes, to read as follows:

§161.04 Dog Licenses.

(a) A dog license obtained in accordance with Chapter 115 of the New York State Laws of 1894, as amended, shall be issued by the Department.

(b) Every person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall not permit it to be in any public place,

or in any open or unfenced area abutting on a public place, unless the dog has a collar about its neck with a currently valid metal tag attached thereto bearing the number of the license obtained for such dog in accordance with Chapter 115 of the Laws of 1894 of the State of New York, as amended, or §§109 and 112 of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

(c) Notices of violation for failure to comply with this section may be issued by any authorized employee, officer or agent of the Department, or of the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation, or successor agencies.

Notes:

Section 161.04 was further amended by resolution adopted on December 10, 2003, adding a new subsection (c) to authorize its enforcement by duly authorized agents and employees of the Department and the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation.

RESOLVED, that Section 161.05 of the New York City Health Code, as adopted in nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, be and the same hereby is amended, to be printed together with explanatory notes, to read as follows:

§161.05 Dogs to be restrained.

(a) A person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall not permit it to be in any public place or in any open or unfenced area abutting on a public place unless the dog is effectively restrained by a leash or chain not more than six feet long.

(b) Notices of violation for failure to comply with this section may be issued by any authorized employee, officer or agent of the Department, or of the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation, or successor agencies.

Notes:

Section 161.05 was amended by resolution adopted on December 10, 2003, adding a new subsection (b) to authorize its enforcement by duly authorized agents and employees of the Department and the Departments of Sanitation and Parks and Recreation.

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Subj: **Rob Jett & letters**
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Rob Jett wrote to me and said he might not make it to the hearing (sick relative). His letter was good; you might want to read it at the hearing or use parts of it in your comments. I am also attaching all the other letters that I know of that were sent in.

Rob Jett's letter:

The mission of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is to ensure the health and welfare of all New Yorkers. Below are three excerpts taken from the "Statement of Purpose" listed in the "Board of Health Notice of Adoption of Amendments to Sections 161.03, 161.04 and 161.05 of The New York City Health Code":

"The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the "Department") is authorized and required by law to promote and protect the health and safety of New York City residents and visitors by ensuring an environment free from animal-borne diseases and hazards, as well as those caused by other vectors. Article 161 contains various provisions related to issues of public health concern in ownership and management of animals in the City of New York."

"New York State and New York City animal control laws are intended to safeguard the health and safety of the public. In addition to having their dogs actively vaccinated against the disease of rabies, responsible dog owners must obtain a license (New York City Dog License Law, Ch. 115 of the Laws of 1894, as amended); attach a dog license tag to the dog's collar when the animal is in a public place (see, Health Code ¤161.04); hold the dog on a leash no longer than six feet when the dog is in a public place (see, Health Code ¤161.05); and remove their dog's feces from any public areas (see, Health Code ¤161.03 and New York Public Health Law ¤1310)."

"Licensing companion dogs is increasingly seen as an important indicator of responsible dog ownership, reducing the numbers of strays, biting incidents and homeless, unwanted animal over-population. It enables owners of stray dogs to be more easily be identified so that lost dogs may be returned to their owners. It makes it possible for the Department to identify and control biting and dangerous dogs, and to control rabies."

According to the American Veterinary Medicine Association, an estimated 4.7 million Americans will be bitten by dogs this year. As many as 800,000 people annually require medical treatment for dog bites. About 12 people each year die from dog attacks. According to the Insurance Information Institute, insurance companies paid $317.2 million for dog bite liability claims in 2005 alone. The primary victims are children. The median age of patients bitten was 15 years, with children, especially boys aged 5 to 9 years, having the highest incidence rate. Children seen in emergency departments were more likely than older persons to be bitten on the face, neck, and head. Severe injuries occur almost exclusively in children less than 10 years of age (Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

In addition to these concerns is the increasing incidence of rabies in both New York City and New York State. This year the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has already issued three health or medical alerts (2006 DOHMH Alert #11, #25, #36) regarding the current rabies outbreak.

The latest estimates put the New York City dog population at 1.5 million (Robert A. Marino, Vice President, NY Council of Dog Owners Groups). Of that number only 84,547, or 5.6%, are licensed (Department of Health, CAP, year to date April 2006). Last year there were 5,385 dog bites reported in New York City. As unacceptably high as that number is, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Health Newsletter states that "Dog bites have long been recognized as one of the most under reported of all injuries". It should be noted that the city does not maintain statistics on the number of dogs injured by other dogs, dogs lost, dogs killed by automobiles, injuries other than bites or injuries incurred as a direct result of an uncontrolled dog.

On April 14, 1999 the then commissioner of parks, Henry J. Stern had a press conference where he announced a comprehensive program to increase compliance with the NYC leash laws. Present at the event was Noreen E. Baxter, Vice President of the American Kennel Club. The President and Chief Executive Officer of the American

Kennel Club, Alfred L. Cheaure, wrote to the commissioner and commended Parks & Recreation for its attempts to curb irresponsible and reckless dog owners. He also called for new enforcement efforts "...to protect the rights of dog owners as well as city residents." (Department of Parks & Recreation Newsroom Media Advisories, Thursday, April 14, 1999, no. 72). In addition, the Department of Parks and Recreation website (Things to Do, New York City Dog Runs In New York City - Tuesday, October 3, 2006), states:

"To the dog owners who still gripe about leash laws, Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life."

In the publication, "New York City Parks/Parks and Recreation: Third Biennial Report, January 1998 Ð June 2000" (page 10), is the following section:

"Leash Law - Dogs are a wonderful presence in parks, but unleashed dogs can cause serious problems. They collide with joggers and bicyclists, frighten children and senior citizens, soil the landscape and trample lawns and fragile areas. Occasionally, they bite humans and small mammals. To help improve leash law compliance, Parks launched an initiative in March 1999 focusing on education, enforcement, and environmental restoration. Since then, citywide compliance has increased substantially."

Keeping one's dog(s) on a leash in public places is endorsed by no less than the ASPCA, the Humane Society, the American Kennel Club and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are countless animal and medical associations that sponsor annual responsible dog ownership and dog bite prevention education drives. Of the top ten most populous cities in the United States, New York City in number one in both total population and population density. All ten cities have municipal laws that require dogs to be leashed when in public places. Why the most densely populated of those cities would even consider allowing unleashed dogs in unenclosed areas defies logic.

Nothing in the physical properties of New York City's green spaces, population or the instinctive behavior of dogs has suddenly changed that would make allowing them to run, unleashed in public places a good idea. I live in Park Slope, next to Prospect Park. Since 1996 I have seen the number of unleashed dogs increase from several dozen to several hundred. On May 11, 2002 an article by Amy Sachs about unleashed dogs and "courtesy hours" in Prospect Park was published in "The Daily News". In the article she writes, "The 526 acre Brooklyn oasis offers the most generous off-leash privileges of any of the city's parks. Resembling an English countryside more than urban sprawl, the park provides [her] and hundreds of dog owners the longest off-leash courtesy hours and the largest spaces - including three meadows, where a spring Saturday attracts up to 700 free-range canines."

The unofficial parks department policy that permits dogs to run off leash in unenclosed areas between the hours of 9 pm and 9 am (and during certain months, 5pm to 9am) has created scores of problems in Prospect Park. First, neither the courtesy rules nor the leash laws are ever enforced. Dogs can be found running, unleashed on sports fields, horse paths, open fields, roads, woodlands and swimming in waterways. It has escalated to the point where the unleashed dogs prevent me, my wife and dozens of our friends from exercising in Prospect Park in the early morning or late afternoon. I have attached four photos that show how dog owners routinely ignore the rules. In addition, I have created a website that documents the problem and provides photographs, videos, articles, letters and informational links (http://brooklynparks.blogspot.com).

The Department of Parks and Recreation currently has 53 fulltime Parks Enforcement Patrol officers. They work eight hours a day, five days a week. Among other tasks, PEP officers are responsible for the enforcement of the leash law in the city's 1,700 parks. If they cannot manage the existing "unofficial" rules, what will happen if the Department of Parks is legally permitted to allow unleashed dogs in "certain areas at certain times"?

I respectfully appeal to the members of the Board of Health to use common sense and their oath to protect the health and welfare of all New Yorkers and reject the proposal to amend Article 161.

STATEMENT BY HENRY J. STERN,

FORMER NEW YORK CITY PARKS COMMISSIONER
(1983-90, 1994-2002)

November 1, 2006 Board of Health

When I was Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of New York, the dog issue was indeed vexing.

The absolute rule of the Health Department forbidding unleashed animals anywhere in the city was clearly inappropriate here. There are times and places where dogs should be allowed to run free, whether in an enclosed area or not. There are many more places where dogs should not be allowed to run free.

The decision as to how to divide park space geographically should be made by the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, with advice from community groups and others interested in the issue.

The solution I formulated was based on the decision of Pope Alexander VI in 1493 on the issue of who should colonize South America. He ruled that east of the 50th meridian the Portuguese should prevail, and west of the 50th meridian the Spanish were given his permission to conquer the Indians and take their land.

Without approving the colonialism implicit in his decision, I ruled that we would divide the parks by time of day. After some adjustment, we found that 9 am to 9 pm were hours when parks were most widely used, often by children, while from 9 pm to 9 am, there was lesser use, and it was primarily by adults.

I decided that we would concentrate our enforcement efforts during the hours when children were more likely to be in the parks, and we did. The result was generally considered equitable, although there were dog-lovers and dog-haters that resisted any compromise.

My decision also led to the growth of dog runs, of which there are now several dozen in the parks. In these fenced areas, dogs are permitted to run free under the supervision of their human companions (Owners and masters are sometimes considered politically incorrect words, although I have heard no objections from dogs.)

It seems clear to me that the allocation of space and time within the parks between the species is a matter for the Commissioner of Parks to decide. Such latitude should be provided by the Board of Health, and the current draconian statute should be modified for the health, satisfaction and pleasure of New Yorkers, both humans and animals.

I hope that common sense prevails, and that we no longer criminalize the conduct of thousands of law-abiding New Yorkers who enjoy the company of another variety of God's creatures.

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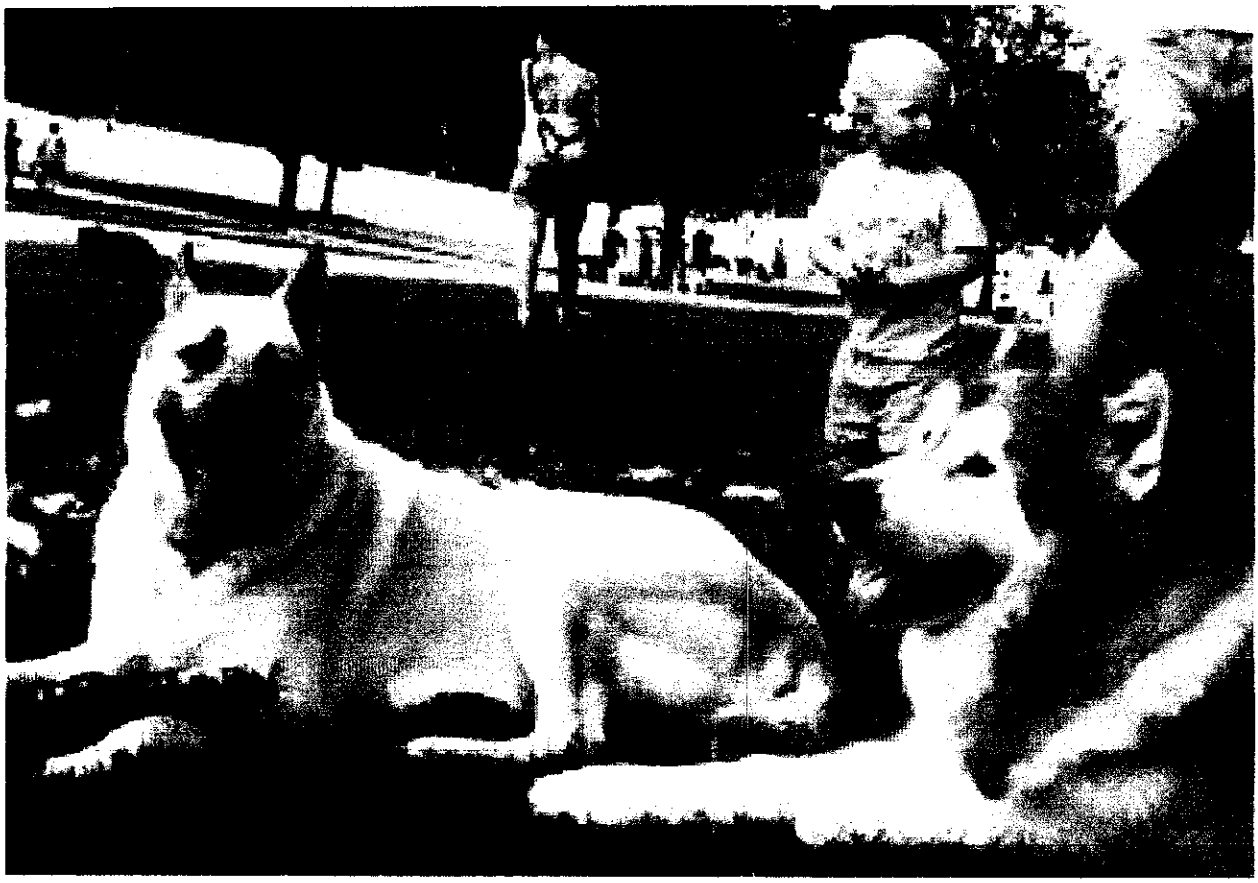

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Prospect Park dogs are often interviewed on television and in movies.

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Irresponsible dog owners reflect poorly on our entire community. Please help us to maintain a positive image

- Always clean up after your dog.
- Prevent your dog from barking.
- Have your dog do his business away from foot traffic (i.e., NOT the middle of the sidewalk).
- Obey leash laws.
- Familiarize yourself with how the area works and its posted rules.
- Pitch in, volunteer and contribute to **FLORAL**, the organization that supports and represents your dog run.

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UNDERSTANDING CANINE BEHAVIOR

Dogs have different play styles. Educate yourself about dog behavior. Learn to tell the difference between aggressive behavior and rambunctious play.

Always respect other dog owners' wishes. If they aren't comfortable with how your dog is interacting with theirs, simply move to another part of the run.

Remember, all dogs have the potential to bite. Sometimes direct eye contact — as when peering into a dog's face — can be confrontational to dogs, and could be taken as provocation.

The first few times you bring your dog to the run, choose a time that isn't busy. Weekday evenings, weekends and holidays are the busiest.

Be sure to socialize immunized puppies. Early socialization is one of the most important things you can do for your dog!

CANINE SAFETY
WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT A FIGHT

- Pay attention to your dog at all times. Learn to read and react to your dog's body language.
- More than 4 or 5 dogs packed together can lead to trouble. Lead your dog away from the pack.
- Stay close enough to control or protect your dog.
- Always keep a collar on your dog, so you have something to grab.

CHILD SAFETY

- Never allow your child to approach or pet a strange dog without permission from the owner.
- No running: this might attract unwanted canine attention.
- Never let your child have toys or food in the dog run.

WHAT TO DO IF A FIGHT OCCURS

- NEVER reach into the middle of a fight.
- Distract the dogs and divert their attention. A blast of water or a loud noise often works.
- If your dog is not in the fight, keep him away.
- Keep a cool head.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OR YOUR DOG IS INJURED IN A DOG FIGHT

An injured dog may bite anyone near. A dog fight can be violent and upsetting to everyone present. Try to stay calm and objective. Owners are solely liable for injuries caused by their dogs, no matter how it began.

- Exchange information: All parties involved must exchange pertinent information, including name, address and phone number. If you are busy tending to your dog, have someone else get the information.

- Report the incident: In the case of a serious injury or a dog that exhibits dangerous behavior, call 911 to report the incident. Make sure you have the owner's information.

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Introducing the 72nd Street Dog Run in Riverside Park

The 72nd Street Dog Run is a permanent off-leash dog park in Riverside Park. It was officially opened in November, 2004, through the efforts of **FLORAL**.

WHAT IS FLORAL?

FLORAL (Friends and Lovers of Riverside Area Life) is the volunteer organization that has represented the community of dog owners in the south end of Riverside Park since 1995. We exclusively sponsor and maintain the 72nd Street Dog Run. An affiliate of the Riverside Park Fund, we work closely with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and all local officials.

Our work for better off-leash recreational opportunities is just part of our effort to enhance the experience of living with dogs in NYC; we also work to improve our community through education and special events.

FLORAL is run by volunteers who are your neighbors. We are the organization that raised over $100,000 to build this facility; we need your continuing support and involvement to carry on our work.

- Good afternoon. My name is Matthew Greller, and I am an attorney with Blank Rome LLP.
- I'd like to thank the Board of Health for holding today's hearing.
- I am here today as an attorney representing the New York Council of Dog Owner Groups or NYCdog.
- Additionally, I am here today for Pepper, my Scottish terrier.
- When Pepper was old enough, and had the necessary vaccinations, I took her to nearby Central Park.
- After deliberate recall and other behavioral training, we let Pepper off leash at 6 months old.
- She quickly became friends with many dogs, and a neighborhood favorite.
- Every morning, she exercises and socializes off-leash with a core group of about 15 dogs from 6:30-7:30 am, and on weekends, plays fetch and socializes with as many as 40 other dogs.
- Plus, my wife and I have made many friends – from all walks of life – just because of Pepper.
- I commend the Board of Health for attempting to clarify their own regulations to recognize that there is limited City space for dogs to exercise.
- Providing explicit authorization and codification of the successful off-leash policy is the right way to go.
- For starters, it will clarify things so that small groups will not misconstrue plain statutory text and misguidedly sue the City.
- Secondly, it will build upon the already existing, and legally controlling regulation in Section §1-04 of the Parks regulations, which states that the Parks Commissioner may permit dogs to be unleashed within City Parks.
- Thirdly, this will underscore Chapter 21 of the New York City Charter, Section 533, which lays out the powers and duties of the Parks Commissioner.
- In short, the commissioner shall have the power to establish and enforce Citywide rules and regulations for the use of public parks, which shall have the force of law.

- **In other words, the Parks Commissioner can legally issue a 9 PM to park closing, and park opening to 9 AM off-leash policy within certain designated spaces.**
- **So, this current off-leash policy is quite legitimate, and very much legal.**
- **But, there is always room for improvement.**
- **The amendments at issue in today's hearing will clarify the Health and Parks regulations and strengthen this successful off-leash policy.**
- **Everyday with Pepper, I see that the City's current off-leash policy is a success that is good for all New Yorkers.**
- **Off-leash space in Parks is needed since only 44 dog runs exist for 1.4 million dogs.**
- **Understanding that we must share limited resources, responsible dog-owners annually contribute time and money to help maintain our parks.**
- **Dog-owners use peer pressure to help ensure that other owners pick up waste, comply with the law, vaccinate, license and train their dogs.**
- **They never condone bad behavior from dogs or other owners. I see that every morning.**
- **Moreover, responsible dog-owners are also parents, athletes, and bird-watchers, and want to see parks safely and responsibly enjoyed by <u>everyone</u>.**
- **As a result, they want to strengthen the off-leash policy to insure that they are safe from irresponsible dog owners, and that their loved ones and dogs are safe.**
- **No one wants to see injuries like those suffered by Matthew Connelly or his dog.**
- **They are unacceptable, regardless of where or when they happened.**
- **However, eliminating the off-leash policy is not the way to eliminate these kinds of injuries.**
- **Health Department statistics show that prior to the off-leash policy, the annual number of dog-bites Citywide exceeded 40,000.**
- **These numbers have dramatically dropped during the off-leash policy's time.**
- **In 2005, the number of dog-bites dropped to 3,956, or about one tenth the previous pre-off leash numbers.**

- **For the first seven months of 2006, Citywide bites have dropped an additional 10.3% from last year.**
- **This is tremendous progress.**
- **Please bear in mind, the data does not reflect whether these bites occurred when dogs were on or off-leash.**
- **But, we know that the bites have dropped dramatically since the off-leash policy has legally allowed dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash.**
- **Of the 3900 bites in 2005, a very small percentage actually occurred in City Parks.**
- **In fact, only 2.2% of these bites - exactly 86 - occurred in City parks.**
- **I use the word "only", not to minimize the unfortunate nature of each of these incidents, but to illustrate that statistically, they are extraordinarily minimal.**
- **These historically low dog-bite numbers could drop further.**
- **But going back to always leashing dogs would cause more bites, since dogs could become more aggressive without daily exercise and socialization.**
- **Many studies confirm that dogs that receive off-leash exercise and socialization are much less aggressive, and can cope with urban surroundings.**
- **I will be submitting these studies for the Board's review, as well as an executive summary.**
- **In short, though, a tired dog is a good dog.**
- **Off-leash activity in City parks is the best way to get dogs tired.**
- **This is true in Central Park, in Prospect Park, and even in Juniper Park.**
- **Additionally, as an unintended benefit, Parks personnel have stated that vigilant and visible dog owners in parks everyday during early morning and late evening hours has contributed toward making parks safer.**
- **Police data also suggests the off-leash policy, among other factors, deters crime.**
- **Driving down bite numbers, and generally making parks safer is a result of the current off-leash policy.**

- **NYCdog fully supports the Health Department's proposed amendments to strengthen this policy.**

- **If these amendments are adopted, the leadership of NYCdog would like to partner with both the Health and Parks Department to help promote greater awareness and ensure compliance.**

- **In addition, the leadership of NYCdog would like to work with the Departments to strengthen a reporting system – such as 3-1-1 – to root out <u>any</u> violators of the off-leash policy.**

- **Much like the broken windows strategy with turnstile jumpers in the '80s, NYCdog believes that going after the few but persistent violators will make things better for everyone.**

- **Strengthening the policy through the adoption of these amendments represents the right move for the City, for all park users, and for City dogs.**

- **Plus, I know that Pepper will continue to appreciate it.**

- **Thank you.**

STATEMENT BY MATTHEW PARKER; PRES. FRIENDS OF HILLSIDE DOG PARK, INC.

Good Afternoon:

My name is Matthew Parker. I'm president of Friends of Hillside Dog Park, Inc, the community-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization that represents the hundreds of people who recreate with their dogs each week at Hillside Dog Park in Downtown Brooklyn, located near the Brooklyn Bridge.

Hillside Dog Park is a New York City Park designated as an enclosed dog run, and at 2 acres is the largest official enclosed dog run in New York City.

I'm here today to speak strongly in favor of the proposed Health code amendment to Section 161.05.

Some people might be curious why the community representative of the largest enclosed dog run in New York City supports the continuation of the Off-leash Hours policy in certain unenclosed areas of designated New York City Parks.

As someone who observes hundreds of dog owners and their dogs recreating together each week in a New York City park, I firmly agree with the prevailing scientific data showing dogs that experience off-leash recreation time on a regular basis are far better socialized with humans and with other dogs, than dogs that are not exposed to off-leash opportunities.

It is because of off-leash opportunities like those available at dog runs and during Off-leash Hours for the past 20 years at many parks, that New York City currently enjoys a record historic low number of dog bites, despite the fact there are more dogs in New York City than ever before.

Currently there are over 1.4 million dogs in New York City. Yet there are only 40 enclosed dog runs in the city's 1,700 parks. That averages one enclosed dog run for every 35,000 dogs. There clearly are not enough dog runs to even come close to servicing the off-leash recreational needs of people who live in the five boroughs of New York City.

Moreover, since many dog parks need to be at least partially funded by private donations, the distribution of the 40 existing dog runs tends to be in more affluent areas of the City, leaving other areas completely bereft of enclosed off-leash opportunities for dog owners.

On any given day in New York City, many more people take advantage of Off-leash Hours in certain New York City Parks than attend the 40 enclosed dog parks.

For those few hours in the very early morning and the late evening, the hundreds of thousands of dog owning New Yorkers, and the tens of thousands of them that do not live within reasonable walking distance from the existing 40 enclosed dog runs, have been

permitted for the past 20 years to recreate in certain areas of certain parks with their dogs. This pre-dates by over fifteen years most dog parks, the majority of which were constructed only in the past five years.

The NYC Parks Department's Off-leash Hours policy enables parks, both large and small in size to have multiple uses for precious New York City park land.

In contrast, when a decision is made to dedicate scarce park space to an enclosed dog run, that land goes from being a multi-use area, to a single use area.

Most small parks less than 10 acres such as Stuyvesant Park, Cadman Plaza Park, and Ft. Green Park do not have the space to dedicate an adequate parcel of land to be restricted to a single-use dog run. Many parks as well have landmark restrictions that prevent the construction of adequate size dog runs.

The Off-leash Hours policy has shown itself to be a successful compromise for all park patrons. Dog owners are the single largest activity-specific user group in New York City Parks.

The Off-leash Hours policy has allowed the half million dog owning New Yorkers to recreate, exercise and socialize their dogs in limited areas of certain parks at limited hours, while preserving the same space for the general park-going population for the vast majority of the time individual parks are open on a daily basis.

It's clear that increasing the number of enclosed dog parks in the City, where possible and practical, while preserving and strengthening the successful status quo policy of Off-leash Hours will continue to benefit New York City public health as the past 20 years have demonstrated.

The status quo has proven to be successful park policy and a successful public health policy, as evidenced by the historic low number of dog-related incidents throughout New York City, and a historic high number of people, both dog owners and non-owners who each day successfully compromise in their usage of our multi-use park space.

As you are probably aware, there is a recent lawsuit that threatens the 20-year Off-leash Hours policy.

Not to enact the proposed amendment to Section 161.05 would risk taking New York City back to a time that was far less safe and as the statistics show, with a poorer rate of public health.

We encourage the Health Board, as public health professionals, to look at the Off-leash Policy's great success in the aggregate and enact the proposed amendment to Section 161.05, which by adding even additional requirements further emphasizing responsible dog ownership, will continue this public health success story.

Thank you.

STATEMENT BY TERRI SULLIVAN; JVPDA

Good Afternoon, I would like to thank everyone here today for allowing me this chance to speak it is much appreciated.

My name is Terri Sullivan and I am the President of the Juniper Valley Park Dog Association in Queens. I am also a wife and the mother of three children.

I have only been involved in off leash recreation for the past 4.5 years. However I have owned dogs almost all my life. As a child our dog was chained in the backyard never allowed in the house. I do not know if he would have been aggressive with other dogs or people since he never got the chance, he lived as most dogs then did chained in the yard.

However when I was first married my husband lived in an apartment and adopted a dog. The dog was walked on a leash and was fine with family members but whenever our doorbell rang the dog threw her entire body against the door barking and growling. When we moved into a house and we had a backyard we were able to play and interact with her off leash. But again whenever someone walked by with or without a dog she would lunge at the fence barking and growling. This was something, I believe most of us have experienced at some point in our lives and if you have experienced it, it stays with you. Unfortunately she did get out once and attacked another dog. Thankfully we were able to intercede and no serious physical harm was done.

When our first dog passed away, we immediately adopted a puppy. We were determined not to have the same problems and went thru obedience training and played with her in the yard and everything seemed wonderful. As she got older she got more territorial and aggressive with my children's friends and she soon started lunging at the fence when people walked by. This culminated in her biting my children while in our home. We eventually had to have her euthanized since I could not take a chance of having her bite anyone else. I do not now nor have I ever put a higher value on a canine life than I do that of a human.

This past weekend a neighbor's dog was being walked down the street on a leash by a young adolescent when it was attacked by a unsocialized dog that got out of its backyard. We are thankful that only the dog that was injured and that it will recover. The owner of the dog that escaped its yard stated her dog was wonderful with people but aggressive with other dogs. Of the approximately 4,000 bites that happened in NYC last year I wonder how many were caused by owners who failed to properly socialize their dogs with people and other dogs. We now know that locking dogs in backyards is not enough. They are grassy prisons that cause territorial aggression.

Before adopting my dogs, I did much research and discovered some of the scientific data regarding the benefits of dogs interacting off leash. I started this from the moment I was able, and our family eventually got the kind of dogs that we had always wanted. Our two dogs, Fonzie and Rascal, have become part of our family; bringing us all closer together. We have fun interacting with them as they are a common interest. In this day and age

when we are all too frequently sitting in front of the television, computer or playing video games it is nice to know that you can get yourself and your children up and out of the house to play with your family pet or simply go hiking.

Some people say that you should not be getting these large dogs that have no room to play. This is not about lack of personal space in which to play with your pet. This is about developing the best rounded, safest canine citizen you can have and should be done with a 5 pound Chihuahua as well as a 100 pound Rottweiler. All around the world people are realizing that having your dog interact with people and other dogs off leash is beneficial. Increasingly, dog parks are beginning to be included in the planning stages of new or renovated parks where dogs are allowed to play off-leash.

I had the opportunity last December to find a lost Newfoundland. There were quite a few people around who wanted to help but were not able to for a variety of reasons. One of those well meaning people, in fact, is here today in opposition to off-leash recreation. Unfortunately he could not help because his dog was not socialized with other dogs so bringing in a lost dog would have caused problems. I took the dog home and with the help of caring neighbors we were able to reunite the dog with its owner.

I work in Animal Rescue and frequently bring dogs home to foster. I have never had a situation where my dogs have been aggressive with a strange dogs being brought into their territory. I absolutely attribute this to off leash socialization.

Could dogs be socialized within a fenced dog park? Absolutely. However due to cost constraints and misinformed public perception about dog parks, there just are not enough dog parks. In fact in Juniper Valley Park, one of our local civic associations has strongly opposed the installation of a dog park insisting that if any dog park is to be built that it must be located far away on an embankment of the LIE.

As I stated, I am president of the Juniper Valley Park Dog Association. I would also like to say that as a group we are self policing. We are made up of responsible dog owners who care about our dogs, our own safety, and our community. We do not tolerate people who do disobey park rules. I myself have turned in the few people who violate park rules and I will have no hesitation to do so again in the future. Peer pressure helps in promoting licensing and vaccinating. I myself had been a bit lax about licensing. However since socializing my dogs off leash and seeing that everyone else had licensed their dogs - and wanting to avoid a ticket- I am pleased to say licensing my two dogs is now one of my yearly expenses.

No one is proposing that we put dogs before human welfare. As parents, all do our best to ensure that our children will not be hurt; we purchase protective gear for playing sports. When we teach them to ride bikes, we hold onto the back of their seats even after they tell you to let go. We hesitate to allow them to walk to school alone even though they beg to be treated like adults. We try to ensure that at every opportunity our environment is as safe as we can make it for our children and those whom we love.

I believe off leash recreation helps us reach that goal in regard to our canine companions. This is why I believe that clarifying the Park Commissioner's authority to allow off leash hours and designated locations you will be making parks safer for everyone. This policy has in effect for approximately 20 years. And in those twenty years an amazing thing has happened, dog bites have steadily decreased while the number of dogs in NYC has increased.

I work in Finance and numbers are a huge part of my life. Numbers do not lie. They have no agenda. NYC dog bites have steadily gone down. I attribute much of this to the off-leash policy that has existed for two decades.

While none of us can guarantee anyone's safety for any activity, the 20 year old off leash policy has been quite successful. With better signage and clearly posted rules, I strongly believe that our parks will only get safer and New York City more livable for both humans and our beloved dogs.

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SHORT STATEMENT

NYC operates 1,700 parks but there are fewer than 50 dog runs for the 1.4 million dogs in the city. Ideally there would be enough spacious dog runs, but there are financial and space limitations. So, twenty years ago, the Parks Department implemented a reasonable policy that successfully balances the needs of all park users, and allows responsible dog owners to exercise and socialize their dogs when the parks are least used.

Today, hundreds of thousands of people enjoy 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. "Offleash Hours" in designated parks. Unfortunately, the Juniper Park Civic Association's lawsuit against the City now threatens to abolish this successful policy in every city park. The proposal to amend the Leash Law would render their suit moot while promoting better signage and public notification of designated times and places of off leash recreation with the park system.

Studies show that socializing offleash with other dogs reduces aggressive behavior and helps dogs cope with urban living. Walking dogs on leash or locking them in private yards is not enough so, given the lack of runs, Offleash Hours is the best way to exercise and socialize dogs.

Health Department data confirm that offleash activity protects public health. Prior to offleash activity, annual dog bites in the city exceeded 40,000. By 2005, this dropped to less than 4,000, of which only 86 (2.2%) occurred in parks.

Understanding that we must share limited resources, responsible dog-owner groups annually contribute time and money to help maintain our parks. These friendly groups use peer pressure to help ensure that people pick up waste, comply with the law and license and train their dogs.

They do not condone bad behavior from dogs or their owners. Moreover, members of these groups also are parents, athletes, and bird-watchers, and want to see parks safely and responsibly enjoyed by *everyone*.

Police data supports the crime deterrent effect of increasing responsible parks usage. According to Parks personnel, having dog owners in parks everyday during early morning and late evening hours has helped make parks safer.

What is the law? Health regulations say that dogs must be leashed at all times, but Parks regulations and the Rules of the City of New York allow the Parks Commissioner to permit off-leash activity in Parks. Even as the Court weighs the regulations' interplay, the City has begun the process to resolve any confusion that may exist.

Clarifying the regulations, including adding better signage, designating offleash areas, and clearly stating offleash rules, will allow this proven compromise to continue working well for New Yorkers.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS OF NOTE:

- **By comparison, 5,935 parking violations and 176 moving violations for vehicles occurred in City parks this year alone.**
- **Yes, more parking violations occur in City Parks than annual Citywide dog bites.**
- **Yes, more moving violations occur IN City Parks than dog bites IN City parks.**
- **Additionally, 429 criminal court summonses were issued in City parks.**
- **2,294 illegal alcohol possessions were ticketed in City parks.**
- **Again, thousands of parking violations. Hundreds of Moving violations. Thousands of alcohol possession tickets. Hundreds of Criminal Court summonses.**
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- **Each of these activities occurred much more often than dog bites in City parks.**

- **And, none of these things are the kinds of instances that make you want to spend time in a park.**

HISTORY OF OFF-LEASH RECREATION RULE

This policy was enacted under then Parks Commissioner Henry Stern approximately twenty years ago. Mr. Stern often called this policy "the relaxed leash law" [hereafter referred to as the Rule].

The Commissioner, and his successors, issued the rules under authority of the Charter of the City of New York.

The "relaxed leash law" [hereafter called the Rule] has been modified over the years by the Commissioner on a case-by-case basis as warranted:

1. In small City parks where self-contained dog runs or dog parks have been constructed, the rule has been withdrawn.
2. In larger parks –most notably Central and Prospect- where dog parks are not feasible or inappropriate due to Landmarking or Historic designations, the Rule applies to specific locations within said same parks as determined by the Commissioner and individual park Administrators.
3. In other parks, a hybrid has been created wherein dogs are allowed off-leash under the Rule in specific locations where self contained dog parks or runs are geographically distant; most notably Riverside Park in Manhattan where runs are scattered over great

distances over the length of the park so off-leash recreation is allowed in designated areas in between.

4. Finally, in some parks, the Rule does not apply. The Commissioner has decided for specific reasons unknown to NYCDOG that the Rule is not applicable in some parks. We do know that in some instances that this is due to limited size or geographic conditions related to some of those parks.

The Commissioner was responding to public need and desire in enacting the Rule.

DOGS AND NEW YORK CITY

As the appended and accompanying documents clearly indicate, the nature of dog ownership has markedly changed over the last half century. This is true not only in New York City but throughout the United States.

As we have become a better educated society and following studies completed by Veterinary Colleges and organizations dedicated to the better treatment of animals, canines have assumed a greater place within human family structures. Combine this with the role of dogs as protectors, caregivers, guides, and rescue animals, it is clear to even casual readers that dogs have become more than family pets to be confined to private yards.

In fact, studies show that properly socialized dogs are less likely to be aggressive to either other dogs or to human beings. It might be a cliché based on fact when aggressive and unsocialized

canines are called "junkyard dogs" because those animals –deprived of human or animal interaction- become territorial and unapproachable.

Reports vary widely as to the number of dogs owned within the borders of New York City. The most respected reports (ASPCA and Citizens Union) place the number at approximately 1.4 *million* within the nearly 3.5 million households in the City.

Accounting for service and working dogs owned within businesses and for multiple dog households, the 1.4 million number is consistent with a citation by the Humane Society of America that 39% of American households own dogs.

NYCDOG represents a small fraction of those dog owners. Despite our goal and best efforts, we do not expect to ever organize a majority of the owners of the 1.4 million dogs. Why? The answer is both simple and complex, but merits discussion before the Court.

DOG OWNERSHIP VERSUS OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Unlike athletic teams that require organization, canine ownership is typically a singular or familial activity. Relatively few dog owners participate in organized canine events requiring interaction with other dog owners. Therefore the compulsion to organize is less than that required by those wishing to participate on an athletic *team.*

Baseball, softball, football, soccer, hockey and other organized sports each requires organization and endeavors. NYCDOG cites *The New York Times*, Sunday, June 25th 2006: "It's Goalkeeper vs. Bookkeeper as I.R.S. Audits Youth Soccer." The hierarchical organization of non-profit, recreational teams has become so complex that even the Internal Revenue Service has taken notice.

A few decades ago, the New York Road Runner Club began the New York Marathon with a small contingent of loosely organized amateur athletes running through Central Park. By cultivating interest, the Marathon is now one of the world's largest amateur (and semi-professional) endeavors with over 26,000 participants and millions of television views worldwide.

How does this relate to dogs?

At one time running was considered to be almost an isolated or individual sport. In many ways it still is. But at regular intervals through events such as the Marathon and the Corporate Challenge® New York City parks are turned over to thousands of runners.

A similar pattern has now developed within the bicycle riding population of New York City. Dedicated bicycle lanes grace most larger parks and many public thoroughfares. What had been a singular recreational activity (dog ownership) has now become highly organized. Given the public interest, Parks has responded.

ORGANIZED DOG-OWNER GROUPS IN NEW YORK CITY

Dog ownership is still largely singular. Despite the fact that the 1.4 million dogs and their owners constitute the single largest use-specific users of New York City parks; second only casual walkers and users, dog owners have not had a voice in the construction and administration of parks. That is until recently.

Spurred by the lack of open land and the absence of dog parks within City parks, confrontations between dog owners and police and parks police (Parks Enforcement Officers) became more frequent.

In response, dog owners were forced by events to organize. And organize they did. More than forty such groups centered on specific New York City Parks and scattered among the five Boroughs were created. In recent years, these groups have proliferated in almost every neighborhood of New York City.

Unfortunately, most of these groups follow a pattern consistent with city living in that the majority was started by individuals most capable of affording donations and the time to dedicate to improving off-leash recreation availability for their dogs. Following a pattern known to most sociologists, these groups have expanded in number to include citizens of all economic strata.

In response to pressure brought by citizens and dog owner groups, the Commissioner endeavored to provide areas where dogs could be let off-leash under owner supervision to play together and with their owners.

Acting under authority of the City Charter and under the blessing of Mayors Koch, Dinkins, Giuliani, and now Bloomberg, the various Parks Commissioners have allowed dog owners to unleash their dogs at night, in specific locations, and under specific rules.

It should be noted that City parks close at 1 am and do not open until 6 am, effectively shortening off-leash times by five hours daily. Still, the accommodation of dog owners in response to public pressure and community need has worked well.

NYCDOG does not dispute that a small minority of dog owners violate the Rule by allowing their dogs to run off-leash after 9 am or in area that are off-limits. Still fewer fail to clean-up after their dogs.

Still, with 1.4 million dogs, City streets and parks are remarkably free of animal waste and their have been few altercations between dogs and humans that required police intervention.

The New York City Health Department 2005 Annual Report indicates the following:

- Number of annual dogs bites in the 1960's > 40,000
- Number of dogs bites in 2005 < 4,000/
- Number of dog bites in City Parks 2005: 86

In a span of approximately forty years, the number of dog bites was reduced by 500%. Note that the reported dog bites took place not just within City parks but throughout the City. And, as the

history of bites throughout the nation shows, many bites are the result of non-violent dog interactions; ie owners breaking up fights between dogs, dogs startled by children, dogs protecting humans and/or property, and other non-malicious canine-human interactions.

The latest available New York City Health Department numbers (Health Trac February 2006) indicates that in fiscal year-to-date 2006 (eight months), there have been 3,432 *animal* bites (includes all animals, not just dogs; ie squirrels, rats, snakes, etc.) in all of the City.

Clearly, the Rule has not precipitated an explosion of dog bites throughout New York City.

Dog owner groups throughout the City have stepped forward to help improve conditions for dogs and their owners. They have simultaneously worked to establish rules of behavior and etiquette for dogs when off-leash or on-leash in public areas (inside and outside of parks).

These groups have worked with Parks to do the following (not all-inclusive) things:

- Build and maintain dog parks and runs where appropriate.
- Establish off-leash areas in other parks.
- Reduce crime within and around parks.
- Plant trees and shrubbery within parks.
- Donate fencing, fountains, bag dispensers, waste receptacles, signs, flyers, and other amenities worth hundreds of thousands of dollars; and probably in excess of one million dollars.

- Create and operate events involving dogs within City parks such as parades, charity events, dog training, and picnics for dog owners and their pets.
- Remind dog owners to clean-up after their dogs and to report those who fail to respect our neighborhoods.
- Educate the dog-owning community that the bear the responsibility for their animals at all times.
- Educate the non-dog owning community that they need not fear dogs.
- Reduce the number of abandoned dogs.

It is well known that as the number of law abiding citizens within parks increases that the likelihood of serious criminal behavior decreases. Prospect Park Administrator Tupper Thomas has been quoted on numerous occasions stating that responsible dog owners have helped return City parks to a safe condition. Dog owners use parks day and night. Their presence has pushed criminals and would-be troublemakers out of parks.

The 9 am – 9 pm promotes usage of City parks at hours when other users are least likely to be present. No athletic teams use fields during these hours with the exception of a diminimus number of lighted fields scattered in a few parks. Runners and bicycle riders drop-off as the sun sets. Picnickers are few except during concerts and other organized events. And casual users vacate the parks for the safety of their homes. Children and seniors are almost non-existent in most parks during those hours.

Almost like the village in the play *Brigadoon,* dog owners appear with their pets when the parks are least populated. They congregate in small groups creating pools of safety for all park users. As they walk into and out of parks, they provide avenues of safe passage for all park users.

While lacking the funds to build or create designated areas appropriate in size to the need, the Commissioner has sought a compromise that, while imperfect, has worked and continues to do so with increasing efficacy as shown by decreased numbers of animal bites, increased adherence to clean-up laws, and increases in dog-owner contributions (both monetary and volunteer) to Parks.

8,200,000

City Population 2006 (Census Bureau)

1,400,000

Dog Population 2005 (ASPCA, Citizens Union)

28,000+

Acreage of NYC Parks & Recreation System

1,700+

Number of City Parks

44

Fenced Dog Parks Within NYC Parks

> 40,000

Dog Bites 1960's NYC (DOH Annual Report)

< 4,000

Dog Bites 2005 NYC (Health Trak)

86

Dog Bites 2005 NYC Parks (Parks Dept.)

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Mr. Robert Marino,

Thank you for your inquiry about dog bites. The data is not available to answer the specific question you have posed regarding where dog bites most commonly occur. However, CDC has done some research into dog bites and bite-related fatalities. All of our scientific research articles are available in full text at: http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/dogbites.htm.

The only report which provides information that could be relevant examines where fatalities occur and whether the dog(s) involved was(were) restrained (see: http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/dogbreeds.pdf). Realize that these reports included only dog bites resulting in fatalities, which are only a very small portion of the dog bites problem. Each year an estimated 4.7 million Americans are bitten by dogs. Of these, approximately 800,000 require medical care (360,000 are seen in emergency departments and about 6,000 are hospitalized). An average of 12 people die each year from dog bites (or 0.0002% of those sustaining dog bites). These fatalities are the only reports that include information about where it occurred. Over 20 years of data there were 227 reports with relevant data; 55 (24%) involved unrestrained dogs off their owners property, 133 (58%) involved unrestrained dogs on their owners' property, 38 (17%) involved restrained dogs on their owners' property, and 1 (<1%) involved a restrained dog off its owners' property. I have no information about the occurrence of fatalities in dog parks; however, from monitoring news reports, it would seem to be rare.

Responsible dog ownership (including appropriate choice of animal, training, socialization, medical care, and containment) is the key to the prevention of dog bites in the community. One might hypothesize that a controlled area for socialization might be beneficial.

Communities certainly have a role in encouraging responsible dog ownership. There are many options available for public policy to influence this and subsequent dog bite rates. Studies show that male dogs are 6 times more likely to bite than female dogs; intact dogs are 3 times more likely to bite than neutered/spayed dogs, and chained dogs are also 3 times more likely to bite. Ideally, public policy would encourage appropriate choice, training, and handling of dogs and would encourage owners to take active responsibility for the behavior and actions of their pets. Model legislation for general "dangerous dog laws" is available. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the Humane Society of the United States encourage communities to support the measures outlined in the Community Approach to Dog Bite Prevention (http://www.avma.org/pubhlth/dogbite/).

This is a difficult area with many nuances. I commend your community for holding a dialogue about appropriate policies to encourage dogs' continued status as "man's best friend". Hopefully, this information will further help your community's decision makers. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. It is important that the information available be interpreted correctly. Thanks for you inquiry and, again, I am fully available to clarify anything that you may have questions about.

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Nonfatal Dog Bite--Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments --- United States, 2001

In 1994, the most recent year for which published data are available, an estimated 4.7 million dog bites occurred in the United States, and approximately 799,700 persons required medical care (*1*). Of an estimated 333,700 patients treated for dog bites in emergency departments (EDs) in 1994 (*2*), approximately 6,000 (1.8%) were hospitalized (*3*). To estimate the number of nonfatal dog bite--related injuries treated in U.S. hospital EDs, CDC analyzed data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program (NEISS-AIP). This report summarizes the results of the analysis, which indicate that in 2001, an estimated 368,245 persons were treated in U.S. hospital EDs for nonfatal dog bite--related injuries. Injury rates were highest among children aged 5--9 years. To reduce the number of dog bite--related injuries, adults and children should be educated about bite prevention, and persons with canine pets should practice responsible pet ownership (Box).

NEISS-AIP is operated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and collects data about initial visits for all types and causes of injuries treated in U.S. EDs (*4*). NEISS-AIP data are drawn from a nationally representative subsample of 66 out of 100 NEISS hospitals, which were selected as a stratified probability sample of hospitals with a minimum of six beds and a 24-hour ED in the United States and its territories. NEISS-AIP provides data on approximately 500,000 injury- and consumer product--related ED cases each year.

The analysis included every nonfatal injury treated in a NEISS-AIP hospital ED in 2001 for which "dog bite" was listed as the external cause of injury. Because deaths are not captured completely by NEISS-AIP, patients who were dead on arrival or died in EDs were excluded. Each case was assigned a sample weight based on the inverse probability of selection; these weights were added to provide national estimates of dog bite--related injuries. Estimates were based on weighted data for 6,106 patients with dog bite--related

injuries treated at NEISS-AIP hospital EDs during 2001. Confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated by using a direct variance estimation procedure that accounted for the sample weights and complex sample design. Rates were calculated by using U.S. Census Bureau population estimates for 2001 (5).

In 2001, an estimated 368,245 persons were treated for dog bite--related injuries (rate: 129.3 per 100,000 population) (Table). The injury rate was highest for children aged 5--9 years and decreased with increasing age. Approximately 154,625 (42.0%) dog bites occurred among children aged ≤14 years; the rate was significantly higher for boys (293.2 per 100,000 population) than for girls (216.7) ($p = 0.037$) (Figure 1). For persons aged ≥15 years, the difference between the rate for males (102.9) and females (88.0) was not statistically significant. The number of cases increased slightly during April--September, with a peak in July (11.1%). For injured persons of all ages, approximately 16,526 (4.5%) dog bite injuries were work-related (e.g., occurred to persons who were delivering mail, packages, or food; working at an animal clinic or shelter; or doing home repair work or installations). For persons aged ≥16 years, approximately 16,476 (7.9%) dog bite injuries were work-related.

Injuries occurred most commonly to the arm/hand (45.3%), leg/foot (25.8%), and head/neck (22.8%). The majority (64.9%) of injuries among children aged ≤4 years were to the head/neck region; this percentage decreased significantly with age ($p<0.01$) (Figure 2). Injuries to the extremities increased with age ($p<0.01$) and accounted for 86.2% of injuries treated in EDs for persons aged ≥15 years. Injury diagnoses were described frequently as "dog bite" (26.4%); other diagnoses included puncture (40.2%), laceration (24.7%), contusion/abrasion/hematoma (6.0%), cellulitis/infection (1.5%), amputation/avulsion/crush (0.8%), and fracture/dislocation (0.4%). Overall, 98.2% of patients were treated and released from the ED.

Narrative comments in the medical records note common circumstances in which children and adults incurred dog bite--related injuries. Examples among children included a girl aged 18 months who was attacked by the family dog in the backyard and sustained an open depressed skull fracture, mandible fractures, and avulsion of an ear and part of a cheek; a boy aged 4 years who was bitten on the lip by a dog that was guarding her pups; and a girl aged 3 years who was bitten on the face when trying to take food away from the family dog. Examples among adults included a man aged 34 years who sustained an avulsion laceration to his left thumb while trying to break up a fight between his dogs; a woman aged 27 years who sustained multiple puncture wounds to her forearm, thumb, and chest while trying to help her dog, which had been hit by a car; and a woman aged 75 years who was bitten while she was trying to prevent her dog from attacking an Emergency Medical Technician who was attempting to transport her from home by ambulance.

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Editorial Note:

In 2001, an estimated 68 million canines were kept as pets in the United States (*6*). This report is the first that uses data from an ongoing surveillance system to provide national estimates of the number of dog bite--related injuries treated in EDs. In 2001, an estimated 368,245 persons were treated for dog bites in EDs; this finding is consistent with a previous estimate of 334,000 persons treated annually for dog bites in EDs during 1992--1994 (*2*). Of the estimated 368,245 persons treated for dog bites in EDs, an estimated 154,625 (42%) were aged ≤14 years. Higher rates of dog bites for children aged ≤14 years also are consistent with previous reports (*1,7*). Narrative comments from medical records describing dog bite events underscore the importance of prevention messages.

Because children have higher rates of dog bites, prevention programs often are targeted to this group. Although boys aged ≤14 years have higher rates than girls the same age, all children need to be taught how to respond to dogs. A randomized controlled trial of a school-based intervention in Australia that taught children how to behave around and interact with dogs documented a substantial decrease in children's approach to and interaction with a strange dog (*8*). CDC is funding an evaluation of a similar school-based education program in Georgia aimed at increasing children's understanding of how to behave around and interact with dogs.

In addition to educating children properly, prevention efforts should encourage responsible dog ownership, including training, socializing, and neutering family pets. Previous research has indicated that the majority (80%) of dog bites incurred by persons aged ≤18 years are inflicted by a family dog (30%) or a neighbor's dog (50%) (*9*). During 1997--1998, a total of 75% of fatal dog bites were inflicted on family members or guests on the family's property (*10*). In 2001, an estimated 16,476 (8%) dog bites to persons aged ≥16 years were work-related, including some that occurred while persons were visiting homes as part of their work activities.

Additional strategies to encourage responsible pet ownership and reduce dog bites include regulatory measures (e.g., licensing, neutering, and registration programs and programs to control unrestrained animals) and legislation (*7*). "Dangerous" dog laws focus on dogs of any breed that have exhibited harmful behavior (e.g., unprovoked attacks on persons or animals) and place primary responsibility for a dog's behavior on the owner. Because a dog's tendency to bite depends on other factors in addition to genetics (e.g., medical and behavioral health, early experience, socialization and training, and victim behavior), such laws might be more effective than breed-specific legislation (*7*). These prevention strategies require further evaluation.

The findings in this report are subject to at least five limitations. First, only nonfatal injuries treated in hospital EDs were included, and injuries treated in health-care facilities outside of an ED (e.g., a physician's office or an urgent care center) or those for which no care was received were not included. Previous estimates indicate that 17% of dog bite--related injuries are treated in medical facilities, of which 38% are seen in hospital EDs (*1*).

Second, injury diagnoses were not specified for 26% of cases. Third, limited data are available on the circumstances of the event or the dog involved. Fourth, NEISS-AIP is designed to provide national estimates and does not provide state or local estimates. Finally, although the extent of human exposure to dogs might vary by age, sex, season, or other factors, these data are not available; as a result, the analysis did not account for exposure.

Prevention programs should educate both children and adults about bite prevention and responsible pet ownership. Additional information about preventing dog bites is available at http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/dogbites.htm.

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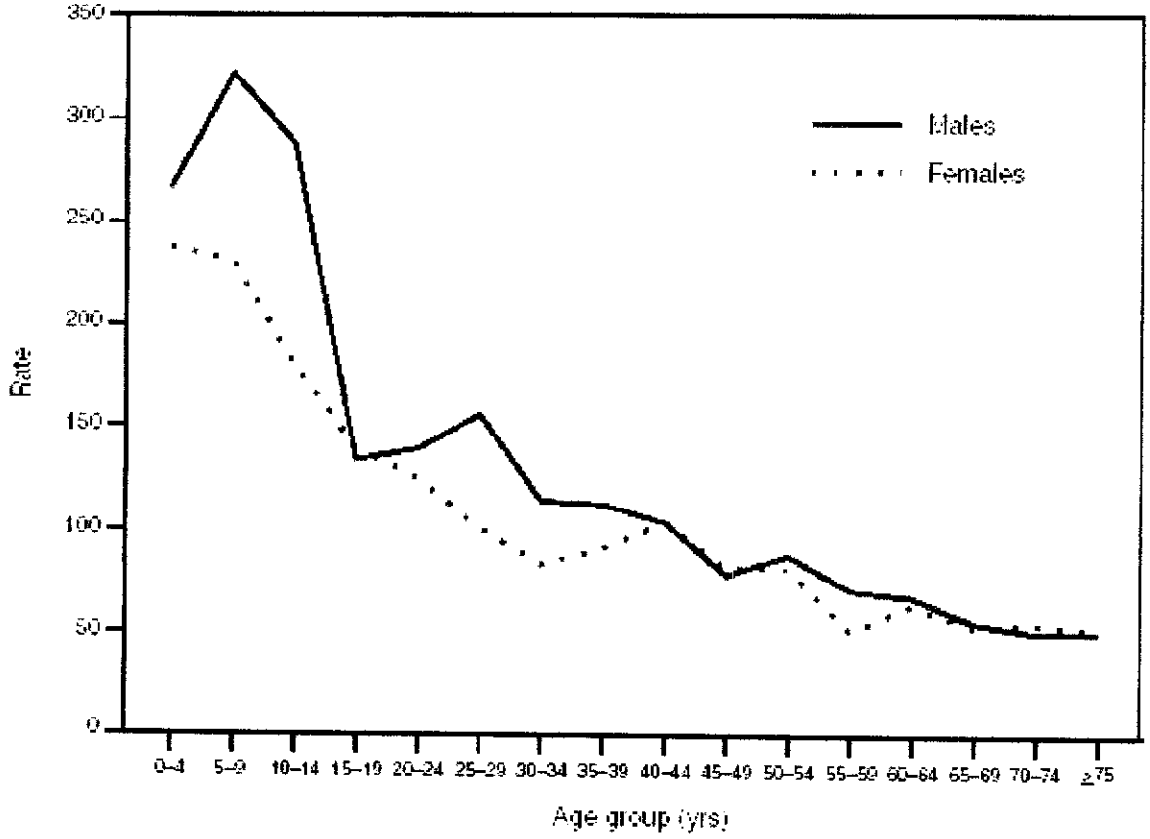
FIGURE 1. Rate* of nonfatal dog bite–related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, by sex and age group — National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program, United States, 2001



* Per 100,000 population.

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Figure 2

FIGURE 2. Percentage of nonfatal dog bite–related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, by primary body part affected and age group — National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program, United States, 2001

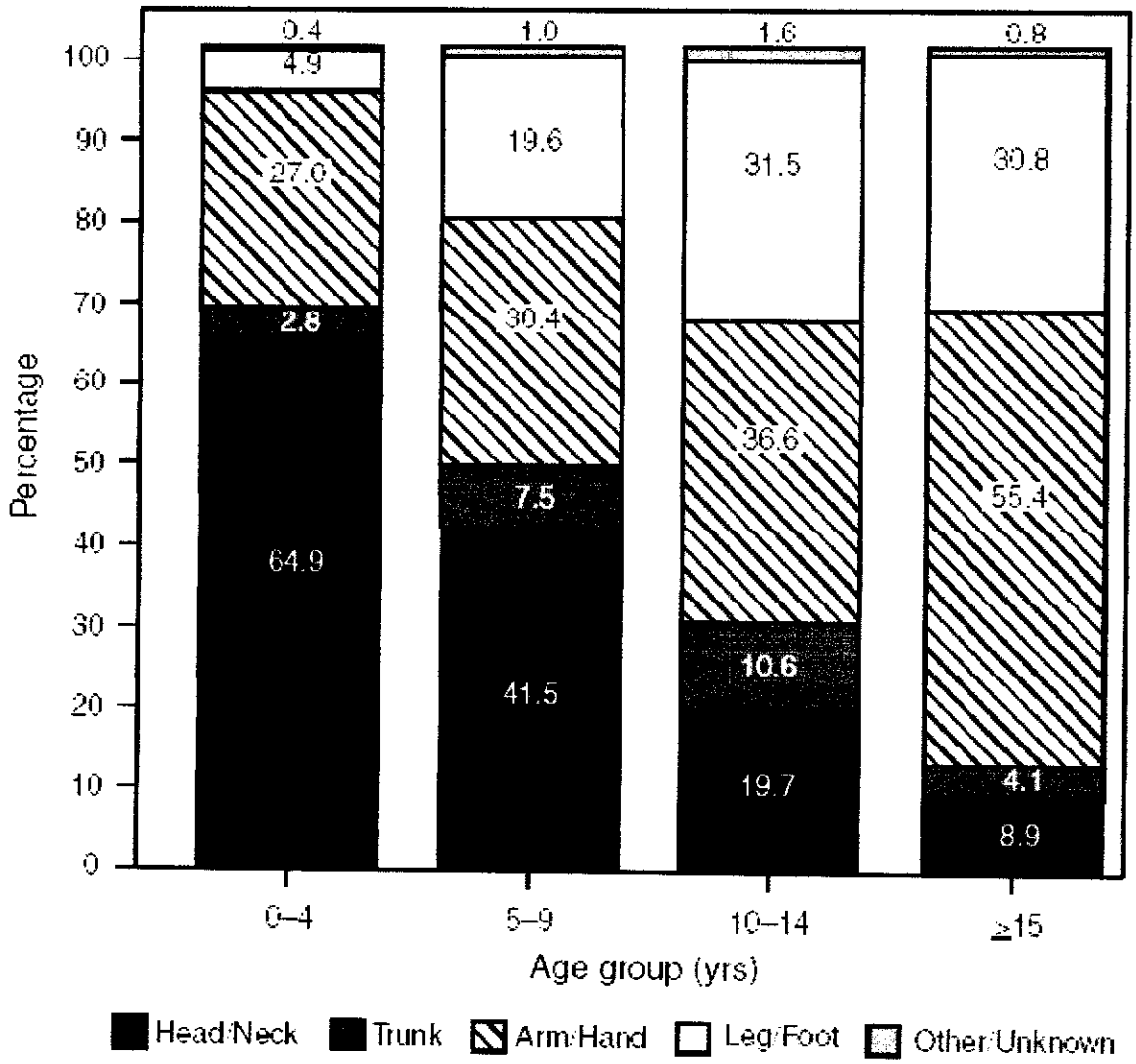

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TABLE. Number, percentage, and rate* of nonfatal dog bite–related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments, by selected characteristics — National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program, United States, 2001

Characteristic	No.†	(%)	Rate	(95% CI§)
Age group (yrs)				
0–4	49,153	(13.3)	253.8	(218.9–288.7)
5–9	56,146	(15.2)	278.2	(234.8–321.6)
10–14	49,326	(13.4)	236.2	(203.1–269.4)
15–19	27,820	(7.6)	137.3	(108.6–166.0)
20–24	26,161	(7.1)	133.0	(105.9–160.2)
25–34	45,133	(12.3)	114.0	(99.3–128.7)
35–44	46,658	(12.7)	103.6	(89.1–118.2)
45–54	32,613	(8.9)	83.2	(72.4–94.0)
55–64	16,165	(4.4)	64.0	(49.5–78.4)
≥65	19,005	(5.2)	53.9	(45.5–62.2)
Unknown	25¶		—	—
Sex				
Male	202,735	(55.1)	145.0	(126.5–163.5)
Female	165,510	(44.9)	114.2	(103.9–124.5)
Treatment month				
January	21,994	(6.0)	7.7	(5.7–9.7)
February	24,945	(6.8)	8.8	(6.4–11.1)
March	27,511	(7.5)	9.7	(7.3–12.1)
April	36,108	(9.8)	12.7	(10.1–15.3)
May	34,284	(9.3)	12.0	(9.8–14.2)
June	34,742	(9.4)	12.2	(11.3–13.1)
July	40,828	(11.1)	14.3	(11.3–17.4)
August	34,716	(9.4)	12.2	(10.9–13.5)
September	32,983	(9.0)	11.6	(9.6–13.6)
October	27,372	(7.4)	9.6	(7.3–11.9)
November	25,011	(6.8)	8.8	(7.2–10.4)
December	27,749	(7.5)	9.7	(7.9–11.6)
Work-related				
Yes	16,526	(4.5)	5.8	(4.1–7.5)
No	350,354	(95.2)	123.1	(108.9–136.3)
Unknown	1,165¶	(0.3)	—	—
Body part injured				
Head/Neck	83,946	(22.8)	29.5	(26.0–32.9)
Face	55,667	(15.2)	19.6	(17.0–22.2)
Mouth	17,029	(4.6)	6.0	(5.2–6.8)
Ear	5,475	(1.5)	1.9	(1.4–2.5)
Head	3,669	(1.0)	1.3	(0.8–1.8)
Other (neck/eyeball)	1,906	(0.5)	0.7	(0.3–1.0)
Upper trunk (includes shoulder)	5035	(1.4)	1.8	(1.2–2.3)
Lower trunk	14,432	(3.9)	5.1	(3.8–6.4)
Arm/Hand	166,756	(45.3)	58.6	(54.2–62.9)
Hand	66,969	(18.2)	23.5	(20.6–26.4)
Lower arm	45,482	(12.4)	16.0	(14.7–17.3)
Finger	34,787	(9.4)	12.2	(10.3–14.1)
Upper arm	8,645	(2.3)	3.0	(2.3–3.7)
Wrist	8,029	(2.2)	2.8	(2.2–3.4)
Elbow	2,643	(0.6)	1.0	(0.7–1.3)
Leg/Foot	94,848	(25.8)	33.3	(26.2–40.4)
Lower leg	54,366	(14.8)	19.1	(14.3–23.9)
Upper leg	25,379	(6.9)	8.9	(7.3–10.5)
Knee	5,317	(1.4)	1.9	(1.3–2.5)
Foot/Toe	5,063	(1.4)	1.8	(0.9–2.6)
Ankle	4,700	(1.3)	1.7	(1.1–2.2)
Other	2,328¶	(0.6)	—	—
Unknown	899¶	(0.2)	—	—
Diagnosis				
Contusion/Abrasion/Hematoma	22016	(6.0)	7.7	(5.7–9.7)
Laceration	90,928	(24.7)	31.9	(27.3–36.5)
Puncture	148,180	(40.2)	52.0	(34.1–70.0)
Fracture/Dislocation	1,386	(0.4)	0.5	(0.2–0.8)
Amputation/Avulsion/Crush	2,854	(0.8)	1.0	(0.7–1.4)
Cellulitis/Infection	5,559	(1.5)	2.0	(1.0–2.9)
Unspecified dog bite/Other	97,324	(26.4)	34.2	(20.4–48.0)
Disposition				
Treated and released	361,692	(98.2)	127.0	(113.3–140.7)
Hospitalized/Observed/Transferred	5,921	(1.6)	2.1	(1.6–2.6)
Unknown	631¶	(0.2)	—	—
Total	368,245	(100.0)	129.3	(115.9–142.7)

* Per 100,000 population.
† Numbers might not sum to total because of rounding.
§ Confidence interval.
¶ Estimate might be unstable because the coefficient of variation is >30%.

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BOX. Measures for preventing dog bites

- Consult with a professional (e.g., veterinarian, animal behaviorist, or responsible breeder) before choosing a dog to determine suitable breeds on the basis of the owner's lifestyle and physical environment.
- Exclude dogs with histories of aggression from households with children.
- Be sensitive to cues that a child is fearful or apprehensive about a dog and, if so, delay acquiring a dog.
- Spend time with a dog before buying or adopting it.
- Use caution when bringing a dog or puppy into the home of an infant or toddler.
- Spay/neuter virtually all dogs; this frequently reduces aggressive tendencies.
- Never leave infants or young children alone with any dog.
- Properly socialize and train any dog entering the household. Teach the dog submissive behaviors (e.g., rolling over to expose abdomen and relinquishing food without growling).
- Seek professional advice (e.g., from veterinarians, animal behaviorists, or responsible breeders) immediately if the dog develops aggressive or undesirable behaviors.
- Do not play aggressive games (e.g., wrestling) with a dog.
- Teach children basic safety around dogs and review regularly:
  - Never approach an unfamiliar dog.
  - Never run from a dog or scream.
  - Remain motionless when approached by an unfamiliar dog (e.g., "be still like a tree").
  - If knocked over by a dog, roll into a ball and lie still (e.g., "be still like a log").
  - Never play with a dog unless supervised by an adult.
  - Report stray dogs or dogs displaying unusual behavior to an adult immediately.
  - Avoid direct eye contact with a dog.
  - Do not disturb a dog who is sleeping, eating, or caring for puppies.
  - Do not pet a dog without allowing it to see and sniff you first.
  - If bitten, report the bite to an adult immediately.

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Measure (Location)	Actual Data	Previous Yr. Actual Data	% Variance
# of Non-Immediate Complaints (Division of EH)	5,750	6,417	(10.4%)
# of Init. FSE Insp. (EH: Food Safety and Community Sanitation)	1,213	611	98.5%
% of FSE Failing Init. Insp. (EH: Food Safety and Community Sanitation)	23.70%	13.70%	73.0%
# of People Trained (classroom course) (EH: Health Academy)	1,133	1,179	(3.9%)
# of Newly Identified Children Req. Environmental Intervention (EH: Lead Poisoning Prevention Program)	55	105	(47.6%)
Comp- # of Pest Control Complaints Received (EH: Pest Control Services)	2,876	3,368	(14.6%)
Comp- # of Completed Initial Inspections (EH: Pest Control Services)	1,926	1,848	4.2%
# of Exterminations Completed (EH: Pest Control Services)	3,673	5,660	(35.1%)
Total Call Volume (EH: Poison Control)	5,154	5,991	(14.0%)
# of Dogs Licensed by DOHMH (EH: Veterinary)	9,490	8,228	15.3%
Total # of Animal Bites Reported (EH: Veterinary)	465	564	(17.6%)
Citywide - Syphilis, P&S (#) (DC: Bureau of STD Control)	47	65	(27.7%)
Clinic - Total MD Visits (#) (DC: Bureau of STD Control)	5,524	5,529	(0.1%)
# of New Cases Citywide (DC: Bureau of TB Control)	87	84	3.6%
# Clinic Visits (DC: Bureau of TB Control)	9,486	10,364	(8.5%)
% of Identified Contacts Evaluated (DC: Bureau of TB Control)	80.5%	78.8%	2.2%
% of Patients Who Complete Treatment (DC: Bureau of TB Control)	83.4%	81.8%	2.0%
# of Children with Active IFSP (monthly cumulative) (EI: Early Intervention)	--	22,032	--
Average Response Time for Birth Certificates by Mail (Epi: Bureau of Vital Statistics)	3.0	5.0	40.0%
Average Response Time for Death Certificates by Mail (Epi: Bureau of Vital Statistics)	11.0	8.0	(37.5%)
Year-to-Date Number of Active Day Care Services Inspected Since Beginning of Fiscal Year (EH: Day Care)	--	--	--
% of Group Day Care Licensed (EH: Day Care)	89.0%	94.5%	(5.8%)
Fines Collected-Pest Control (000) (FSM: Revenue)	$118	$86	37.1%
Fines Collected-Food Service Establishments (000) (FSM: Revenue)	$2,137	$1,290	65.6%

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Environmental Health Services	Dec 2005	Dec 2004	1 yr % chg	Fiscal 2006 YTD	Fiscal 2005 YTD	YTD % chg
Environmental Health Complaints	3,458	3,270	5.7%	31,795	27,962	13.7%
Initial Food Service Establishment (FSE) Inspections Performed						
# of Initial Cycle Inspections	2,744	2,895	-5.2%	13,010	11,202	16.1%
% requiring reinspection	22.7%	10.78%	110.6%	23.05%	18.3%	26.3%
Health Academy						
# of people trained at the Health Academy	907	990	-8.4%	6,699	6,396	4.7%
Lead Poisoning Prevention						
New cases requiring environmental intervention for lead poisoning	72	56	28.6%	530	548	-3.3%
Pest Control Inspections						
# of Pest Control complaints received	1,953	2,101	-7.0%	17,734	17,644	0.5%
# of completed initial inspections in response to complaints	2,108	1,979	6.5%	10,486	15,380	-31.8%
# of exterminations performed	5,632	5,915	-4.8%	28,522	34,777	-18.0%
Poison Control						
Total call volume	4,774	5,037	-5.2%	32,708	31,965	2.3%
Veterinary Public Health						
Dog licenses issued	7,517	7,180	4.7%	50,767	50,069	1.4%
Number of animal bites reported	309	329	-6.1%	2,745	2,808	-2.2%

THE MAKING OF A DANGEROUS DOG – RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND BREEDERS

Pamela H. Sacks

Early this year, 33-year-old Diane Whipple was returning to her apartment in San Francisco after grocery shopping. In her sixth-floor hallway, she had the misfortune to encounter Marjorie Knoller, who was trying to shepherd two 120-pound presa canario dogs back into the apartment she shared with her husband, Robert Noel. One of the animals responded to Whipple's presence with a vicious and ultimately fatal lunge. The presa canario went on to rip off her clothes and spatter her blood all over the walls until authorities arrived and repeatedly fired tranquilizer darts to end the attack.

Soon after the mauling, its bizarre circumstances began to emerge. The dogs' owners, both lawyers, had obtained them through a prison inmate whom they had adopted. Law enforcement officials learned that the dogs may have been part of a scheme to produce fighting animals for guarding illegal drug labs in Mexico. Whipple, as it turned out, was the victim of a creature that could be inspired to become a killing machine.

The glare of publicity following the attack highlights a problem that has, ironically, grown along with the role of dogs in our lives. An estimated 55 to 59 million dogs live in U.S. households, more canines per capita than in any other country. Yet experts say that many people have no idea how to successfully coexist with man's best friend. Although fatal attacks are rare, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 4.7 million people are bitten each year, 800,000 of them seriously enough to require medical treatment. When a dog feels threatened, becomes frightened, or has been encouraged to be aggressive and then draws blood, the tendency is to focus on the animal alone. The Whipple tragedy, however, underscores what experts have long sought to impress upon the public: when a dog turns dangerous, the blame nearly always must extend to the owner as well.

"One of the real problems is that people go into the relationship with unrealistic expectations and a lack of knowledge of animal behavior," says Carter Luke, vice president for humane services at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA). When serious problems ensue, the owner's solution is often simply to give the dog away.

An increase in reported dog bites may be linked to a change in public attitude. Studies show that 40 percent of owners are more interested in obtaining a canine for protection than as a family companion. Some even view the dog as a weapon, so they choose a large and muscular breed. In these cases, it is not uncommon for the animal to be tied to a post and kept isolated, unsocialized, and untrained. "If you walk into a shelter today, you see a huge difference compared with 20 years ago," Luke notes. "You see

mostly pit bulls and rottweilers and some German shepherds and Dobermans."

Both genetics and environmental factors influence the making of aggressive dogs, and people have had a hand in both. Over the centuries, dogs have been selectively bred for certain traits, such as hunting, speed, herding, and aggression. As a result, hounds have sharp eyesight or a keen sense of smell, herders a strong work instinct, and toy breeds a penchant for affection.

The pit bull-mastiff type, with its powerful square head, thick neck, and exceptionally large jaw muscles, was bred for fighting and guarding. A dog with these characteristics is more likely to attack quickly and forcefully in defense of its territory and owners, according to veterinarian Nicholas H. Dodman, director of the animal-behavior clinic at the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine in Grafton, Massachusetts. "In a dog 60 to 100 pounds, with a Big set of mashers ... and with a high prey drive, a light goes on: `Bring it down, bring it down.'" says Dodman, author of Dogs Behaving Badly. The pit bull is a cross between the bulldog, once used for bullbaiting, and terrier types--a mix that has created a tenacious shake-and-tear style of bite. The rottweiler was bred to zealously guard cattle on the way to market and to protect the purse on the return trip. The presa canario--a cross of the bardino majero, an extinct Spanish breed, and the English mastiff--is typical of dogs engineered to fight other animals.

It is not surprising, then, that pit bulls, rottweilers, and similar breeds inflict a proportionally large share of bites and account for many of those causing serious injury. In fact, an analysis prepared by researchers at the CDC, the Humane Society of the United States, and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) shows that, between 1977 and 1998, pit bulls and rottweilers were responsible for more than half of the 238 fatal attacks on humans.

Nevertheless, AVMA researcher and veterinarian Gall C. Golab emphasizes that no breed is inherently vicious and that, conversely, any type of dog can be dangerous if bred or trained to be fierce. What is more, fellow veterinarian Ilana Reisner points out, some kinds of dogs have gained a propensity for biting because of careless practices. The American cocker spaniel, for example, once sweet and docile, was bred indiscriminately when it became popular, and problems with health and temperament resulted; it soon gained a reputation for snappiness and instability.

The statistical analysis of attacks bears out the views expressed by Golab and Reisner, who is a behaviorist at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Since 1975, people have been killed by dogs belonging to more than 30 breeds, including dachshunds, golden retrievers, a Yorkshire terrier, and a Labrador retriever. In recent months, a Pomeranian and a Lhasa apso have joined the list. For this reason and others, Reisner is uncomfortable with generalizations. "We all know extrasweet pit bulls and

rotties," she says. "I know quite a few golden retrievers who are unpredictable and aggressive to their own families."

Given the significant role that genes play in determining nature, experts urge anyone thinking about getting a dog to first consult with a veterinarian, trainer, or behavioral specialist. "If someone says to me, `I have a one-year-old child and I want a rottie,' I wouldn't say that's the ideal breed," Reisner says. No matter what, **animal professionals stress that once the pet is selected, behavior will depend largely on whether it has been properly socialized and trained, the state of its health, the environment in which it lives, and the actions of the people it encounters.**

Research has shown that the stage for a dog's future relationships with people, other animals, and its surroundings is largely set in the first 12 weeks of life, when it is most receptive to learning. Kelley Bollen, a behavior consultant with the MSPCA, says that during this time a puppy should be walked through crowded streets on a leash, ride in the car, visit a veterinarian's office, and be introduced to other dogs. She suggests taking along a small bag of treats, which can be used to help an approaching stranger become a fast friend. Because fear is the most common reason for biting, this is also the time to make the pet feel comfortable with being picked up or groomed and even tolerate being pushed over or having its tail pulled, notes Bollen.

The puppy should learn to adjust to having its food and toys removed. Competitive games, such as tug-of-war, should be avoided; a rousing round of fetch is the perfect substitute. Among other things, these steps will help childproof your pet--an important step, since more than half of bite victims are youngsters. No matter how tolerant the dog, however, experts warn that a child should not be left alone with it. "Children are curious. They don't sense the cues that an adult might," says Julie Gilchrist, a CDC pediatrician and epidemiologist who participated in the study on fatal maulings. "They want to play roughly. They scream. They run. These are all appropriate for a child but can be agitating to a dog not accustomed to being around children."

In addition to early socializing activities, owners can take other steps to keep canine aggression in check. Spaying or neutering can reduce the likelihood of dog bites for a variety of reasons. Neutering decreases dominance-aggression in males and reduces their urge to roam and fight. It may also reduce aggression in females, and a spayed pet won't attract strange dogs that may be aggressive to her owners or contribute to the overpopulation problem, which results in more strays on the street. And basic-obedience classes should be viewed as an essential component of the young dog's life. The exposure to other canines is crucial, and the puppy's

ability to follow a few basic commands--"come," "sit," "down"--is invaluable in maintaining control.

The list of don'ts is easily as long.

A drive along any city street or country lane leaves no doubt that nowadays many people assume a dog is content to spend hour after hour tethered to a backyard chain. But the dog is a social animal whose proper place is generally with the family. Reisner warns that if a pet is left isolated and lacks stimulation, it will become a "natural defender" and start barking as a means of self-expression. Yet too much freedom can bring problems, warns Dodman. While many bites occur when an animal is unleashed and away from home, the most common scenario for an attack features a dog running loose on its own property. The precautions? Build a fence, make the pet part of your life, and keep the dog on a leash when there's a stranger to be greeted.

Both Luke and Golab emphasize that the responsibility to build an environment that promotes healthy interaction extends from the individual pet owner to the community at large. It is not unusual for governmental leaders to push animal-control issues to the bottom of the agenda until a high-profile attack occurs. As officials seek a quick fix, they sometimes call for a ban on the kind of dog involved. The pit bull is an example, having been the frequent target of such measures over the last 15 years. According to Scott C. Giacoppo, an MSPCA law enforcement officer, the breed is favored by gang members and drug dealers, who often abuse their dogs to develop muscle-bound engines of intimidation. Thus pit bull laws have been perceived to offer a dual benefit, tempering outlaw elements while promoting safety. But breed-specific legislation, Giacoppo and others caution, represents a flawed methodology. For one thing, anyone desiring an aggressive dog can simply select a genetic cousin with similar traits. "The pit bull is the breed of choice today," Giacoppo remarks. "Tomorrow it could be another breed."

In Luke's view, a far more effective approach is to enact ordinances that hold owners accountable for their dogs and establish serious penalties for violators. The City of Boston, for instance, strengthened its law after two dog attacks within a week during the summer of 2000. The rules state that once a dog is declared dangerous, the owner must keep it in a special enclosure at home; when it is off the property, the animal must be muzzled and on a short leash. Local officials can require spaying or neutering, along with training. Failure to comply can bring heavy fines.

As towns and cities adopt varying regulations, animal-welfare officials continue to seek common ground. Four years ago the AVMA appointed a 14-member task force composed mainly of physicians, veterinarians, animal behaviorists, and lawyers to devise a general approach to dog bite prevention. The committee's report calls for input from numerous individuals and agencies in the community, the formation of an advisory council to craft

ordinances, better reporting and tracking of dog bites, and a public-education program on canine behavior. Golab, who is assistant director of the AVMA's Division of Education and Research, is heartened by the early response to the report, which has been published in the association's journal, distributed to federal and state public-health agencies, humane societies, and shelters, and posted on the AVMA's Web site. Within the first week, 500 requests for copies poured in.

A gradual change appears to be taking place in American society, boosting legislative and enforcement efforts. Randall Lockwood, a vice president of the Humane Society of the United States, notes that more than a dozen men and women across the country stand charged with murder or manslaughter in connection with fatal dog attacks, including the lawyers who kept the dog that killed Whipple. "This emphasizes that these most serious cases are almost invariably the result of negligent human behavior," says Lockwood, who served on the AVMA's task force and also worked on the study of fatal maulings.

Lockwood sees some encouraging signs. When a pit bull tore off a child's ear not long ago in Washington, D.C., he expected headlines calling for a ban on the breed. Instead a news story focused on an increase in the animal-control budget. "That's exactly what's needed," says Lockwood. "I think the message is finally beginning to sink in."

At the same time, no one should lose sight of the impact our individual actions can have when it comes to the making of dangerous dogs. "Dogs instinctively want to please," Gilchrist says. "The important thing is to get people on track to set them up for success."

AVOIDING BITES

Most of the time dogs bring joy into our lives. Millions are reliable family members we trust to romp with the children or enjoy a game of fetch in the backyard. So it may come as a surprise to many animal aficianados that 50 percent of all dogs will have "some kind of aggressive encounter with a human in their lifetime," according to Kelley Bollen, an animal-behavior consultant for the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The best approach, for dog lovers and others, includes a portion of care and a portion of understanding.

"If we don't educate people on how to read dogs and how to behave around dogs," says Bollen, "there will continue to be bites."

Signs of canine aggression include:

- standing very still, almost frozen (this indicates the dog is angry or scared);
- staring directly at you (this is a threat; avoid direct eye contact with such a dog);
- raised hair on the back of the dog's neck;
- ears flattened to the dog's head or an erect, forward-pointing posture;

- a tail held high in the air, either very still or stiffly wagging, or tucked between the legs;
- showing teeth, growling, or barking directly at you.

If a dog starts to attack you:

- never run, stand still. If knocked over, lie still;
- protect your face and stomach with your hands and arms;
- do not scream, though you can yell "help" if you think someone is close enough to hear you;
- if possible, give the dog a piece of clothing or another item to bite onto, and slowly walk backward to get to a safe place.

Owners need to take signs of aggression very seriously. "When a dog learns that biting works to remove a source of fear or anger, he is more likely to use this strategy again in the future. If your dog has bitten, seek professional help," advises Bollen.

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STATEMENT BY MIA NITCHUM; VP CENTRAL PARK PAWS

Good Morning/Afternoon,

My name is Mia Nitchun and I am the vice president of Central Park PAWS, the voice of the estimated 10,000 dog owners who use Central Park on a daily basis. I am here on behalf of PAWS president Susan Buckley (who is unavoidably out of town), the PAWS Steering Committee, and all of those dog owners.

Central Park PAWS founded in 1999 by Susan Buckley along with Douglas Blonsky, now president of the Central Park Conservancy. Today PAWS is an advisory group to the Conservancy and is run by a steering committee made up of dog owners and Conservancy staff. As in Prospect Park, the relationship between dog owners and park management in Central Park is one of shared goals and collaboration. Both work to protect the park for *everyone*'s enjoyment—non-dog owners and dog owners alike.

For the past 20 years Central Park has had a three-tiered system concerning the leashing of dogs in the park. In certain areas such as Sheep Meadow and the Great Lawn, no dogs are allowed at any time. In areas such as the woodlands and the ballfields, dogs must be on leash at all times. In the rest of the park, dogs are allowed off-leash between 9 pm and 9 am during the times that the park is open and provided that the dogs are under their owners' control. In a park where both landmark status and geography make dog runs logistically impractical, this policy has worked extremely well. In the words of Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, who described the 9 to 9 off-leash hours in a recent letter to Susan Buckley [quote] "Central Park is a great example of this policy's success." "Indeed," he continued, "our 'courtesy hours' have encouraged people to take advantage of Central Park during those hours when it is more lightly used, and as a result, the park is safer because of the presence of a positive user group."

This "positive user group"—the 10,000 dog owners in the park—form communities that play a vitally important role in thousands of urban lives. Knowing how important the park is to their health and sanity, the dog owners overall are a successfully self-regulating

group. Through our quarterly newsletter, our active website, and our well-attended events, PAWS constantly reinforces the importance of responsible dog ownership and behavior as well as stewardship of the park. Our recent MY DOG LOVES CENTRAL PARK COUNTRY FAIR was attended by upwards of 8,000 people who took part in a celebration of dog life in the park that was focused on responsible dog ownership.

The situation in Central Park today is a far cry from the old days when there was a state of "war" between park management and the dog owners who surreptitiously used the park. There were people who misbehaved then, and unfortunately, there are a few who misbehave now. As with any regulation, there will always be some people who misbehave no matter what the law says. But these are the small exception. The off-leash hours have been a tremendous success in Central Park. Because of the off-leash courtesy hours, a vibrant and self-regulating community of dog owners exists on a daily basis.

To rescind off-leash privileges would remove that self-regulating and responsible community of dog owners. It would remove the very dog owners who care about the parks and who care about the behavior of their dogs in relation to other people and to the parks themselves.

Central Park PAWS applauds the Parks Department and the Board of Health for the features in the proposed amendment that strengthen responsible dog ownership through licensing and vaccination. On behalf of the many thousands of responsible dog owners in Central Park, PAWS strongly supports the Parks Departments proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the New York City Health Code.

FELLOWSHIP FOR THE INTERESTS OF DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS

Speech before the Board of Health, November 1, 2006
in favor of the proposed amendment to Section 161.05

Good afternoon. My name is Mary McInerney; I am a homeowner in Brooklyn. I am President of FIDO in Prospect Park, a dog oriented community organization, Vice President of the New York Council of Dog Owner Groups, and Vice-Chair of the Prospect Park Alliance Community Committee, an organization that unites the Park's various user groups in improving and preserving Prospect Park.

I am here today to speak to the issue of the proposed amendment to Section 161.05 of the Health Department Code.

I am very much in favor of the proposed amendment for a number of reasons, including the positive effect the presence of dog owners has on the overall security and safety of the Park. If we were not able to bring our dogs to the park for this brief period of recreation, there would be substantially fewer people in the park at these off-peak hours keeping an eye out.

Our presence in the Park during the off-peak hours and in certain less-traveled places acts as a dis-incentive to certain undesirable elements who may otherwise find these times and places attractive. This is not to imply that we act as, or want to act as, an auxiliary police force within the Park, simply that, as in other urban situations, more good people around mean fewer bad people around.

Maybe it's as simple as reporting vandalism, as when the dog people helped Park Enforcement stop teenagers from wrecking a streambed with their dirt bikes, or nudged Park Operations to fence off a dangerous hole on the Nethermead Arches Bridge.

And it's not just here that this happens- for instance, the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, added an offleash area to their park to help reduce vandalism in their brand-new skateboard park. They found the additional presence of adults and dogs worked to keep the kids in line and was much cheaper than building a fence around the skateboard area or installing video surveillance.

Sometimes there's a side-benefit: for instance, in Prospect Park the Park Administrator granted additional, limited offleash hours in the Nethermead, a seriously underutilized

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section of the park. The reason for the lack of use is that, on most approaches to the area, people have to walk thru very narrow forested trails or thru a deep and rather dark ravine.

The Administrator reasoned, correctly, that increased dog owner traffic along these routes would encourage more of the general park population to venture into the remote meadow. There are now more people getting more exercise and enjoying more of the park than before.

On occasion, we are able to take an active role: This past summer, there was a nasty runner knocking down women as he jogged past- the first report came from a dog owner; I was able to spread the word thru the Community Committee, and as the Track Club and the Bicycle Clubs posted the information to their lists, several more reports came in, along with a partial description. While the police were not able to make an arrest, the incidents stopped abruptly, quite probably due to the publicity. Or, as in an incident a few years back when, walking with my dogs in the park in the early morning hours, I heard a woman scream, and saw two young men run past me down the path. I was later able to identify one of the men in a lineup, and he was convicted. The woman was not able to make a positive identification as her glasses had been knocked off and broken in the attack. Other dog owners responded to her cries and helped her find her glasses and put pressure on her head wound until help arrived.

Sometimes, we are the only witnesses to tragedy, as in two winters back when a young man fell through the ice in Prospect Park Lake and died- the only ones who saw him, who tried to warn him, the only ones there to call the police, and guide the divers to try and save him- were the dog owners, out in the meadow, in the cold.

No one else appears to have seen him; without the dog people there, his body would not have been recovered and returned to his family perhaps for months.

Again, I am not saying that the dog people are the be-all and end-all of park security; we have the 78th Precinct for that, and God bless them, they are great- but it's just that we add, and in no small measure, to the overall safety of the park. The park Administrator has credited the dog people as a large factor in helping turn the Park around in the dangerous days of the 1980's, and we continue to do so today.

We are not asking for much, really, just a couple of hours out of the day, on a few acres within the park, to relax, get some fresh air and exercise with our dogs and our fellow dog owners.

Thank you.

Mary McInerney

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STATEMENT BY RISSA PECKAR: MARINE PARK DOGS

10/30/2006

LONG-STANDING TRADITION UPHELD: This past summer, the Marine Park Civic Assoc. along with Community Bd. 18 voted to support our off-leash hours and rescinded their support for a dog run because of our 30- year history of practicing responsible off-leashing. Because the participating dog owners are keenly aware of their responsibility to their dogs and to the community in which they themselves live, there has been no need for intervention. Responsible off-leashing means that we make sure our dogs are healthy enough to be in a group, are non-aggressive, do not bother others in the Park, and we clean up after them. It means that we only allow our dogs off-leash in designated areas and designated times.

DOG RUN VS. OFF-LEASH: Those of us who enjoy the off-leash courtesy in MP felt very badly about the dog run being voted down. We had hoped we could have both an enclosed run AND off-leash hours since MP is approx. 800 acres and encompasses many neighborhoods. In an area this large, having only one place for dogs to socialize is very inadequate, especially for our elderly population and those without cars who find it difficult to travel more than a few blocks. We wanted to emulate Riverside Park where they have an enclosed and an open area for dogs. I understand that this has worked well for their community. Since MP was not allowed this privilege, and since the proposed sites of this dog run were much too small, for the dogs to receive adequate exercise, we, unfortunately, had no choice but to be in disagreement at odds with our neighbors. over this issue.

WE SELF-REGULATE: This means that on the rare occasions when we see a potentially aggressive dog, we either suggest to the owner that the dog see a professional trainer or we let owners know they are not welcome. The opponents of off-leashing are not the only ones who care about safety issues. We have the health and safety of all animals and city residents foremost in mind. We encourage neutering and spaying to help keep the canine population down as well as keeping our dogs healthier

and less apt to stray. We fully understand the importance of obedience and social skills in dogs. Off-leashing provides the opportunity to perfect these skills.

WE MONITOR THE WHEREABOUTS OF EACH OTHERS' DOGS: Any dog that appears to want to run on the pathways is quickly stopped by its owner or another dog owner. We fully respect the rights of others who wish to ride their bikes, jog, or walk, and who don't want a dog in their way.

WE LEAVE THE PARK CLEANER THAN WE FIND IT: Weekend mornings in the summer is when we find left-over food, glass and other refuse from sports teams and others. This is a health hazard for people AND dogs. We take our handy doggie and clean up this garbage to avoid our dogs eating or stepping on something that will make them sick or injure them. When 9 AM strikes, the teams start their day on a clean lawn often due to our civic efforts.

GOOD CITIZENS & OFF-HOUR PROTECTION: We are at the park during off hours and have been an asset to joggers and many elderly people who frequent the Park at these times. We offer safety in numbers, and have even called 911 for health emergencies.

A KINDER, GENTLER, HEALTHIER, & SAFER NYC: To ban off-leashing after so many years of success doesn't appear logical on any level. Facts regarding health and safety for both humans and dogs do not support arguments to keep their dogs chained at all times! Will dogs act out sometimes? Of course. But we don't ban football, roller skating, or cars because of occasional accidents. Life Happens

Will off-leashing save the world? Of course not. But every small joy adds to the City's spirit and reputation of wanting to foster community-minded people and their animals. This spirit would be irreparably damaged should off-leashing be banned.

STATEMENT OF DR. TRUDY S. KAWAMI; PRES. SUNSET PARK DOG OWNERS GROUP & AKC JUDGE

BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEARING
November 1, 2006

My name is Dr. Trudy S. Kawami (Ph.D.) I live in Brooklyn; I am an American Kennel Club judge for field & den trials, and I teach dog training at the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club. I am president of Sunset Park Dog Owners Group (SP-DOG).

Unlike some neighborhoods, Sunset Park is not fashionable or even hip. It is a dense mix of working people from many countries where you can hear Fujianese, Spanish or Polish on the street as frequently as English. One factor that unites us is our dogs. This common interest, centered on our local park, Sunset Park, has enabled us to cooperate in park clean-up days, post clean-up-after-your-dog signs in English & Spanish, keep the wire baskets we have fashioned full of plastic bags for pick-up, and hand out flyers in English & Spanish explaining the importance of vaccinations, licenses, and spaying & neutering.

We are also working on ways to lessen the limited instances of dogs fighting with each other, and the rare occurrence of off-leash dogs venturing into non-designated areas. Both are areas of public health concern. To prevent the Parks Dept from supporting our efforts to make our neighborhood a safer and more caring place I believe is contrary to the mission of the Health Dept.

Your modification of the leash regulations will have a direct effect on the well-being of the people of Sunset Park. It will make clear the social contract that having companion animals in the city implies. It will give dog owner groups the heft to self-regulate, an action that is essential to neighborhood cohesion. It will allow elderly dog owners to have a focus for their outings and increased social interaction. As our population ages, we realize that it is important to facilitate every activity that enhances outdoor exercise and social stimulation. Allowing the Parks Dept. to designate specific offleash areas at specific times will also give us all a salt-free area to use in the winter when the corrosive salt that eats at our boots burns the dogs feet. My neighbors who live in apartments should not be denied a salt-free area because they cannot afford to buy a house.

It is illogical to discontinue a 20-yr old practice that has accompanied a stunning drop in dog bites city-wide. It is also illogical to think that the Parks Dept. would want to put us in danger by its policies. Sunset Park Dog Owners Group strongly urges you to amend your current regulations to allow the Parks Department to specify certain areas at certain times for human/canine offleash recreation.

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RE: Proposed Amendment to 161.05 of the Health Code

My name is Virginia Hofffmann. I am a Certified Pet Dog Trainer, certified by the Certification Council for Pet Dog Trainers (www.ccpdt.org.), a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant and member of The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (www.iaabc.org), an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator (www.akc.org), a Professional Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (www.apdt.com) and have served as a licensed pet therapy team evaluator for the Delta Society (www.deltasociety.org). I have been involved with dogs for more than 30 years and working professionally with people and their dogs in New York City for 11 years. I have been a dog owner and off leash user of Central Park for 14 years.

I am in favor of the DOPR requested amendment to §161.05 of the Health Code to provide explicit authorization for the DOPR "off the leash" policy in the areas and facilities within DOPR's jurisdiction.

I am strongly in favor of off leash hours for dogs.

I am also in favor of responsible dog ownership and the safety and education of the community as it relates to the behavior of people and their dogs. I am an educator of people and their dogs. My job is about keeping people and dogs safe and compatible. I believe we are throwing the baby out with the bath water. Rather than approaching this hysterically and emotionally the facts need to be assessed. We need to consider that education is the solution to this conflict regarding dogs recreating off leash in the parks. The dog owners and the general public would benefit from education regarding dog safety both on and off leash and understanding of the statistics with regard to same.

It is my belief that this proposed amendment would facilitate improved responsibility, safety and education and thereby reduce the number of potential incidents of dog bites in our community.

I do not consider it acceptable for a dog to harass or bite a person or another dog. Nor is it acceptable for a person to be hit by a car, rollerblader, skateboarder, softball, soccer ball, running child, etc. I ask, however, because all of these things can and do occur should we ban all of them from our city parks? Should our parks be places that we admire passively from afar, from a bench or a sidewalk? Should the actions of an irresponsible few be the determining factor for removing the opportunities of the responsible majority?

Those who are not responsible will not be hindered by the law and they are all that will be left in the parks.

Let us consider the statistics. Dog bite incidents in the city parks represent slightly more than 2% of dog bites in New York City. I would urge the decision makers to avail themselves of a copy of the book *Dogs Bite: But Balloons and Slippers Are More Dangerous* by Janis Bradley so that statistics can be put into perspective. For example, according to statistics gathered by Ms. Bradley a person is 5xs more likely to be killed by a bolt of lightening than by a dog. It would also be of benefit, I believe, for all involved to better understand something of dog/human behavior. *The Other End of The Leash* by Patricia McConnell is an easy read on the topic.

If the issue here, according to the opponents of off leash hours, is public safety perhaps we need to provide opportunities for education on dog bite safety. It is not, unfortunately, a priority in this country. However, when there is a media report of a dog attack it is a momentary, monumental outrage but still there are very few dog safety programs in schools or communities. According to an interview with Ken Phillips, the foremost dog bite attorney, most dog bite victims are children, because, he says, there is a lack of education on dog safety by parents and schools. He also states that there are 5 factors that contribute to dog bites: 1) Training, 2) Socialization, 3) Health of the dog, 4) Behavior of victim that prompts the bite, and 5) Breed and owner behavior in relation to understanding that breed.

Owning a dog requires responsibility and part of that responsibility is to become educated about dog behavior, training and appropriate conduct in public places. Allowing a dog off leash doubles that responsibility. My experience as a dog owner, trainer and behavior consultant is that the majority of the owners and dogs enjoying off leash exercise with their dogs are responsible. Those that are not need education and accountability. By defining off leash activity within the parks an opportunity for education and accountability will grow.

For the past 15+ years we dog owners and dog professionals have been grateful for the off leash "courtesy" hours. However, being a courtesy and not under the law, responsible owners were reluctant to report those exhibiting inappropriate human and dog behavior for fear of losing that courtesy by calling attention to observed irresponsibility, and law enforcement, uncertain of their role during courtesy hours, often not involved.

With the proposed amendment many of those issues should resolve. The dog owning community would be more willing to police themselves and law enforcement available to support safety and education for all.

There is a serious oversight with regard to public education of dog bite safety in our communities across the country. Perhaps a change in our community could set a precedent for increased safety in living with dogs everywhere. We have strong community based organizations of dog owners such as Central Park Paws, a liaison to the Central Park Conservancy and many others throughout the city umbrellaed under NYC Dog. For the past 15+ years these organizations' energies and resources have needed to focus on maintaining and promoting basic quality of life issues for dog owners and dogs in our city. If the amendment to the leash law is passed the energies of these strong, devoted, responsible organizations could be freed of their current burden and be able to use their resources to promote community based activities and educational opportunities for public safety and awareness as it relates

to dogs. I see boundless educational opportunities if dog owners and the DOPR could work together rather than continue to walk the tenuous tightrope that has previously existed.

Dogs are here to stay. In fact the relationship between dogs and mankind has existed for more than 10,000 years. If dogs were as dangerous as opponents of the off leash hours would have us believe, that relationship would have ended a very long time ago.

Let us look at that relationship over these last 10-14000 years. Dogs serve mankind daily. In prehistory, as hunting assistants and sanitation workers. Today they are saving lives, guiding and aiding the handicapped, are prescribed by health professionals for emotional support, work in hospitals, nursing homes and other care facilities as therapy dogs to bring joy to the people there, they help children with difficulties improve their reading skills in the R.E.A.D. programs, and served as search and rescue workers and emotional comfort in the aftermath of 911. Most of these dogs are people's pets who in addition to their duties provide companionship and unconditional love to their guardians. Research has shown that petting an animal can reduce blood pressure and other ills. There are of course the health benefits of exercise as well.

These are just some of the things we ask our dogs to do for us and the community in which we live. They ask very little in return. To have their basic needs met: to be sheltered, fed, and just to be allowed to be dogs for a small part of the day.
What does it mean to allow a dog to be a dog? Not much really. Allow him or her to exercise freely, smell the ground, feel the grass under foot and socialize with their own kind in a natural way (not tied to a person with a cord or forevermore crowded together in overcrowded fenced areas).

Even when just being dogs they benefit man. They delight onlookers as well as their owners with the free abandon of their frolicking, their presence helps keep us safe in the dark of night or early hours of the morning, they improve our health as we walk briskly or run to keep pace with them for an oh so short hour or so.

Off leash activity benefits the human as well. The owners benefit greatly from the exercise as they move their dogs through the park, walking miles more than they ever would otherwise. Look at a dog run – the people are sitting on benches! The people benefit from the social interaction with others. Dog people talk to each other, strangers talk to people with dogs. It is a social phenomenon. People benefit from the contact with the animal. I've seen those not accompanied by dogs linger and smile as they watch dogs play and run in the early morning hours on their way to work. Moms with strollers cheer a crying child by pointing and saying, "Look at the doggies." I see seniors and handicapped owners walking briskly in the early morning hours rather than sitting home alone. Research shows that petting an animal reduces blood pressure, owning a dog reduces cardiovascular problems, emotional imbalance and a number of other ills. This is a health benefit. People spend money on their dogs. This is an economic benefit. A well-trained and well-exercised dog is a good neighbor. These dogs aren't nuisance barkers or destructive. These dogs aren't relinquished for behavior problems into the city's already overburdened shelter system.

In the scheme of the long dog-human relationship leashes are a relatively new invention. They are most certainly necessary and appropriate in many situations.

They are, however, unnatural. A dog's natural movement is primarily sprinting and trotting they rarely walk in a slow plodding fashion. Can a dog receive maximum exercise, reach maximum training and socialization potential on a leash alone? I believe NOT. All dogs from tiny 4lbers to majestic 120lbers, purebreds and mixed breeds need this opportunity. The vast majority of people whose dogs exercise off leash lead their dogs well, teach their dogs and socialize their dogs. These are the dogs that fill dog events and pass canine good citizen tests. These are the behaviorally healthy dogs. Exercise, training and socialization produces a behaviorally healthy dog who lives peaceably in society. The benefits to people and dogs of recreating off leash far outweigh the detriments.

As a trainer, I encourage owners of suitable dogs to train them to a level to be able to exercise off leash. The clients who want to exercise their dogs off leash are more motivated to train their dogs. These dogs train faster, to a higher level and at a younger age than those whose owners do not strive for this goal.

Is every dog capable of recreating off leash? NO. Should that prevent those, in the majority, that are from being able to enjoy the opportunity? Should their owners, who have worked diligently to raise and train a social, well-behaved dog from meeting the needs of that dog? I think not.

There are dogs of all ages, sizes, and types that can and should be off leash and those that should not. The majority of owners know their dogs and act accordingly. There is a minority that do not. With a defined law regarding off leash access to the parks education and enforcement for those who need it will be more readily available and there are training and behavior elements that can be defined and evaluated accordingly. Eg.

Should	Should not
Reliable voice control	Unreliable voice control
Socialized	defense or offense aggression
Comfortable with all people and dogs	High predatory drive toward other animals
Mannerly in interactions with both	Prone to chase fast moving objects

Where will the thousands of owners and dogs who use the off leash hours in the parks go? Dog runs are already over-crowed, there is not enough open space in New York City to accommodate more appropriately sized runs. Dog runs are not the best option for many dogs but because all dogs need exercise, the off leash hours are restrictive for some owners' schedules and not all dogs are appropriate for unfenced areas dog runs are a necessity and we are grateful for them. As a trainer I do recommend dogs runs for young dogs still in training. However, they are not a realistic solution for exercising all of our dogs.

In my work I do everything from train young puppies to behavioral help for last chance aggression cases. Socialization and exercise are 2 crucial factors for a behaviorally healthy dog. Many dogs with problems are under-exercised and under-socialized to people and other dogs. There are other factors involved but these are important ones.

Despite media headlines, dogs rarely bite without provocation. The majority of dogs are not looking to attack people or other dogs. Biting is a last resort even for those who are abnormally reactive. They would prefer to remove themselves than fight or bite. Circumstances often prevent this first line of action. In relation to this leashes and dog park fences prevent desired escape behavior, leashes and fences define territory and resources, which causes defensive biting. Most dogs just want to stay safe. My experience in my business is that the majority of the dogs I see for aggression problems with people or other dogs demonstrate this aggressive behavior on leash, often in small tight spaces or in the home. Dogs generally do much better off leash as there is room to move, undefined space results in less guarding or territorial behavior. Resources are plentiful.
A major cause of dog bites is a lack of education regarding dog safety. In my daily personal and professional experience it seems that the vast majority of New Yorkers LOVE dogs and sometimes too much. They are unknowingly inappropriate in their interactions with dogs. For example, most people are not educated in the appropriate way to greet a dog and, as such, many dogs are "attacked" daily by people. They are touched without introduction, approached and reached for from behind, pursued when they demur from interaction. Strange human faces coo in their faces, puppies are picked up without permission by total strangers. Dog owners don't consult each other before allowing leashed dogs to greet. These are the instances when most bites are likely to occur. All of these things occur most often when the dog is leashed. It happens in the elevator, the lobby, city street, etc. Looking at the statistics and the ratio of dog bites to dog population it is remarkable the tolerance of the canine species. That's why the relationship has lasted for thousands of years.

Dog owners are being put in a position of *us* against *them* while the real issue is how can we, as a community, better the experience of the parks for all involved. To incorporate the proposed amendment for off leash use into the current law makes the most sense for the safety of all. I am a dog owner and a professional making my living working with dogs all day, yet I do not want myself or my dog, my clients or their dogs threatened or injured due to irresponsibility anymore than those who oppose the amendment do. But an all the time leash law will not keep us safer. Education will keep us safer.

> Educated people won't get bitten
> Educated dogs won't bite.
> Educated owners of potentially dangerous dogs won't be in public with their dogs off leash.

There is irresponsible behavior on bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, behind the wheel of a car, by people who disregard the designated areas for playing sports. These people should be guided by law enforcement. The alternative would be to ban all of these activities from the parks to prevent the occasional infraction or injury a few individuals may cause. I urge those in the decision making process to consider that an unacceptable solution.

In closing, I speak as a dog owner of a healthy 14yr old 40lb mutt who still runs in the park. She is agile and mentally alert. She has never hurt a person or a dog. I would like to share with those who have never experienced the joy of hiking with a companion animal that no matter what side of the bed you get up on or how bad your day after a hike in the park with a free moving dog, experiencing nature with a

creature of nature, you leave the park a healthier, kinder person. To quote a client who has a lovely, sweet, well mannered dog: "I can' t imagine not being able to do this everyday."

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views and share my experiences and information about dogs and their behavior.

Sincerely,

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STATEMENT BY MS. TINE JARDINE, MEMBER OF PUBLIC

November 1, 2006

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Ref: Public Hearing to Amend Article 161 of the New York Health Code

Honorable Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and be heard before you in reference to article 161 of the New York City Health Code.

My name is Tine Jardine and I am a Manhattan resident for 21 years, nearly as many years as the off-leash privilege in New York City's public parks has existed. I am also an animal lover and a dog owner, and I was very distressed, and more importantly truly surprised to learn that the reason for this hearing is not a widespread problem with dog owners and their dogs in all the parks, but a local dispute which occurred in one, only one, of the City's many public parks.

Having perused through the history of the years of this wonderful privilege's existence, I did not find any alarming or disturbing reasons that dogs should not be allowed off owner supervised leash from 9pm until closing of the parks and from 6am, when the parks open until 9am.

I found no indication that statistics show that the number of dog bites by dogs off leash has increased in recent years in the parks during the few allocated hours for dogs to be off leash. Quite contrary, more dog bites seem to occur when dogs are leashed or are in the home. Thus, in my opinion this should not be listed as a reason to revoke the off-leash privilege.

Furthermore, I did not see an increase in the number of rabies cases, which I found to be logical as the risk of contracting and spreading rabies is minimal since all New York City dogs must be licensed showing proof of regular and up-to-date vaccinations.

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Another point; keeping the parks clean, lush, beautiful and welcoming is being respected by the large majority of park visitors, including dog owners, who supervise and pick up after their dogs. As we obviously should. No one appreciates stepping in dog poop, not dog owners and not the parks' other daily visitors. As a matter of fact, I find it curious to witness that the daily littering by people by far surpasses the littering of dogs, on or off leash.

This leads me to another very important point. By having granted the dog owners of New York City this wonderful and important off leash privilege for almost twenty years, you show the residents of New York that you give great consideration to both two and four legged residents. It shows that you wish to promote and contribute to a controlled, safe, healthy and harmonious environment placing emphasis on the great diversity of this city's residents thus creating one of the most glorious places I know of.

In closing; admittedly, everyone complains about paying taxes. I do too, except for the tax I pay renewing my yearly licenses for my two dogs, because I know that this money promotes health, a controlled environment with less aggression and allows for me and all other New York City dog owners to enjoy their dogs to the fullest having them run and play off leash a few hours every day.

So I want to make sure that the Board knows how grateful I am, and that I and other resident dog owners respect the limits set for our off-leash privilege. I love our parks; I want to see them clean and filled with happy, content two and four-legged residents into the far future.

Therefore, I urge the Board; do not let a small, unrepresentative group from just one city park destroy an established and useful policy for the whole city. Please adopt the proposed amendments to Article 161, and strengthen the successful off-leash privilege.

Thank you all, members of the Board, for listening to me.

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STATEMENT BY KATY STEWART; DOG TRAINER

November 1, 2006

Good afternoon Honorable Members of the Board.

My name is Katy Stewart. I'm a dog trainer and mother of two sons.
I own a miniature poodle named All Bets Are Off, C.G.C. The CGC after her name means that she has passed the American Kennel Club test for Canine Good Citizen.

I'm not used to public speaking. I'm very uncomfortable speaking here today. But keeping off leash privileges for Bets is important to me. Very important.

I'm basing my remarks today on 3 years of my personal experiences in the southern part of Central Park.

I'm in the park almost every morning for an hour or two before 9:00 o'clock.

There are plenty of days I'd like to sleep later. There are rainy days and cold days when the idea of taking a walk is unpleasant to me. I'm out there anyway. I'm out there because off-leash time is so valuable.

This is a picture of Bets. You can see how hard it is raining. Look at her tail. It's up. She is a happy dog.
I must say, I didn't look nearly as chipper that day.

Here's Bets in the snow and on a nice fall day.

Dogs expend a lot of energy when they play. A brisk walk on leash does not give a dog anywhere near the amount of exercise playing with other dogs or chasing a ball gives...no comparison.

Regarding Children and Tourists

Mention has been made here today of off-leash dogs and children.
In southern Central Park before 9:00A I don't see many children.

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Most of the few children I see are accompanying their parent(s) while walking the family dog.

A small number of children are tourists with their tourist parents

I haven't seen a single case of an off-leash dog bothering a child.

By the way, tourists seem to enjoy watching the dogs run and play. They frequently comment on "such well-behaved dogs." I've taught Bets some tricks, so she often puts on a little show, doing our little bit towards making NYC and entertaining place for tourists.

Moving on to Dog Bites

You've heard from other speakers, so I won't repeat what they have said.

But, I'm not minimizing the emotional and physical pain of the people who were bitten. Being assaulted by a dog is awful. Being assaulted by another human is awful, too.

EVERY dog bite is regrettable. By the same token, every case of food poisoning is regrettable; every death from tuberculosis is regrettable. The list goes on. We do not live in a perfect world.

Sanitation

Is unusual for an off-leash owner **not** to pick up his or her dog's poop.
There is distinct social pressure to clean up after your dog.

Also, we don't litter and we certainly don't break glass.

A bit of perspective is needed in a discussion of sanitation.
Central Park has a problem with human feces. People who poop in the park don't seem to clean up after themselves. Dog poop is disgusting, but human poop is much, much more disgusting.

As to health hazards, let's give a moment's thought to pigeons.

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Mental Health of People

As you are the Board of Health AND Mental Hygiene, I'd like to address issues of people's mental health.

Off leash time is a social time for people. Conversations are not limited to dog topics, they run the gamut: prenatal care and baby names, USA war policy, hip replacement, glaucoma (human and canine), movies, etc.

In this great big city, off-leash time gives owners a chance to develop a sense of community.

On a different note, there are numerous studies showing the benefits pets offer people, lower blood pressure, easing of depression, etc. Look at the success of therapy dogs. Dogs offer a lot of benefits to people. If humans want to use the benefits of dogs, we should address the needs of dogs as well.

Denying dogs off-leash time is highly unlikely to diminish any health problems. But it would severely punish dogs and people who have done no harm.
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Over the years the 9-9 off leash policy has proved to be successful.

Keep it going.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Benefits of Off-Leash Socialization for Dogs

Hello. My name is Frank Cahill and I'm a certified professional dog trainer and the President of the Freedom Run Dog Owners Association of Northeast Queens. I'm here to talk about the positive aspects of off-leash socialization for dogs.

Dogs are very much like people in that they benefit from socializing with their peers. By interacting and exercising in a friendly environment, without physical restrictions, they are able to learn that other dogs are not threats. This leads to an increase in confidence and a decrease in anxiety, which could be manifested by aggression or biting from fear. Most dogs require plenty of exercise. Off-leash exercise and socialization allows dogs to release the energy built up inside, resulting in calm and satisfied dogs. Dog owners here would understand exactly what I'm saying as I'm sure that you've noticed the positive changes in your dogs' behavior after a forty five minute off-leash session with your dogs at the parks.

As dogs are pack animals, off-leash socialization allows them to determine exactly where they fit in the pack. This is very important in building confidence and eliminating fear and anxiety built from confusion. In other words, the dog becomes well adjusted. Dogs regularly exposed to a safe, off-leash environment are friendly, non-threatening and well behaved. They are a joy to their families and the entire community.

This is a quote from the ASPCA web page:

"Dogs need to be stimulated, both mentally and physically. Most breeds of dogs were developed to perform specific jobs for people, such as guarding, herding and hunting - work that demands great physical stamina and intense mental concentration. Without a job to do every day our companion canines can become bored at the very least. In general, a stimulated dog is a better-behaved dog. If the dog is physically spent, he is much less likely to engage in a variety of problem behaviors. If the dog is trained to come when called, it's ideal if you can exercise him off-leash in a safe area. Strenuous aerobic exercise is best, such as off-leash running/play with other dogs."

Now I would like to talk about the negative effects resulting from the lack of off-leash exercise and socialization. Dogs that are always confined to the end of a leash and not exercised in a social environment are typically more threatening to people and other dogs. As they have not received the benefits of off-leash socialization, these dogs are likely to become more protective and territorial. Animal behaviorists define this condition as "leash aggression" or "frustrative aggression". Leash Aggression manifests itself in the dog growling or barking at strangers or other dogs when approached. This happens because the dog is both confused and anxious and it perceives the other dog or person to be a threat so it feels it must protect itself and its' owner. If the dog was properly socialized, this would not happen.

Responsible dog ownership requires a balance of both on-leash and off-leash exercise.

On-leash exercise creates a bond between the owner and his or her canine companion. By heeling, (walking at the side and not pulling), along with performing other commands the dog is reminded of the rules of proper behavior. This adds structure to their lives and shows them how to please their owners.

Off-leash exercise allows them to get the exercise they need, burn off energy and socialize with the pack.

Responsible dog owners (more than one million in New York City) rely on the off-leash privileges provided by the Parks Department. It has made our parks safer by attracting many responsible local citizens and their dogs during these early and late hours.

As a professional trainer, I have seen many dogs that have benefited enormously because of the Parks Department courtesy hours off-leash policy. I have seen puppies learn to run and play with other dogs of all ages and become accepted into the pack. As a result and without exception, these dogs have grown into well balanced, confident and extremely friendly dogs.

Thank you for your time.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF QUEENS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE JUNIPER PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Petitioner, -against- THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ADRIAN BENEPE, COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, AND THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, Respondents.	:	**Index No.: 7888/06** **AFFIDAVIT OF DAISY L. OKAS IN SUPPORT OF NYCDOG'S CROSS-MOTION TO INTERVENE**

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

DAISY L. OKAS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Assistant Vice President of Communications for the American Kennel Club ("AKC").

2. The AKC has been based in New York City since shortly after its founding in 1884.

3. The AKC operates the world's largest registry of purebred dogs and is the nation's leading not-for-profit organization devoted to the study, breeding, exhibiting and advancement of purebred dogs.

4. Among its missions, the AKC advocates good canine health, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and is a proponent of responsible dog ownership. The AKC

recognizes the special obligation of dog owners, not only to their pets but also to their neighbors and communities.

5. Despite the numerous obstacles that the New York City environment presents for dogs owners, dogs remain extremely popular in this City – a testament to the comfort and companionship that they provide. Access to areas where dogs can exercise is essential to the quality of life for many New Yorkers, and in exchange for this privilege we urge all dog owners to uphold their commitment to their pets and their communities by behaving responsibly.

6. The AKC opposes the lawsuit filed by the Juniper Park Civic Association against the New York City Parks Department to force the elimination of off-leash rights for dog owners in City Parks. While the AKC generally supports all leash laws, New York City presents a unique challenge to dog owners, as few residents have yards or access to other outside spaces where their dogs may exercise. City officials have long recognized this by permitting restricted off-leash hours. This arrangement reflects a fair compromise between various parties using the parks and enables responsible dog ownership by providing an outlet for dogs to have exercise sufficient to meet the needs of their breed characteristics and individual nature. If the City is forced to renege on this arrangement, one that has proven successful for twenty years, thousands of dog owners would be forced to choose between moving out of the City, giving up their dog or depriving their pet of adequate exercise. Other potential fallout from this action includes more unwanted dogs in city shelters.

7. New York City's current off-leash rights should remain in effect City-wide, while leaving the City free to adopt rules specific to Juniper Valley Park within the City's discretion.

DAISY LUKAS

Sworn before me this
17 day of August, 2006.

Notary Public

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TESTIMONY FROM NYC BAR ASSOCIATION

NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE HEARING:

NOVEMBER 1, 2006

My name is Jane Hoffman, and I am the Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Legal Issues Pertaining to Animals (the Committee). The Committee was the first such bar association committee in the nation. In this statement, I am speaking on behalf of the Association.

The Committee sponsors annual Animals and the Law conferences as well as evening programs that are open to the public on areas of interest such as Humane Education, Pets in Housing, Animal Abuse and the Violence Connection to name a few.

The Committee also publishes brochures regarding animal cruelty, access rights for people with disabilities and their service animals, and caring for your pet during hospitalization and comments on and drafts legislation on the local, state and federal level.

The Committee is very familiar with the language of Health Code Section 161.05 concerning the restraint of animals, and the Parks Department Rule Section 1-04(i), which enables the Parks Commissioner to permit animals off-leash. It is also familiar with Section 533 of the City Charter, which empowers the Parks Commissioner to establish and enforce rules and regulations for the use, government, and protection of public parks.

The Committee supports the Parks Department's policy of permitting off-leash exercise and socialization for dogs in designated parks within the City between the limited hours of 9 PM until parks close, and when they re-open until 9 AM.

By implementing this policy, the Parks Department has demonstrated both understanding and responsiveness to the needs of New York City's more than one million dogs. This is true for both those with homes and without. At the same time, the Parks Department has demonstrated both understanding and responsiveness to the needs of New York City's non-dog owning public, as the off-leash hours are appropriately limited in both duration and location.

Access to areas and times that enable dogs to exercise and socialize off-leash very likely contributes to keeping dogs that already have homes in them and out of the shelters as well as helping with the adoption of dogs that otherwise would remain in shelters, or be euthanized. The policy also promotes responsible dog ownership through the limited duration and designated spaces permitted for it.

The Committee believes that the limited off-leash policy is a reasonable exercise of the Parks Commissioner's authority under the existing regulations, and also is critical to the proper health and social development of dogs.

For these reasons the Committee supports the Health Department's proposed amendments to Health Code Section 161.05, regarding vaccination and licensing, and hopes that that the off-leash policy will be strengthened by these changes.

JANE HOFFMAN, NYC BAR ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT BY BETSY GOLDMAN; FACES

Hi my name is Betsy Goldman and I am a proud member of FACES –Friends of animal care and control of NYC. Since 1995 AC&C has been the organization responsible for New York City's municipal shelter system, rescuing, caring for, and finding loving homes for homeless and abandoned animals in New York City. AC&C facilities operate in all five boroughs, and we maintain 15 vans to pick up lost and abandoned animals throughout the city. Our goal is to make NYC a no kill city.

The only way to do that is to get more people to adopt animals into loving homes. Let's make it easier for people to adopt the animals who were born into this world and need us-humans to care for them.

Dogs need off leash places to romp and play –No one I know can ever run as fast as their dog-some people-the elderly and old people or people w/ physical problems can in no way even walk as fast as their dogs-if there weren't any off leash areas for dogs in city parks-how would these people walk and take proper care of their best friends? How would their dogs get the proper exercise?

The easier we make it for people to take care of their dogs-the more people will adopt dogs –take away the off leash rule-and we are convinced the number of adoptions will go down.

When I moved to NYC four years ago from Atlanta-my dog Mumsley and I sat sadly in a dog run looking at the pebbles on the ground and Mumsley just stared up at me asking "Where's the grass mom??" So I moved to 58th and 6th just so that Mumsley and I could go to Central Park every day before 9am and after 9pm. He's a sweet hound mix who is faster than lightning. We romped and played and made friends with the other dog people. And I could go to work all day knowing Mumsley was relaxed and had worked off any of his aggression he may have had.

Let me tell you about the dog people at the off leash areas of Central Park-they are successful, kind people who are extremely strict about picking up their dog poop. If someone overlooks their dog pooping-look out-Someone in the group calls out-"Steve! Roscoe left you a surprise to clean up by that tree." And we bring extra dog bags to share if someone runs out. We are proud of our parks- we use them every day we want them to look great and be clean.

At night I never felt scared because other good dog people were there-yes we could be walking thru the neighborhoods with our dogs on leashes-but lets be at the parks at night with our dogs who are well behaved off leash-and we make the parks safer.

Help to keep NYC a humane city-that shows love and respect to the dogs who give back to us so constantly. They ask for so little. A little off leash time during early and late hours-is the least we can do for the dogs.

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STATEMENT BY DeTROY KISTNER; URBAN CANINE CONSERVANCY

October 30, 2006

I am writing this as representative of the Urban Canine Conservancy, a group of approximately 400 responsible Central Park dog owners who depend upon off-leash hours to exercise and enjoy their dogs.

Our dogs do not 'roam' free. They are not far from their owners. Although they are off-leash, rarely is a dog more than 50 feet from its owner. Dog owners that go into parks early in the mornings and late at night in heat and humidity and freezing cold and rain and snow, do so because they love their dogs and recognize an animal's need for exercise, fresh air and a small bit of freedom. They take care to see that their dogs are both safe and close and not disturbing others. Though there are rarely *'others'* to disturb.

We don't have the luxury that National Geographic's 'dog whisper' Cesar Milan does to take out dogs into the hills on hiking trails in mostly fine California weather for off-leash exercise. We only have our city parks and the hours nobody else wants to use them, as dog lovers we are considered second class citizens.

Our interest is our dogs. If our interest were our bats and balls, we might enjoy fine enclosed renovated, grassy safe spaces for our interest: our dogs.

Many of us are raising or have raised children here in the city and have enjoyed the park in that way. For children and dogs, rat-attracting litter and chicken bones and broken glass (those things which people, NOT dogs, leave behind) is terribly unsafe and a real health hazard. Dogs owners never break glass for the dual reason of their dogs' paws and the children and certainly don't throw litter and chicken bones around. We love our park.

We are there every day rain or shine in all seasons. We pick up after our dogs and we are very quick to alert another dog owner should he/she miss anything.

Human feces are a big health problem in the park. Until you have a dog that finds this odious substance, you cannot imagine how prevalent it is! This is FAR more serious a health problem than dog feces.

Olmstead's suggestion of having dogs on 6 foot leashes dated from the 1850's-1870's when there were no rabies vaccines and everyone had 'country fields' in which to take their dogs. The Dakota was **in the country** in those days!

Olmstead himself was a true dog lover and was rarely without his **Newfoundland,** taking off daily with his dog and his gun. Had he ever truly imagined that dogs would not have any place to exercise and be off-leash, and that they would be vaccinated against disease, I am sure he would have made proper arrangements for them in the park.

One cannot help but laugh at people who revere the park and say that people get big

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dogs to make a fashion statement and don't know their own worshipped Frederick Law Olmstead, the landscape architect who designed both Central Park and Prospect Park had a Newfoundland which is one of the biggest dogs there is. And he ALWAYS had Newfies from boyhood on.

Wonder what Olmstead would say to people accusing him of making a 'fashion statement' with his dog?

We hear so much rhetoric about dogs and disease from people who are not well-informed. In fact, according to published findings by Tufts University, there are very, very few zonotic diseases. A zonotic disease is one that can pass from a dog to a human or human to dog. This is why our dogs don't come down with the flu that we get, or colds, fevers or most other things. Nor do we get what they do pretty much other than rabies. And today **almost all dogs are vaccinated for rabies.**

If the Board of Health wishes to strengthen that requirement we are totally in favor of it although we have it so under control that there are now almost no cases from dogs, but only the raccoons and bats, etc.

The UCC has suggested in the past that the dog licenses be checked randomly and often and further that proof of a rabies vaccination must accompany all dog license applications and renewals and must be kept current. We still support that.

As to the 80 something bites in all of city parks, when you consider that that would include some dangerous drug infested neighborhoods and drug dealers with their super aggressive, dangerous dogs, it does fall under the category of "only.."

The more good people you can get to come into the parks, the safer they will be. Anyone who thinks parks are so well patrolled ought to take a walk at night or on a cold day or a rainy day in Central Park or Prospect Park. No dogs, no people. And people are not going to knock themselves out to get to the park if they can't have off-leash. Having dogs and their owners around may be all a person has to protect them or get them help.

In the interest of the vast number of people who enjoy their parks with their dogs, we urge you to continue the off-leash hours of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

As one very nice lady bird-watcher said to me smilingly, as my own dog was happily sniffing the grass and bounding off-leash after his ball: "We all enjoy the park in our different ways, even the dogs. And that is how it should be because there is room for all of us."

Sincerely,
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Animal Friendly NYC

To: Board of Health
Re: Amendment to NYC Leash Law
Date: October 31, 2006

I'd like to thank the Department of Health for holding this hearing.

Animal Friendly NYC is a political action group that works to elect candidates who will work for laws that are good for animals. I'd like to make three quick points.

1. Dog owners in New York City are among the most active and most responsible pet owners, and they've done something remarkable by **creating a new civic amenity in New York City – the dog run.**

There's been a cultural shift in the way our society views animals over the last quarter century. Those of us who have pets – and that's probably half of all households in the city – see them as members of the family, and we treat them accordingly by trying to do what is best for their welfare.

In the last 15 years dog owners have created, out of their own efforts and pockets and against the weight of the city's bureaucracy, dog runs that allow their dogs to have the kind of experience suburban and country dogs have – that is, to run free.

That is a significant achievement.

2. Denying access to off-leash exercise discriminates against people in poor neighborhoods.

The city now has several dozen wonderful dog runs. But they tend to be in areas where dog owners have had the time and money to create them, and not surprisingly, they're mostly in affluent neighborhoods.

If off-leash exercise is ended, those New Yorkers living in areas without dog runs will be denied the use of **our common parks** – to the detriment of their dogs' – and their own – well-being.

3. There's another group of New Yorkers who will lose if off-leash recreation is abolished, and that's **older dog owners who can't make it to a dog run, but are close to a park.**

My 90-year-old friend often let her dog Gigi off the leash in Riverside Park when she walked her in the early morning. Though there's a terrific dog run in the neighborhood, it was too far away and down too many steep steps for my elderly friend to use.

Having a little patch of park to nose around off her leash was crucial for Gigi, especially as a young dog with energy to burn. And the benefits extended to my friend, who says

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that three dog walks a day gave her a physical agility and steadiness that kept her younger than her years. No doubt we all agree that it's in the city's interest to do everything we can to keep our senior citizens healthy. Keeping off-leash hours is a small and simple thing to do.

I commend the Department of Health for taking steps to formalize dog owners' rights to responsibly exercise their dogs off-leash in our common parks. It's good for dogs; it's good for their people.

Catherine Beason
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Animal Friendly NYC has been called a **"potent force throughout the city"** for animals by State Senator Liz Krueger. It has also been ranked as one of the **"top ten things that make New York City great"** for dogs by Urbanhound.com, a widely read online magazine for New Yorkers with dogs.

Founded in 2002, AFNYC has worked in five election cycles and has pushed issues such as housing for New Yorkers with pets onto the public agenda.

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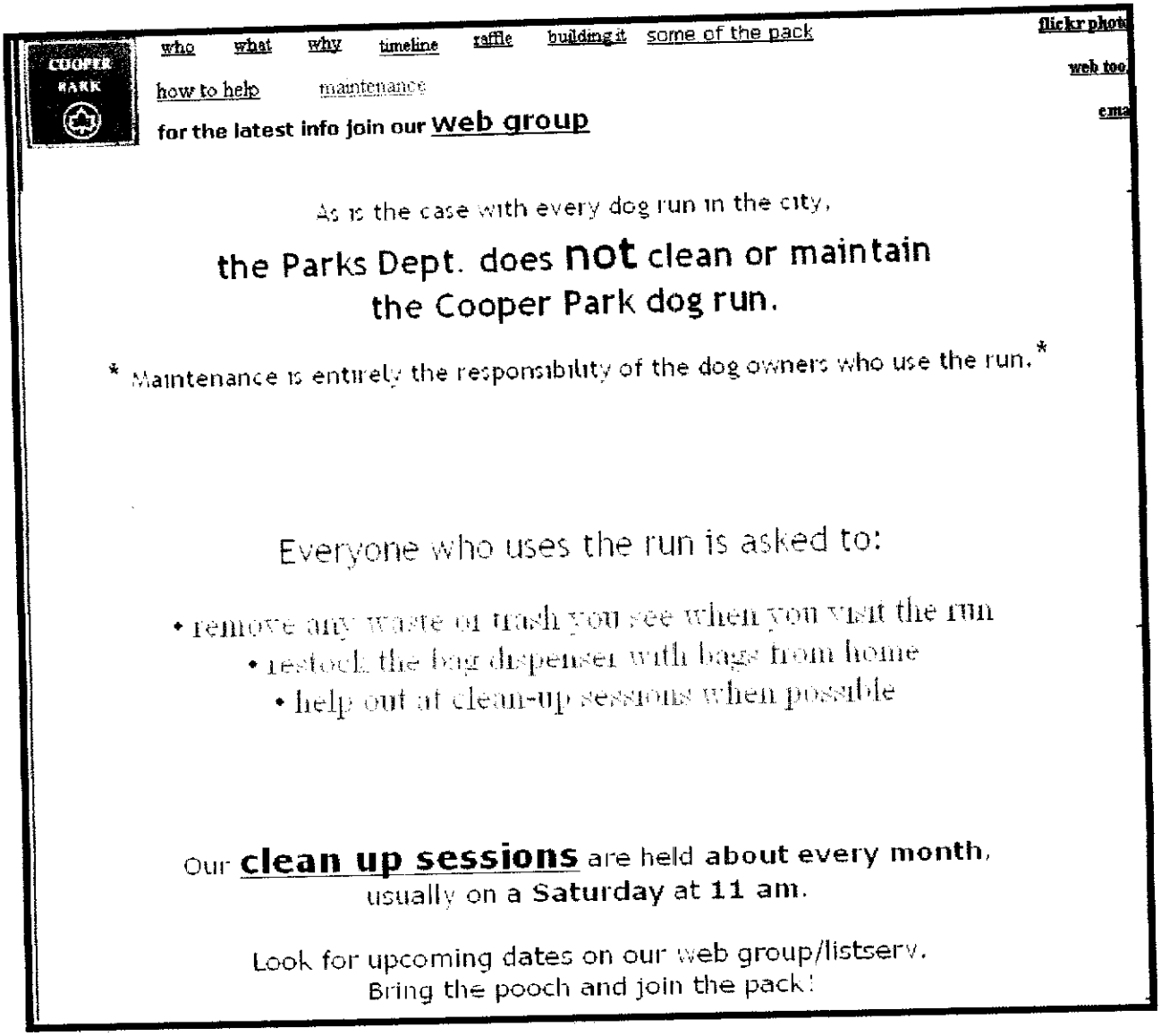

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OUR MISSION

Fort Greene Park Users and Pets Society (PUPS) is a collective group of dog owners who use Fort Greene Park on a regular basis. We are responsible dog owners who believe that in order to enjoy the park's beautiful grounds and many resources, we must clean up after our dogs, keep our dogs under control, and prevent our dogs from harming the park's landscape.

We also believe it is important to have off-leash opportunities for our dogs for exercise and socialization in our urban environment. PUPS will work to preserve courtesy on/off-leash time in Fort Greene Park, and also to have a space in the park dedicated to on-leash recreation. We will abide by the city's leash laws during on-leash hours (currently 9:00 am - 9:00 pm).

We are Fort Greene Park's most regular users. We are in the park 365 days a year, rain or shine, providing a network of eyes and ears, adding to the park's security. We are Fort Greene PUPS.

PUPS SHORT TERM GOALS

>> Continue to be advocates for good dog behavior in Fort Greene Park.

>> Sponsor fun events and get-togethers in the park.

>> Continue to raise funds for maintenance, reliable maintenance, recruit new members.

>> Get members' ideas for events. Keep the website updated and use it as an informational and educational tool for PUPS members and others interested in dogs in our community.

PUPS' LONG-TERM GOALS

>> Work toward having increased courtesy off-leash hours (like Prospect Park).

>> Place a bench to protect trees around popular dog hang out areas. Install benches in the "back meadow" on the Myrtle Avenue side.

>> Consider establishing a "dog meadow" or other off-leash area in the park.

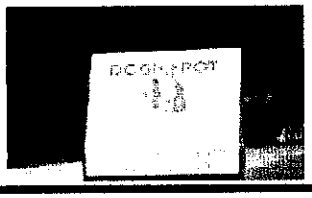
>> Consider establishing a dog memorial garden or tree planting area.

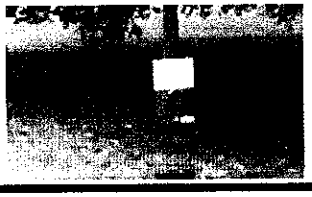
Let's show the community that people and dogs can coexist in Fort Greene Park.

ACCOMPLISHED GOALS...AND COUNTING

>>> Two new poop-bag dispensers have been installed, replete with biodegradable poop bags. One can be found near the dog fountain; look for the other on the Brooklyn Hospital side of the tennis courts.

>>> We have placed 6 trash cans at key spots





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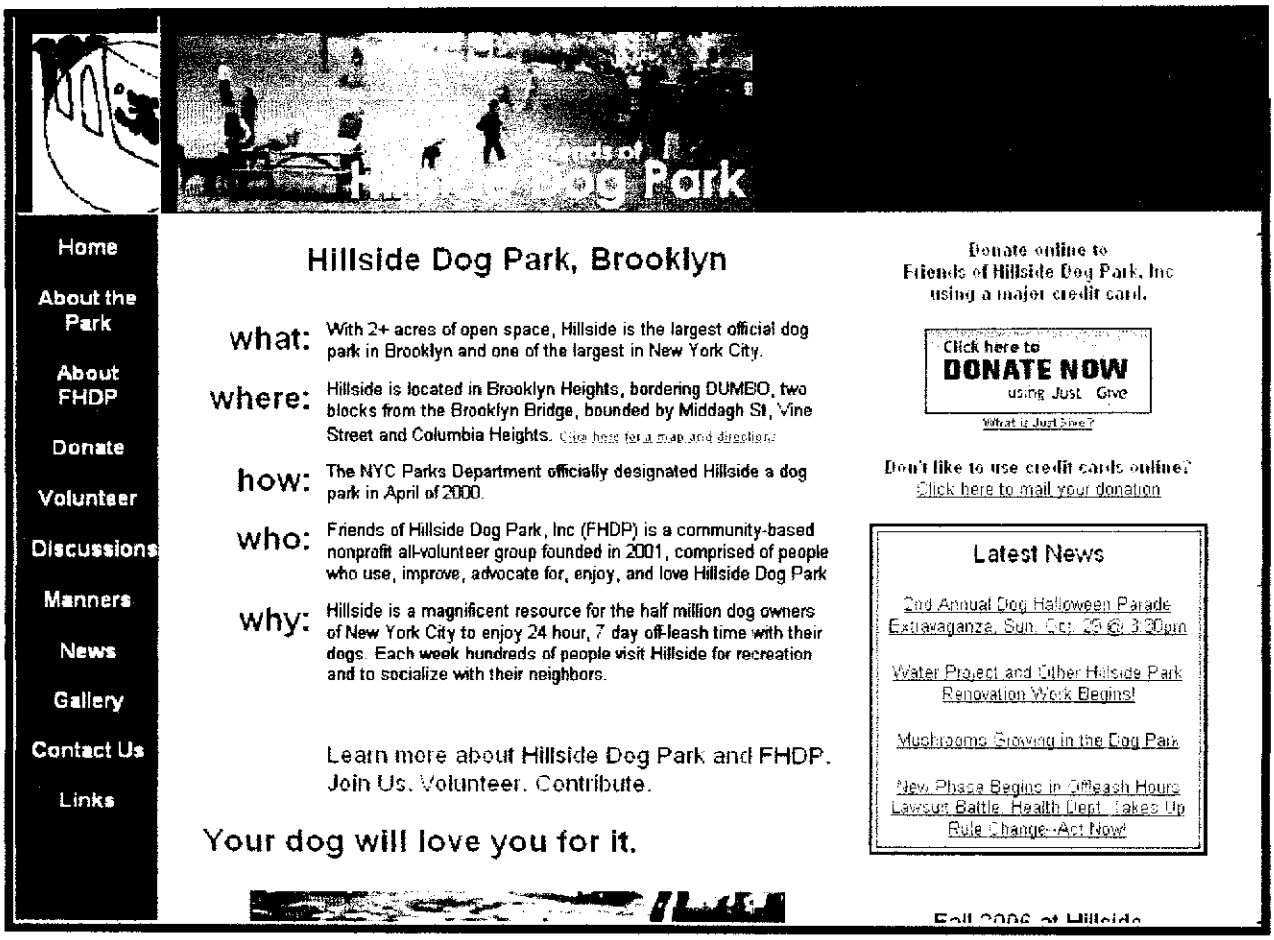

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SUNSET PARK DOG OWNERS GROUP

Our objective is to create a safe area for dog owners to exercise their dogs off-leash, while improving our community by keeping it clean and dog educated.

No Room to Play

There are no legal dog runs in Sunset Park, nor is there an off leash privilege between certain hours of the day. Please be respectful to your neighbors and other park users by keeping your dog on leash at all times. We understand this is a problem for dogs and their owners, and are working hard to change this.

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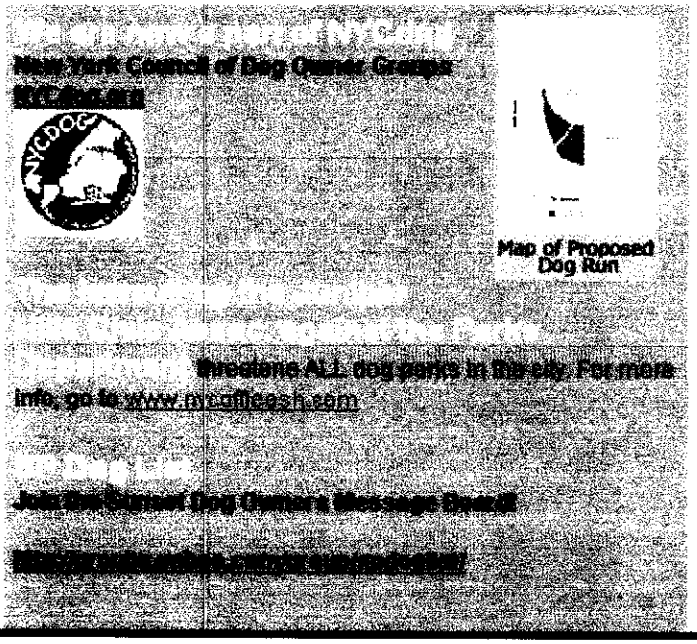

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Battery Park City Dog Association
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Important Canine Flu Information!

CLEAN UP! - Be a good citizen

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October 1, 2006 - Annual Blessing of the Animals. On Sunday, October 1, St. Joseph's Chapel in Battery Park City held its annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. It was a beautiful day and gave us a nice opportunity to welcome the fall season with a show of love and appreciation for our beloved pets. Click here for pictures.

August 19, 2006 - 3rd Place Moved. The temporary (but long-lived) dog run at 3rd Place and Battery Place has moved to Little West Street (on 9A property where a new, permanent dog run is planned to be built in the next two years) - a bit north east of the current dog run.

June 19, 2006 - Gateway residents: Please do not let your dog urinate near the Steamers Landing Restaurant outdoor seating areas. Steamers is a great friend and neighbor to the BPC community.

February 14, 2006 - Angel on a Leash. One of our members, Greer Griffith, was honored at the Westminster Dog Show, for her work in coordinating a wonderful program with therapy dogs, called Angel on a Leash, which is sponsored by the Westminster Kennel Club. Angel on a Leash brings theapy dogs to the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital where the therapy dogs not only visit children at the hospital at their bedside, but they also work in occupational and physical therapy sessions.

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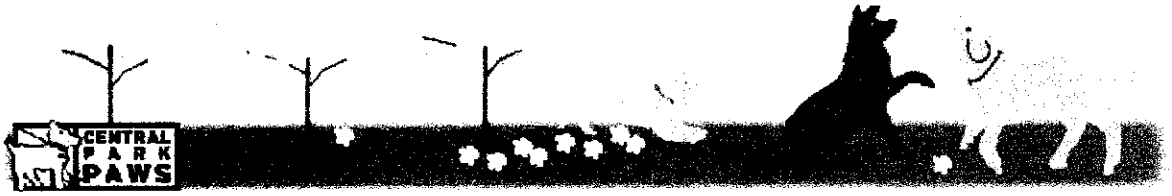

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Central Park is a special dog-friendly place where you and your dog can enjoy beautiful walks, trails and play areas. PAWS represents the dog owners of Central Park. Your participation in PAWS can help ensure that you and your dog will always feel welcome in the park and that Central Park will remain beautiful and green – a place you will be able to enjoy for years to come.

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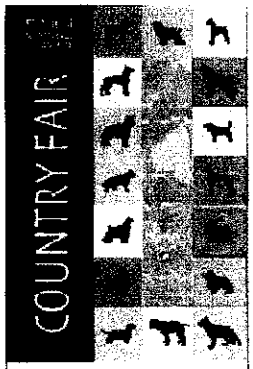

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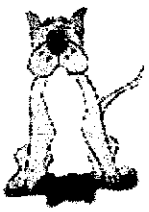

Welcome to the website of the 87th Street Dog Run in New York City's Riverside Park.

We look forward to seeing you in the dog run soon!

Click below for the
Dog Owners Guide to Riverside Park.

LAST TWO WEEKS TO DEFEND OFF-LEASH RIGHTS

A Board of Health hearing November 1 will be key to fighting the ongoing lawsuit threatening to end the 20 year policy of Offleash Courtesy Hours from 9pm-9am in all New York City Parks, including Riverside Park. **We need your help** to persuade the Board of Health to adopt a proposed amendment that will preserve off-leash rights. **Your five minutes today could make the difference** that will allow your dog an hour of off-leash exercise tomorrow.

Email the Board of Health to remind the city of how beneficial the off-leash law has been for 20 years. Sign a petition in support of off-leash rights. If you can, attend the hearing Nov. 1 from 2-4 p.m. or the press conference at Foley square at noon. For more information about the amendment and how to preserve off-leash rights, visit www.nyoffleash.com.

thanks to all!

Many thanks to everyone who helped to re-surface the dog run October 14th

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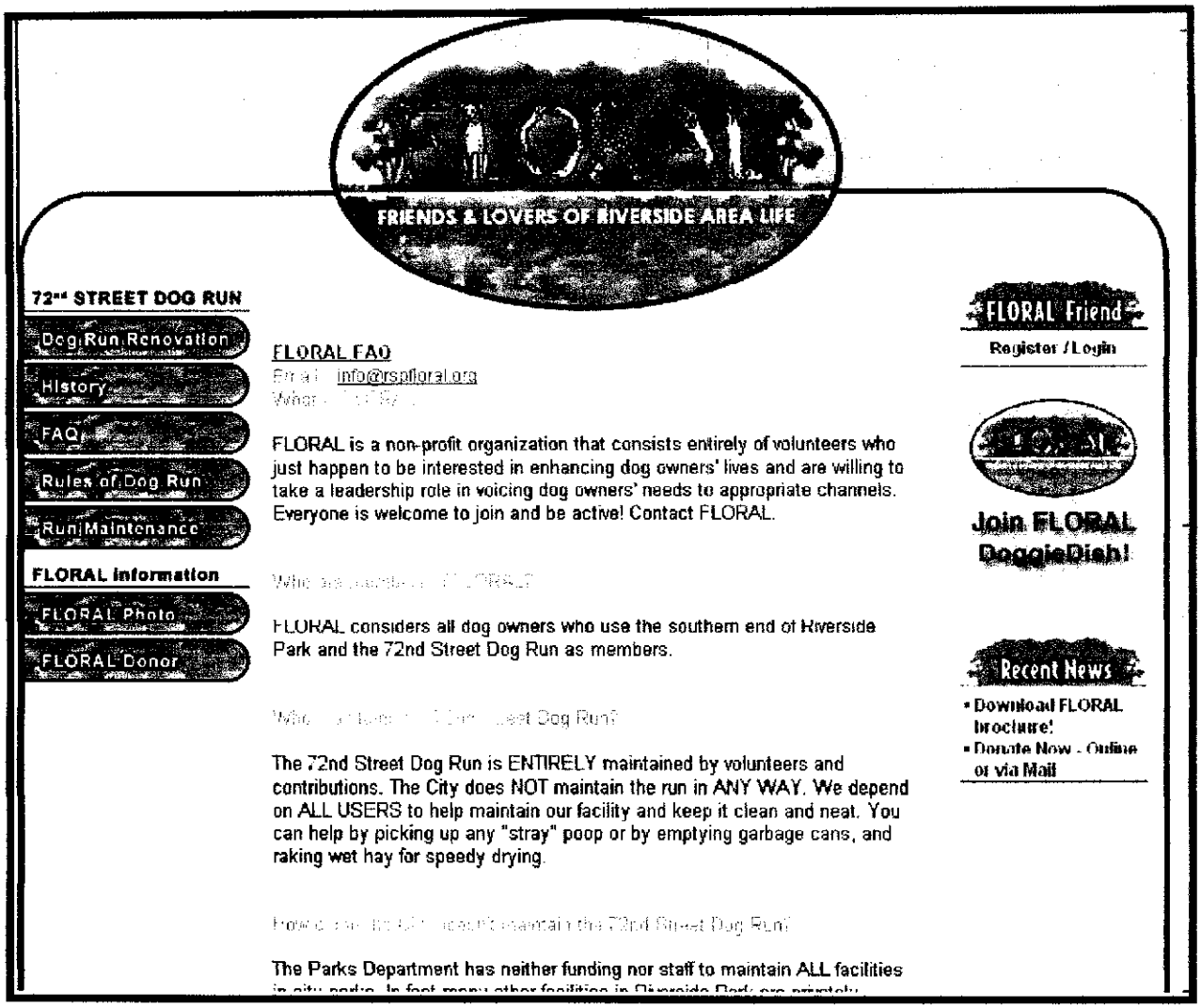

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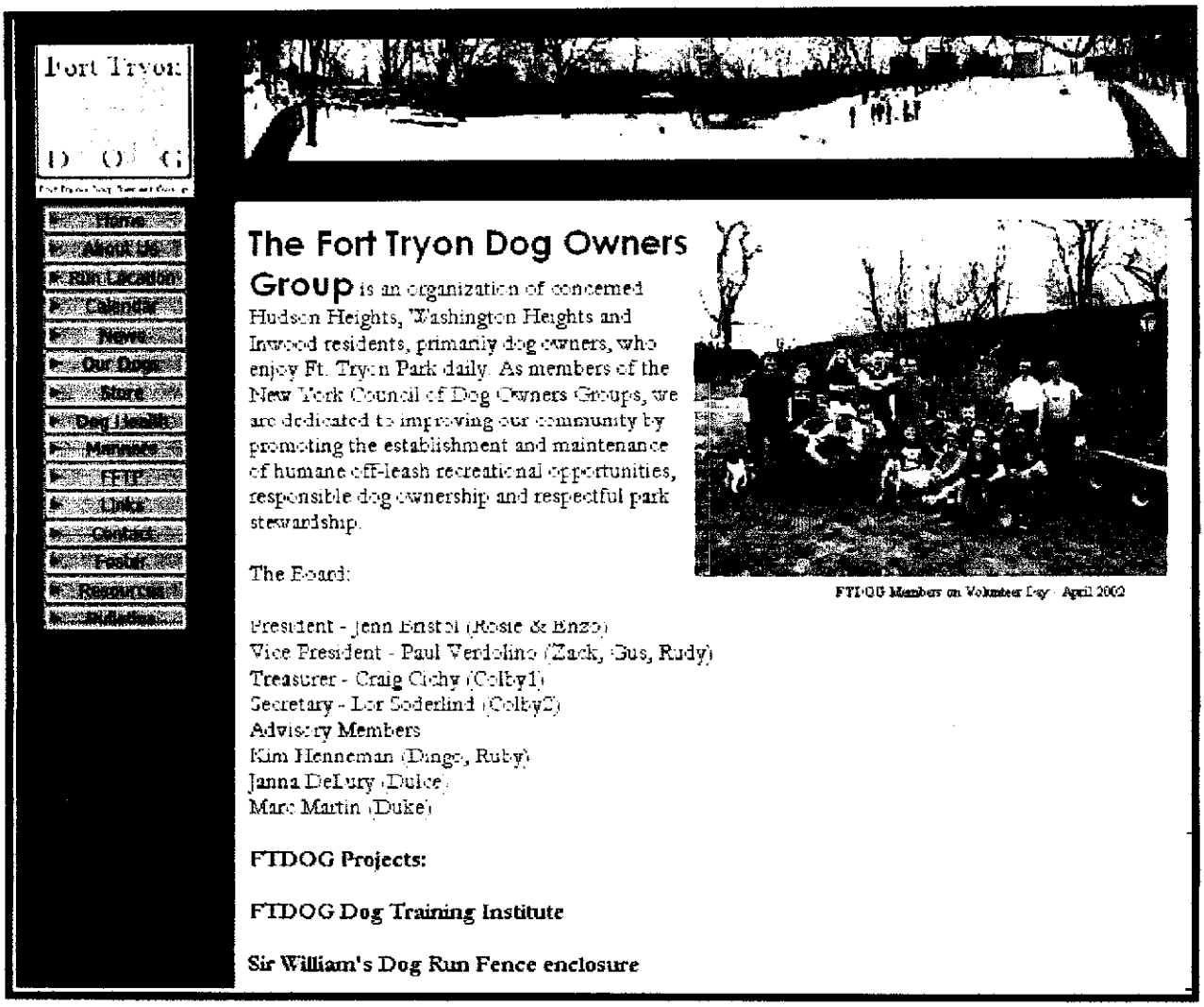

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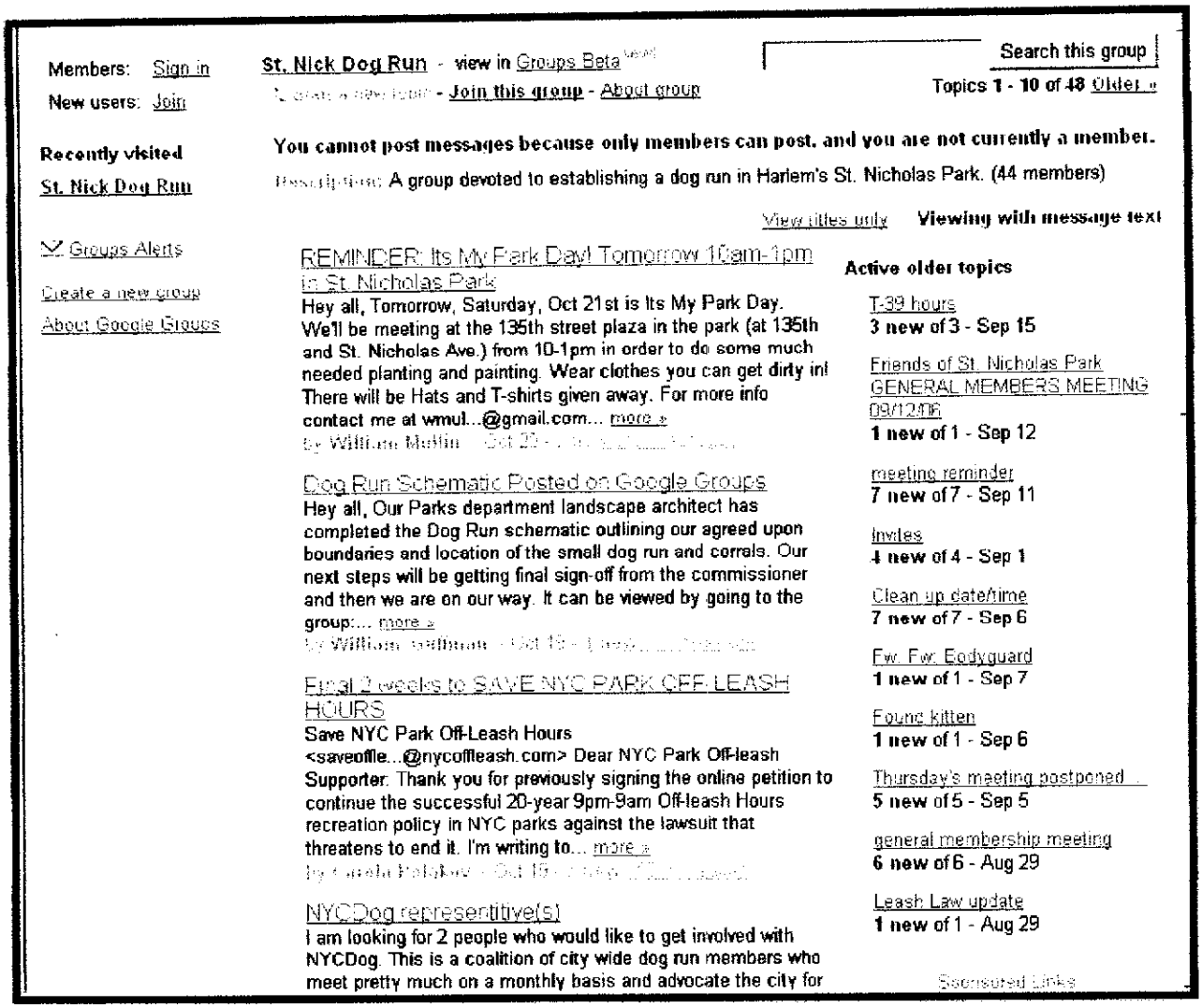

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Description: A group devoted to establishing a dog run in Harlem's St. Nicholas Park. (44 members)

View titles only **Viewing with message text**

REMINDER: Its My Park Day! Tomorrow 10am-1pm in St. Nicholas Park
Hey all, Tomorrow, Saturday, Oct 21st is Its My Park Day. We'll be meeting at the 135th street plaza in the park (at 135th and St. Nicholas Ave.) from 10-1pm in order to do some much needed planting and painting. Wear clothes you can get dirty in! There will be Hats and T-shirts given away. For more info contact me at wmul...@gmail.com... more »
by William Mullin - Oct 20 - [illegible]

Dog Run Schematic Posted on Google Groups
Hey all, Our Parks department landscape architect has completed the Dog Run schematic outlining our agreed upon boundaries and location of the small dog run and corrals. Our next steps will be getting final sign-off from the commissioner and then we are on our way. It can be viewed by going to the group:... more »
by William Mullin - Oct 19 - [illegible]

Final 2 weeks to SAVE NYC PARK OFF-LEASH HOURS
Save NYC Park Off-Leash Hours <saveoffle...@nycoffleash.com> Dear NYC Park Off-leash Supporter: Thank you for previously signing the online petition to continue the successful 20-year 9pm-9am Off-leash Hours recreation policy in NYC parks against the lawsuit that threatens to end it. I'm writing to... more »
by [illegible] - Oct 19 - [illegible]

NYCDog representitive(s)
I am looking for 2 people who would like to get involved with NYCDog. This is a coalition of city wide dog run members who meet pretty much on a monthly basis and advocate the city for

Active older topics

T-39 hours
3 new of 3 - Sep 15

Friends of St. Nicholas Park GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING 09/12/06
1 new of 1 - Sep 12

meeting reminder
7 new of 7 - Sep 11

Invites
4 new of 4 - Sep 1

Clean up date/time
7 new of 7 - Sep 6

Fw: Fw: Bodyguard
1 new of 1 - Sep 7

Found kitten
1 new of 1 - Sep 6

Thursday's meeting postponed
5 new of 5 - Sep 5

general membership meeting
6 new of 6 - Aug 29

Leash Law update
1 new of 1 - Aug 29

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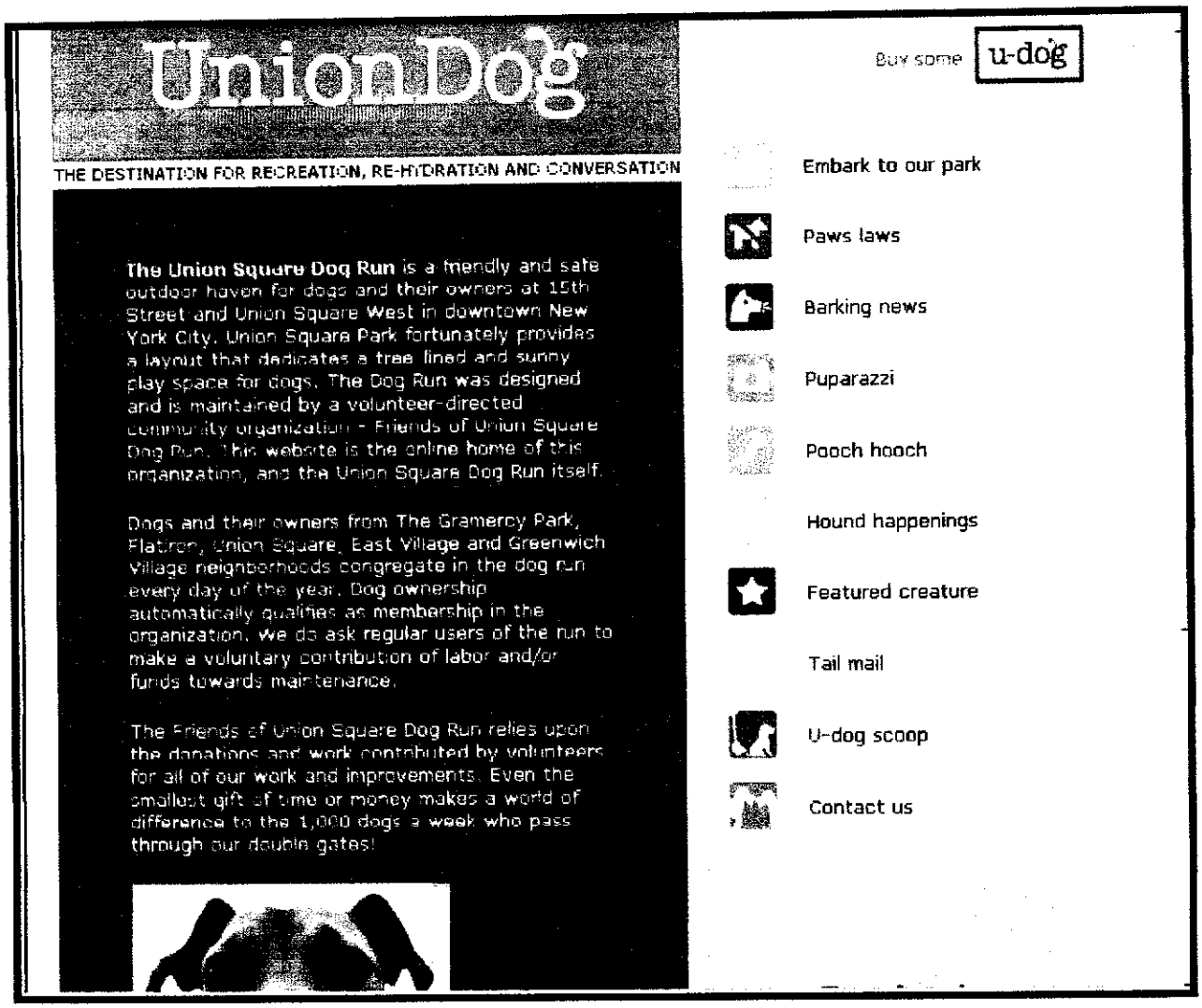

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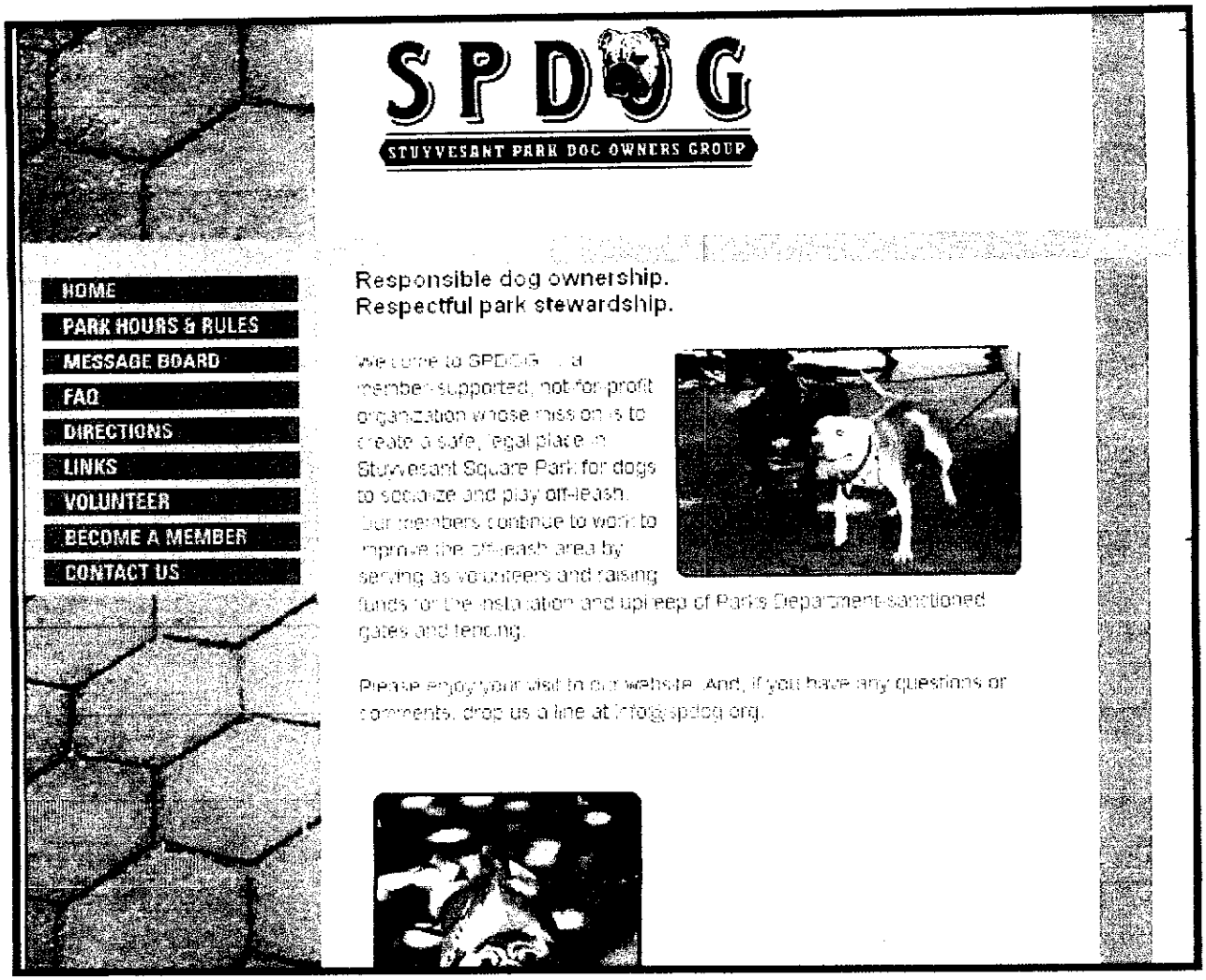

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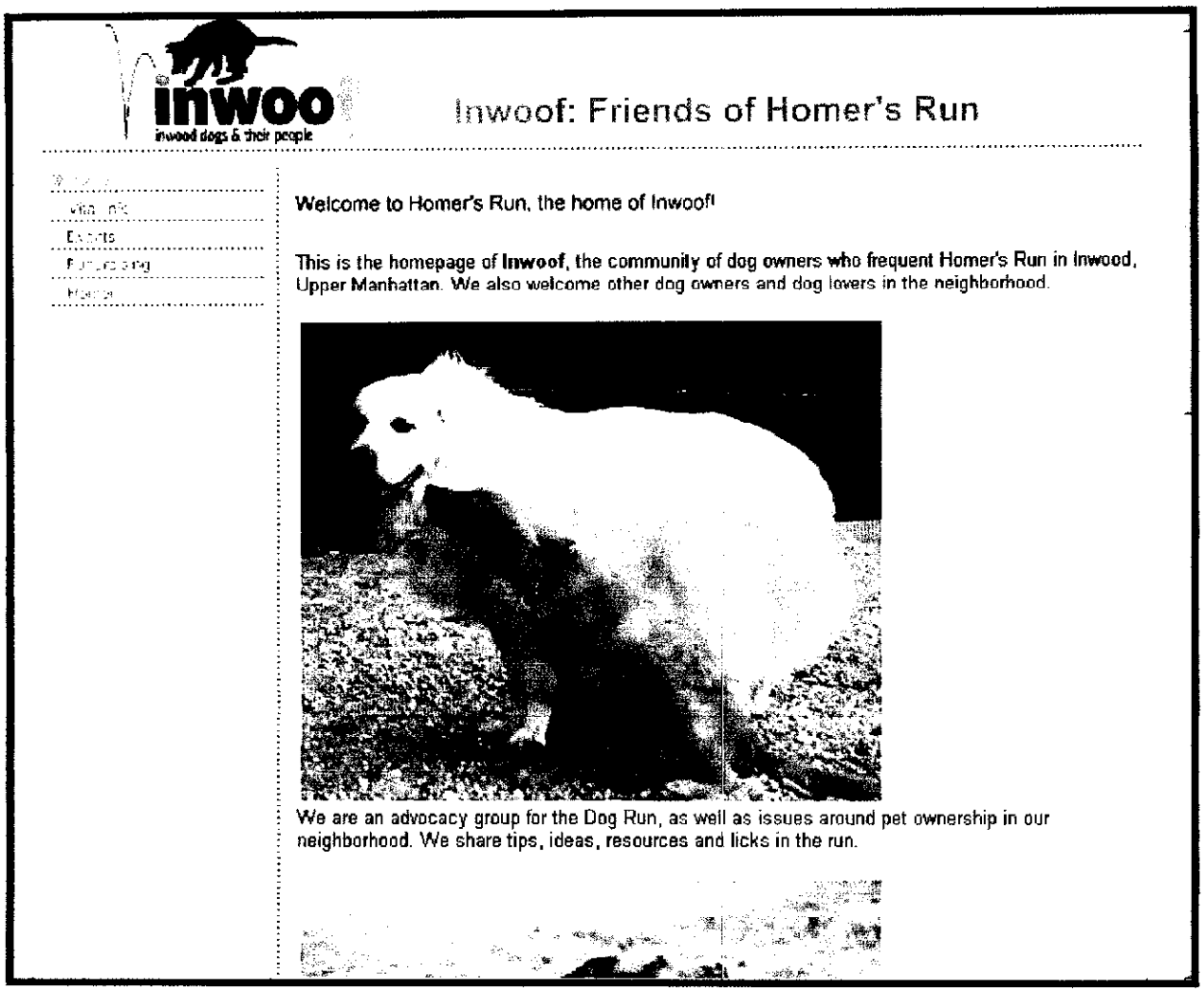

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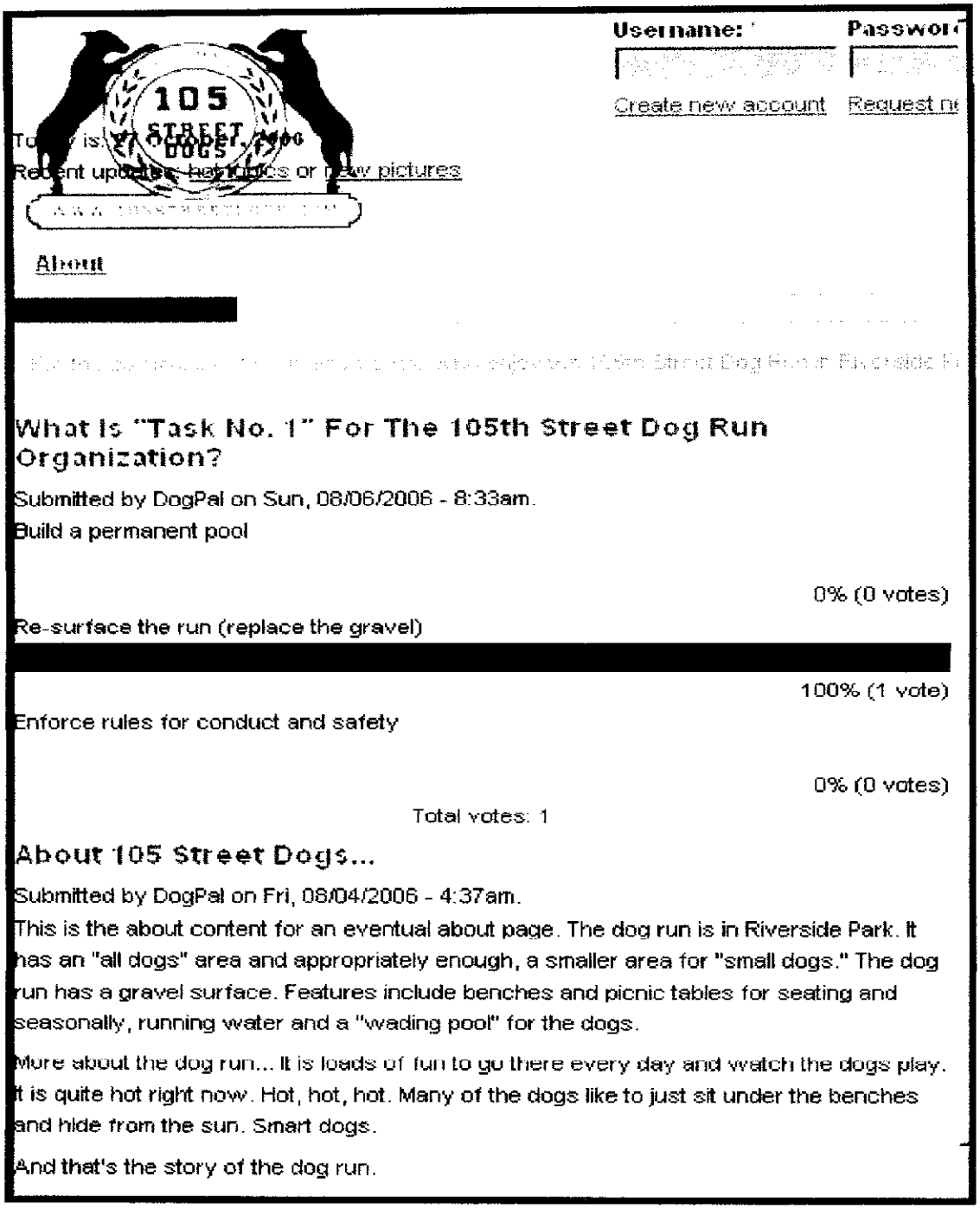

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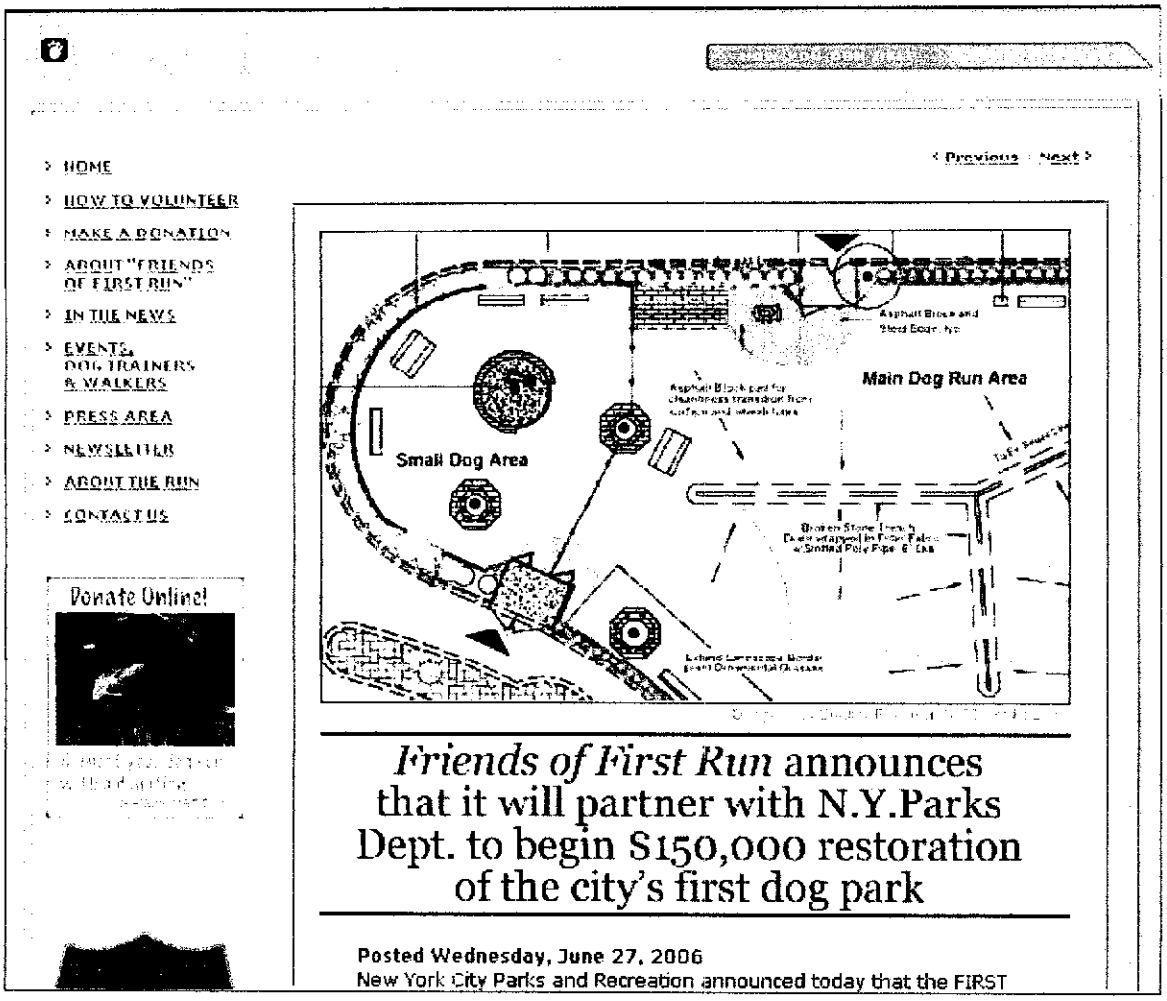

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K-9 KORRAL'S ROUND UP

Exclusive: A new generation comic strip
Created by Bruce Robinson

Located at 35th Street and Park Lane South

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

Keep this bad boy out of the park!!

Pooper Scooper

Welcome Back

How's it hanging everybody? We're back and so are you! It seemed like such a long winter, but at long last Spring is here. And we're ready to start another great year with our dogs and our friends.

We have a few things on our agenda to start the year off which you should be aware of.

Those of you who were members last year and signed our petition to sanitize the soil. Three years have gone by since the [illegible] opened so that's quite a few dogs that have traveled through the gates. That's a lot of defecation that has landed on our soil.

While many of us are diligent in picking up after our dogs, there are an equally large number of people who have not been so diligent. As a consequence, feces do get into the soil and some of it has been infected with parasites that have become one with the soil. These para-

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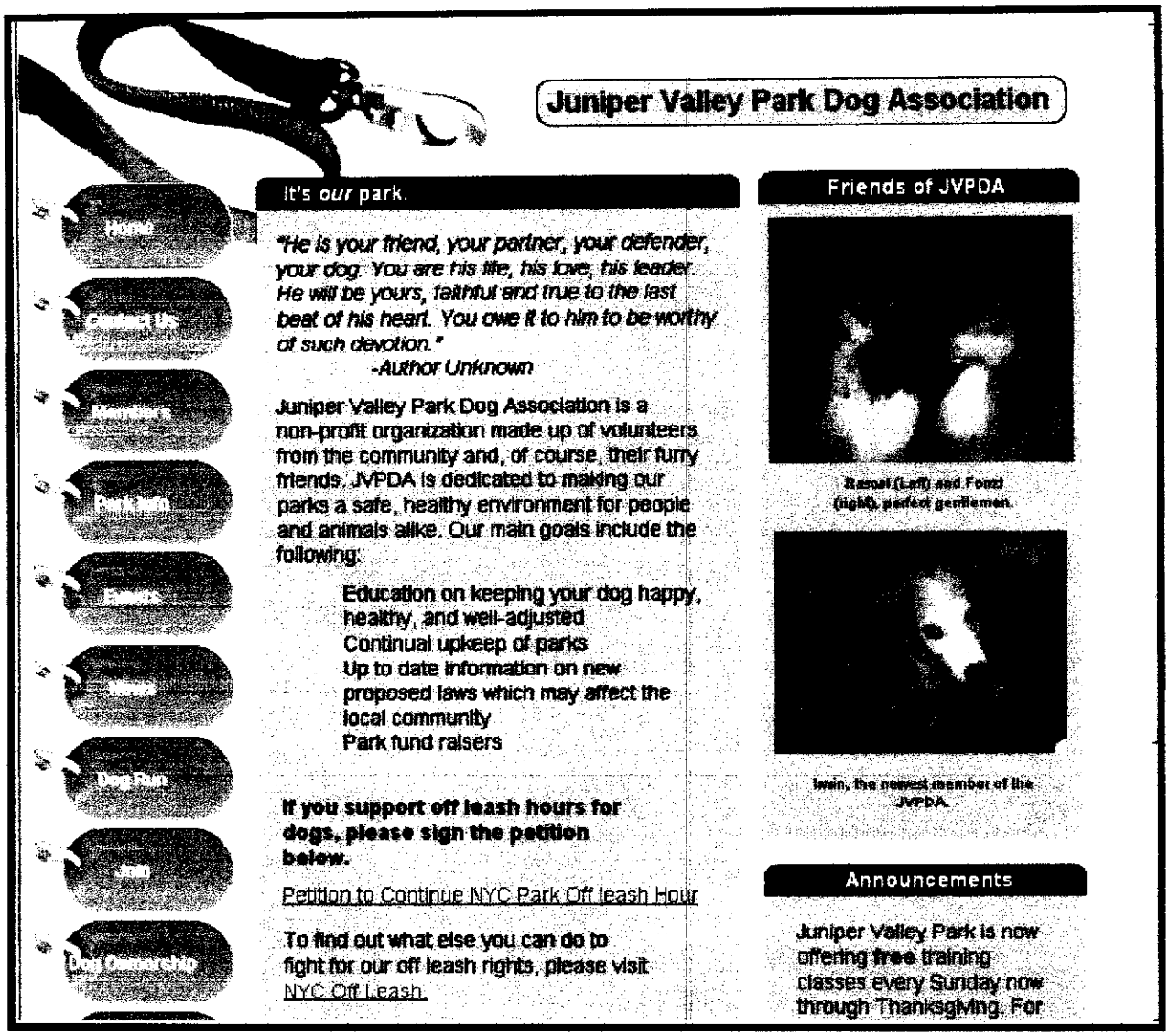

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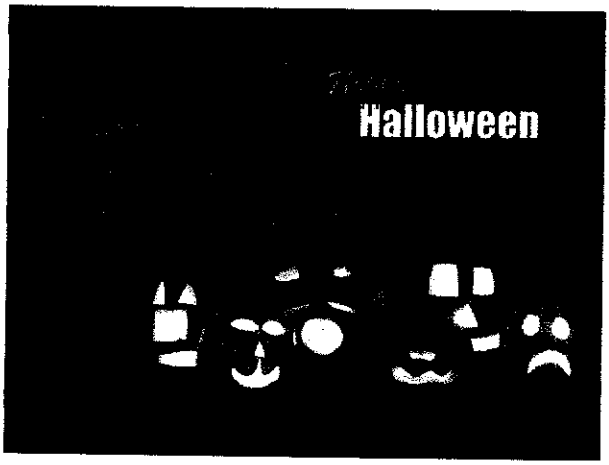
Washington Square Park Large Dog Run



Welcome!

This is the Washington Square Park Large Dog Run site representing New York City's finest dog run. The run is located in Washington Square Park, the heart of Greenwich Village. We use this site to discuss the dog run, fund raising, coordinate clean ups, sometimes even complain about things that bug us or simply talk about our wonderful furry friends.

Please feel free to ask questions, voice your opinions, submit photos, post an interesting link or just say hi! We need you, your help and feedback. Be sure to add this site to your Favorites list so you can check back often!

Photo Contest! Hey folks, we want images from the Halloween party and other moments during the year for our main page. Send the site your images for judging and we will be sure to include credit for the images that are displayed on this page. So, all you dog run lovers fotogs, let's get busy!

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November 1, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Bryant:

In the matter of the proposal to amend Article 161.05 of the health code, the Parks Committee of Manhattan Community Board 6 has submitted a draft resolution to oppose the measure.

This resolution is on the November 8th Full Board agenda. Therefore, we request that the record be held open to November 10, 2006 to allow submission of the Boards resolution if adopted.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Gary Papush
Chair,
Parks, Landmarks& Cultural Affairs

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Testimony of Council Member Gale A. Brewer (CD6 Manhattan: Upper West Side)
New York City Board of Health Public Hearing
Wednesday, November 1, 2006

I thank members of the Board of Health for the opportunity to testify here before you today in support of the proposed changes to Article 161 of the New York City Health Code to authorize the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to adopt rules regarding dogs off-leash in parks. My name is Council Member Gale A. Brewer and I am here to testify on behalf of my constituents in Council District 6, representing the Upper West Side and northern Clinton neighborhoods in Manhattan.

The proposed changes by the Board of Health provide clarification to the City's leash laws to all New Yorkers, on the streets and within the confines of all City Parks and Recreation operated facilities. I have been a long time supporter of Parks' 9pm to 9am off-leash policy. This policy allows owners and their pets to benefit from exercise and socialization during low public usage hours throughout City parks. Data collected by the Parks Department and by the Police Department also suggest that the City's parks are safer due to the presence of dog owners and their dogs during late evening and early morning hours.

I encourage the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Parks and Recreation to jointly promote public awareness of the places and times that dogs are permitted off-leash in parks.

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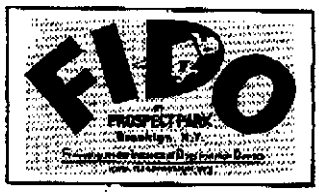

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November 1, 2006

Members of The Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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October 30, 2006

Good afternoon Members of the Board. Thank you for this hearing and the opportunity to speak.

My name is DeTroy Kistner and I am writing this as the President of the Urban Canine Conservancy, a group of approximately 400 responsible Central Park dog owners who depend upon off-leash hours to exercise, train and enjoy their dogs, as well as a professional dog trainer who understands, not just dog behavior, but the highly socialized behavior of New York City dogs.

We, by the way, have the best dogs in the country when it comes to being socialized with other dogs, strange people and loud noises.

Our dogs do not 'roam' free. They are not far from their owners. Although they are off-leash, rarely is a dog more than 50 feet from its owner. Most dogs run and play with each other in a big circle around their owners when off-leash. Others chase their balls or just walk near to their owners for a stroll through the park. They are NOT out 'roaming' around unsupervised.

Dog owners that go into parks early in the mornings and late at night in heat and humidity and freezing cold and rain and snow, do so because they love their dogs and recognize an animal's need for exercise, fresh air and a small bit of freedom. They take care to see that their dogs are both safe and close and not disturbing others. Though there are rarely *'others'* to disturb during off-hours.

We are there every day rain or shine in all seasons. We pick up after our dogs and we are very quick to alert another dog owner should one have missed anything.

We don't have the luxury of taking our dogs into the hills hiking for off-leash exercise. We only have our city parks and the hours almost nobody else wants to use them.

One cannot help but be amused at people who revere the park and say that people get **big dogs** to make a 'fashion statement' and don't know the venerated Fredrick Law Olmstead, the landscape architect who designed both Central Park and Prospect Park,

had a Newfoundland which is one of the biggest dogs there is throughout his life as his breed of choice and close companion. I am sure he would get a chuckle out of that.

Our leash laws date back to when dogs had distemper and rabies and the Dakota was **in the country**!

Olmstead was a true dog lover, walking daily with his dog and his gun. Had he ever truly imagined that city dogs would not have any place to exercise and be off-leash, and that they would be vaccinated against disease, I am sure he would have made proper arrangements for them in the park.

Until 1934 both Central Park and Prospect Park had sheep meadows. Olmstead considered people walking out among the sheep in the meadow to be a healthy and beneficial exposure to diminishing country life, much as early rising NYC tourists come and walk among the off-leash dogs in Central Park with big smiles and tales of the dogs they have waiting for them at home.

In most European countries dogs are permitted in restaurants and shops. If they were a health threat they wouldn't be allowed in Paris's finest restaurants!

The UCC has suggested in the past that the dog licenses be checked randomly and often and further that proof of a rabies vaccination must accompany all dog license applications and renewals and must be kept current. We would applaud the Board of Health strengthening those requirements.

The more dog owners you can get to come into the parks, the safer they will be and stay.

We would urge you to remember the large contribution NYC's dogs make economically, emotionally, and civically.

Dogs bring in **over a billion dollars in income** between food, vet care, training, grooming, toys, etc. into the city's economy.

Dogs serve as 24/7 leaders of our visually impaired. They cheer up our forgotten ill and elderly in hospitals and nursing homes, and we know they reduce stress and lower heart rates for many people...just by patting them.

They do therapy work with children. They guard our ports and airports and provide security to us as a nation.

They find our injured, lost and dead in situations that endanger their own lives, such as 911. They do what we cannot in scent detection and risk their lives doing it. Their reward from their handlers is a soft touch and kind word and getting to dash after their ball.

They are our true loyal companions. Loved like children. They are a calming beacon in a stressful city. They give us their love, their optimism and their joy for the little things in life like running after a tossed ball. They put things in perspective for so many of us.

They ask so little in return.

As one very nice lady bird-watcher said to me smilingly, as my own dog was happily sniffing the grass and bounding off-leash after his ball: "We all enjoy the park in our different ways, even the dogs. And that is how it should be because there is room for all of us."

In the interest of the vast number of people who enjoy their parks with their dogs, we urge you to continue the off-leash hours of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

Sincerely,

DeTroy Kistner

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2. Call 311 to register your opinion. State that you oppose the lawsuit filed by Juniper Park Civic Association against the Parks Department to force the elim of off-leash privileges for dog owners in city parks.

We MUST make our voices heard, so bark loudly....

On behalf of all of our happy, lucky dogs, thanks for your help.

Susan Buckley
President, Central Park PAWS

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NYCdog BACKS HEALTH BOARD'S OFF-LEASH PROPOSALS

STRENGTHENING OFF-LEASH POLICY GOOD FOR CITY

WHAT: **Press Conference to Support Off-Leash Policy – Health Board Meeting to Follow**
WHEN: **Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 12-1:30 PM**
WHERE: **Foley Square** (Worth & Centre Sts)

BACKGROUND: A small Queens-based group misguidedly sued the City about the City's off-leash policy. A judge may rule on the case by the end of the year, based on the law. However, as it often does, the City is moving to clarify the law. This will likely prevent further misguided and costly lawsuits, and render the case's decision moot.

THE LAW: While the Health regulations say that dogs have to be on leash, the Parks regulations say that the Parks Commissioner may permit dogs off-leash in City parks. Also, the City Charter empowers the Parks Commissioner to establish Citywide regulations for the use of parks, which have the full force of law. For twenty years, the Parks Commissioner has allowed dogs off-leash in City parks. This current off-leash policy is only in designated locations and only during limited times (9 pm until parks close, and when they re-open until 9 am).

TODAY: Today, the Health Board is hosting a public hearing for comments upon their proposed changes to the off-leash policy, from 2-4 PM at 125 Worth Street. Under the City Administrative Procedures Act, the Parks Department requested that the Board amend their own regulations to clarify and explicitly authorize the Parks Department's off-leash policy. Thus, the Board proposed these changes to their own regulations.

PROPOSED CHANGES: This proposal states that the Parks Commissioner clearly has the authority to establish regulations allowing dogs off-leash in City parks. In addition, the Health Dep't changes call for dog-owners to provide proof of their dog's current rabies vaccination and license information. The proposed Health changes also call for the Parks Dep't to promote awareness of the places and times dogs may be allowed off leash in parks.

MAKE PARKS SAFER: Parks has said that the presence of vigilant dog owners in parks everyday during early morning and late evening hours makes parks safer. Among other factors, police data also suggests a deterrent effect.

BITES ARE DOWN DRAMATICALLY: Health Department statistics show that prior to the off-leash policy, the annual number of dog-bites Citywide exceeded 40,000. In 2005, the number of dog-bites dropped to less than 4,000, of which only 86 (2.2%) occurred in City parks. Also, for 2006, bites are down 10.3% from last year.

OFF-LEASH EXERCISE AND SOCIALIZATION: These low dog-bite numbers could drop further, but always leashing dogs could cause more bites, since aggression could rise without exercise and socialization. Many studies confirm that dogs who get off-leash exercise are much less aggressive, and can cope with surroundings. In short, a tired dog is a good dog. With few dog runs, off-leash park activity is the best way to tire and socialize dogs.

LIMITED PARK SPACE: NYC operates 1,700 parks but there are only 44 dog runs for 1.4 million City dogs.

RESPONSIBLE DOG-OWNERS: Understanding this limited space, responsible dog owners contribute time and money to maintain parks. They use peer pressure to ensure that people pick up waste, comply with the law, vaccinate, license and train their dogs. They never condone bad behavior. They are also parents, athletes, and bird-watchers, and want to see parks safely and responsibly enjoyed by *everyone*. They favor these amendments.

For more information, please visit: **www.NYCdog.org** or **www.NYCoffleash.com**

Katy Stewart

Added comments - dead wildlife

Recently in Central Park, a German Shepherd & his owner rescued a duckling from being killed by geese. The duckling moved to the Childrens Zoo in Central Park. A raccoon "broke into" the zoo and killed 3 ducks.

a ~~coyote~~ coyote "migrated to" Central Park and ate some ducks, too.

Bye the way, raccoons are very dangerous to dogs.

BARK IN THE PARK

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Photo: Edward Henderzak

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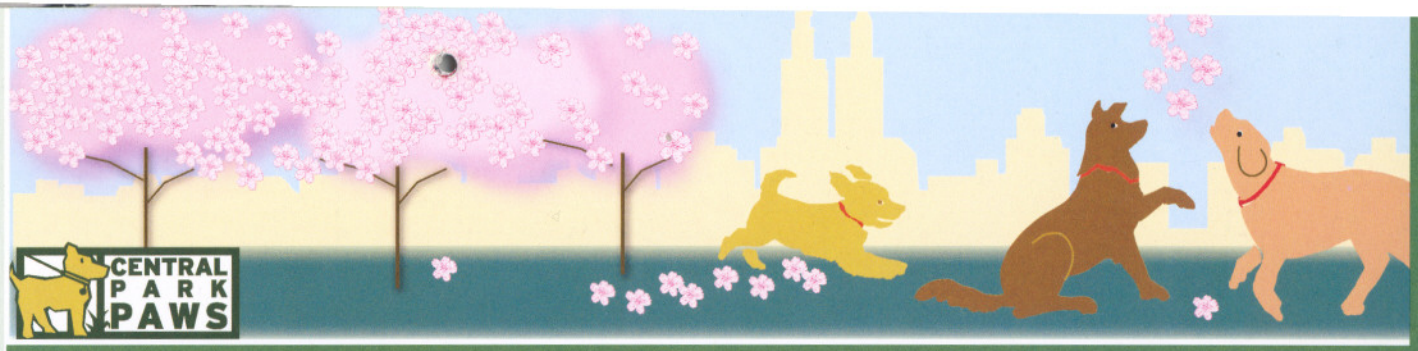

BARK IN THE PARK 2007

With the help of our generous sponsors, Central Park PAWS and the Central Park Conservancy present the 2007 Bark in the Park calendar celebrating the Central Park dog community!

The Central Park Conservancy's mission is to restore, manage, and preserve Central Park, in partnership with the public, for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

The Central Park Conservancy is a private, not-for-profit organization founded in 1980 that maintains and operates Central Park under a contract with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. Since its founding, the Conservancy has developed and implemented a major management and restoration plan, funded major capital

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improvements, created programs for volunteers and visitors, built an endowment to ensure continued Park maintenance, and set new standards of excellence in park care. As part of its mission, the Conservancy works closely with its many constituencies, including some of the dog owners who enjoy the park on a daily basis.

Find out more at www.centralparknyc.org.

Central Park PAWS is the advisory group to the Central Park Conservancy representing some of the dog owners who enjoy the Park every day. PAWS is the voice of Central Park dog owners in a dialogue with the Conservancy to address all issues relating to dogs in the Park. PAWS sponsors activities for dog owners and their dogs and is a source of free information about the Park's dog world.

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Naughty William and his pal Bix do not have licences to drive a Conservancy cart, but Zone Gardener Glen Maccioli loves them anyway!

Photo: Marilyn Levey

"My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog already thinks I am."
Unknown

JANUARY

Tiny Tibetan Terrier Molly and owner Marilyn Levey start their mornings at Columbus Circle and walk to the Heckscher landscapes. Molly doesn't mind the snow, since she gets to wear her chic new boots.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Molly loves to slip and slide in the snow, but she knows when to put on the brakes. She doesn't go onto the ballfields — and besides, it's almost 9:00 a.m. and time to leash up.

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14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
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In the Park:
Want to honor your favorite Central Park pup? Adopt a Bench at www.centralparknyc.org/support.

Photo: Mia Nitchun

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."
Josh Billings

FEBRUARY

Lab mix Sabena has a big job, blazing the way through the snow on the Great Hill ahead of her pack of five, including 18-year-old Yorkie Sharaya and owner Mia Nitchun.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Sabena knows that the ice isn't always frozen in The Pool down below. She takes care that her buddies don't venture out onto the ice and fall through.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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In the Park: Winter Festival in the East Meadow						
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18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
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Photo: Steven Fromewick of NY Pet Shots

"If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."
Will Rogers

MARCH

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In the Park: Get ready for Spring!
Donate daffodils and tulips at www.centralparknyc.org/support.

Keeping an eye on what's going on at Cherry Hill is in Bollinger's blood; after all, he's a Shetland Sheepdog. As long as owner Linda Biel is nearby, Bolly likes to survey his kingdom.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Bolly is a true herder but he controls himself. He knows he can't really bring in all of the skaters and bikers and joggers he'd like to corral.

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Photo: Bob Marino

"If your dog doesn't like someone, you probably shouldn't either."
Unknown

APRIL

Rescued Akita Bella Abdog is a true New Yorker, like her owner Bob Marino. And like any smart New Yorker, she loves to take in the cherry blossoms around the Reservoir.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Bella knows that it's April and the livin' is easy. She's a survivor, though, and she knows it's not too early for that flea and tick collar. She keeps an eye out for yellow signs showing that the gardeners are after pests, too.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Passover begins	4	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14
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In the Park: Celebrate Earth Day.

Photo: Billy Amato

"Dogs are not our whole life but they make our lives whole."
Roger Caras

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31	In the Park: FLO Luncheon and the Harlem Meer Performance Festival.	

Jake, a Brittney, is a Great Lawn regular, along with owner Billy Amato. When the crabapples and azaleas are blooming, all's right with his world.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Luxuriating in the blossoms at the Winterdale Arch, Jake knows that "dig we must not." And he knows that the fence is there for a reason: to protect the flowering plant beds.

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Photo: Julie Hammarlund

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich."
Louis Sabin

JUNE

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In the Park: A Taste of Summer						
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17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Babysitting on the Bow Bridge, Eisenhower, a Jack Russell Terrier, keeps an eye on two-month-old Alice for her mother, Julia Hammarlund.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Like a good general, Eisenhower plays by the rules and is always on the leash during the day.
It's four stars for Ike.

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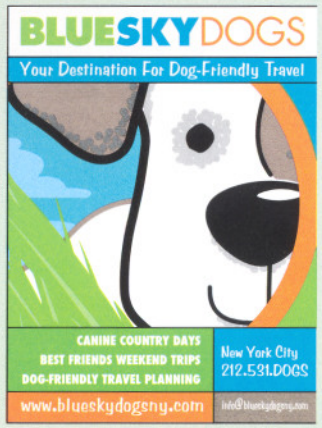
"To sit with a dog on a glorious afternoon is to be in Eden where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace."
Milan Kundera

JULY

Best friends on a summer afternoon - what could be better? Standard Poodle Sinatra, Dachshund George, and mixed breeds Alice and Aurora invite their owners Sue Eden, Edward Zajac, Brenda Johnson, and Ann Bolin to join them in a picnic at The Pool.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
The pals love to watch the ducks swim by, but pack leader Alice quickly reminds them of what's off-limits: no swimming and no chasing the ducks.



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29	30	31	In the Park: Run for Central Park			

Photo: Shannon Ford

"A dog wags his tail with its heart."
Martin Buxbaum

AUGUST

Harley would like to remind everyone that Pugs may be small, but they really are in charge (of ducks and everyone else). He and owner Shannon Ford like to visit the Hans Christian Andersen sculpture, rain or shine.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Harley's next stop is "Pug Hill," where Pugs and those who love them meet every weekend to celebrate PugPower. Pugs aren't the only dogs who find friends in the Park. Central Park dogs know that they can find play groups and friends to frolic with before 9:00 a.m. every morning.

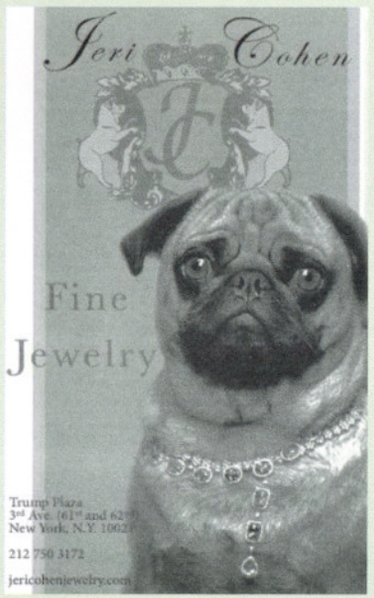

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Photo: Edward Henderzak

"I hope to go to his heaven, not man's."
Mark Twain

SEPTEMBER

Jack Russell Terrier Anna knows a great photo op when she sees one. She likes to take her owner, Edward Henderzak, to beautiful spots like Hernshead on The Lake.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Water, water everywhere, and I can't take a dip, Anna thinks, but she knows that dogs can't swim in the Park's water bodies (or fountains either). It's home to the bathtub again!

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9	10	11	12	13 Rosh Hashanah Ramadan begins	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Yom Kippur
23 / 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

In the Park: Favorite tree? Endow a tree at www.centralparknyc.org/support

Photo: Anna deBenedictis

"The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue."
Anonymous

OCTOBER

All dressed up and someplace to go: the annual My Dog Loves Central Park Country Fair. This tiny Pekingese is taking a rest before the fashion show.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
"Who's the fairest at the Fair? Why I am, silly. Come join me at the Fair to celebrate our beautiful Park and its vibrant dog community."

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

In the Park:
My Dog Loves Central Park Country Fair and the Halloween Ball

Photo: Anna deBenedictis

"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn three times before lying down."
Robert Benchley

NOVEMBER

Michael Meyer and Trooper love the great outdoors. A Ridgeback/Lab mix, Trooper knows a thing or two about climbing rocks and likes to check out the park from the rocks near Billy Johnson Playground.

TIPS FOR PUPS:
Trooper takes his climbs where he can, but never offleash in the woodlands, where he sticks to the trails, watches out for fragile plants, and tries not to scare the birds!

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11	12 Veterans Day Observed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
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In the Park: Love to work outdoors?
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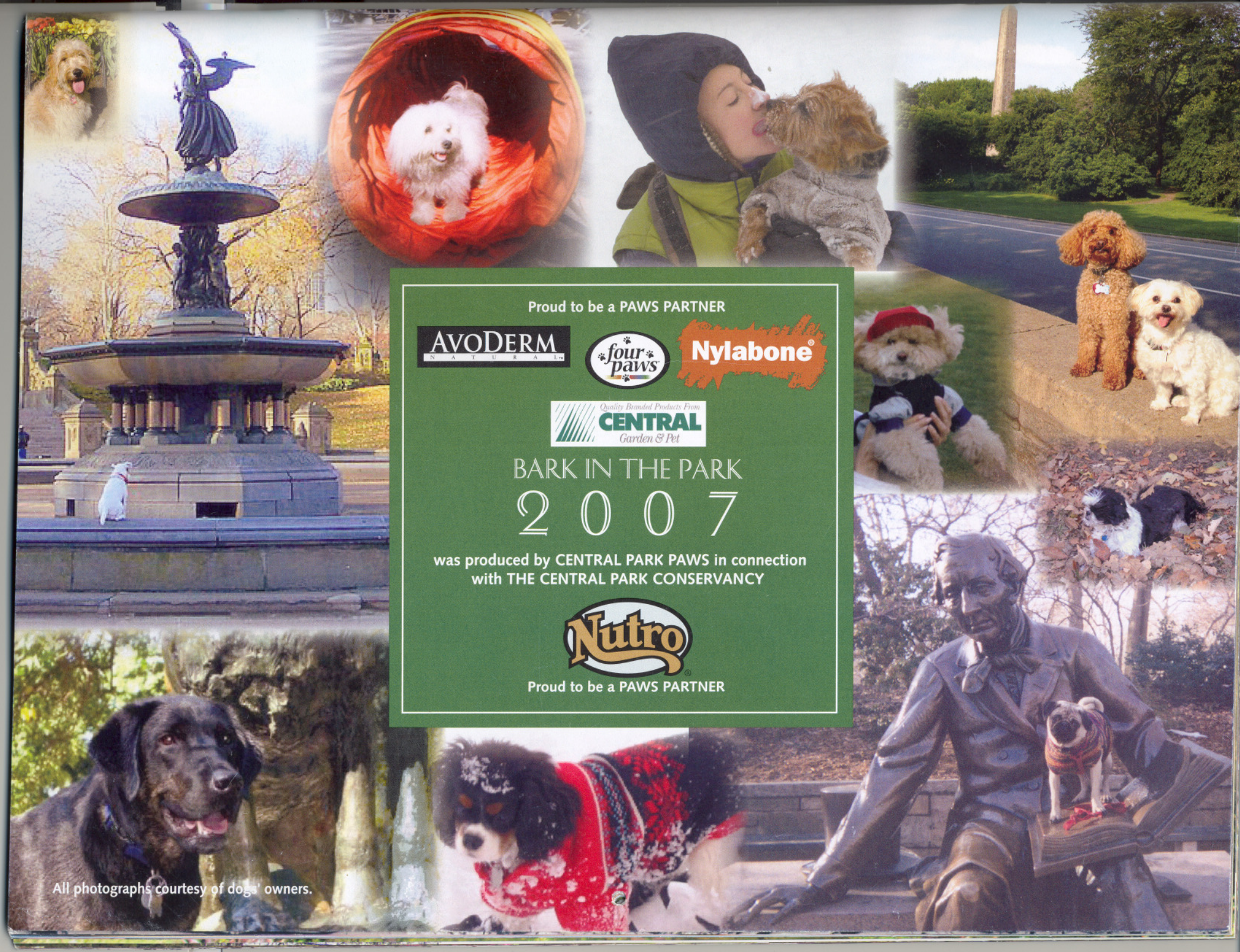
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We participate in force during all official NYC Parks Dept clean-ups, and we conduct a sponsored Park clean-up ourselves. We've worked closely with NYC Dept of Parks Community Outreach and other officials to organize and put into place many other Programs and Activities.

Our members are proud to serve, we are proud to clean up and look after ourselves and others, and we do not need other Civic Organizations making unwelcome changes to our Parks.

Please join us in telling our elected officials they must represent our views, and let the Parks Department continue its current policies.

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RE: **The Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code**
COMMENT:

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street CN-31
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Dear M. Bryant:

My remarks will address the New York City Department of Health proposal to amend the Leash Law to allow unleashed dogs to run free in NYC Parks from 9PM until 9AM daily. The amended law would empower the NYC Parks Department to set the rules for time and location and exceptions for this "unleashing". My position is: This proposal is not only absurd on its face; to implement it is probably criminal negligence.

I sincerely believe the "unleash the dogs" proposal is dangerously irresponsible. And, I cannot believe there's any merit to this proposal. A proposal to permit motorcyclists to race at night would never be considered. The city won't entertain any proposal to allow fireworks at any time. We would never consider constructing a playground on the median strips on Queens Boulevard. These and other such ideas are so obviously dangerous that we don't waste time thinking about them.

Unleashing dogs is no different. To permit all dogs to run loose in the various parks, among infants, children, the aged, infirm, disabled, pregnant women, people with allergies to dogs, people who really don't want to be approached by dogs any more than they go to the park to be mugged, robbed or hurt, is simply irresponsible, and cannot be justified. To insist that the dogs be unleashed is elevating dogs as superior to people.

Would we consider unleashing dogs to roam school buildings? These, too, are city property. Would we allow unleashed dogs on a football field? In a gymnasium? Any such proposal would be considered dangerously ridiculous.

Dogs are simply property. Owning a dog is a hobby-like experience. There is no justification for singling out dogs for the exceptional experience of being subsidized by taxpayers.

All dogs are <u>potentially</u> horribly dangerous. For the city to irresponsibly permit dog owners to set their dogs loose in a park – no matter at what hour – imposes on all other park users (including other dog owners) the obligation to distinguish a harmless, friendly dog (of which there are very many) from a dog that is about to strike for reasons that will never be known.

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A dog on a leash, held by a responsible adult, is perhaps still dangerous, but that danger is somewhat controlled by the adult holding the leash.

Why would the city even contemplate taking on the unnecessary liability of having given permission to owners to set the dogs loose on an unsuspecting public?

I believe that some proposals should never get beyond talk. But people who should know better are treating this proposal as though it had actual merit.

Why not unleash dogs in a nursing home? Old folks would love the company of pit bulls, Rottweilers, and Dobermans romping through the recreation room and cafeteria. Also, cemeteries have so much grassy area that sits unused. Funerals would be so less sad if the mourners could be comforted by yapping and running dogs all excited at the arrival of new bones and headstones to pee on. And, at night, the pack could be depended on to guard and protect the cemetery from the vandalism we read of far too often.

There's really no limit on the different places where the little (and the big) doggies could go for exercise and socialization! If unleashed dogs are fine in NYC Parks, they should be fine everywhere!

The essence of the mission of the Department of Health is Protection. Protection against various communicable diseases, against injury in the workplace and school, against harm from bad foods, protection from failure to exercise, and so forth. These efforts arouse criticism. The criticism frequently claims that the reach of the Department of Health is far too intrusive. The phrase: "Nanny state" is the catchphrase.

But, with this proposal, the required protections are eliminated, and, instead of a "Nanny State" the Department of Health and Department of Parks are proposing a "Canine State".

Now, with this proposal, the Department of Health and the Department of Parks intrusion is the infliction of danger on the public using the parks. What are infants, children, the elderly, the infirm, the disabled, the allergic, pregnant women, the wheelchair bound, the frightened, the hearing disabled, and those whose religion forbids contact with dogs to do when they want to use the park, and the dogs are loose?

Are the City, the Departments of Parks and Health accepting complete liability for injuries resulting from dog attacks? Have the City, Parks and the Health Departments published the number of acceptable attacks and or the severity of injuries that will be permitted? The public has the right to know, and the City and

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the agencies have the responsibility to inform the public what the acceptable limit of infant or child attacks is. How many attacks on the elderly, or the disabled, or pregnant women are acceptable? The public has the right to know.

Most importantly, the park using public has the right to know why the City and its agencies would even entertain such a proposal, when the best protection is twofold: Either ban all dogs – leashed or unleashed - from all parks at all times, with very severe penalties for any violation. Every park user is protected; the law is simple to understand and enforce; not only are attack injuries minimized, the infections that spread from defecation and urination is minimized to near zero. Who can possibly oppose this?

Or, ban all unleashed dogs from all parks at all times, with very severe penalties for any violations. Park users are somewhat protected; the law is somewhat simple to understand and enforce; attack injuries are somewhat lessened, but the infections that spread from defecation and urination are present and can be dangerous always. I happen to prefer the total ban. It's safer for all.

Even with dogs on leashes, a severe problem with dogs in our parks is the behavior of uncontrolled owners who use their dogs to intimidate park users who happen to pass near to the dog and owner. There have already been too many uncorrected instances of dog owners who threaten pedestrians who walk past with young children. Park officials have already been made aware of these occurrences and have not only failed to take action, they have refused to correct the situation.

So, why should the public believe that now unleashing the dogs would change the supervision of loose dogs by Police, Sanitation, Parks or Health Department enforcement officials?

The current law requires the Police to enforce the existing Leash Law, which has never been superceded by any "unwritten" Parks Department "Courtesy Hours" policy. Before implementing this proposal, the City has the obligation to publish the statistics on the enforcement of the Leash Law in City Parks. This very proposal is the result of the challenge to this "unwritten" policy which has confounded the dog-owning public (whether they wish to leash or unleash), park users, and enforcement officials.

If the City cannot enforce a clear, simple leash law, then the City is under an obligation to publish, in detail, in unambiguous, language, exactly how it proposes to supervise loose, unleashed dogs in the parks at night. And, that supervision is mandatory.

Who is going to supervise entry and exit from the parks of dogs to determine that all vaccinations and licenses are current? How will this be accomplished in the dark?

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How will every point of entry going to be supervised to be certain that no unverified dog enters the park? Who is going to determine that each dog is accompanied and controlled at all times by a capable adult? How is that to be accomplished in the dark? Who is going to protect the park-using public from loose, unleashed dogs who strayed far from their capable adult (who obviously is no longer in control)? Goes the City plan to supervise every park, at all entry points, at dark, every night of every year? Where in the budget are these supervisors provided for?

Who is going to supervise that every dog owner cleans up after each dog defecates in the dark? [It's so informative to observe to near total absence of flashlights by dog owners who use the "Courtesy Hours" in city parks in the dark now. It's possible to conclude that dog owners intend to leave the dog droppings for daytime park users. That could be called premeditated violation of the "pooper scooper" laws.] Since dogs defecate daily, the question arises: How many supervisors will the city assign to see that the Pooper Scooper laws are obeyed? Does the City plan to have these supervisors empowered to issue summonses? What are the City's plans to provide security backup for these supervisors if they have difficulty with the dogs or their owners? Where are the budget provisions for these supervisors?

This proposal would empower the Parks Department to vary the "Courtesy Hours" and park locations on a park-by park basis.

How will the City and the Parks Department notify the public of each park's own "Courtesy Hours" rules. Will there be sign erected throughout each park so that any person, traveling on any path will promptly be able to see a sign that clearly informs each user of the rules. How will these sign be seen after dark? Will all nighttime park users be required to carry flashlights to read these signs? How will the public learn of that particular rule?

Certainly the City and its agencies are completely prepared to publish all these plans in detail. Certainly, the City and its agencies would not knowingly inflict any avoidable dangers upon the public.

The implication of these questions may appear onerous. However, the obligation the City owes to the public safety clearly requires that every possible detail be considered and planned, and that those plans be published. The taxpaying, park-using public deserves nothing less from a city that owes the public the duty to protect and serve.

Sincerely,

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Paws&People

October 2006

Dedicated to
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WOOFF Loves our Parks!

WOOFF members are always making sure that our parks are clean and well-maintained to ensure that **everyone** can enjoy the parks.

In April, 2006, with the help of NYC Parks Department, WOOFF cleaned-up and painted Sherry Park.

More pics of the event are on following page.

NYC Parks Department official, Jack, gets a helping "hand" from Buffy.

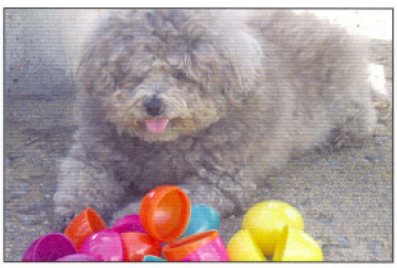
WOOFF is an organization of people in Woodside, Queens who have been meeting with their dogs at Bush and Sherry parks since 2005.

For information contact Teresa Lee at TeresaALee@hotmail.com.

WOOFF Loves our Parks! (continued from pg1)

1. Aminta (in red) and friends helps clear away debris
2. Members painting over the walls of Sherry park
3. Ayuko hard at work with the clean-up
4. Kelly and Beckett bringing down the trash
5. Willie and friend getting all the trash where it belongs
6. Julie painting around the park

The Happy Faces of **WOOFF!**



We Are **WOOFF!**

WOOFF!
WOODSIDE ORGANIZATION OF FURRY FRIENDS

My name is Mia Nitchun and I am here representing Central Park PAWS, the voice of approximately 10,000 dog owners who use Central Park on a daily basis.

Central Park PAWS was founded in 1999 by Susan Buckley along with Doug Blonsky, now president of the Central Park Conservancy. Today PAWS is an advisory group to the Conservancy and is run by a steering committee made up of dog owners and Conservancy staff. As in Prospect Park, the relationship between dog owners and park management in Central Park is one of shared goals and collaboration. Both work to protect the park for *everyone*'s enjoyment—non-dog and dog owners alike.

For the past 20 years Central Park has had a three-tiered system concerning the leashing of dogs in the park. In certain areas such as Sheeps Meadow and the Great Lawn, no dogs are allowed at any time. In areas such as the woodlands and the ballfields, dogs must be on leash at all times. In the rest of the park, dogs are allowed off-leash between 9 pm and 9 am during the times that the park is open and provided that the dogs are under their owners' control. In a park whose landmark status prohibits certain geographic alterations, including dog runs, this policy has worked extremely well. In the words of Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, who described the 9 to 9 off-leash hours in a recent letter to Paws President Buckley: *"Central Park is a great example of this policy's success. Indeed, our 'courtesy hours' have encouraged people to take advantage of Central Park during those hours when it is more lightly used, and as a result, the park is safer because of the presence of a positive user group."*

This "positive user group"—the 10,000 dog owners in the park—form communities that play a vitally important role in thousands of urban lives. Knowing how important the park is to their dogs health and sanity, the dog owners overall are a successfully self-regulating group. Through our quarterly newsletter, our active website, and our well-attended events, PAWS constantly reinforces the importance of responsible dog ownership and behavior as well as stewardship of the park. Our recent MY DOG LOVES CENTRAL PARK COUNTRY FAIR was attended by more than 8,000 people who participated in a celebration of dog life in the park focusing on responsible dog ownership.

The situation in Central Park today is a far cry from the old days when there was a state of "war" between park management and the dog owners who

surreptitiously used the park. There were people who misbehaved then, and unfortunately, there are a few who misbehave now. As with any regulation, there will always be some people who misbehave regardless of the law. But these are the small exception. The off-leash hours have been a tremendous success in Central Park and have provided the space for a vibrant, supportive and self-regulating group of dog owning citizens who utilize the park on a daily basis.

To rescind off-leash privileges would unfairly penalize and eliminate that very element – the dog owners who are conscientious both about the behavior of their dogs and about maintaining the park as a healthy and safe environment for all New Yorkers.

Our dog communities which are an organic and unique mix of people from different socio-economic, ethnic, regional and professional backgrounds constitute a classic example of Jane Jacobs ideal of the village-within-city phenomenon. In her Death and Life of Great American Cities she writes:

Most city diversity is the creation of incredible numbers of different people and different private [groupings], with vastly differing ideas and purposes, planning and contriving outside the framework of public action. The main responsibility of city planning and design should be to develop -- insofar as public policy and action can do so -- cities that are congenial places for this great range of unofficial plans, ideas, and opportunities to flourish.

Central Park PAWS applauds the Parks Department and the Board of Health for the features in the proposed amendment that strengthen accountability through licensing and vaccination. On behalf of the many thousands of responsible dog owners in Central Park, we strongly support the Parks Departments proposed amendments to the New York City Health Code.

Thank your for the opportunity to add our voice to the comments provided here today.

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I am writing in support of maintaining and enforcing New York City leash laws in all public parks. I have been a dog owner for 15 years and routinely walk in various NYC parks. The persons who support off-leash laws DO NOT represent as many dog owners as they often imply, including me.

I always walk my dog on a leash and sometimes have problems with the owners of off-leash dogs (e.g., not controlling dog aggression, not cleaning up after their dogs, not monitoring their dogs, etc.).

I urge you to do two things:
1. support the enforcement of leash laws throughout NYC
2. support the maintenance and monitoring of safe and functional dog runs in all parks throughout NYC.

I find it totally unacceptable that there is a lack of City support for official dog runs and a lack of enforcement of leash laws. Both areas of neglect create numerous problems.

Thank you, Lisa Colarossi
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Members of the NYC Health Board
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
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New York, NY 10013

Dear Board of Health Members:

As part of the public comment period regarding the City's successful off-leash policy, I am writing to express my support for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code.

These proposed amendments will require the Department of Parks and Regulation to adopt rules providing that owners of dogs off the leash maintain and present proof regarding licensing and vaccination information, and that the public will be provided with information concerning the times when and places where dogs will be allowed off the leash in City parks.

The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

As dog owner and athlete I enjoy my morning days with my off-leash dogs and they enjoy the day out. in Central Park every day. That help me start my day on a better mental health.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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October 31, 2006

RENA BRYANT, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
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Via e-mail: resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov

Re: Proposal to Amend Section 161.05 of the NYC Public Health Code

The following quotes are from an affidavit submitted by Edgar R. Butts, NYCDOH Assistant Commissioner for Veterinary and Pest Control Services, to the court considering the Juniper Park Civic Association's lawsuit vs. the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation re: off-leash recreation:

"The Department of Health, like DOPR, realizes that alternative space for dogs to exercise is generally not available in our urban environment."

Finding space for dogs to exercise is not the problem or concern of the Department of Health; rather, that is the problem of dog owners. Dog ownership is something voluntary and other people's private property should not be forced upon the rest of society.

"The Department, while cognizant of the inherent dangers that unleashed dogs anywhere can pose to both humans and other animals, nevertheless recognizes that dogs derive benefits from being off-leash. The Department supports allowing such off-leash activity in specific areas of specified parks facilities under DOPR jurisdiction during specified times."

The Department has admitted that off-leash dogs pose danger to the public and to other pets and wildlife, yet is recklessly planning to move forward with this amendment to the leash law? This is incomprehensible.

"Department data for 2004 show that 93 (2.3%) of 4,082 dog bites reported citywide occurred in DOPR facilities, and that about the same proportion, 86 (2.2%) of the 3,956 dog bites reported citywide occurred in DOPR facilities in 2005."

If any other health concern left 93 or 86 New Yorkers injured or ill, there would be a crackdown on it, with emphases on prevention and enforcement - not a relaxing of the regulations already in place.

"While these bite reports do not indicate whether the biting dog was restrained or off-leash, there does not appear to be any significant negative impact on public health and

safety resulting from the policy of DOPR to allow dogs to be off-leash in facilities and areas under DOPR's jurisdiction and control."

How can you determine this without further study? Off-leash dogs in unfenced areas cannot be kept away from the public at large. There is also no determination of which dogs are deemed to be dangerous and which are not dangerous. In addition, dogs with normally docile temperament can unexpectedly become aggressive for a variety of reasons.

The role of the Assistant Commissioner for Veterinary and Pest Control Services, as per DOH's mission statement, is **to promote and protect the health of New York City residents and visitors by ensuring an environment free from animal-borne diseases, hazards and nuisances by controlling and regulating animals**.

I fail to see how amending the leash law to allow the parks commissioner to sanction unleashed dogs supports your mission. I have had to deal with the nuisance of off-leash dogs while trying to enjoy city parks. Like the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Health should be more concerned with protecting the health and safety of PEOPLE, not pets.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Dear M. Bryant:

Below are two letters to Queens Parks Commissioner Dottie Lewandowski. The background is that Gary Colter, a resident who lives close to the South side of the park, crosses through Juniper Park each school morning to accompany his two young sons (7 & 9) to school, on the North side of the park.

Ever since the dogs have been unleashed on park users, Gary and both his sons, Ted and Roy, have been harassed, hassled and very closely approached by dogs – large and small – nearly every morning. Beyond being troubled by dogs, Gary and his sons have been harassed, threatened and intimidated by several irresponsible dog owners whose clear message is that Gary and his sons should start using some other path to school, since they are now trespassing on the dogs' territory.

The police (104th precinct), though called via 911 will do nothing.

Dottie Lewandowski has not – no, has refused – to meet with Gary to observe and resolve the situation. Garry has written and phoned her to no avail.

Gary wrote the letter – immediately below these comments – to report, once again, to Dottie still one more incident. He CC'ed me in his letter, so, the letter to Dottie (from me), under Gary's letter, was my plea, in writing, that she become involved.

No reply from Queens Parks Commissioner Dottie Lewandowski has been forthcoming – no written reply; no phone call; no arrangement to meet with Gary to resolve the problem

Yet, the Parks Department has been claiming that it enforces the NYC Leash Law. For that matter, so has the NY City Department of Health.

Gary Colter, I, and many other observers know that the current law is not only not enforced, the failure is an act of pandering.

That raised the question: Why should any reasonable taxpayer believe that there would be any protection from dogs when the "Leash Law" is "relaxed"? Why would any reasonable taxpayer believe that the NY City Department of Health, and/or the NY City

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Department of Parks would do anything to vigorously protect all New Yorkers on a daily, twenty-four hour basis for all time in the future?

Why would the NY City Department of health even be considering abandoning its prime and sole responsibility to all citizens to protect all from all obvious dangers?

What brought the NY City Department of Health to this point?

We are at a shameful point in the history of New York City.

ORIGINATING LETTER (R. E. DOOCEY CC'ed)

In a message dated **10/27/2006 12:35:19 PM** Eastern Daylight Time, **gcolter722@yahoo.com** writes:

> Dear Dorothy,
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> Once again, while walking through Juniper Valley Park, we were faced with a threatening situation involving an unleashed dog. A big, unleashed dog came running right at my 7 year old while we were walking on the path that we have been walking for 7 years. My son put up his hands in self defense and jumped to the side. The dog was inches from him. He described the dog as "coming at him like a rocket".
>
> Instead of being in school now and concentrating on the tests that they are taking today, they have to deal with this problem involving their safety.
>
> Please help keep us safe,
>
> Gary

FOLLOWUP LETTER TO D. LEWANDOWSKI (Queens Parks Commissioner)

In a message dated **10/27/2006 1:39:06 PM** Eastern Daylight Time, RobertREDWine40@aol.com writes:

Dorothy,

On Saturday, Oct 21, at approx. 9:45AM, you and I spoke about this situation. I asked you a direct question: When did you meet with Gary to arrange to observe him and his sons walking through the park each morning?

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You responded that you spoke to Gary on the phone and spoke to the wife of the man who threatened Gary, claiming that Gary was invading the dog owners' area; that Gary could just as easily use some other path with his sons.

You said to me that the wife told you that Gary was the provocateur. That there were two "sides" to every story. You were above listening to just a single side.

Now, here we go again. As a Parks Department official, you have serious legal responsibilities to assure the safety of all park users by demanding that the Leash Law be enforced. Or, is there another side of the story that the dog was "coming at him like a rocket".

You appear to be taking the position that: people, dogs; both use the park, so let's not quarrel. Stay away from the dogs; they'll stay away from you. They have their portion of the park, you have the remainder.

Dogs are things. unleashed dogs are dangerous things. Motorcycles, archery, target shooting, fireworks, campfires, all dangerous and not ever permitted in the park, though each of these dangers have people who advocate their use.

So, what "middle ground" do you see regarding unleashed dogs in parks, creating a danger to such a wide variety of park users - including other dogs, such as the leashed beagle that was seriously injured by the unleashed dog (to the tune of $500 minimum), on the same Saturday morning, Oct 21, at approx. 8:30 AM, while you were in the park catering to the dog owners who threw a Halloween Party for the dogs?

You were in the park. An unleashed dog attack occurred. $500 vet bills. What are your responsibilities? Helping with the Doggie Halloween Party?

When do you expect to contact Gary Colter to arrange to be in the park to observe him and his sons traveling the path on their way to school? Arranging to observe from a distance, so that your presence won't influence the behavior of the dog owners? (They spotted me almost immediately - though I was some distance away - so they would immediate disperse and or leash the dogs as soon as Gary entered the park).

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I oppose amending Article 161 of the New York City Health Code – that is, I oppose any effort to amend the NYC "Leash Law" to permit dogs to use NY City parks while unleashed and not in an enclosed dog run.

The current Leash Law, which requires that all dogs be on a leash no more than six feet in length, in all public places, at all times, needs no change, but must be vigorously enforced.

I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law due to the fact that on September 6, 2006 my **leashed** dog was attacked by an **unleashed** dog in Juniper Valley Park, Queens. My fiancé and I were walking two of our three miniature pinchers (small toy breed dogs) in the park around ten o'clock in the evening. We always leash our dogs, and were walking them on the paved walk way that encircles and crosses through the park. As we were finishing our walk about eleven pm, my worst nightmare as a pet owner occurred. An unleashed pit bull ran from the right hand side and bit my dog Max on the path way. We were unaware of the presence of the pit bull until he ran up and bite Max. Had I observed the unleashed pit bull running wildly I would have picked up my dogs. If this were the case, then there is a real possibility that the pit bull would have then attacked me. The pit bull did not just come up and simply bit Max, he brutally attacked him. The pit bull bite Max, lifted him off the ground in his jaws and started shaking him violently. Max looked like nothing more than a play toy in his mouth. My fiancé attempted to release Max from the dog's jaws, but was unsuccessful. My fiancé, myself, and my other mini pin (Harley) were all in a danger zone at this point, as the behavior of the pit bull was erratic, it was unclear if the pit bull would release Max and come after one of us. Eventually, the owner of the pit bull ran up and after pulling and yelling at the dog, the pit bull dropped Max. Max fell to the paved pathway, causing bloody scrapes on his elbows, knees, and knuckles. As Max lay whimpering and bleeding I was crying uncontrollably and hysterical. I love my dogs very, very much and consider them part of my family. This was a traumatizing and heartbreaking experience.

To my shock and amazement the owner of the pit bull did not come over and check on my dog but started to walk out and attempted to flee the scene, as I dialed 911. A crowd gathered around the scene. When the police arrived from the 104th precinct I felt some relief, for I believed action would be taken on behalf of Max. To my disbelief the owner of the pit bull walked away without so much as a summons. When I requested a police

report the officer informed me that this would be a case for civil court, and therefore, they were unable to issue me a report. To my dismay they informed me that they could not give the owner of a pit bull a ticket as they had no themselves witnessed the leash law violation or the attack.

Max was rushed to Elmhurst Animal Emergency Hospital (87-06 Queens Blvd., Elmhurst, NY 11373) and was cared for by veterinarian Steve Konstalid. After shaving off Max's hair the wounds became vivid. Max suffered not only scrapes and bruises, but extremely deep puncture wounds in his flesh from the dog's teeth. The veterinarian used staples to close up the gaps in Max's flesh. One of the puncture holes was on Max's shoulder blade making healing a very slow process. This is owing to the fact that any time healing would occur, as Max walked the wound would reopen. Max was given shots of antibiotic and anti-inflammatory and X-rays were taken. He received oral antibiotic and pain killers to take over the next several days. The emergency vet visit totaled $494.00.

Only after this attack did I find myself aware and fully involved in the debate of leash laws and "free" dog off leash hours. I have not returned to Juniper Valley Park since the attack and never will. I am scarred from this experience and am now fearful when walking my dogs at any hour. Max who used to socialize and enjoy the company of other dogs is now weary and cautious. My dogs looked forward to their stroll in Juniper Valley Park are now at a disadvantage as I am too fearful to return. I wrote to the ASPCA, local officials, and contacted local newspapers. Max's attack made headlines and was featured in: Times Newsweekly (September 14, 2006), Queens Ledger (September 14, 2006), Queens Tribune (September 15-21, 2006), Ridgewood Ledger (September 14, 2006), and The Juniper Berry (September/October Issue). The Juniper Valley Park is under council member Dennis P. Gallagher. An email about this attack was sent to his office on September 8th and as of yet no response has been received. The City of New York Parks and Recreation sent a response letter stating: "The New York Department of Parks and Recreation does not have any rules that specifically address dog attacks on other dogs- either at Parks' Dog Runs or elsewhere within City parks. Our rules, however, explicitly prohibit dog owners from allowing their animals to be out of control in any park." These words appeared hazy with room for interpretation. I questioned if the dog must be in control, then had the police not issued a summons to the owner of the pit bull. I posed this exact question before the chief of the 104th precinct at a Juniper Civic Association meeting, and his response was "it is up to the discretion of the officer". I received a letter from Serphin R. Maltese, Senator, Queens County conveying his concern for my dog. He also had another apprehension, why the police are not taking these attacks seriously. He wrote: "I am also concerned that the police officers that responded to your call for assistance offered you no recourse. The police officers should have taken a complaint according to the law." A complaint was filed on 9/7/06 with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Complaint # C1-1-258751746).

Off leash hours are dangerous at any time of the day or night. By simply following the law and having your pet leashed at **all times**, everyone can safely enjoy the park. Allowing dogs to run off leash is dangerous for the unleashed dog and puts people and

other animals at risk. Community members should be able to utilize parks without fear or anxiety. In addition, local officers should work closely with the City of New York Parks and Recreation Department to enforce leash laws. I was shocked when I visited a website that lists events for dogs in NY and saw that they actually comment on how the leash law in not enforced, thereby, encouraging more pet owners to take their dogs off leash.
http://www housepetmagazine.com/article8_housepetmagazine_events.htm
"A Parks Department "courtesy policy" permits your pooch to roam free only between the less-than-convenient hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m in New York City. There are other restrictions that contradicts the parks' policy by stating that dogs must be leashed at all times. Any NYPD or Sanitation Department officer can issue a summons at any time. (but the odds of getting fined are very remote)."

I write this proposal in hopes that by clarifying the leash laws and enforcing that leashes are necessary at all times, a similar experience could be avoided from other pet owner. By enforcing leash laws, not only will bite incidents reduce, but also many people who avoid parks due to fear of unleashed dogs could again enjoy their community parks.

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COMMENT:

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

Compare effects of current version of the NYC Leash Law to proposed changes:

EFFECTS WITH CURRENT "LEASH LAW"	EFFECTS IF PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ADOPTED
Dog and responsible person are visibly linked via leash	Dog cannot be visibly associated with a responsible person
A dog lunging at a person or another dog can be controlled and held back	An unleashed dog lunging at a person or another dog is more difficult (to impossible) to control as the distance from the responsible person increases
The responsible person can detect mood changes in the dog and take action immediately.	Any mood changes in the dog cannot be detected or acted upon immediately, since the dog is frequently at a distance.
Understanding the leash law is simple: All dogs, in all public locations, at all hours, must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet, in the hands of a person who can control what the dog does. The application of this law is universal, measurable, indiscriminate, and so uncomplicated as to allow for no misunderstanding.	Once the leash law is "relaxed", the simplicity of the law is absent, allowing for multiple interpretations, complications as to its application in time and location, and is therefore capricious. A capricious law is bad law, resulting in discriminate enforcement.
Enforcing the current leash law is simple: any unleashed dog in any public place, at any time of day, or any dog whose leash exceeds 6 feet in length is cause to summons the owner. If the owner is not present, the dog can be confiscated.	Under the proposed "relaxed" leash law, enforcement becomes complicated: The enforcement official must know the times, and places where the relaxation is in effect. This is a dangerous invitation to not bother to enforce the law at all. The current "unwritten" Parks Department policy has already caused this

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	confusion and danger.
The current leash law protects **all** involved: the dog, the responsible person holding the leash, and all the people uninvolved with the dog – the aged, infirm, disabled, people with religious prohibitions against being touched by a dog, people with allergies, people who are frightened by dogs, infants, children, cyclists, joggers, rollerbladers, picnickers, people reading on a park bench, in short, everybody is protected – indiscriminately.	Under the proposed changes, park users, and people in the area surrounding the park have no protection from a loose, aggressive dog. Through the process of relaxing a straightforward, simple law, New York City will have abdicated its prime responsibility to protect its residents and visitors.
A leashed dog has greater difficulty straying and causing trouble.	An unleashed dog can easily stray. It can stray onto roadways, causing accidents or its own death. It can stray onto private property, frightening the property owners. It can stray up to strangers, who get startled, which, in turn, causes the dog to become aggressive. It can stray up to infants or children and become aggressive when they cry or run.
No one can predict when, where, or against whom a dog will turn aggressive and attack. However, outdoors, on a leash, the responsible person holding the leash can control the dog, suddenly overcome by the urgency to attack.	An unleashed dog, with the same sudden urge to attack, is more difficult to control because the responsible person may be quite some distance from the scene of the attack – and, may actually be unaware of any attack, due to otherwise being distracted by the socializing among dog owners.
A dog on a leash, controlled by a responsible person, can accompany that responsible person who may be biking, jogging, rollerblading, or most any other exercise activity that people can perform. This is good for the dog as well as the responsible person. This should be a positive effect enthusiastically supported by the NYC Department of Health, the NYC Parks Department and the Office of the Mayor. These entities have pushed hard for New Yorkers to exercise for good health.	An unleashed dog, might be running, walking, or engaged in trouble some distance from any responsible person, who have been observed smoking, conversing, sitting, and otherwise engaged in activities unrelated to their responsibilities of controlling their dogs. Neither the dog nor the owner is using the park for exercising or socializing their dog. Owners have been observed to be indifferent to whatever the dog is doing, good or bad. Owners have been observed as hostile and abrasive to people who complain that a particular dog has been annoying. Some owners have been observed threatening victims who have the audacity to ask that a particular dog be leashed. The general

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	observation is that there are large numbers of dog owners who are unconcerned that their dog is aggressive. Owners have been observed telling aggression victims to stay out of the park.
A dog on a leash when needing to defecate has the responsible person within six feet to clean up. When a responsible person attempts to leave the scene without cleanup up, there is some chance that a witness can describe the owner/dog combination to the enforcement authorities.	An unleashed dog can and does defecate anywhere – on a footpath, in a children's playground, in a grassy area used by picnickers, on ball fields used by youngsters. Even when witnessed, it is extremely difficult to associate a dog with the offending owner. Owners have been observed "not seeing" the dog defecating, so, because of their "ignorance", there is no need to clean up. When necessary, an owner can even deny ownership of the dog (and have been observed so denying).
A dog on a leash has a difficult time attacking wildlife in the park.	An unleashed dog has an easy time attacking and killing the various park wildlife. Observers at city parks have witnessed the remains of birds, squirrels, raccoons, waterfowl, and other park habitués. Even the horses have been attacked. Some of these creatures have diseases that can then be transmitted to the attacking dog. The NYC Department of Health needs no lectures on the ease of disease transmission among animals. But, this is a problem that will be multiplied by implementing the proposed relaxation to the leash law. Who will bear the liability for a spread of disease?
A dog on a leash is less likely to tear up grass and flowers or other vegetation in a park.	An unleashed dog can and will tear up the ground throughout any park.
The current Leash Law places liability for dog attacks on the responsible person – the owner.	The proposed relaxation of the leash law will shift the burden of liability to the city, which will be responsible for attacks and injuries that occur in city parks. At a minimum, the liability will be shared. This is a needless burden on taxpayers, who have no burden under the current law.
	The current courtesy hours include several hours of darkness. An

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	owner is unlikely to even know that his or her dog defecated, let alone find it to pick it up. An observer has noted the almost universal absence of flashlights on the part of owners. It's possible to conclude that there is no intention of cleaning up after the dog when the owner takes the dog to the park after dark.
	Keeping a dog on a leash would prevent the type of tragedy such as what happened when the off leash dog found a package of meat laced with pins. Everyone who has ever watched a dog eat knows that a dog sniffs his food for a short while before he eats it. When I owned a dog and would walk him, he would stop to sniff objects while we were walking and I would pull him away so he wouldn't eat things he wasn't supposed to. Also, an off leash dog can run away and end up in a shelter, thereby becoming the city's responsibility.

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COMMENT:

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Dear M. Bryant:

There are several false assertions regarding unleashed dogs that require thorough analysis:

- **Assertion**: Dogs need exercise, and unleashed exercise is best.
- **Analysis**: Dogs do need exercise. Dogs can get all the exercise required on a leash, with the responsible adult controlling the dog. And, the adult can get needed exercise as a result. The adult can jog, walk, and run, rollerblade, bike and have the dog alongside on a leash.

- **Assertion**: Dogs need to socialize, and unleashed socialization is best.
- **Analysis**: Dogs do need to socialize. Dogs can get all the socialization required while on a leash under the control of a responsible adult. The responsible adult in control of the leash can correct any poor behavior with other dogs or, far more importantly, people, immediately. The dog can be given and learn the commands needed to behave properly. An obedient dog is a socialized dog. An unleashed dog is an uncontrolled dog.

- **Assertion**: Unleashed dogs improve the security of park patrons because the criminals stay away.
- **Analysis**: Criminals may actually stay away from big dogs. But, if the owner is 50 to 100 yards away, the criminal can attack the owner and be gone long before the dog can react. In any event, the assertion is not believable because no one purchases a dog big enough to frighten away criminals from committing a crime against some stranger. The "big dog" owner expects the dog to protect only the owner and family. Any other protected people are simply extras. It's obvious to anyone concerned about criminal attack that a large dog on a six-foot leash is vastly preferable to a dog far away.

Sincerely,

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RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 161 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

I have been a resident of Prospect Heights for 30 years. I live one block away from Prospect Park. I have also been a dog owner for the past 8 years, and I have a lifetime of familiarity and experience with large dogs since I grew up with breeders of champion St Bernards. I am a responsible dog owner and my dog is licensed and vaccinated. My pit bull dog is registered under the Dept of Health dog license no. **2700215** and has been so licensed since 1999. This makes her part of an elite cadre of about 84,000 licensed dogs out of the 1.5 million dogs estimated to live in New York City. I have also invested considerable time in obedience training my dog. Only a tiny minority of dog owners have successfully obedience trained their dogs to recall, as my numerous encounters with unleashed dogs in Prospect Park have shown, time and time again.

As a responsible dog owner, I keep my dog on leash at all times in public places. I keep my dog on leash for her own safety and out of respect for the comfort and peace of mind of other people. I do not support the "courtesy" off leash hours in the New York City Parks. Imposing the presence of your unleashed dog on other people using a park is not consistent with canine good citizenship. Letting your dog be a nuisance to other people by letting it run off leash in a public space is the hallmark of the irresponsible and ignorant dog owner.

Allowing dogs to run off leash in a public park is a dangerous and foolhardy thing to do. Dogs fight. Dogs bite. Dogs are animals, and too many people, ignorant of dog nature, appear to have forgotten this. Dogs kill other dogs. An off leash dog park is an excellent place for your dog to learn how fight other dogs and become dog aggressive. An off leash dog park is a great place for your dog to get hurt, or even killed. Dogs run away and are lost, especially those whose owners have neglected to train them properly to recall. Dogs can run into the road and collide with cyclists, inline skaters, runners, and cars. Dogs can be exposed to all kinds of diseases from the other off leash dogs in the park. You cannot determine the health status of a dog by looking at its shiny fur and bright eyes. How do you know if the dog has been vaccinated? How do you know if the dog is healthy? Do you just take the owner's word for it?

Visiting dog parks can be a risky gamble with your dog's health. I have heard of an instance where a greyhound collided head on with a Labrador while running full tilt in a Manhattan dog park. The greyhound's snout was pushed into its brain pan, killing it instantly. How about that Labrador roaming free in Central Park early one morning, that found a voodoo offering, a beef tongue filled with pins and needles. The dog swallowed this and nearly died. The owner spent hundreds of dollars in vet bills to remove the needles. The incident was widely reported, but not one newspaper article mentioned the fact that had the dog been on a leash, it would probably not have found the offending

article and eaten it. Leash laws protect dogs from harm. And no, it is not cruel to walk a dog on a leash.

Contrary to what off leash advocates would have you believe, dogs do not need to run loose and "socialize" with other dogs in order to be "happy". They are not wolves. They do not live wild in a natural environment, they are urban animals. Dogs are human identified and have evolved to live in human society. They need to be socialized with people, not dogs. Dogs, especially city dogs, need to be exposed to all kinds of people and places while they are very young so that they are unfazed by ordinary life situations. Early socialization to **people** probably does reduce the likelihood of dogs biting out of fear or anxiety. Oddly enough, people often tell me that my pit bull is the happiest dog they have ever met. She literally leaps and dances for joy when I take her out for a walk, yet she has never been allowed to run off leash in the park. To suggest that the existence of off leash hours has contributed to an alleged decline in dog bites because dogs are "happier" due to being "socialized" during off leash hours over the years is a cynical twisting of the truth. So few dogs enjoy the alleged benefits of off leash hours that their impact on the reduction in the number of dog bites is probably nil.

Tupper Thomas, the Prospect Park Administrator who has been an unflagging supporter of the offleash contingent, has frequently claimed that the presence of off leash dogs discourages crime in the park, and has contributed to the decline in crime in the New York City parks since the institution of off leash courtesy hours in 1986. Like the guilt-inducing claim that dogs can't be happy without off leash time, this allegation has little basis in fact. **Not one study of the decline in crime in major cities like New York has attributed that decline to the presence of off leash dogs in the parks.** Rather unsurprisingly, more effective policing has been the main reason for the reduction of crime across New York City.

I have been personally menaced, annoyed and bothered so many times by unleashed dogs and their entitlement minded owners that I will no longer enter Prospect Park, which is situated one block from my apartment. The presence of these uncontrolled animals has deprived me of a major source of exercise and recreation. The aggravation has escalated in recent years as the number of unleashed dogs has soared. Carloads of dogs are trucked in from all over to romp free in what one Internet website has termed "the world's largest dog park".

Avoiding the so called "courtesy hours" does not guarantee that one will avoid encountering off leash dogs in Prospect Park. Far from it. Certain dog owners have come to regard this so called "privilege" as a right. They let their dogs off leash in the park wherever and whenever they please. These selfish dog owners have been photo-documented ***in flagrante delicto*** on the website, **http://brooklynparks.blogspot.com**. As it is now, the current staffing level of the Parks Department enforcement units cannot effectively police the confusing crazy-quilt of permissible areas and hodgepodge courtesy hours. I cannot imagine what things will be like in Prospect Park if Commissioner Benepe obtains an exemption in the Health Code leash law for the express purpose of allowing off leash hours to benefit a tiny minority of dog owners.

There must be many privileged and powerful people living in close proximity to Central and Prospect Parks who want to continue using our beautiful parks as their own convenient suburban back yards and dog toilets. I can't imagine why else DOPR has evinced so little concern for those of us who have suffered from this ill considered policy, we who have had pets killed by off leash dogs, who have been bitten by unleashed dogs, who have ridden horses attacked by off leash dogs, who have been knocked down and injured by off leash dogs, who have had cycling accidents caused by off leash dogs, and who have been frightened and menaced and intimidated from using the park by the unwanted presence of off leash dogs.

The leash law was instituted for very good reason. Those who are deluded by misguided compassion for animals would like the Department of Health to abandon reason and give in to their appeal to emotion. **I ask you to allow reason to prevail and restrict the off leash activity to fenced dog runs.** It's a decision that will require iron will and the backbone to stand up to the loud-mouthed animal extremists who have been indulged for far too long. It's a decision that might not play well in the "Fluffy Wagging His Happy Tail"-loving press, but it's the only decision that respects common sense. **We do not need to have hundreds of off leash dogs running around in the parks when people so desperately need safe access to the green space and the open sky. Let's get serious about protecting people and responsible dog owners who obey the law. Enforce the leash law in the parks.**

Thank you.

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Subject: Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code

Council Members,

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition regarding "Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code."

The mission of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is to ensure the health and welfare of all New Yorkers. Below are three excerpts taken from the "Statement of Purpose" listed in the "Board of Health Notice of Adoption of Amendments to Sections 161.03, 161.04 and 161.05 of The New York City Health Code":

"The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the "Department") is authorized and required by law to promote and protect the health and safety of New York City residents and visitors by ensuring an environment free from animal-borne diseases and hazards, as well as those caused by other vectors. Article 161 contains various provisions related to issues of public health concern in ownership and management of animals in the City of New York."

"New York State and New York City animal control laws are intended to safeguard the health and safety of the public. In addition to having their dogs actively vaccinated against the disease of rabies, responsible dog owners must obtain a license (New York City Dog License Law, Ch. 115 of the Laws of 1894, as amended); attach a dog license tag to the dog's collar when the animal is in a public place (see, Health Code §161.04); hold the dog on a leash no longer than six feet when the dog is in a public place (see, Health Code §161.05); and remove their dog's feces from any public areas (see, Health Code §161.03 and New York Public Health Law §1310)."

"Licensing companion dogs is increasingly seen as an important indicator of responsible dog ownership, reducing the numbers of strays, biting incidents and homeless, unwanted animal over-population. It enables owners of stray dogs to be more easily be identified so that lost dogs may be returned to their owners. It makes it possible for the Department to identify and control biting and dangerous dogs, and to control rabies."

According to the American Veterinary Medicine Association, an estimated 4.7 million Americans will be bitten by dogs this year. As many as 800,000 people annually require medical treatment for dog bites. About 12 people each year die from dog attacks. According to the Insurance Information Institute, insurance companies paid $317.2 million for dog bite liability claims in 2005 alone. The primary victims are children. The median age of patients bitten was 15 years, with children, especially boys aged 5 to 9 years, having the highest incidence rate. Children seen in emergency departments were more likely than older persons to be bitten on the face, neck, and head. Severe injuries occur almost exclusively in children less than 10 years of age (Center for Disease Control and Prevention).

In addition to these concerns is the increasing incidence of rabies in both New York City and New York State. This year the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has already issued three health or medical alerts (2006 DOHMH Alert #11, #25, #36) regarding the current rabies outbreak.

The latest estimates put the New York City dog population at 1.5 million (Robert A. Marino, Vice President, NY Council of Dog Owners Groups). Of that number only 84,547, or 5.6%, are licensed (Department of Health, CAP, year to date April 2006). Last year there were 5,385 dog bites reported in New York City. As unacceptably high as that number is, Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine Animal Health Newsletter states that "Dog bites have long been recognized as one of the most under reported of all injuries". It should be noted that the city does not maintain statistics on the number of dogs injured by other dogs, dogs lost, dogs killed by automobiles, injuries other than bites or injuries incurred as a direct result of an uncontrolled dog.

On April 14, 1999 the then commissioner of parks, Henry J. Stern had a press conference where he announced a comprehensive program to increase compliance with the NYC leash laws. Present at the event was Noreen E. Baxter, Vice President of the American Kennel Club. The President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Kennel Club, Alfred L. Cheaure, wrote to the commissioner and commended Parks & Recreation for its attempts to curb irresponsible and reckless dog owners. He also called for new enforcement efforts "...to protect the rights of dog owners as well as city residents." (Department of Parks & Recreation Newsroom Media Advisories, Thursday, April 14, 1999, no. 72). In addition, the Department of Parks and Recreation website (Things to Do, New York City Dog Runs In New York City - Tuesday, October 3, 2006), states:

"To the dog owners who still gripe about leash laws, Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear

and uric acid, a known killer of plant life."

In the publication, "New York City Parks/Parks and Recreation: Third Biennial Report, January 1998 - June 2000" (page 10), is the following section:

"Leash Law - Dogs are a wonderful presence in parks, but unleashed dogs can cause serious problems. They collide with joggers and bicyclists, frighten children and senior citizens, soil the landscape and trample lawns and fragile areas. Occasionally, they bite humans and small mammals. To help improve leash law compliance, Parks launched an initiative in March 1999 focusing on education, enforcement, and environmental restoration. Since then, citywide compliance has increased substantially."

Keeping one's dog(s) on a leash in public places is endorsed by no less than the ASPCA, the Humane Society, the American Kennel Club and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In addition the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are countless animal and medical associations that sponsor annual responsible dog ownership and dog bite prevention education drives. Of the top ten most populous cities in the United States, New York City in number one in both total population and population density. All ten cities have municipal laws that require dogs to be leashed when in public places. Why the most densely populated of those cities would even consider allowing unleashed dogs in unenclosed areas defies logic.

Nothing in the physical properties of New York City's green spaces, population or the instinctive behavior of dogs has suddenly changed that would make allowing them to run, unleashed in public places a good idea. I live in Park Slope, next to Prospect Park. Since 1996 I have seen the number of unleashed dogs increase from several dozen to several hundred. On May 11, 2002 an article by Amy Sachs about unleashed dogs and "courtesy hours" in Prospect Park was published in "The Daily News". In the article she writes, "The 526 acre Brooklyn oasis offers the most generous off-leash privileges of any of the city's parks. Resembling an English countryside more than urban sprawl, the park provides [her] and hundreds of dog owners the longest off-leash courtesy hours and the largest spaces - including three meadows, where a spring Saturday attracts up to 700 free-range canines."

The unofficial parks department policy that permits dogs to run off leash in unenclosed areas between the hours of 9 pm and 9 am (and during certain months, 5pm to 9am) has created scores of problems in Prospect Park. First, neither the courtesy rules nor the leash laws are ever enforced. Dogs can be found running, unleashed on sports fields, horse paths, open fields, roads, woodlands and swimming in waterways. It has escalated to the point where the unleashed dogs prevent me, my wife and dozens of our friends from exercising in Prospect Park in the early morning or late afternoon. I have attached four photos that show how dog owners routinely ignore the rules. In addition, I have created a website that documents the problem and provides photographs, videos, articles, letters and informational links (http://brooklynparks.blogspot.com).

The Department of Parks and Recreation currently has 53 fulltime Parks Enforcement Patrol officers. They work eight hours a day, five days a week. Among other tasks, PEP officers are responsible for the enforcement of the leash law in the city's 1,700 parks. If they cannot manage the existing "unofficial" rules, what will happen if the Department of Parks is legally permitted to allow unleashed dogs in "certain areas at certain times"?

I respectfully appeal to the members of the Board of Health to use common sense and their oath to protect the health and welfare of all New Yorkers and reject the proposal to amend Article 161.

Sincerely,

Rob Jett

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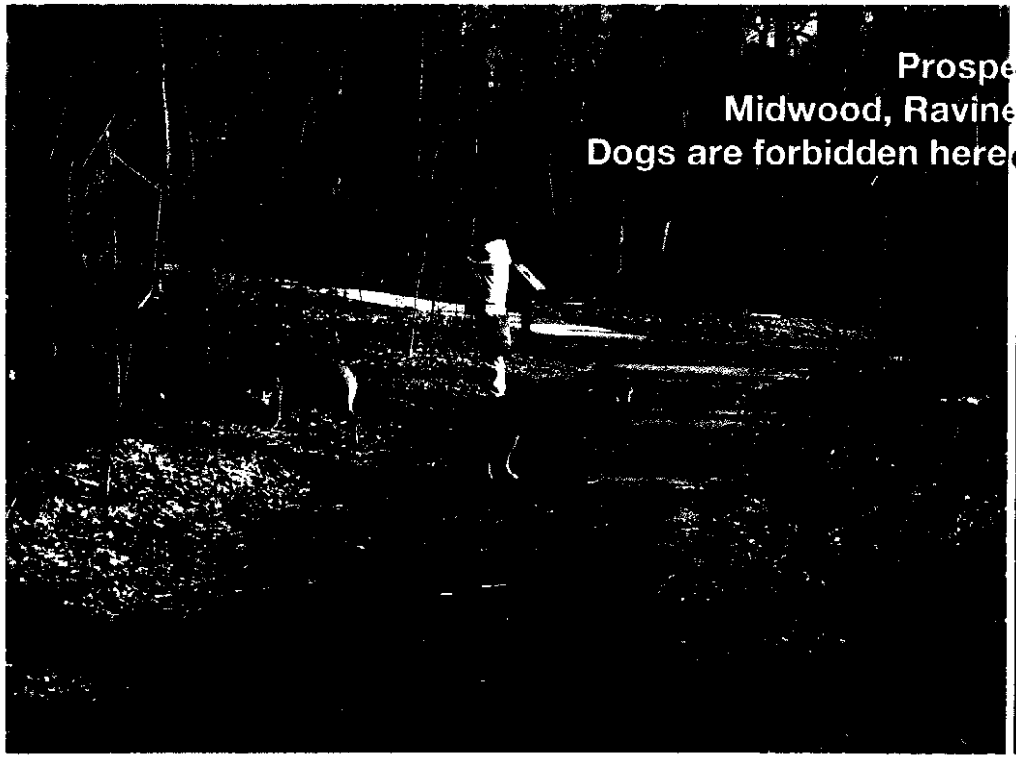

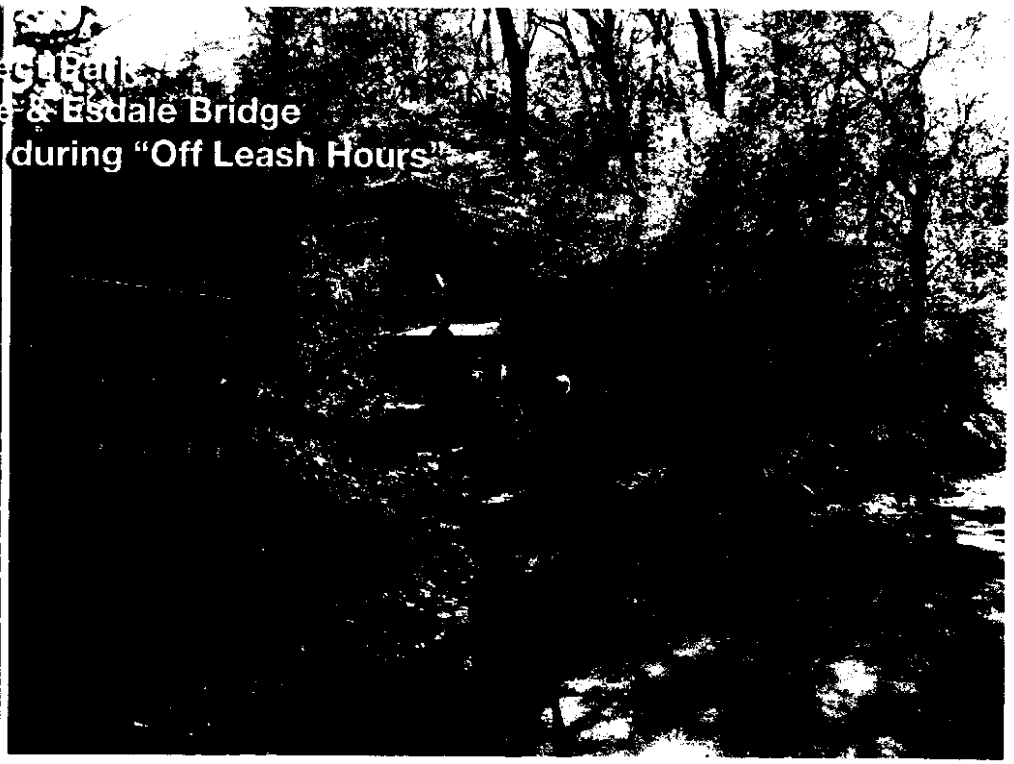

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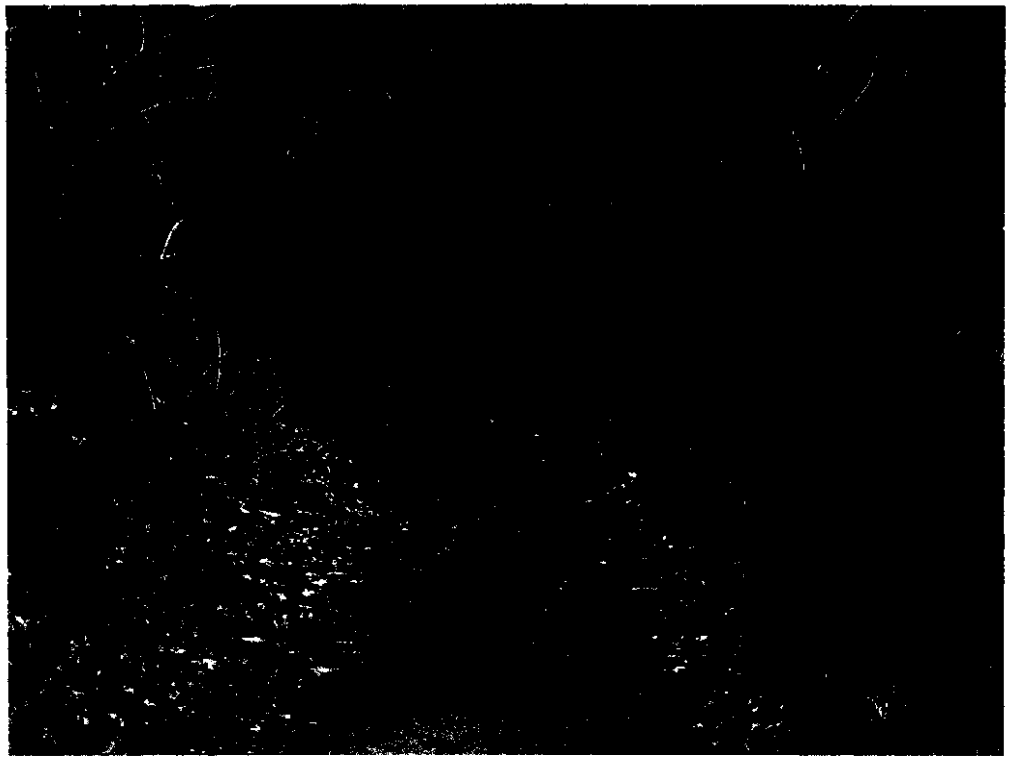
Dogs are forbidden here during "Off Leash Hours"



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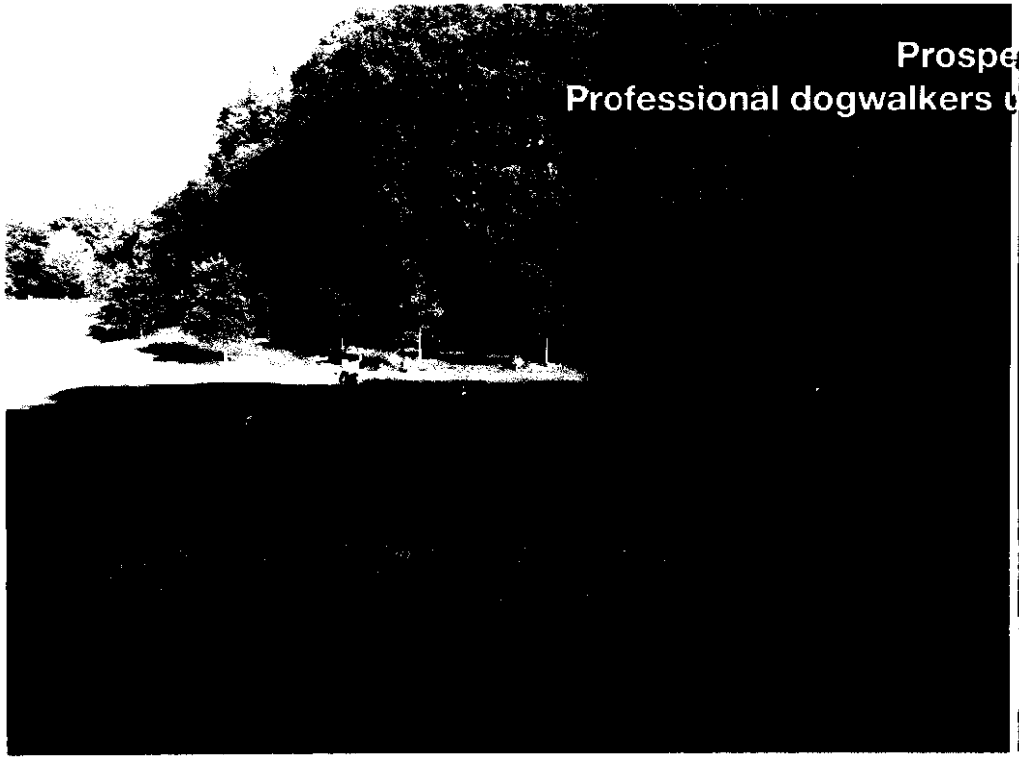

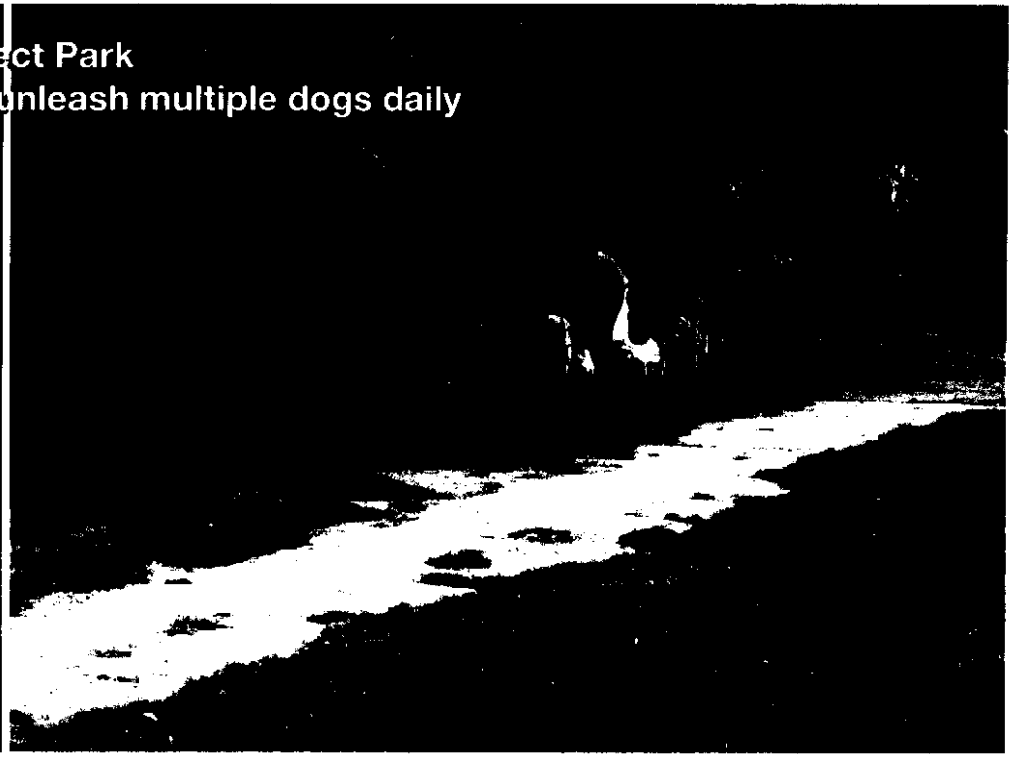

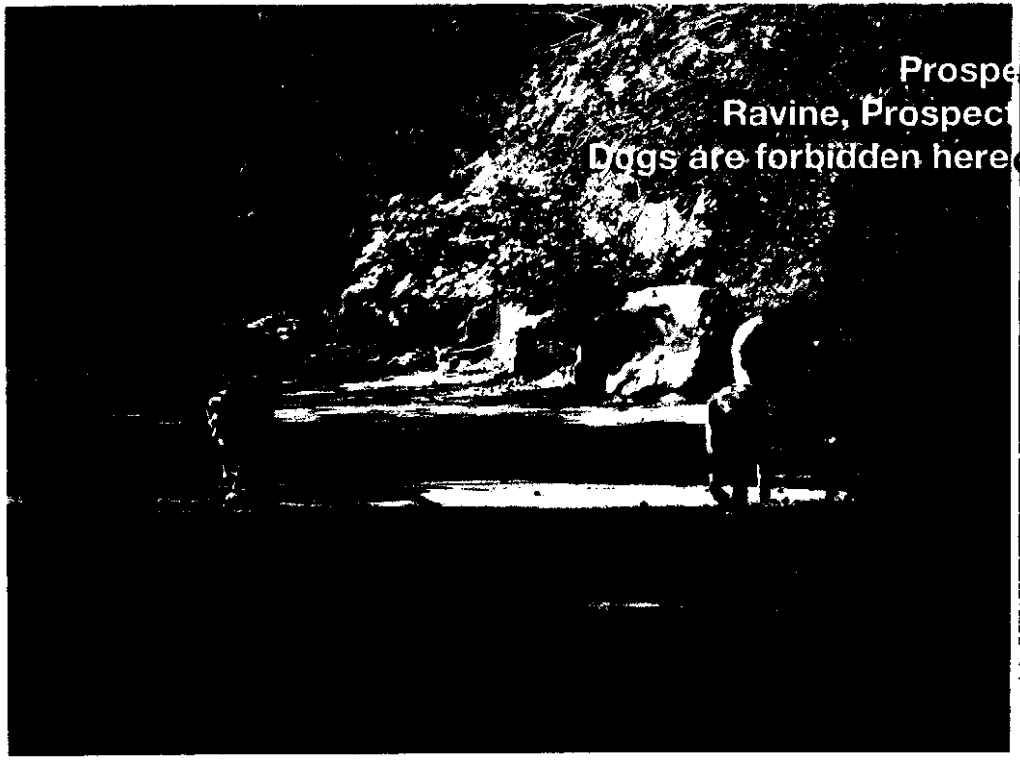

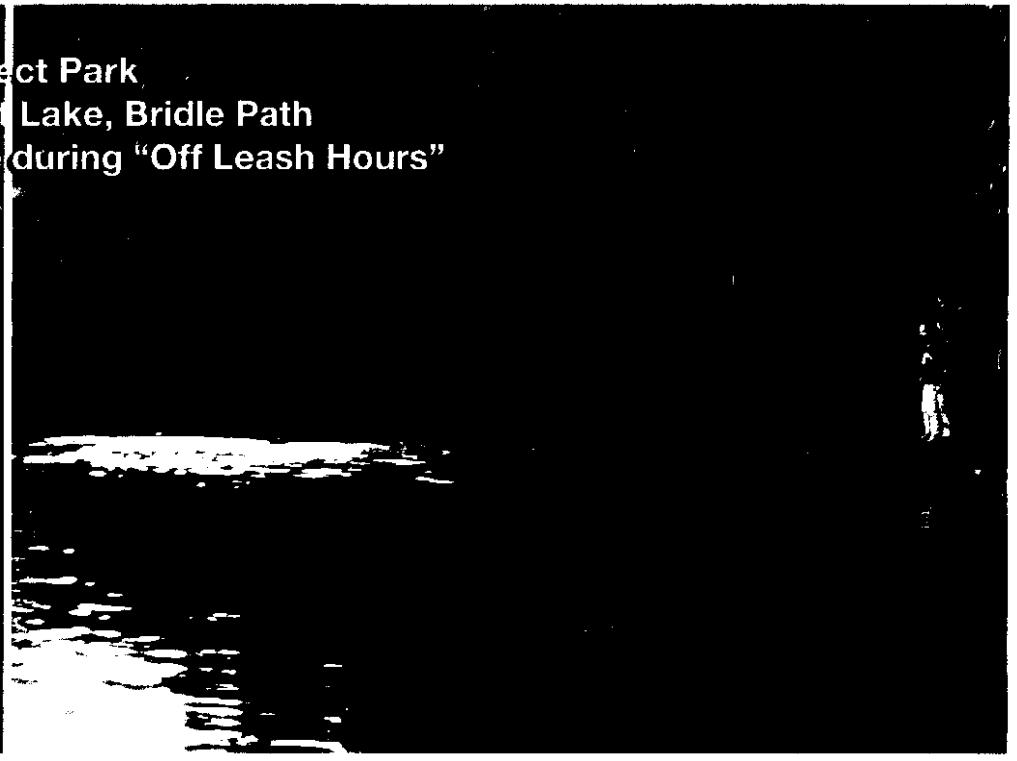

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Ravine, Prospect Lake, Bridle Path
Dogs are forbidden here during "Off Leash Hours"

Prospect Park
This woman lifts her dog into protect wildflower areas

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Potential benefits of pet ownership in health promotion.

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Pet ownership provides an opportunity to improve health. A pet may become a stimulus for exercise, reduce anxiety, and provide an external focus of attention. Pets are also a source of physical contact and comfort and may decrease loneliness and depression while promoting an interesting lifestyle. The benefits of pet ownership are consistent with the health promotion and disease prevention goals outlined in Healthy People 2000. These goals include (a) increasing physical activity and fitness and (b) improving mental health and preventing mental disorders. Assessment of pet ownership and discussion of potential health benefits facilitates a holistic understanding of our patients and ourselves.

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Cardiovascular reactivity and the presence of pets, friends, and spouses: the truth about cats and dogs.

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OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of the presence of friends, spouses, and pets on cardiovascular reactivity to psychological and physical stress. METHODS: Cardiovascular reactivity was examined among 240 married couples, half of whom owned a pet. Mental arithmetic and cold pressor were performed in one of four randomly assigned social support conditions: alone, with pet or friend (friend present for non-pet owners), with spouse, with spouse and pet/friend. RESULTS: Relative to people without pets, people with pets had significantly lower heart rate and blood pressure levels during a resting baseline, significantly smaller increases (ie, reactivity) from baseline levels during the mental arithmetic and cold pressor, and faster recovery. Among pet owners, the lowest reactivity and quickest recovery was observed in the pet-present conditions. CONCLUSIONS: People perceive pets as important, supportive parts of their lives, and significant cardiovascular and behavioral benefits are associated with those perceptions.

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Companion animals and human health.

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Pets, or companion animals, are said to be good for people. Until recently there has been little serious study of the effects on people's health of their interactions with companion animals. This is in spite of the fact that they have shared human lives for centuries and their beneficial effects have been known for at least 200 years. This paper reviews the ways in which companion animals have favourable effects on human health and behaviour, for example, as guides for blind and deaf people, for enriching the lives of long stay patients and for providing physical activity like horse riding for the severely disabled. Current knowledge of the effects of animals on human psychological, behavioural, physiological and social development is reviewed, including the use of animals in prison programmes. New findings in Australia show that pet owners had marked reduction in risk factors related to cardiac disease compared with non-owners. Other recent work has indicated that companion animals are able to act as 'early warning systems' for acute human conditions such as epileptic seizures.

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Beneficial effects of pet ownership on some aspects of human health and behaviour.

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A 10-month prospective study was carried out which examined changes in behaviour and health status in 71 adult subjects following the acquisition of a new pet (either dogs or cats). A group of 26 subjects without pets served as a comparison over the same period. Both pet-owning groups reported a highly significant reduction in minor health problems during the first month following pet acquisition, and this effect was sustained in dog owners through to 10 months. The pet-acquiring groups also showed improvements in their scores on the 30-item General Health Questionnaire over the first 6 months and, in dog owners, this improvement was maintained until 10 months. In addition, dog owners took considerably more physical exercise while walking their dogs than the other two groups, and this effect continued throughout the period of study. The group without pets exhibited no statistically significant changes in health or behaviour, apart from a small increase in recreational walking. The results provide evidence that pet acquisition may have positive effects on human health and behaviour, and that in some cases these effects are relatively long term.

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Pet ownership, but not ace inhibitor therapy, blunts home blood pressure responses to mental stress.

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In the present study, we evaluated the effect of a nonevaluative social support intervention (pet ownership) on blood pressure response to mental stress before and during ACE inhibitor therapy. Forty-eight hypertensive individuals participated in an experiment at home and in the physician's office. Participants were randomized to an experimental group with assignment of pet ownership in addition to lisinopril (20 mg/d) or to a control group with only lisinopril (20 mg/d). On each study day, blood pressure, heart rate, and plasma renin activity were recorded at baseline and after each mental stressor (serial subtraction and speech). Before drug therapy, mean responses to mental stress did not differ significantly between experimental and control groups in heart rate (94 [SD 6.8] versus 93 [6.8] bpm), systolic blood pressure (182 [8.0] versus 181 [8.3] mm Hg), diastolic blood pressure (120 [6.6] versus 119 [7.9] mm Hg), or plasma renin activity (9.4 [0.59] versus 9.3 [0.57] ng. mL(-1). h(-1)). Lisinopril therapy lowered resting blood pressure by approximately 35/20 mm Hg in both groups, but responses to mental stress were significantly lower among pet owners relative to those who only received lisinopril (P<0.0001; heart rate 81 [6.3] versus 91 [6.5] bpm, systolic blood pressure 131 [6.8] versus 141 [7.8] mm Hg, diastolic blood pressure 92 [6.3] versus 100 [6.8] mm Hg, and plasma renin activity 13.9 [0.92] versus 16.1 [0.58] ng. mL(-1). h(-1)). We conclude that ACE inhibitor therapy alone lowers resting blood pressure, whereas increased social support through pet ownership lowers blood pressure response to mental stress.

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Loneliness and pet ownership among single women.

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Relationships among loneliness, pet ownership, and attachment were studied in a sample of 148 adult female students, 59 pet owners and 89 nonowners. No significant differences were found on the loneliness reported by pet owners and nonowners. A two by two analysis of variance showed that women living entirely alone were significantly more lonely than those living with pets only, with both other people and pets, and with other people but without pets. No associations were found between loneliness and pet attachment. Also, no significant differences were found in loneliness or pet attachment scores between dog and cat owners; however, women living only with a dog were significantly more attached to the dog than those living with both a dog and other people. Conversely, women living only with a cat were significantly less attached to the cat than those living with both a cat and other people. These findings indicate that having a pet can help to diminish feelings of loneliness, particularly for women living alone, and compensate for the absence of human companionship.

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Pet ownership may be a factor in improved health of the elderly.

Dembicki D, Anderson J.

The familiar adage "pets are good for your health" is an interesting but largely untested theory. A new model was developed, based on pet ownership leads to better self care, to show possible associations between pet ownership with eating, exercise, nutritional status, and specific cardiovascular risk factors. Seniors aged sixty and above were solicited mainly at senior congregate meals program sites in north-central Colorado (n = 127) to participate in this cross-sectional, observational study. Statistical analyses of questionnaire, anthropometric, physiological, and biochemical data were performed. Dog owners walked significantly longer than non-owners ($p < 0.05$), and pet owners had significantly lower serum triglycerides than non-owners ($p < 0.01$). Results suggest that pets may be good for your health.

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Companion dogs are widespread in western countries, and scientific studies have proved that dogs have a number of positive effects on human health and well-being. Studies have shown reduced systolic blood pressure in dog owners compared to non-owners, as well as lowered concentrations of plasma triglycerides and cholesterol. Studies have also shown improved survival rates following myocardial infarction in dog owners compared to non-owners. Companion dogs are used systematically in "animal assisted therapy" in various institutions and hospitals, both as specific treatment of a medical condition and to improve well-being in certain groups of patients. The reasons for the positive effects of dogs on human health are not clearly identified. The attachment between people and their pets ("the human-animal bond") seems to have important physiological and psychological effects. Companion dogs have been shown to increase physical activity and social contact, which may also influence human health.

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Attachment of people to companion animals.

Voith VL.

Cat and dog owners appear to be equally attached to their pets, engage in similar behaviors, and hold similar opinions regarding their pets. The universality and strength of this attachment may be because household pets fit into the biological attachment system that exists to bond parents and children. Additionally, pets may convey a feeling of security or a sense of well-being that is rooted in our evolutionary past.

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The pet as an anxiolytic intervention.

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The effect of a pet on psychological consequences of stress (i.e., state and trait anxiety levels) of college students was examined under three test conditions (i.e., reading aloud, reading quietly, and interacting with a friendly but unknown dog). A repeated-measures analysis of variance with three covariates was used to examine the effect of the treatment on each dependent variable (state and trait anxiety). Reading aloud differed from baseline measure under all treatment conditions (p less than .001). Reading quietly and interacting with the dog were slightly below baseline for variables, with more effect seen by reading quietly than by interacting with the dog. Examination of interactions among variables showed no significant differences. Effects upon state anxiety were significant, while trait anxiety levels remained fairly constant throughout the treatments. Baseline differences in trait anxiety scores indicate a potentially greater benefit for pet owners than nonowners. Selected social network and relationship data related to the role of the pet during anxiety-producing times were also analyzed. While interaction with the pet produced a decrease in anxiety level, pet owners did not report the use of their own pet as a social support (i.e., as confidant) significantly more than did previous owners. Results indicated that interacting with a pet for some individuals does affect both physiological and psychological responses by lowering response levels. However, a parallel effect was also seen by reading quietly. Given the effect of pet interaction upon selected social support indicators of health in well college students, these data suggest the importance of examining this treatment with an "at-risk" group in which it is possible to control for ownership characteristics.

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Social support and pet ownership, a nonhuman form of social support, have both been associated with increased coronary artery disease survival. The independent effects of pet ownership, social support, disease severity, and other psychosocial factors on 1-year survival after acute myocardial infarction are examined prospectively. The Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial provided physiologic data on a group of post-myocardial infarction patients with asymptomatic ventricular arrhythmias. An ancillary study provided psychosocial data, including pet ownership, social support, recent life events, future life events, anxiety, depression, coronary prone behavior, and expression of anger. Subjects (n = 424) were randomly selected from patients attending participating Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial sites and completed baseline psychosocial questionnaires. One year survival data were obtained from 369 patients (87%), of whom 112 (30.4%) owned pets and 20 (5.4%) died. Logistic regression indicates that high social support ($p < 0.068$) and owning a pet ($p = 0.085$) tend to predict survival independent of physiologic severity and demographic and other psychosocial factors. Dog owners (n = 87, 1 died) are significantly less likely to die within 1 year than those who did not own dogs (n = 282, 19 died; $p < 0.05$); amount of social support is also an independent predictor of survival ($p = 0.065$). Both pet ownership and social support are significant predictors of survival, independent of the effects of the other psychosocial factors and physiologic status. These data confirm and extend previous findings relating pet ownership and social support to survival among patients with coronary artery disease.

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The physician utilization behavior of 938 Medicare enrollees in a health maintenance organization was prospectively followed for 1 year. With demographic characteristics and health status at baseline controlled for, respondents who owned pets reported fewer doctor contacts over the 1-year period than respondents who did not own pets. Furthermore, pets seemed to help their owners in times of stress. The accumulation of prebaseline stressful life events was associated with increased doctor contacts during the study year for respondents without pets. This relationship did not emerge for pet owners. Owners of dogs, in particular, were buffered from the impact of stressful life events on physician utilization. Additional analyses showed that dog owners in comparison to owners of other pets spent more time with their pets and felt that their pets were more important to them. Thus, dogs more than other pets provided their owners with companionship and an object of attachment.

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Loneliness and pet ownership among single women.

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Relationships among loneliness, pet ownership, and attachment were studied in a sample of 148 adult female students, 59 pet owners and 89 nonowners. No significant differences were found on the loneliness reported by pet owners and nonowners. A two by two analysis of variance showed that women living entirely alone were significantly more lonely than those living with pets only, with both other people and pets, and with other people but without pets. No associations were found between loneliness and pet attachment. Also, no significant differences were found in loneliness or pet attachment scores between dog and cat owners; however, women living only with a dog were significantly more attached to the dog than those living with both a dog and other people. Conversely, women living only with a cat were significantly less attached to the cat than those living with both a cat and other people. These findings indicate that having a pet can help to diminish feelings of loneliness, particularly for women living alone, and compensate for the absence of human companionship.

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Pets, attachment, and well-being across the life cycle.

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Using an ethological framework of attachment developed by Bowlby and the social provisions of relationships delineated by Weiss, this article explores the ways in which family pets, in particular dogs and cats, provide certain components of attachment that contribute to emotional and social well-being throughout the life cycle. Pets may supply ongoing comfort and reduce feelings of loneliness during adversity or stressful transitions such as divorce or bereavement. They can also provide an opportunity to nurture others. In clinical practice it helps to be aware of how significant a pet may be to a client. Implications are identified for social policies that will protect and maintain this bond for particular populations, such as elderly people in nursing homes or retirement communities and individuals going through a life transition.

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Pets not only interact directly with people but, through their presence alone, may also modify the social behavior between two or more people. Examples of this latter effect are offered from the literature on pet-facilitated therapy, pets and children, and pets in the community. An attempt is made to develop a theoretical framework to explain this phenomenon.

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Many studies have suggested that health and social benefits may be derived from pet ownership or visitation upon interaction levels within severely mentally ill populations. The study featured in this article aimed to examine further this relationship while attempting to control for the effects of an extraneous variable (the human dog handler) using an A-B-C-A reversal design. The article concludes that the presence of a pet does, indeed, promote social interactions within a long-stay psychiatric population.

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Effect of dog-walking on autonomic nervous activity in senior citizens.

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OBJECTIVE: To compare changes in autonomic nervous activity in healthy senior individuals while walking with and without a dog, and during routine activities at home and periods of interacting with the dog at home. DESIGN: Controlled crossover study. PARTICIPANTS AND SETTING: 13 healthy volunteers (3 men, 10 women; mean age, 67.5 years) who walked in a park adjacent to Gunma University, Japan, and 4 volunteers among these who underwent monitoring in their own homes. INTERVENTIONS: Heart rate variability was monitored continuously by means of a palm-sized electrocardiographic monitor (which facilitated spectral analysis of the RR interval) while participants walked for 30 minutes (first with, then without, the study dog, or vice versa); three participants underwent this intervention on 3 consecutive days. Four participants underwent continuous monitoring for 6 hours in their own homes, including two 30-minute periods of free interaction with the study dog. MAIN OUTCOME MEASURES: High frequency (HF) power values of heart rate variability, which is a measure of parasympathetic neural activity. RESULTS: During dog-walking, HF power increased significantly ($P < 0.01$); this increase was sustained throughout each dog walk, and was more pronounced during succeeding dog walks. At home, HF power was 1.87 times greater when the dog was present, and 1.57 times greater ($P < 0.01$) than in the walking experiment. CONCLUSIONS: Walking a dog has potentially greater health benefits as a buffer against stress in senior citizens than walking without a dog; and, independent of actually walking, merely patting and talking to a dog also raises parasympathetic neural activity. Power spectral analysis of heart rate variability shows promise as a non-invasive approach to quantifying clinicophysiological research on human health benefits possibly derived from interaction with companion animals.

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INTRODUCTION: Dog walking is a purposeful physical activity that may have health benefits for humans and canines. A descriptive epidemiology of the contribution of dog walking to physically active lifestyles among dog walkers in the United States has not been previously reported. METHODS: Data on youth and adults who reported walking for pet care trips (N = 1282) on the National Household Travel Survey 2001 were analyzed for number of trips, proportion walking a dog for at least 10 minutes on one trip, and accumulation of 30 minutes or more in 1 day of walks lasting at least 10 minutes. RESULTS: In 1 day, 58.9% of dog walkers took two or more walks, 80.2% took at least one walk of 10 minutes or more, and 42.3% accumulated 30 minutes or more from walks lasting at least 10 minutes each. There were no significant differences by sex, family income, or categories of urbanization. CONCLUSION: Walking a dog may contribute to a physically active lifestyle and should be promoted as a strategy that fits within the framework set forth by the Task Force on Community Preventive Services for Physical Activity.

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Dogs as catalysts for social interactions: robustness of the effect.

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It is known that pet dogs can act as catalysts for human social interactions, and it has been suggested that this may enhance feelings of well-being. Two studies were carried out to establish the robustness of this effect. In Study 1, a highly trained dog was used to ensure that the dog itself did not solicit attention from passers-by, and data were collected across a range of normal daily activities in which a dog could be included, not confined to conventional dog walking areas as in previous studies. Being accompanied by a dog increased the frequency of social interactions, especially interactions with strangers. In Study 2, also using a trained dog, a different (male) participant observer was dressed either smartly or scruffily. Although there were significantly more interactions when he was smartly dressed, the greatest effect was between the Dog present and No Dog conditions irrespective of the handler's dress. It is concluded that the social catalysis effect is very robust, which opens the way for investigating possible consequences of the effect for well-being and health.

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Interaction between the environment and animals in urban settings: integrated and participatory planning.

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In urban ecosystems, the ecological system has become completely unbalanced; this, in turn, has led to an increase in well-known problems such as air pollution, ground pollution, and water pollution. This imbalance has also led to the growth and spread of pathogens harmful to man, animals, and plants. Urban sustainability indicators, both global and local, also "indicate" the percentage of population, but these refer only to the human population, not the animal population. Cities need good waste, water, and air management, effective traffic planning, and good zoning of businesses, crafts, and services; over and above these activities, cities also need for planning to take into account the existence of pets (dogs, cats, and etc.) and nonpet animals (insects, birds, mice, etc.). Cities tend to be designed around humans and "on a human scale," without taking into account the fact that a huge animal population is living side by side with people. That explains why overcrowding tends to go hand in hand with urbanization; all these populations, including humans, need to adapt to new spaces and often need to drastically change their behavior. This is a fact that must be included when drafting sustainable city plans. The supposed strategy is that of "integrated-participatory" control of the interactions between the environment and animals in the cities. Strategy will focus on the development of integrated approaches and tools for environment and animal management in the context of urban settings. This will require such specific methods as ecological balance sheets and ecoplans for the planning, management, and control of the interrelation among environment, animal, and public health. The objective is to develop a better understanding of urban biodiversity and of urban ecosystem functioning, in order to understand and minimize the negative impacts of human activities on them. The research will focus on assessing and forecasting changes in urban biodiversity, structure, function, and dynamics of

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Relationships among dog ownership and leisure-time walking in Western Canadian adults.

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BACKGROUND: Dog ownership may be an effective tailored intervention among adults for promoting physical activity. This study examined the relationship between walking, physical activity levels, and potential psychological mediators between people who owned dogs and those who did not own dogs in the Capital Region District of Greater Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Data were collected in September 2004; analyses were conducted in January 2005. METHODS: A random sample of men (n=177) and women (n=174) aged 20 to 80 years participated. Questionnaires were mailed out in 2004 to collect information about demographics, dog ownership, leisure-time walking, physical activity levels, and theory of planned behavior (TPB) constructs. RESULTS: The analyses revealed that dog owners spent more time in mild and moderate physical activities and walked an average of 300 minutes per week compared to non-dog owners who walked an average of 168 minutes per week. A mediator analysis suggests that dog obligation acts as a mediator between dog ownership and physical activity. Moreover, the theory of planned behavior constructs of intention and perceived behavioral control explained 13% of the variance in walking behavior with an additional 11% variance in walking behavior being explained by dog obligation. Regarding intention to walk, the TPB explained 46% of the variance in intention to walk with dog obligation adding an additional 1% variance. CONCLUSIONS: In this group of Canadians, those who owned a dog participated in more mild to moderate physical activity than those who did not. Acquiring a dog should be explored as an intervention to get people more physically active.

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The PPET Study: People and Pets Exercising Together.

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OBJECTIVE: Obesity is a significant public health problem that is affecting people and their pets. The human-companion animal bond and the role of pets in providing social support provides a rationale framework for studying the effectiveness of a combined people and pets (PP) exercising together (PPET) weight loss program. RESEARCH METHODS AND PROCEDURES: Thirty-six pairs of overweight or obese people with an obese pet (PP) and 56 overweight or obese people only (PO) participated in a 1-year prospective controlled weight loss study. In a group format, people received dietary and physical activity counseling, and dogs were fed a calorie-controlled prescription diet. Physical activity was recorded using the physical activity recall questionnaire. RESULTS: Completion rates at 1 year were 61% for the PP group and 58% for the PO group. Mean weight losses at 12 months using last observation carried forward were 4.7% (PP) and 5.2% (PO). Mean weight loss among the dogs was 15%. Time spent in physical activity increased in both groups to 3.9 (PP) and 3.5 (PO) h/wk. Two-thirds of total physical activity in the PP group was spent with the dogs. DISCUSSION: The PPET study is the first program to demonstrate the effectiveness of a combined PP weight loss program. This fresh approach to the dual obesity epidemic builds on the human-companion animal bond. Consideration of social support for weight loss of family members, friends, and coworkers should be extended to include pets.

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Influence of companion animals on the physical and psychological health of older people: an analysis of a one-year longitudinal study.

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OBJECTIVE: To examine whether companion animals or attachment to a companion animal was associated with changes in physical and psychological health in older people and whether the relationships between physical and psychological health and human social networks were modified by the presence or absence of a companion animal. DESIGN: A 1-year longitudinal study with standardized telephone interview data collected at baseline and repeated at 1-year SETTING: Wellington County, Ontario, Canada PARTICIPANTS: An age- and sex stratified random sample (baseline n = 1054; follow-up n = 995) of noninstitutionalized adults aged 65 and older (mean age = 73, SD +/- 6.3) MEASUREMENTS: Social Network Activity was measured using a family and non-family social support scale, participation in an organized social group, involvement in the affairs of the social group, the practice of confiding in others, feelings of loneliness, and the perceived presence of support in a crisis situation. Chronic conditions were measured as the current number of selected health problems. Pet ownership was assessed by the report of owning a dog or a cat and the Lexington Attachment to Pets Scale score. Physical health was assessed as the ability to perform Activities of Daily Living (ADLs). Psychological health was measured as a summed score comprising the level of satisfaction regarding one's health, family and friend relationships, job, finances, life in general, overall happiness, and perceived mental health. Sociodemographic variables assessed include subject age, sex, marital status, living arrangements, education, household income, and major life events. RESULTS: Pet owners were younger, currently married or living with someone, and more physically active than non-pet owners. The ADL level of respondents who did not currently own pets deteriorated more on average (beta = -.270, P = .040) than that of respondents who currently owned pets after adjusting

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for other variables during the 1-year period. No statistically significant direct association was observed between pet ownership and change in psychological well-being (P > .100). However, pet ownership significantly modified the relationship between social support and the change in psychological well-being (P = .001) over a 1-year period. CONCLUSIONS: The results demonstrate the benefits of pet ownership in maintaining or slightly enhancing ADL levels of older people. However, a more complex relationship was observed between pet ownership and an older person's well-being.

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am a strong supporter of the off-leash policy in the parks for dogs and their owners. If Health Board members were to visit the parks in the city during off-leash hours, they would find a community of people enjoying the park along with their dogs. There are literally thousands of NYC residents who enjoy this pastime, and the Juniper Park Association which is trying to ban off-leash hours in ALL parks is a very small minority.

You have heard by now all of the positive arguments for maintaining off-leash hours; only reason would have the Health Board conclude that an off-leash policy is beneficial to the dog-owning and larger NYC community.

Please support Amendments to Section 165. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Dear Rena,

We support amendments to Sec. 165. We've taken advantage of the no leash policy this past year and dog owners leave the park cleaner than any other group who uses the park.

Sincerely,

Beverly A. Rippe

Jennifer Bellegrino

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Ms. Rena Bryant
Sec'y to the Bd. of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

re: NYC off-leash laws

Dear Ms. Bryant:

Six years ago, I found my dog Brandy, a pitbull mix, who had been abandonned in Lehman College's parking lot during a particularly icy January. She was pregnant, terrified, and had obviously been confined to an apartment her entire life.

Three years ago, I found Gypsy, another pitbull mix, who had been left tied to a Bronx lampost overnight. She was wearing a leather fighting vest and showed signs of abuse. Not only was she totally unsocialized, she was leash-aggressive—meaning that the leash frustrated her and made her act out inappropriately so that it was impossible to walk her. Step by step, my husband and I worked with her until she is now a happy dog and can be around other dogs without the fear of being attacked.

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Neither of these dogs could have been properly socialized had there not been off-leash time in Prospect Park. They are healthier because they get to run—something that would be impossible if they were leashed. They have made friends with whom they get to romp and wrestle—something they couldn't do leashed. They have learned how to approach many different people politely and freely–something they couldn't do leashed.

Not only a benefit to our dogs, the off-leash environment has created a community of like-minded people who have become friends beyond the park. We look out for each other's dogs; we share ideas on dog issues; we give a helping hand in other ways when needed; we've expanded our social circle so that our life in the city isn't so isolated.

People with leashed dogs not only do not socialize, they tend to give each other wide berth on the street because they are anxious that their dogs wouldn't get along–and many times they don't because they aren't socialized the way nature intended.

In my six years in Prospect Park and other city parks during off-leash time, I have only had positive experiences. This issue stirred up by the Juniper Park group is a tempest in a teacup. We have more pressing problems in New York City that need to be addressed without time, resources, and energy wasted so shamefully. It is obvious that Robert Holden of Juniper Park has created this discord for his own agenda.

Yours truly,

Czerny Auyang
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Susan E. V. Lieberman

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Mr. Nicholas Kerasiotis

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October 31, 2006

Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
Office of the General Counsel for Health
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RE: Amendment to Article 161.05 of the Health Code (Off-leash Policy)

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the city's off-leash practice and to state that I am in favor of the Health Department's proposed amendment to Article 161.05 of the Health Code.

As the Public Advocate, I answer many complaints about city government. Since this issue arose, I have heard from hundreds of New Yorkers who want to see the off-leash policy continued. As a former Parks Commissioner and dog owner, I also know first hand that this policy, in conjunction with responsible dog ownership, is a proven success that is good for all New Yorkers.

Under the current policy, dogs are only permitted off-leash at off-peak times: from 9 PM until parks close, and again from the time parks open until 9 AM. Furthermore, off-leash dogs are only permitted in certain designated areas, so those who do not enjoy the presence of dogs can choose to avoid them. Although more dog runs would present an alternative to the off-leash policy, the city neither has the finances nor the land needed to meet the need. Currently, there are fewer than 50 dog runs for 1.4 million city dogs. Given New York City's limited park space and resources, the off-leash policy reasonably accommodates both dog-owners and non-dog owners.

Beyond these considerations, the off-leash policy also provides benefits for both canines and humans. Off-leash exercise and socialization are integral to the life of a city dog. Many prominent studies demonstrate that dogs that exercise and socialize off-leash are less aggressive, and more attuned to urban living. For many New Yorkers, city parks are their backyards. Allowing their dogs off-leash in these parks is the only way to properly exercise and socialize their dogs.

According to Health Department statistics, prior to the implementation of the off-leash policy, dog bites exceeded 40,000 citywide. During the approximately twenty-year period in which the off-leash policy has been in effect, these numbers have consistently fallen. In 2005, the number of dog bites dropped to less than 4,000. Of these bites, only 86 (2.2%) occurred in city parks. In 2006, the number of bites is actually down 6.1% from last year. While each dog bite is unfortunate, the evidence suggests that an end to the off-leash policy would lead to more bites, not fewer.

By promoting public awareness, providing signs that explain the off-leash policy, and clearly stating designated off-leash areas and hours, the city can improve upon this successful policy. I commend the Department of Health for putting forth the suggested amendments and believe that greater licensing and vaccination of city dogs will further support the current policy.

It is my hope that this policy will be clarified and continued for the benefit of all New Yorkers. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Darren Bloch, Director of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, at (212) 669-4188. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betsy Gotbaum
Public Advocate

CC:
Norma Torres, Director, Veterinary Public Health Program
Edgar Butts, Assistant Commissioner for Veterinary and Pest Control
Martha Robinson, Esq., Counsel, Board of Health

October 31, 2006

Rena Bryant
Secretary of the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

Fax: 212 788-4315

Re: Save NY's Off-Leash Policy!

Dear Ms, Bryant:

I am writing this letter to urge you to consider the quality-of-life benefits which are provided to pets and their owners by the off-leash pet policy. The current policy helps to contribute to making New York the great city that it is. I am always so proud to bring my friends and family to Central Park so they can observe how the city functions at its best during off-leash hours. The pure joy that abounds due to this policy is something to marvel at. *I have never witnessed a dog acting aggressively and I have always seen their owners acting in a responsible and caring manner.* If only all city dwellers would follow their lead.

Please, I implore you to use good judgment and restraint in your re-evaluation of this policy. This is a city of not only 8 million people, but their pets too. We need to be thoughtful of each and every New Yorker's ability to work together for a common good. This is what makes New York City the greatest place on earth.

Sincerely,

Michael Moore
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October 31, 2006

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Members of the NYC Health Board
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
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Dear Board of Health Members:

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

1. Positively socializes Dogs (+owners) and promotes healthy, natural behavior.
2. Populates the parks at "off-hours" and makes the parks safer for everyone.
3. If you spend time watching Dogs run, play and interact, you will see how fun and safe they are with eachother. It is at the same time therapudic for the owners to be outside and watching their dogs play.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Thank you.

Mary Read L.M.T., C.L.T.
Manual Lymph Drainage • Lymphedema Treatment
19 East 71st Street Suite 2B
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To Rena Bryant,

This is a letter to inform you that I fully support the proposed amendment to the "leash law" article 161 of the New York City Health Code.

There are no dog runs near me, & I so appreciate the fact that before 9AM, my dog & I can enjoy the city park where we both get a chance to socialize & exercise. I absolutely comply with leashing my dog after 9AM & try to respect the other park users.

The off leash policy is a wonderful privilege that I do not wish to lose.

Mary Read

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Rina Johnson

Rina Johnson
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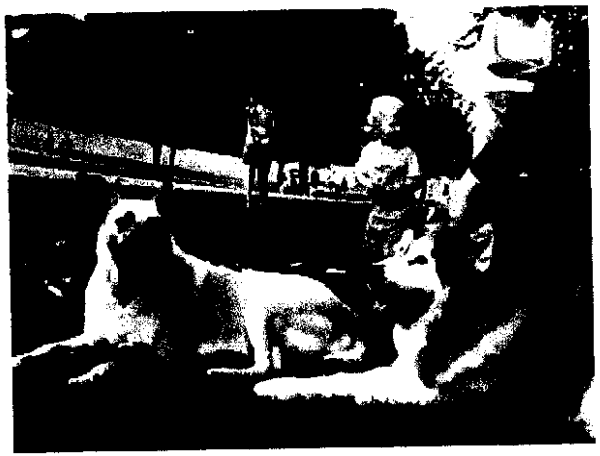
PLEASE SUPPORT OFF-LEASH! LOOK AT PHOTOS ↓

Hunter Armyg 72-84 Yellowstone Blvd Forest Hills, NY 11375

I SUPPORT off-leash...it works! These photos show why.

Note the amount of people who frequent our local dog park year-round which includes children, the handicap and pregnant women and all get along wonderfully. I have hundreds of photos that prove this. Like children, dogs need activity to be calm and civilized. Off leash provides this along with access to responsible dog owner tips. Dogs off leash make dog owners walk further and the owners look forward to the socialization just like the dogs do.



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my Dog need to run Every
morning I pick up my Dog
Business

Please Let the Dog
get exercise It would
Be Cruel Not to Let them

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Sincerely,

Patricia Burkan

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Mary Alice Connor

Yours truly,

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TESTIMONY OF Garo Alexanian, Executive Director
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Distinguished members of the Council. I have been a resident of Queens for over 40 years, living a few miles from Juniper Park in Forest Hills most of that time. I founded the first and still only 24 hr HelpLine for animal related calls in 1983, which has now been incorporated into the New York City Center for Animal Care & Control ("NYCACC"), now referred to as the "Safety Net Program." Since founding the HelpLine my organization has serviced between 5,000 and 7,000 calls per year from New York City residents, totaling approximately 100,0000 calls over the past 23 years. Some of those calls have naturally been about incidents between people and dogs in public areas. My expertise includes catching wild dogs in the parks and beaches, taking dogs with behavioral issues from New York City Animal Care and Control, rehabilitating them, and adopting them into lifetime homes. My services were utilized by the Humane Society of the United States in New Orleans during hurricane Katrina and the months following. I have undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Zoology. In short, I am one of those "dog whisperers" who have recently received national prominence. I believe that my 23 years of experience, statistics gathering, and first hand knowledge of dog and people behavior, in particular pertaining to the interaction between people, children, and dogs in public areas are on-point facts which are integral to the core of the issues surrounding the rules which are under consideration for enactment. Namely, the benefit vs the risk associated with interactions between people and dogs in public areas and

policies which either encourage or discourage the propensity and probability of dog related incidents in a given community.

I have always been an opponent of off leash dog walking unless confined to an enclosed fenced area with 5 foot fencing with no openings. Unfortunately, too many dog guardians become lazy over time and begin to simply let their dogs out the front or rear door to do their business on the sidewalk or around the corner, which provides an opportunity for dogs to 1) attack one another

2) attack people and children

3) cause traffic incidents

Various university studies have proven that dogs are social animals and that they thrive on interaction. In fact, the first introduction of a dog to a cat, or a dog to another dog, or to a human, is the single most important factor in determining whether or not the dog relates to the other as friend or foe. Similar to the idiom we are all familiar with as it applies to humans, "you only get one chance to make a good first impression," dogs are much the same, and their first impression acts as a guide as to their future disposition with regards to their relationship with the other party, be it adult human, child, cat, or dog.

That is why dogs will generally chase a cat outdoors but not in a home.

When a dog is introduced to another party when it has been confined for days, weeks, or months without the capability to express its natural needs of running, playing, and roaming, it becomes pent up and stressed to the point of no return. Consequently,

when taken out for a lashed walk after such a confinement, the dog will pull and tug and try to do what has long been overdue. If at that moment, a person or another dog approaches the dog, being already frustrated, the likelihood of the dog becoming somewhat aggressive is likely. This is why chained dogs have the highest propensity to attack and/or bite and/or threaten. Recognition of this simple fact has now begun a movement in many communities to pass local regulations against the chaining of dogs in yards, etc.

However, if the dog is used to receiving sufficient off leash roaming opportunities in a fenced in area or a private back yard, when that dog is taken for a walk the likelihood that it will attack or threaten a passerby or someone who approaches it, be they human or animal, is greatly reduced.

Therefore, for the safety of the community at large, it is imperative that dogs be provided with either off leash walking rights or fenced in areas, commonly referred to as dog runs. The denial of both lays the seeds of discontent in pet dogs and coalesces all the necessary factors to create a dangerous and volatile situation in the community.

Thank you.

I have personally

My name is Mia Nitchun and I am here representing Central Park PAWS, the voice of approximately 10,000 dog owners who use Central Park on a daily basis.

Central Park PAWS was founded in 1999 by Susan Buckley along with Doug Blonsky, now president of the Central Park Conservancy. Today PAWS is an advisory group to the Conservancy and is run by a steering committee made up of dog owners and Conservancy staff. As in Prospect Park, the relationship between dog owners and park management in Central Park is one of shared goals and collaboration. Both work to protect the park for *everyone*'s enjoyment—non-dog and dog owners alike.

For the past 20 years Central Park has had a three-tiered system concerning the leashing of dogs in the park. In certain areas such as Sheeps Meadow and the Great Lawn, no dogs are allowed at any time. In areas such as the woodlands and the ballfields, dogs must be on leash at all times. In the rest of the park, dogs are allowed off-leash between 9 pm and 9 am during the times that the park is open and provided that the dogs are under their owners' control. In a park whose landmark status prohibits certain geographic alterations, including dog runs, this policy has worked extremely well. In the words of Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, who described the 9 to 9 off-leash hours in a recent letter to Paws President Buckley: *"Central Park is a great example of this policy's success. Indeed, our 'courtesy hours' have encouraged people to take advantage of Central Park during those hours when it is more lightly used, and as a result, the park is safer because of the presence of a positive user group."*

This "positive user group"—the 10,000 dog owners in the park—form communities that play a vitally important role in thousands of urban lives. Knowing how important the park is to their dogs health and sanity, the dog owners overall are a successfully self-regulating group. Through our quarterly newsletter, our active website, and our well-attended events, PAWS constantly reinforces the importance of responsible dog ownership and behavior as well as stewardship of the park. Our recent MY DOG LOVES CENTRAL PARK COUNTRY FAIR was attended by more than 8,000 people who participated in a celebration of dog life in the park focusing on responsible dog ownership.

The situation in Central Park today is a far cry from the old days when there was a state of "war" between park management and the dog owners who

surreptitiously used the park. There were people who misbehaved then, and unfortunately, there are a few who misbehave now. As with any regulation, there will always be some people who misbehave regardless of the law. But these are the small exception. The off-leash hours have been a tremendous success in Central Park and have provided the space for a vibrant, supportive and self-regulating group of dog owning citizens who utilize the park on a daily basis.

To rescind off-leash privileges would unfairly penalize and eliminate that very element – the dog owners who are conscientious both about the behavior of their dogs and about maintaining the park as a healthy and safe environment for all New Yorkers.

Our dog communities which are an organic and unique mix of people from different socio-economic, ethnic, regional and professional backgrounds constitute a classic example of Jane Jacobs ideal of the village-within-city phenomenon. In her Death and Life of Great American Cities she writes:

Most city diversity is the creation of incredible numbers of different people and different private [groupings], with vastly differing ideas and purposes, planning and contriving outside the framework of public action. The main responsibility of city planning and design should be to develop -- insofar as public policy and action can do so -- cities that are congenial places for this great range of unofficial plans, ideas, and opportunities to flourish.

Central Park PAWS applauds the Parks Department and the Board of Health for the features in the proposed amendment that strengthen accountability through licensing and vaccination. On behalf of the many thousands of responsible dog owners in Central Park, we strongly support the Parks Departments proposed amendments to the New York City Health Code.

Thank your for the opportunity to add our voice to the comments provided here today.

Dog was a known terror

BY LISA MUÑOZ
and TRACY CONNOR
DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITERS

A ROTTWEILER THAT tore into a 4-year-old Long Island boy was declared a "dangerous animal" two years ago after savaging someone's pet bunny, police said yesterday.

As a result of the rabbit attack, the 85-pound beast named Jasmine was supposed to have a special license and be locked up at her owner's East Meadow home, police said.

But Jasmine, a second Rottweiler and a bulldog named Duke were roaming the streets Friday afternoon when they set upon Matthew Enriques, who was riding his Hot Wheels bike.

"I can't blame the animals — they're animals," said the boy's distraught father, Luis Enriques, 37. "It's the people's fault, and I'm going to have to go after these people. My son is destroyed."

Nassau County Police Detective Lt. Kevin Smith said the horrifying incident began when one dog set upon Matthew.

"One Rottweiler approached the little boy and nudged him to the ground," Smith said. "He shoved him to the ground and started biting him."

ANTHONY DELMUNDO

Rottweiler Jasmine had record of other attacks, police said.

The tot's grandparents, who were also watching his 14-month-old sister, valiantly tried to defend him as they took him at a run back to the house.

Jasmine chased after them and forced her way inside, continuing to maul Matthew as the helpless child wailed in pain and his mother screamed, "Someone please help me!"

"It was a bloody mess in that house," said Shari Shapiro, a neighbor who ran into the Enriques' kitchen to find Matthew's mom beating the mad dog with her fists and a scooter, with the grandfather on the floor and the boy backed against a wall.

"His clothes were torn off his little body," Shapiro said. "He was sobbing. He was in shock."

Matthew and his grandfather were taken to Nassau University Medical Center.

The older man, whose name was not released, suffered chest pains and minor wounds. Matthew was listed in guarded but stable condition with two torn ears, a gash on his face and bites on his torso and buttocks.

The three dogs were seized by animal control and the owner, Edward Kelly, 24, was given citations for having the animals off the leash. He offered no apologies yesterday.

"This is really rough right now," said a roommate who declined to give his name. "He's depressed. This is an unexpected really bad thing."

Neighbors said the canines had been snarling menaces long before they targeted Matthew. "The owners of those dogs need to be held accountable," said neighbor Sue Nicholsen.

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able — especially able — to give New York's 1.1 million school children the best possible education. No others need apply.

License to love

Today, as thousands of happy kids are hugging thousands of happy new puppies with bows around their necks (the bows, to be sure, being on the puppies), said kids' parents should make sure that little Scruffy, Fluffy or Muffy gets off on the right paw by getting a dog license.

City dog owners should call the Department of Health at (212) 676-2100 to request an application or download one from the agency's Web site at www.ci.nyc.ny.us/health.

Licensing is necessary to insure that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, which is fatal 100% of the time in both animals and people. Licenses also help return lost dogs to their homes.

It's easy to get a license and it costs only $11.50, or $8.50 for neutered dogs. But only about 85,000 of the city's estimated 1 million dogs are licensed. That may be due to ignorance. But a more likely reason is that even though fines for having an unlicensed dog range up to $2,000, enforcement is virtually nil.

That might be changing. The Health Department recently announced that pet shops and kennels that sell dogs are liable for a big fine if a dog is handed over without a license.

That's a start, but it doesn't deal all the dogs not born in a professionally licensed breeding facility. One idea being bandied about would require veterinarians to provide license applications to owners of unlicensed dogs.

Licensing is best for both the four and two-legged creatures that make New York City home. That's why it's the law.

Goon squad

Mayor Giuliani lashed out at critics of his plan to control midtown pedestrians with police barricades. No need to get angry. He should just have his budget director, Joe (The Intimidator) Lhota, call up the critics and threaten them.

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October 31, 2006

Nancy LaPorte
NAME

325 W. 96 St
ADDRESS

New York 10025
CITY STATE ZIP

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Off leash draws busy people into the parks early in the morning, or in the evening and their presence and vibrancy makes parks safer

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Nancy LaPorte

October 31, 2006

H. Neumann
NAME

82 RSD
ADDRESS

NYC 10024
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The off Leash laws have been a
positive on Balance for the City

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Sincerely,

H Neumann

New York City Housing Authority
VAN DYKE HOUSES
370 BLAKE AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11212
(718) 495-4000

DATE: 10-31-06

ACCT: 29-36

DEAR ~~TENANT:~~ Ms. Manning

PLEASE COME INTO THE MANANGEMENT OFFICE ON: Fri. 11-3-06 at 10:00AM

IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT.

IF YOU CANNOT KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL THE

TELEPHONE NUMBER ABOVE.

Please bring the following with you

(1) Birth certificates for all household members

(2) Social security card for all household members

(3) Proof of income for all household members.

YOURS TRULY,

E. Nelson

MS. NELSON
HOUSING ASSISTANT

If this date is not convenient for you call me and reschedule.

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October 31, 2006

Denise Piegari
NAME
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B-Klyn NY 11234
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(1) A well-exercised canine is better behaved and less aggressive in general.

(2) Owners of dogs pay taxes and those taxes are allocated to parks, therefore, a short amount of time for "off-leash" courtesy is fair to this group of citizens.

(3) Having a designated time and location for "off-leash" dogs will keep the pathways clear for bikers, joggers, roller-bladers, etc. which will cause less conflict throughout the day.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

(4) I cannot speak for all the city parks, however, through all the years I have been using Marine Park in Brooklyn, I cannot recall any negative interactions while allowing the dogs to run free prior to 9Am

Sincerely,

D. Piegari

October 31, 2006

Mindi Levinson
NAME
2211 Broadway
ADDRESS
NY NY 10024
CITY STATE ZIP

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Thankyou for your consideration.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

TOLERANCE FOR ALL IS WHAT MAK... N.Y.C. SO UNIQUE AND... SPECI...

Sincerely,

Mindi Levinson

Board of Health Notice of Public Hearing
TO AMEND **ARTICLE 161** OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006 FROM 2:00 P.M.TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE THIRD FLOOR BOARDROOM (ROOM 330) AT 125 WORTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10013

WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL TO
RENA BRYANT, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
125 WORTH STREET, CN-31, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10013

OR BY E-MAIL TO: RESOLUTIONCOMMENTS@HEALTH.NYC.GOV

OR BY FAX TO RENA BRYANT AT (212) 788-4315
ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006.

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October 31, 2006

Jennifer R. Eid
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Jennifer Eid

Mary Bastin
(718) 435-7988

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Thank You for your time and consideration.
I am here in support of the ammendment to section 161.08. I am a dog owner who appreciates and uses the privelge of off leash hours. I believe we should preserve and protect this oplim. I am part of a conscientous community who ensures irresponsible behavior in other dog owners. I am involved in Prospect Parks fido organization we remove bulk garbage, glass and cans

October _____, 2006

Randy SHAPIRO
NAME

7944 79th RD
ADDRESS

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2944 77 Road
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MIKI TANAKA
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424 W 43 ST #16A
ADDRESS

NYC NY 10036
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Dogs are better behave
They have a time off leash

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

MT

October _____, 2006

Lori Stein
NAME
[illegible] 11232
ADDRESS
[illegible] NJ [illegible]
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My dog loves to play off leash
in their "back yard". The dog
community keeps the parks
safe and the maintenance +
enforcement

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

[signature]

October _____, 2006

Shay Dolcargo
NAME

81 Adelphi
ADDRESS

Brooklyn NY 11205
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My dog is very active and it is important to my dogs and my health to be outside in the park. We enjoy the time we spend together with other dog owners and our friends

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Shay Dolcargo

October _____, 2006

Robin Patino
NAME

840 West End Ave # 4D
ADDRESS

NY NY 10025
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Nature is important for all living beings. The dog community keeps the Parks safe in early morning and at night.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Robin Patino

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Dolan Mercy
NAME
200 East 69th St 19D
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New York NY 10021
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It is a park that should be enjoyed by children and adults alike. The apartment I live in needs space and time to play and for many dogs this is only time for them. This would be the only human contact.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Dolan Mercy

October _____, 2006

Elizabeth M. Rose
NAME
3 West 55th St #11R
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NY NY 10019
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It greatly improves the quality of life for people who live in my immediate neighborhood. I will have a designated place to go with my dog to be in open air and better interact with other people in the area who have dogs. Also, people who have enough space in their apartments to exercise their dog indoors will not be the type to be negligent about their dog's behavior.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Rose

October _____, 2006

PHILIP KIRALOFF
NAME

16 W 54TH # 13C1
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NYC NY 10019
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DOGS ARE A CRITICAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND BRING HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND JOY TO THEIR OWNERS AND MANY PEOPLE WHO ENCOUNTER THEM DAILY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF PETS AND THEIR OWNERS

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

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NY residents love their dogs, they are part of NY and its high quality of life. Dogs love children and are very important for their growth. These dogs need and deserve exercise, freedom of movement off-leash. I support the policy. I would consider moving out of the city if dogs are forced to stay on leash

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Qusim Kaplan

October _____, 2006

Gretchen Kehde
NAME
1110 Caton Ave #2
ADDRESS
Brooklyn NY 11218
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Dogs make Parks Safer - lower crime rates in dog heavy areas.

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Sincerely,

G Kehde

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NAME
440 E. 62ND ST 17A
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My Dog is a Member of my Family - She's as important as any other citizen - give/keep her Rights!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Sarah Maurer

October _____, 2006

BENJAMIN TREUHAFT
NAME

460 E 55TH ST #16D
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NYC NY 10022
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1. Dogs need to exercise + socialize and off leash is necessary to better train dog, and make for a better overall citizen.

2. If provided in designated areas, owners could use to use their pet and supplies as necessary + out of the way would help this City run more efficiently!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October _____, 2006

Sara Jorgensen
NAME

409 E. 8th ST.
ADDRESS

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Hundreds of Park Slope residents & citizens take advantage of the opportunity to run their dogs. It prevents crime by filling the parks.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October _____, 2006

Megan Loses
NAME

418 11th St apt P
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Socialized dogs = happy dogs
Happy Dogs = Happy people
Happy People = Healthy communities

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Sincerely,

Megan Loses

October _____, 2006

Beth Fleisher
NAME
449 - 8th Street
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Brooklyn, NY 11215-3607
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Beth Fleisher

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ANNE RICHMOND
NAME

131 ST MARKS PL GDN
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NAME

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Sincerely,

Nancy D'Addario

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Off leash is invaluable and keeps dogs less stressed
So there are less incidents.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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LEONARD COHEN
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10 PLAZA ST.
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Leonard A. Cohen

October _____, 2006

Rino VARRASSO
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90 GOLD ST #1K
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October _____, 2006

GAIL T. MAURER
NAME
440 EAST 62ND ST 17H
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NEW YORK NEW YORK 10021
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Dogs are an essential and important part of our community - DO NOT alienate any of US!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Gail T. Maurer

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Dogs behave better on leash in their own area to play. Teaches them better pack behavior.

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Sincerely,

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People meet around their dogs. Most people who have or love their dogs want their dogs to be healthy. It is important that they be allowed to run & play with other dogs & make friends. Healthier pets & happier owners

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Bonnie Lyon

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Jeffrey Adler
NAME

700 E 83 Street
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New York NY 10028
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My dog Lucy needs the exercise. She plays with the dogs & this is healthy for her and me. It also makes the park safe

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Adler

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I have been a Dog owner for years in NYC. Don't change a thing.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

CJ Sullivan

October _____, 2006

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NAME

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Dogs in city have problems to
[illegible] dogs, have to stay
out for people and [illegible].

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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Dog are less aggressive if they are able to be off leash. Pets are wonderful friends & family and deserve to be able to run free in their city (at certain times of course.)

Thank you for listening.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

October _____, 2006

DAVID FREI
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Dogs enhance human physical and mental health. They are an important part of our lives

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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KIMBERLY LANE
NAME

501 E. 21,
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NY NY 10010
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MY RIGHT TO UTILIZE THE
PARK WITH MY DOG OFF-
LEASH IS VERY IMPORTANT

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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ALEX REDMONDE
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[illegible] a responsible owner
I have very little interaction with
other dogs off leash. Dogs are animals & need to be allowed to
[illegible] in areas larger than their dog runs

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

[signature]

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M. Tompkins
NAME

222 W 17 St
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That they (the dogs) get socialized
& get their exercise.

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Sincerely,

M. Tompkins

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Elaine Dorfman
NAME
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Our dog is our life's health. He & we need some place. Adults have it all. Let's have some place I bloody hell for our canine friends

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Elaine M Dorfman

October _____, 2006

Mitch Gysan
NAME

790 34th St 6T
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Jackson Hts, NY 11372
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1) It makes for A safer environment
2) It creates A healthy mental environment & is good for my health
3)

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Sincerely,

Marvin Fink

Mr. George N. Kerasiotis
1507 8th Ave BROOKLYN
Brooklyn NY 11215-5601

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

City Merchandise

RE: Support of Amendments to Section 165

Dear Ms. Bryant,
Responsible dog ownership is a benefit to the health of New Yorkers. Responsible offleash recreation brings thousands of people into the parks, building community among people of all races and sexual orientation, building community among dogs as well. This fosters improved mental health while both humans and dogs get some gentle, stress-free exercise.
I have 3 dogs which I rescued from the streets of NYC.
Respectfully yours,

MS. RENA BRYANT
Secretary to the Board of Health
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New York, NY
10013

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TESTIMONY OF Garo Alexanian, Executive Director
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Distinguished members of the Council. I have been a resident of Queens for over 40 years, living a few miles from Juniper Park in Forest Hills most of that time. I founded the first and still only 24 hr HelpLine for animal related calls in 1983, which has now been incorporated into the New York City Center for Animal Care & Control ("NYCACC"), now referred to as the "Safety Net Program." Since founding the HelpLine my organization has serviced between 5,000 and 7,000 calls per year from New York City residents, totaling approximately 100,0000 calls over the past 23 years. Some of those calls have naturally been about incidents between people and dogs in public areas. My expertise includes catching wild dogs in the parks and beaches, taking dogs with behavioral issues from New York City Animal Care and Control, rehabilitating them, and adopting them into lifetime homes. My services were utilized by the Humane Society of the United States in New Orleans during hurricane Katrina and the months following. I have undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Zoology. In short, I am one of those "dog whisperers" who have recently received national prominence. I believe that my 23 years of experience, statistics gathering, and first hand knowledge of dog and people behavior, in particular pertaining to the interaction between people, children, and dogs in public areas are on-point facts which are integral to the core of the issues surrounding the rules which are under consideration for enactment. Namely, the benefit vs the risk associated with interactions between people and dogs in public areas and

policies which either encourage or discourage the propensity and probability of dog related incidents in a given community.

I have always been an opponent of off leash dog walking unless confined to an enclosed fenced area with 5 foot fencing with no openings. Unfortunately, too many dog guardians become lazy over time and begin to simply let their dogs out the front or rear door to do their business on the sidewalk or around the corner, which provides an opportunity for dogs to 1) attack one another

2) attack people and children

3) cause traffic incidents

Various university studies have proven that dogs are social animals and that they thrive on interaction. In fact, the first introduction of a dog to a cat, or a dog to another dog, or to a human, is the single most important factor in determining whether or not the dog relates to the other as friend or foe. Similar to the idiom we are all familiar with as it applies to humans, "you only get one chance to make a good first impression," dogs are much the same, and their first impression acts as a guide as to their future disposition with regards to their relationship with the other party, be it adult human, child, cat, or dog.

That is why dogs will generally chase a cat outdoors but not in a home.

When a dog is introduced to another party when it has been confined for days, weeks, or months without the capability to express its natural needs of running, playing, and roaming, it becomes pent up and stressed to the point of no return. Consequently,

when taken out for a lashed walk after such a confinement, the dog will pull and tug and try to do what has long been overdue. If at that moment, a person or another dog approaches the dog, being already frustrated, the likelihood of the dog becoming somewhat aggressive is likely. This is why chained dogs have the highest propensity to attack and/or bite and/or threaten. Recognition of this simple fact has now begun a movement in many communities to pass local regulations against the chaining of dogs in yards, etc.

However, if the dog is used to receiving sufficient off leash roaming opportunities in a fenced in area or a private back yard, when that dog is taken for a walk the likelihood that it will attack or threaten a passerby or someone who approaches it, be they human or animal, is greatly reduced.

Therefore, for the safety of the community at large, it is imperative that dogs be provided with either off leash walking rights or fenced in areas, commonly referred to as dog runs. The denial of both lays the seeds of discontent in pet dogs and coalesces all the necessary factors to create a dangerous and volatile situation in the community.

Thank you.

I have personally

To Members of the NYC Health Board,

Every morning, rain or shine, my dog and I walk in Central Park.; I'm always there by 7.30am so she can spend an hour or so off the leash. It is one of the great pleasures of my life. The physical freedom, spent mostly in the company of other dogs and dog owners, has resulted in my dog being well socialized. She never snaps or barks and the exercise tires her.

Mindful of the importance of caring for the park I always pick up after her, leash her at 9am, and never let her run free in the Rambles, the North Woods or on the bridle path. Neither I, nor my fellow dog walkers, would ever allow our pets on the great lawn, Sheep's meadow or any other area where dogs are forbidden

The presence of so many dog owners at an early hour makes the park safer for people walking to work, and children on their way to school. I have never, in more than a decade of walking, seen a dog harass or attack a human. Errant bike riders cycling on the footpaths and racing round the drive present a greater danger to public safety.

I intend to leave a generous sum for the maintenance and preservation of this city treasure. This decision is a direct consequence of have been able to walk my dog, off the leash, every day, and enjoying the special beauty of Central Park.

95% of dog owners are conscientious citizens who appreciate and value the park, they look after their dogs, keep them in good health. There are, and always will be those few irresponsible people who make it difficult for everyone else. I have noticed the more negligent dog owners are not early risers, they tend to be in the park at a later hour.

I cannot understand why anyone would want to curtail this activity which brings such pleasure, psychological and emotional, to many New Yorkers, and I ask you please, to let things stay as they are.

Sincerely

Frances Kazan

Frances Kazan

October 2006

My name is Dr. Deirdre Kidder. I live and have practiced in Park Slope Brooklyn for over 25 years.

I had a whole speech written. I had planned on telling you all how important the off leash hours in the parks are to hundreds of people.

I had planned on telling you how dog owners who enjoy this time are among the most responsible citizens of the city.

I was going to tell you about how we self police each other to make certain the park is left cleaner everyday at the end of off leash time. That we pick up not just after our dogs, but that we pick up other people's litter because we love and deeply appreciate the park and all it has to offer.

I was going to tell you that the dog people are among the biggest supporters of the associations that have made the parks great like the PPA and the CPC.

I wanted you to know in all the years I have been in the park off leash I have never seen a jogger, park worker or any other person threatened by a dog. I personally don't recall any incidents of dog bites or vicious behavior toward people during off leash time in the park.

I was going to tell you that while walking my dog other dog walkers have taught me about the wildlife of the parks, the hawks, the birds and bats, and the cycles of nature that feed and nourish my city soul.

I was going to tell you about how safe I feel being in the park surrounded by other people and their dogs.

I wanted to tell you about how happy people are that our quality of life is so high because we get to play, to laugh and to have joy with our dogs and each other. And because of this people want to live in my neighborhood.

But this morning I got a call that a close friend of mine was diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer, and told that she may live only a year or so.

She is a dog owner. Her world of love, friendship and support is with people she has met during off leash time in the park.

The people she has called, who have already responded to her needs are the people she has formed community with while enjoying off leash times in the park. It is the strongest part of community for her. Little did she know it would become her lifeline.

She is like the rest of us. While in the park, she has found a community of loving friends who cut across all the divides of NYC.

Race, class, age, gender, sexual identity and more. Dogs don't care how rich or poor, how smart, accomplished we are, or how old, how educated we are, or what color skin we have. They just want to have fun.

And what happens every day in the park is that people who come to play together with their dogs find the same barriers between us drop away too. We find friendships with people who we would never meet in any other way.

My friend will live as long as she lives with the support of loving friendships of the dogs and people she has met through walking her dog before 9 in the morning.

When I spoke with her this morning I told her I would speak to you today on her behalf. She asked me to ask the following question to those of you who would like to take this privilege away from people like her.

She asked me to ask you when you speak today, to please tell us how you would suggest we can replace the amazing community that dogs and their people have created everyday in parks all around NYC before 9 o'clock in the morning.

On her behalf and for the hundreds of others who could not be here today, I thank you for your time and attention.

Animal Friendly NYC

To: Board of Health
Re: Amendment to NYC Leash Law
Date: October 31, 2006

I'd like to thank the Department of Health for holding this hearing.

Animal Friendly NYC is a political action group that works to elect candidates who will work for laws that are good for animals. I'd like to make three quick points.

1. Dog owners in New York City are among the most active and most responsible pet owners, and they've done something remarkable by **creating a new civic amenity in New York City – the dog run.**

There's been a cultural shift in the way our society views animals over the last quarter century. Those of us who have pets – and that's probably half of all households in the city – see them as members of the family, and we treat them accordingly by trying to do what is best for their welfare.

In the last 15 years dog owners have created, out of their own efforts and pockets and against the weight of the city's bureaucracy, dog runs that allow their dogs to have the kind of experience suburban and country dogs have – that is, to run free.

That is a significant achievement.

2. Denying access to off-leash exercise discriminates against people in poor neighborhoods.

The city now has several dozen wonderful dog runs. But they tend to be in areas where dog owners have had the time and money to create them, and not surprisingly, they're mostly in affluent neighborhoods.

If off-leash exercise is ended, those New Yorkers living in areas without dog runs will be denied the use of **our common parks** – to the detriment of their dogs' – and their own – well-being.

3. There's another group of New Yorkers who will lose if off-leash recreation is abolished, and that's **older dog owners who can't make it to a dog run, but are close to a park.**

My 90-year-old friend often let her dog Gigi off the leash in Riverside Park when she walked her in the early morning. Though there's a terrific dog run in the neighborhood, it was too far away and down too many steep steps for my elderly friend to use.

Having a little patch of park to nose around off her leash was crucial for Gigi, especially as a young dog with energy to burn. And the benefits extended to my friend, who says

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that three dog walks a day gave her a physical agility and steadiness that kept her younger than her years. No doubt we all agree that it's in the city's interest to do everything we can to keep our senior citizens healthy. Keeping off-leash hours is a small and simple thing to do.

I commend the Department of Health for taking steps to formalize dog owners' rights to responsibly exercise their dogs off-leash in our common parks. It's good for dogs; it's good for their people.

Catherine Beason
President
Animal Friendly NYC
AnimalFriendlyNYC.org

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Animal Friendly NYC has been called a **"potent force throughout the city"** for animals by State Senator Liz Krueger. It has also been ranked as one of the **"top ten things that make New York City great"** for dogs by Urbanhound.com, a widely read online magazine for New Yorkers with dogs.

Founded in 2002, AFNYC has worked in five election cycles and has pushed issues such as housing for New Yorkers with pets onto the public agenda.

The Public Advocate for the City of New York

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Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
Office of the General Counsel for Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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RE: Amendment to Article 161.05 of the Health Code (Off-leash Policy)

Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the city's off-leash practice and to state that I am in favor of the Health Department's proposed amendment to Article 161.05 of the Health Code.

As the Public Advocate, I answer many complaints about city government. Since this issue arose, I have heard from hundreds of New Yorkers who want to see the off-leash policy continued. As a former Parks Commissioner and dog owner, I also know first hand that this policy, in conjunction with responsible dog ownership, is a proven success that is good for all New Yorkers.

Under the current policy, dogs are only permitted off-leash at off-peak times: from 9 PM until parks close, and again from the time parks open until 9 AM. Furthermore, off-leash dogs are only permitted in certain designated areas, so those who do not enjoy the presence of dogs can choose to avoid them. Although more dog runs would present an alternative to the off-leash policy, the city neither has the finances nor the land needed to meet the need. Currently, there are fewer than 50 dog runs for 1.4 million city dogs. Given New York City's limited park space and resources, the off-leash policy reasonably accommodates both dog-owners and non-dog owners.

Beyond these considerations, the off-leash policy also provides benefits for both canines and humans. Off-leash exercise and socialization are integral to the life of a city dog. Many prominent studies demonstrate that dogs that exercise and socialize off-leash are less aggressive, and more attuned to urban living. For many New Yorkers, city parks are their backyards. Allowing their dogs off-leash in these parks is the only way to properly exercise and socialize their dogs.

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According to Health Department statistics, prior to the implementation of the off-leash policy, dog bites exceeded 40,000 citywide. During the approximately twenty-year period in which the off-leash policy has been in effect, these numbers have consistently fallen. In 2005, the number of dog bites dropped to less than 4,000. Of these bites, only 86 (2.2%) occurred in city parks. In 2006, the number of bites is actually down 6.1% from last year. While each dog bite is unfortunate, the evidence suggests that an end to the off-leash policy would lead to more bites, not fewer.

By promoting public awareness, providing signs that explain the off-leash policy, and clearly stating designated off-leash areas and hours, the city can improve upon this successful policy. I commend the Department of Health for putting forth the suggested amendments and believe that greater licensing and vaccination of city dogs will further support the current policy.

It is my hope that this policy will be clarified and continued for the benefit of all New Yorkers. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Darren Bloch, Director of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, at (212) 669-4188. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Betsy Gotbaum
Public Advocate

CC:
Norma Torres, Director, Veterinary Public Health Program
Edgar Butts, Assistant Commissioner for Veterinary and Pest Control
Martha Robinson, Esq., Counsel, Board of Health

Members of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene
c/o Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, New York 10013

October 31, 2006

Re: ARTICLE 161.05: off-leash time

Dear Members of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene,

I am in favor of allowing dogs off leash from 9:00p to 9:00a.

I see no reason to reverse a practice that has worked well for years.

Yours,

Adrienne Pesin

Adrienne Pesin
30 Lincoln Plaza
N.Y. NY 10023

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Date: October 31, 2006

Re: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 161 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

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Please keep off-leash privileges.
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I don't see any health problems involved.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Greenhouse

Eleanor Greenhouse
363 Seventh Ave
NY NY 10001

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Pursue your mission.

Sincerely,

Ilona Kolesnichenko

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NY, NY
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For all that dogs do to promote human "Mental Hygiene," I say, "Let the dogs have some fun. We owe them."

Sincerely,

Joay Berger
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New York, NY 10019

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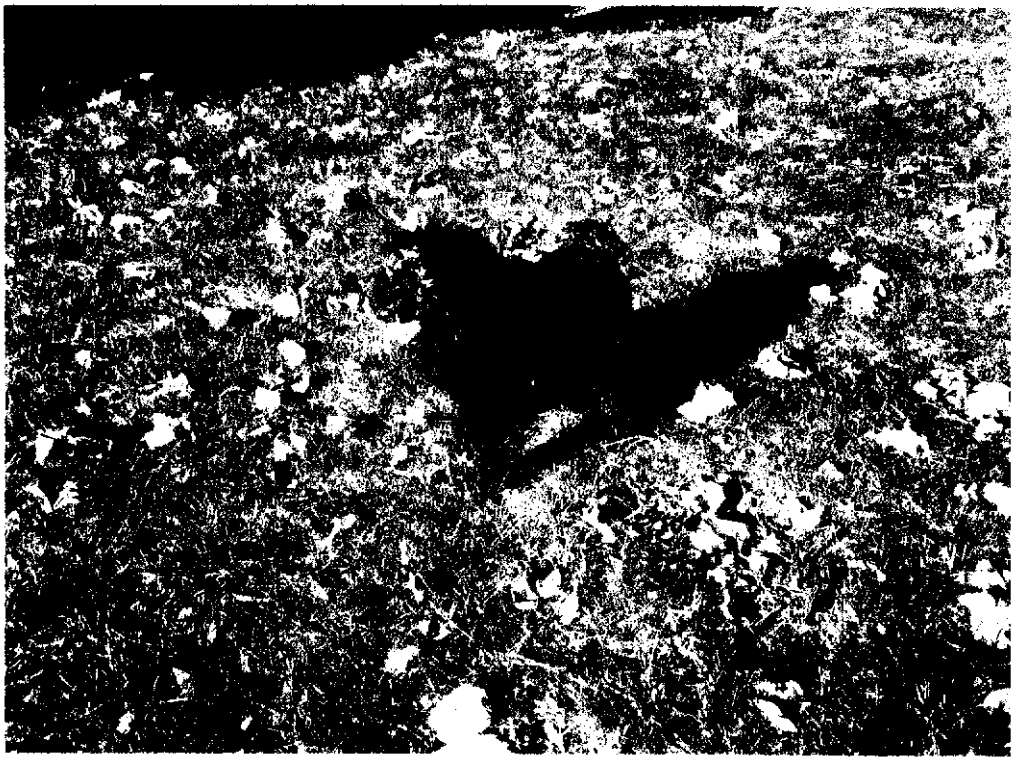

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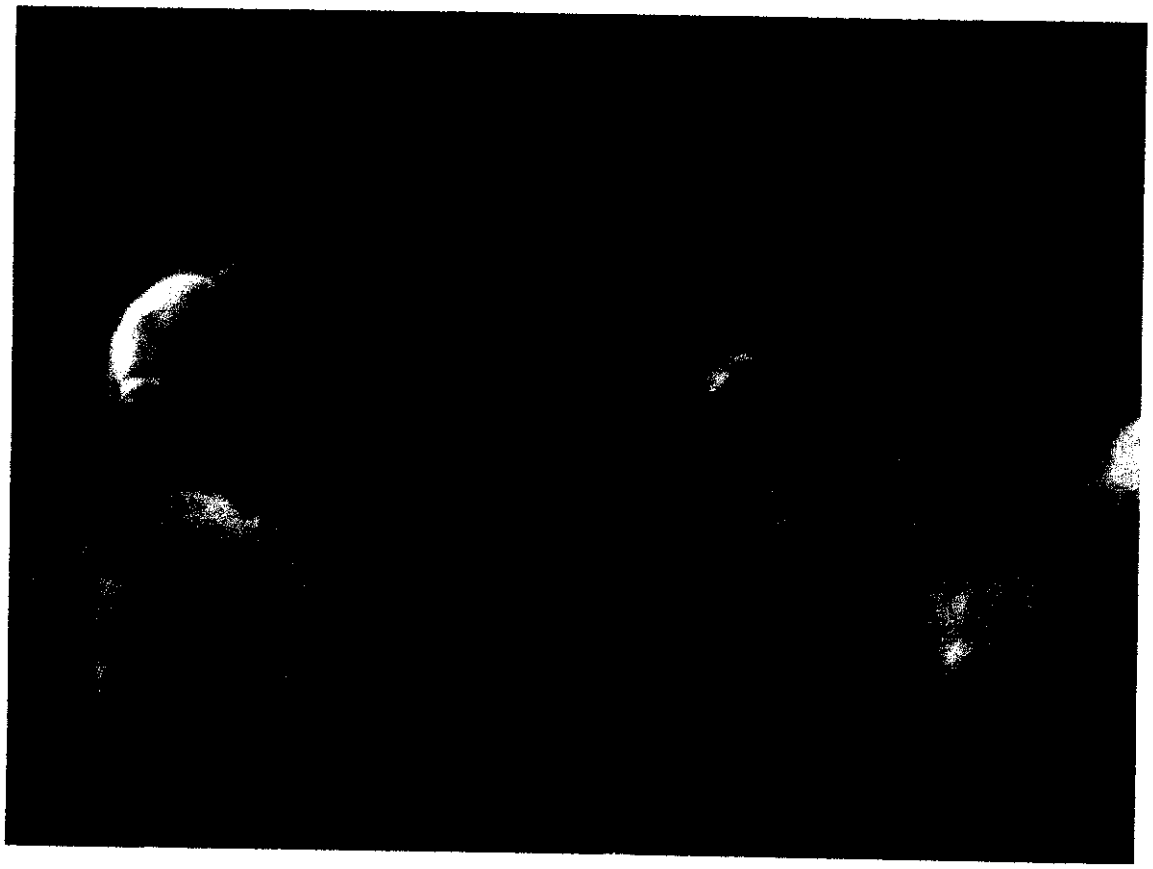

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely, Rose Breslin
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Sincerely, R. Kuffenwasser

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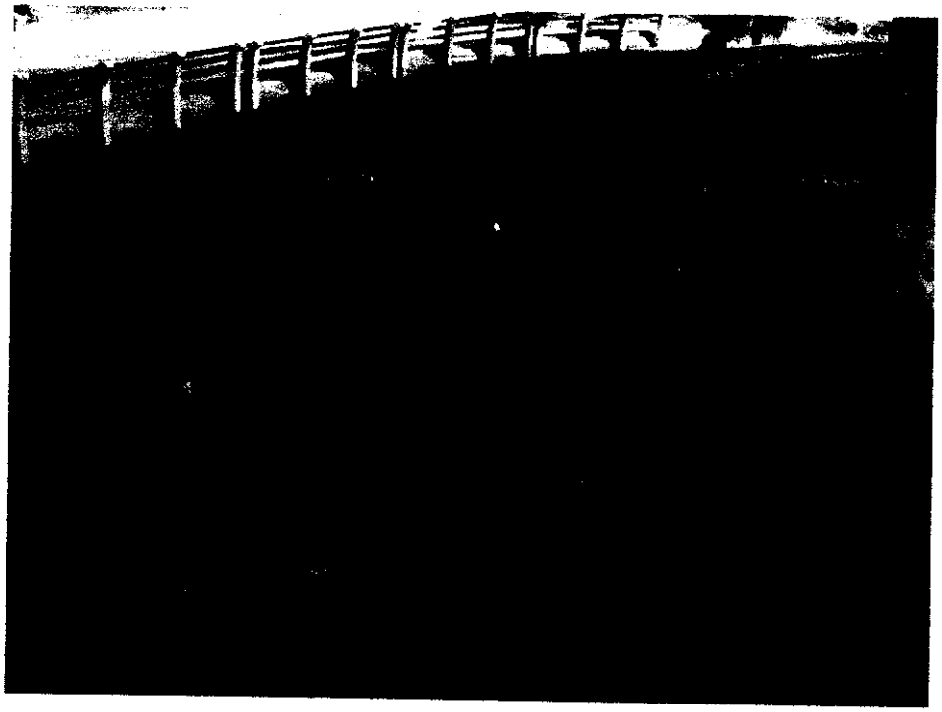

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Pamela A. Parker
86-06 35th Avenue, 6A
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In addition, being off-leash with dogs in the park keeps dog owners sane. There will be more dog incidents if they are on leash and more violent crimes by humans — since they will be so frustrated without having their crucial morning hour or so of relaxing and playing with their dogs.

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Sheila Flanagan	317 Beach 91st		R K Park	
Carole Perrotta	1626 Shorefront Pky		11694 Rock Pk	—
Colleen Mantero	174 Beach 102 nd Rockaway Pk NY 11694			
Anthony Montero	174 Beach 102	C	Rockaway Park NY 11694	
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Sunnyside United Dog Society

In Support of Off-Leash Dog Recreation in Parks

Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

- We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of New York City, and as regular users and supporters of the City's parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all City Parks.
- To help end the lawsuit, as a compromise, we support the construction of a Dog Park within Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within that park.
- At the same time, we support the right of dog owners to have their dogs off-leash where appropriate in other parks throughout the City of New York.

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Petition submitted to Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor and Adrian Benepe, Parks Commissioner, City of New York

- We, the undersigned, as responsible dog owners and citizens of New York City, and as regular users and supporters of the City's parks, oppose the lawsuit brought in May 2006 against the City by the Juniper Park Civic Association intended to abolish ALL off-leash rights in all City Parks.
- To help end the lawsuit, as a compromise, we support the construction of a Dog Park within Juniper Park, Middle Village, Queens to alleviate perceived dog-oriented problems within that park.
- At the same time, we support the right of dog owners to have their dogs off-leash where appropriate in other parks throughout the City of New York.

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Parks will be safer if more people are using them.

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Dogs need socialization and with ↑ socialization there are fewer dog bites. With more people (dog owners) in the park, early and late in the day, the park is a safer place to be. At this point the dog runs in NYC are not adequate, not enough $ from small and the parks provide a balance for dog owners and non-dog owners. PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE don't revoke this privilege - it's one of the great joys of being in NYC near Ctr!

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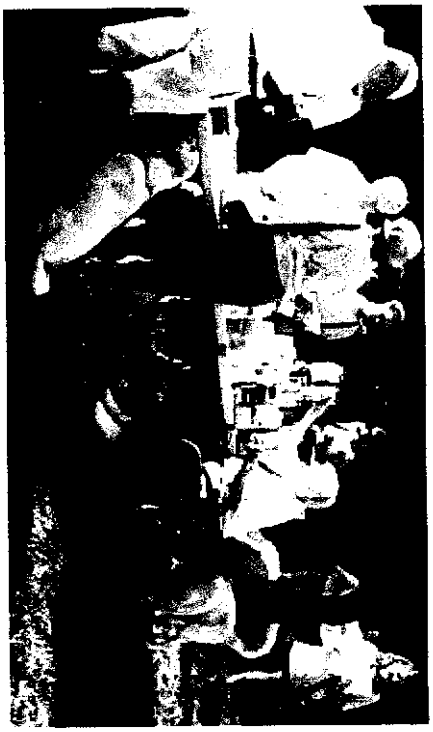
Sincerely,

Lori Cohen

THIS IS HOW LIFE SHOULD BE IN OUR CITY !!!



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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I have been watching dogs off-leash and never encountered a misbehaved dog. I find it rather enjoyable, walking/jogging through Central Park early in the morning or during evening hours and find people with their off leash dogs playing, running. It gives me a sense of security, knowing there might be a dog behind this bush that means no undesirable person would be hiding there.

Please keep it this way. Living in the City we have so little contact with animals and I find leashed dogs not as friendly as unleashed dogs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gisela Baum

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Dogs and people both, are healthier when they enjoy the benefits of exercise on a daily basis. The only way of providing my dog with adequate exercise is off-leash in a safe environment like an outdoor park. Even if I run her on leash, it does not afford the same benefit as on her own when she can run much faster than I. The key element of play is also lacking when on-leash. Thank you for continuing to allow NYC dogs and dogowners to enjoy the parks, and in our case in particular, Central Park off leash.

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Sincerely,

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From:	Marie Nachsin	**Date:**	10/30/06
Re:	Off Leash Proposal	**Pages:**	3 (including cover)

Following are my written comments regarding the hearing on Wednesday, November 1, which I am unable to attend.

Thanks,

Marie Nachsin

FROM : FAX NO. :7189653963 Oct. 29 2006 11:34AM P1

October 25, 2006

Rena Bryant
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I am writing to express my support in making the currently allowed off-leash hours in all NYC Parks a city law. We are currently not dog owners, but were during the years of 1997-2001, and having the ability to take our dog to the park and let her run until 9am was a necessity for all of us. As a result, our dog was more socialized with other people (adults and children) and dogs as well. This made her a better neighbor in our community of Park Slope, Brooklyn, and a better housemate for us.

Having our dog for over 4 years, until she died suddenly, was a gift to me and my husband and not only did we spend more time in Prospect Park because of it, but caring for our dog since she was a few weeks old was great practice for having children (we have 2 boys currently). If not for having to wake up at the crack of dawn every morning to take Patsy to the park, we would have not had the experience of sleep deprivation that we would need for having children! Since we live close to 5th avenue, we wouldn't have taken the time or energy to go that far so early in the morning if not for the off-leash hours.

In addition, all of the time we spent in the park allowed us to become very familiar with the park grounds and helped to establish a relationship with the entire park that we treasure and take advantage of every day of our lives in Brooklyn. The long meadow, the Nethermeade, the parade grounds, the lake--we would not have had that experience without being able to bring our dog there every morning and explore for ourselves as she ran around.

I strongly believe that the experience of walking to the park, walking through the park, and being with a canine companion that can run freely for an hour is a necessity for the mental and physical well being

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of all residents in this city, dog owners or not. As I see greater density throughout the city it is becoming increasingly important, in my opinion, that we preserve the open space that we have for humans and their canine companions to be able to run freely for a designated amount of time every day. How could someone own a dog in this city without having the ability to take it for a run, off the leash, at least once a week? You just can't have a dog without that option.

In conclusion, I would like to add that in the 4-1/2 years that we were bringing our dog to the park, we never had ONE negative experience, either with another person or animal. It was truly the opposite and we made friends with many special people who are still in our lives today. None of that would have happened if not for the opportunity to bring our dog to the park and let her run to her heart's content while we enjoyed meeting and befriending our neighbors. We hope to have a dog again in the near future and I look forward to more runs in the park, this time with our two boys along for the fun--what a great city park experience that will be for all of us!

Thanks for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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Thank You

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Dogs having areas in parks for their care & use is helping to prevent illegal off-leash issues. The latter is the only alternative until the former becomes possible. Uptown dog owners need it.

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Off-leash time allows a dog to get the necessary exercise and play time that a healthy dog needs. A healthy dog is a happy dog and therefore much less likely to be aggressive. Infact, biting incidents have decreased since the off-leash policy has been in place. I do hope you will adopt the proposed amendment to the "leash law".

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Sincerely,

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There are many dog lovers and dog owners in NYC, many of whom live in small apartments. Allowing off leash policy helps dogs stay healthy and happy, they can run freely, in open space, giving them a way to release the energy they store sitting confined in these small apartments, much the same way we as people do. This also keeps dog owners active which is good exercise and therefore makes for a healthier city. In fact, it encourages dog walkers and therefore creates jobs for dog walkers who walk up to 10 dogs at a time.

Please keep our dogs and dog owners happy and healthy.

Sincerely,

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Concerned.

Sincerely,

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Pigeon Wars

By JON MOOALLEM

For 10 days this August,a fresh-faced 41-year-old named Jeffrey Traill trolled Hollywood in his Honda, videotaping pigeons. Pigeons lined the ArcLight theaters near the Walk of Fame, commandeered the roof at Big Lots!, perched along power lines like stolid chess pieces. "Pigeons," Traill says in his video, shakily framing one roost. "Pigeons," he says again, wrenching his camera toward another. The effect is nauseating. "Over there," he says. "Over there. Over there."

Traill is one of a half-dozen neighborhood activists whose volunteer campaign against these birds has escalated idiosyncratically for more than a year. Their leader, Laura Dodson, had ordered him out on yet another round of surveillance, to update the group's hulking pigeon "dossier." "We're kind of an unusual neighborhood association," Dodson told me.

Dodson has lived in Hollywood for 29 years. She likes pigeons and does not want them killed or made to suffer. She said this repeatedly in the clipped, mildly truculent way she says a lot of things. But having helped muscle gangs and drugs out of her neighborhood in the 80's, Dodson says she feels besieged again. She and her group, the Argyle Civic Association, have turned to a series of unconventional approaches to neutralize a problem they simply refuse to put up with. "We're in the middle of the biggest boom, and there's pigeons everywhere — like where they're going to put the W hotel," she says, invoking, as she often does, the upscale hotel as a symbol of Hollywood's hard-won renaissance. "There's nothing but pigeon poop."

A pigeon dispenses about 25 pounds of excrement a year. Often this gunk must be blasted off hard-to-reach places using boom lifts and

steam hoses. Pigeon-related damage in America has been estimated to cost $1.1 billion a year. But the full scope of our disdain and distrust for the birds is impossible to quantify; it's hard even to explain. Marketing by the bird-control industry — a lucrative offshoot of the $6.7-billion-a-year pest-control business — reminds us that pigeons and their dung can spread more than 60 diseases. This is true, but not necessarily panic-inducing, given the exceedingly rare incidences of respiratory infections like cryptococcosis.

For much of the 20th century, controlling pigeons primarily meant killing them. (Culling remains a common fallback position; the United States Department of Agriculture kills 60,000 pigeons a year in response to complaints.) But even the trade journal Pest Control now warns that with "millions of bird lovers out there," you must consider "the publicity you would receive if your local paper runs photos of hundreds of poisoned pigeons flopping around on Main Street." As we have become less tolerant of the birds, we have also, somehow, grown more concerned about their well-being.

The bird-control industry has evolved to fill this paradoxical niche. Pigeon control has increasingly become about moving pigeons elsewhere. With a staggering catalog of spikes, nets, sticky gels, coiled-wire barriers, ultrasonic noisemakers, holographic frighteners, fake owls and even electrified strips — from Bird-Shock Flex-Track to Bird Jolt FlatTrack — bird controllers have been busily transforming our bare ledges into unwelcoming obstacle courses. Often, according to Bob Van Gelder, who for 25 years has been president of the full-service pigeon-proofing company Birds Away/Pigeons Away, you must "follow the problem" — destabilizing pigeons' existing roosts and anticipating their next move. "Birds have instinct," he says. "We have logic."

Of course, these displaced pigeons inevitably turn up somewhere else. The Argyle Civic Association sought a more holistic, area-wide fix — as well as a humane one. So in May of this year, after consulting with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, the group voted unanimously to implement a novel strategy pioneered by the Pigeon Control Advisory Service, or PiCAS, in Britain.

successfully. Feral pigeons lay eggs six times a year, producing as many as 12 squabs in that time.

"In a city like New York or like Melbourne," Merchant argues, "the pigeon population is sustained solely by little old ladies and little old men that go out every single day and feed top-quality foods to the birds." This isn't the average office worker, flinging the last crumbs of lunch. Like the man in Melbourne, these feeders maintain a purposeful regimen. Lefebvre calls them "marginal city dwellers whose interests in life do not much extend beyond feeding pigeons." He describes, with disarming empathy, people who "wait outside the backdoors of restaurants for day-old bread and patiently soften all the bread and break it into little pieces and then hand it out to the pigeons."

Without much effort, I began finding stories of such feeders in Michigan, Washington, New York, California — all eerily similar, as if they were proprietors in the same franchise. In Marin County, one was distributing organic polenta with pine nuts. In San Francisco, I met a white-haired Scottish widow who not only fed pigeons but also retrieved dead ones off the streets, wrapped them in plastic and buried them in trash cans.

Attempts to fine feeders have proved unpopular. (Shortly after Merchant left Melbourne, a local paper criticized the city for threatening an 87-year-old woman with a fine of nearly $8,000.) Feeders tend to believe the pigeons depend on them. Thus, PETA, in a pamphlet promoting PiCAS, recommends that the public-relations campaign accompanying any dovecote plan should "focus on the fact that a reduction in available food will not result in starvation for large numbers of pigeons." Though such events are impossible to predict exactly, basic ecology suggests that pigeons, forced to expend more energy foraging, will disperse and slow their breeding.

"At the end of the day, pigeons are there because we're filthy, dirty creatures," Merchant told me. "They're there because we're stupid creatures who go on feeding them." They are the heroes of a great co-evolutionary success story. One ornithologist has crowned them "superdoves." The less deferential way of saying this is, we've taken an

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Re: Off Leash Policy in City Parks

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing as a New York City resident, health professional, educator, psychiatrist, and dog owner to support continued off-leash dog access to the city parks.

I observe in my psychiatric practice the salutary effect of canine companionship and encourage dog human socialization. In a stressful urban environment, the beneficial effects of pet exposure and ownership are well documented in medical literature. Animal therapy in a clinical setting or hospital is a valuable addition to patients' therapy and pharmacologic treatments. I use two therapy dogs in my practice. They are in the great part welcomed and have a positive effect on patients' attitudes. Outside of the clinical environment, I am with my companion animals, stopped daily on the street by children and adults who also benefit from a few minutes interaction with the dogs.

I believe, as a student of human and animal behavior, that the opportunity afforded our canine companions to have free range exercise is helpful for their well being and socialization. Better socialized dogs result in a lower rate of dog aggression in New York City. Responsible care for our canine companions, i.e. their health, welfare, and well being is a moral and ethical requirement. Unfortunately, the limited number of dog runs and their present unsanitary condition makes them inaccessible for large numbers of dog owners and companion animals. Free range access to the city parks during certain hours is necessary.

I have observed the large utilization of Central Park during the available limited off leash hours by humans and dogs. This affords a unique development of friendships and community among owners from diverse backgrounds that is a rare opportunity in New York City. I believe that the safety of the Central Park environment is enhanced during these present early or late hours by the presence of significant numbers of dog owners.

Responsible pet ownership includes vaccination, licensing, sanitary practice as well as behavior training so that the park environment may be maintained safely for all users. Free range access to the city parks by owners and canine companions improves the welfare and quality of life in New York City for thousands of residents. The benefit of such access greatly out ways the risk. I urge you to continue this policy.

Yours truly

Richard L. Malen, M.D. 10/30/06

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Thirty years ago I jogged in Central Park every morning between 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM and the park was practically deserted. I now take my dog to the park at this same time and the park is crowded with people walking their dogs. This dramatic change has created a much safer environment for everyone and I firmly believe that an hour's romp has a tranquilizing effect on even the most aggressive canine.

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Sincerely,

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Dogs that are trained off leash are less aggressive than dogs constantly held on the leash. They have learned to socialize with other dogs and are confident with other people.
Off-leash hours bring more people into the park at an early hour and make it safer.
People who are interested in off leash hours will reinforce orders and responsibility to clean up with other dog owners.

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Sincerely,

Ursula Matussek

Dr. Thomas Weber
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New York, 10/30/2006

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter a written comment regarding the proposed amendment of Article 161 of the New York City Health Code.

As stated in the *Notice of Public Hearing*:

> *State and City laws and regulations require that dogs (a) be actively vaccinated against the disease of rabies (Health Code §11.66), (b) be licensed (Ch. 115, laws of 1894, as amended), (c) have a dog license tag attached to the dog's collar when the animal is in a public place (Health Code §161.04), and be restrained by a leash or chain not more than six feet in length when the animal is in a public place (Health Code §161.05).*

The *Notice of Public Hearing* also states that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DOPR), since the 1990s, introduced a so-called policy of "courtesy hours" under which dogs are allowed off-leash during the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. in certain areas of the parks that do not have dog runs. It is stunning that the DOPR feels entitled to actively encourage dog owners to ignore the law. Clearly, the DOPR does not have the authority to extend such a "courtesy".

The Board of Health now considers amending the New York City Health Code to legalize this policy. There are a large number of reasons why this is not in the public's interest.

Most importantly, it will result in an increase of dog bites and increase the transmission of rabies to dogs and humans. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is required by law to promote and protect the health and safety of New York City residents and visitors. Allowing dogs off-leash in public places is not compatible with this duty.

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It is understandable that dog owners want to give their dogs the possibility to exercise unrestrained by a leash. The creation of *fenced-in* dog runs in our parks, however, should be sufficient to fulfill this need.

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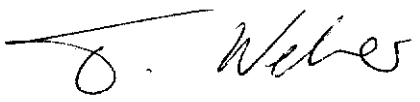
Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas Weber, Ph.D.

From: "Carol Quatrone" <carol.quatrone@verizon.net>
To: <resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2006 11:15 AM
Subject: In Support of Amendments to Section 161.05

With only 44 dog parks for 1.4 million dogs there must be designated off-leash areas.

Thank you.

Carol Quatrone
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From: "Lee Rottenberg" <lee3333@gmail.com>
To: <RESOLUTIONCOMMENTS@health.nyc.gov>
Date: Tue, Oct 31, 2006 10:58 AM
Subject: Unleashed dogs

I just wanted to comment on the dog leash issue. I live 2 blocks from Juniper Park and go their frequently with both my 11 year old son and 4 year old daughter. One of the big problems having a law that is only selectively enforced is that it creates ambiguity all of the time. I can not tell you how often I see unleashed dogs during the daytime other than the 9 PM until 9 AM hours.

The other issue that has to be considered is that students have to be at school before 9 AM, so they are subjected to unleashed dogs during the relaxed hours.

And, yes, everyone in my family has been approached by unleashed dogs in the park. Luckily there have been no injuries-yet.

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Message: I am stronlgy opposed to the proposed amendment to Article 161 of the health code, which amendment will allow dogs to run unleashed around our parks. I have been made to suffer greatly so that irresponsible dog owners can impose their whim on the public at large. I am an asthamtic and cannot breath in the presence of dogs. I have been bitten, menaced and harrased by many dogs, and then harrassed again by their irresponsible owners.
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- Our parks are safer because of the dog/human presence
- There are not nearly enough dog runs to accomidate + 1 million dogs

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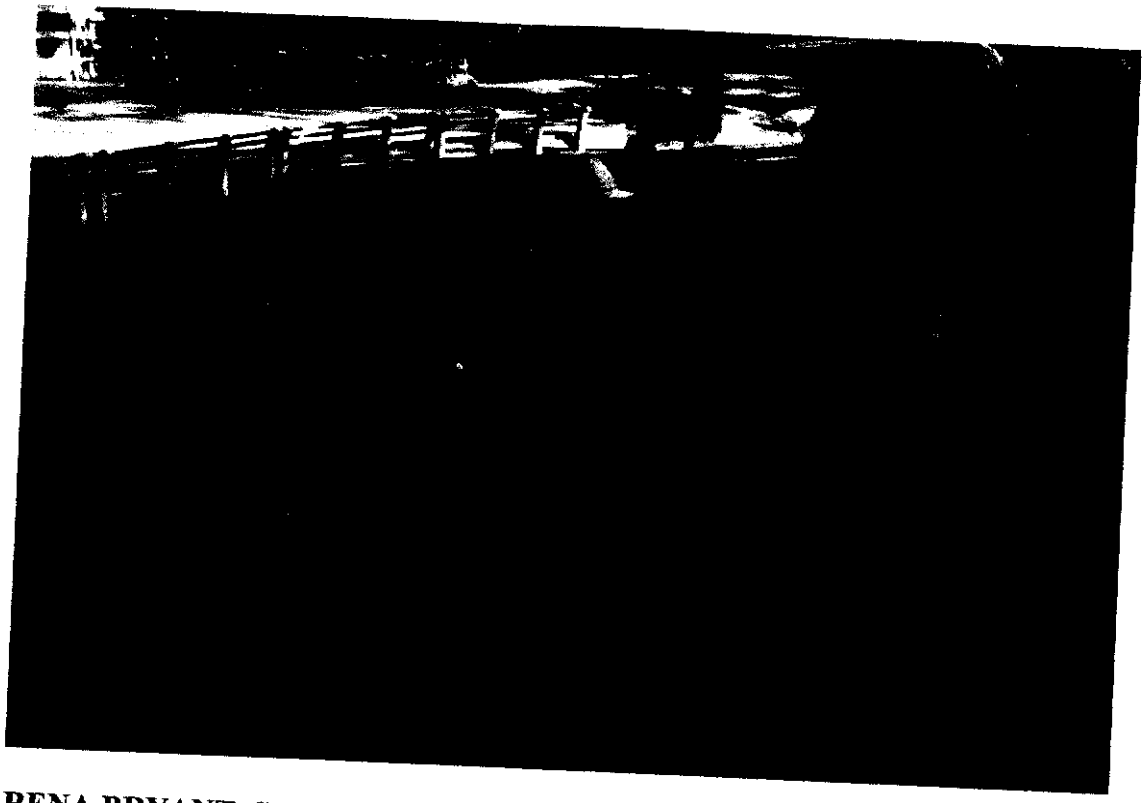

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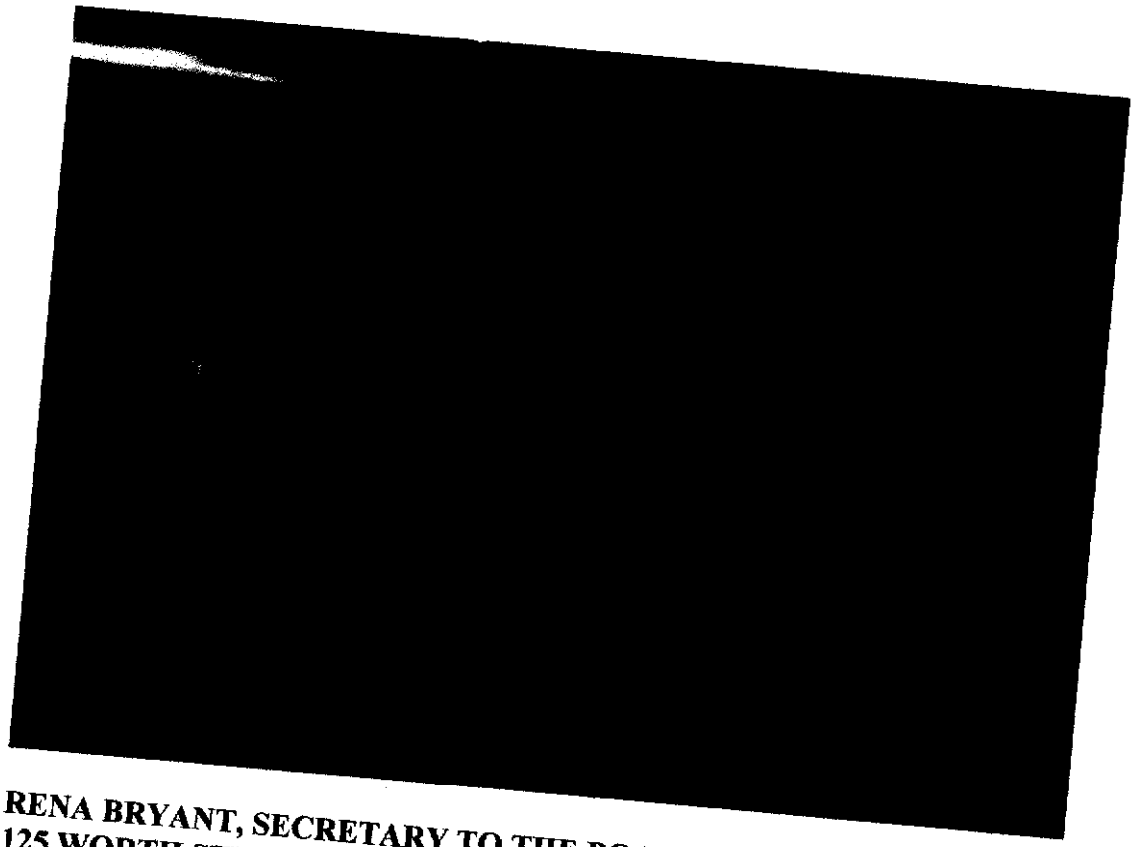

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Dogs provide companionship and contribute positively to human health (mental + physical) + off leash privileges allow our dogs to be the best they can be, physically + mentally. The 9 to 9 rule seems a minor accomodation to the benefit of NY's dogs and their owners.

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1- It promotes the spirit of community to be able to have these times that the dogs and their owners are in the parks.

2- It promotes safety in the early morning and evening hours because there are more people in the parks and they aren't as deserted.

3 - The other dog owners monitor the pick up laws because they understand it's important to keep the off leash privileges

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Sincerely,

Nancy Holwell

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Chili Cho
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I believe dogs have animal rights just as human beings. Dogs need to have adequate exercise in order to maintain a good health. Running with leash is nearly impossible to get the type of excise they need.

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Sincerely,

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my dog (Layla) needs to run on the weekends - during the week I work and can only walk her a short distance - so come Saturday morning I take her to the park (the back field) and let her run. she enjoys this and for her benefit and mine we both need this - she can't possibly get the exercise she needs

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Sincerely,

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It enables dogs and dog owners alike to communicate, socialize and be a community. Dogs need socialization and exercise and having a few hours to roam and play is highly beneficial for dogs temperament and social behaviors, creating much less aggressive dogs, making for very happy and healthy dogs.

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I truly believe the off leash policy keeps the park safer — even early in the morning, before the sun is completely up — there are people in the PARK with their dogs — it discourages "BAD" park behavior.

ALSO — well exercised dogs are much calmer, less aggressive, etc.

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Sincerely,

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Limited space + finances prevent enough Dog runs throughout the City - therefore, off-leash in City Parks is vital to exercise + socialize our Dogs.

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Dear Members of the Board of Health,

As someone who both lives and works near Central Park and has raised four sons often in Central Park, I would like to testify to the public health value of allowing dogs off leash from 9PM to 9AM.

First, it is far easier for the dog walker to pick-up after the dog if he or she is not occupied holding the dog with one arm. "Partial pick-up" is a leashed dog phenomenon. The walkers of unleashed dogs are unhurried and with two hands fully committed to the task are able to clean the ground more thoroughly.

Second, walkers of unleashed dogs are habituated to cleaning the Park. It is very

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common to see them picking up bags, papers and other trash that they encounter in the Park.

Third, allowing dogs off leash from 9PM to 9AM attracts many more people (their owners) to the Park at usually deserted hours, thus making the Park safer for joggers and walkers who are unable to use the Park during working hours. Many of my patients benefit from such exercise and appreciate the safety of numbers.

Fourth, the presence of dogs decreases the attractiveness of the Park as a hiding place for vagrants, addicts or muggers. Dogs off leash are "scouts" throughout the Park and sociopaths know this, and are much less likely to harm themselves or others in the Park.

In the thirty years that I have lived and worked next to Central Park, I have seen it become an environment much more conducive to the health of New Yorkers. Allowing dogs off leash has contributed significantly to this public health effect, and in this thirty years I have never seen <u>any</u> negative effect.

Respectfully,

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Everyone knows people ~~like~~ need exercise. It helps them to be healthier, happier & live longer. Studies have shown that this same practice applies to dogs. We want our pets to live as long as possible & enjoy being with them. Please do not change the law. The times they are talking about are not in conflict w/ most other NYers. W/out being able to run free at any time dogs may become more difficult to be with as they will be irritable. Please do not change this law.

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Sincerely,

Patti Silver

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I dont live around here, although my dog Buddy is always off leash. He likes the room to move and he needs space. Many dogs are very kind and wont hurt and if they are the owner wouldn't take them out. I think this policy is very good and will be best for everyone.

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Sincerely,

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I view the proposed amendments as necessary action toward accomodating both dog-owners and non-dog owners alike. With these amendments in place, there will be comfort on both sides, and more importantly, our city's dogs will continue to receive the exercise they require. For without the ability they have to roam free, would they not become even more aggressive and potentially injurious? I highly recommend compliance with these changes. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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Dogs deserve to enjoy the park as well as people. The current hours for dogs are the least they can do.

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Sincerely,

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My dog lucy is the most happy in central park every Saturday and Sunday. She loves to roam free. She is only 3 and it would be a shame if she could never run free on the weekends. Nothing can go wrong, lucy my dog, has all of her shots and has a license. She always comes when we call her. Please take this into consideration. Thank you so much.

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Sincerely,

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- Dog who get regular exercise are better behaved & safer
- It allows dog owners an opportunity & enjoy their dog without many people around early in the morning - making parks safer!

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Sincerely,

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I have found the dogs in NYC to be very well socialized - Being off leash in the morning and at night gives them a chance to exercise and socialize in a positive safe environment. I think the new amendment is wonderful in terms of dog owners being even more responsible for dog health through licensing & vaccination - I also think the groups of us together in the parks make it safe for all New Yorkers - The specific hours and areas keep a fair balance for all park users - Thank you for your consideration -

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Sincerely,

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Dear Health Board Members:

We have been taking our dogs for a morning walk off leash in Central Park pretty much daily for the past 15 years---maybe 3500 to 4000 dog walks over these years.

Both we and our dogs have a wonderful time on our walks. Vigorous animals and their human family members need exercise to stay healthy, and, in addition, we all enjoy the daily opportunity to interact with our own and the other's species. We have a group of Park friends, people and dogs, who we see every day and who are an important part of the fabric that connects us to our City. It seems to us the whole experience is what the creators of Central Park had in mind, and that is so wonderfully captured in Seurat's majestic "Sur la Grande Jatte."

Over these same past 15 years that we have been Central Park dog walkers, the Park has become cleaner, more cared for and by all accounts safer, with the result that many more of our fellow New Yorkers enjoy this magnificent facility with us. We think that the Parks Department's off leash dog policy has contributed significantly to the rebirth of the Park, because this policy draws people to the Park in early morning and late evening hours for dog walking and thereby discourages its use during these hours by drunks, druggies and criminals. The more people who use the Park, the more willing contributors there will be to the Central Park Conservancy, and the long-run future of the Park will be protected as well.

In our dog walking experience we have witnessed very few incidents in which off leash dogs have harassed or bothered non-dog owners, and we have never seen any incident in which an off leash dog occasioned any significant harm to humans. Nor have we seen any "dogs running wild" or evidence that the Central Park is being turned into a "dog toilet" which are the stated concerns of the Juniper Park Civic Association. On the contrary, dog walkers are mindful of their obligations and often energetic in assisting other dog walkers to comply with those same obligation. By and large dog owners are respectful of the sensibilities of those who do not appreciate dogs. This being New York, people do sometimes snap at each other (verbally, of course) over dog issues, but on the whole, our

experience has been that people who do not have dogs get along in the Park reasonably well with those who do.

As daily dog walkers, we appreciate the courtesy that has been extended to us and to our animals by the City authorities. We agree with Commissioner Stern that the current policy has worked extremely well over the twenty years that it has been in place for the Park and for Park users as a whole. This policy has not presented any significant issues or been challenged in the 20 years of its existence until the JPCA's recent suit. If off leash dogs in the 9-9 time frame were found to pose any legitimate health or safety concern, these could be addressed by the proposed amendments to the City's Health Code and by similar "tightening" measures, rather than a wholesale abandonment of the current policy that has benefited so many New Yorkers, their dogs and, we believe, Central Park as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob Hogue

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The off leash policy is essential for my dog's happiness and well being. He is better socialized and behaved dog as a result of his daily regimen in the park. I would consider the elimination of the law as a grave disappointment.

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Sincerely,

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It represents a common sense balanced use of our parks. Dog runs are too few and overcrowded. Tightening leash laws unreasonably would deprive us of meaningful use of the park. We clean up behind our dog, and during off-hours we bother no one. In fact, I believe the runners we encounter at 5:30 AM are happy to have us there, as potential allies in encounters with less savory park visitors

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Sincerely,

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A well exercised dog is a quiet neighbor. Running provides a much greater degree of exercise in a limited time frame. The dogs will go home and sleep, instead of being alert, active and barking all day while home alone. The dogs in my building that only have a modest walk are the noisest neighbors. The dogs that are allowed to run free & jump are very quiet and peaceful to be around.

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Sincerely,

Elena J. Gillcrist

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Limited space & finances prevent enough dog runs and off-leash in City parks is vital to exercised socialized dogs plus the amendments will encourage responsible dog ownership, since they will promote licensing & vaccination.

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Sincerely,

Ann M Randolph

FAX COVER SHEET

TO	Rena Bryant
COMPANY	NYC Board of Health
FAX NUMBER	12127884315
FROM	Fred Graver
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RE	The Off-Leash Hearings

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Letter attached

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Members of the NYC Health Board / Dept of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to throw my strong support behind maintaining -- if not expanding -- the leash laws in NYC. As you must have heard from many others by now, there are many, many reasons to keep this law in place:
--The 20-year off-leash hours policy is a proven and successful public health policy;
--NYC is enjoying an historically low rate of dog-related incidents due to the off-leash hours policy, since it fosters better socialized and exercized dogs;
--Dog owners in NYC Parks have contributed to keeping the parks safer, since they are present and vigilant in the late evening and early morning hours;
--The off-leash hours policy brings hundreds of thousands of responsible dog owners and their dogs to the parks on a daily basis, which fosters a sense of community;
--Access to off-leash recreation opportunities encourages people to adopt and socialize thousands of abandoned dogs in NYC each year;
--Since there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in designated areas of City parks;
-- The off-leash policy is a great compromise for dog owners and non dog-owners who use parks - it's only for certain hours (9pm to closing, and again when parks open until 9am), and only in certain designated locations;
--The proposed Board of Health amendments promote responsible dog ownership, as City dogs should be licensed and vaccinated.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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October 29th, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
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RE: The Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code

Dear Ms. Bryant:

It has been brought to my attention that the NYC Department of Health is considering giving the NYC Commissioner of Parks and Recreation the authority to relax the leash law in city parks to allow for off-leash recreation. I am writing to tell you that this is a very bad idea.

First, I would like to give you a little information about my background as a dog training expert. I have owned dogs since the 1950s. I grew up with dogs in the family and started to take training seriously in high school. I have been training German Shepherds for 45 years. I started Leerburg Video & Kennel in the mid-1970s. Leerburg is a professional video studio that specializes in producing dog training videos and DVDs. Leerburg Kennels is also one of the top German Shepherd breeding facilities in America. My dogs work in law enforcement, search and rescue, and personal protection. Since starting my video business in 1980, I have produced over 120 dog training videos. The quality of my work is recognized around the world as the best dog training videos available anywhere.

About once every couple of days I get an e-mail from someone asking about problems with their dogs being attacked while they are on walks or running loose at a local park. People question me on how to deal with overly aggressive dogs that belong to other people. Some people want to know if they should just let the dogs work out the problems themselves.

I want to go on record as saying that the concept of off-leash was well intended but a bad idea. I do not recommend that the Commissioner of Parks be given the authority to allow dogs to be off-leash in crowded NYC parks.

The average person does not understand how strong the pack instinct is in dogs. These drives click into high gear when a dog is taken into a park with other dogs. Dogs that have walked in a park over a long period begin to look at the park as their own. When they then encounter new visitors with dogs they look at them as intruders in "their personal territory." This leads to territorial aggression.

When there is a group of dogs that are allowed to run together, they instinctively try to establish a pack with rank order (or pack order). If there are several dogs that want to assume the role of pack leader there are going to be dog fights. When inexperienced pet owners try and break up a dog fight they often get bitten. I invite you to read the article I wrote entitled "HOW TO BREAK UP A DOG FIGHT WITHOUT GETTING HURT" at **www.leerburg.com/dogfight.htm**. I wrote that article because of the number of e-mails I get from people who were badly injured while attempting to break up a fight between dogs.

The problem with dog fights is that once a dog has been attacked it often assumes the position that a good offense is the best defense. These dogs become habitual dog fighters - once again a dangerous situation.

Just because a dog plays with certain dogs does not mean that it will play with other dogs. A group of dogs that meet daily form their own dog pack. This pack can exist and play together for long periods of time but the day a new dog comes along the entire pack structure changes and EVERY DOG in that pack has to reset his rank. So you see dogs that have played together for a long time would now fight one another.

If new owners do everything right when their pup is young the dog can grow up to be a confident, strong dog if it has the genes to allow this to happen. But in the hands of the wrong person the same dog can grow up to be a basket case. Too many people out there lack common sense or the experience to properly train a dog.

The Parks Commissioner cannot assume that every dog in the park is a well-mannered, well-trained pet and that every dog owner is a well-trained dog handler.

While some breeds are predisposed to fight more than others, every breed has its own bullies. And there are too many people that don't come close to the label of being a "responsible pet owner."

Dog fighting is serious business. Animals get hurt and more importantly people get hurt trying to break up dog fights. And as health commissioners charged with the responsibility of protecting the public from harm, I am sure that you do not want to see this happen.

Notice the ball in the one dog's mouth - allowing only one dog to have a toy will often trigger a dog attack.

Having the safety of both people and dogs in mind, I respectfully advise that you choose not to amend the leash law to grant the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation the authority to allow off-leash recreation within parks throughout the city of New York. Should your commission choose to ignore this advice, I recommend that you visit with the city's Corporation Counsel because I believe you will be looking at a dramatic increase in lawsuits against the city for negligence.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Ed Frawley

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I own a young large dog who needs lots of exercise. There is no way that walking her on a leash will provide her with the necessary exercise that it takes to keep her healthy + happy. She needs a place where she can romp and socialize with other dogs. The hours of off leash dog walking are already limited.

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Sincerely,

Jen Apgar

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I have a young Husky Mix that is very high Energy. She absolutly requires the park to run offleash on a daily basis. I in no way would be able to keep up with her on a leash at the level she need for proper excercise and health. With out her daily run, she would be absolutly unmanageable in our small appartment.

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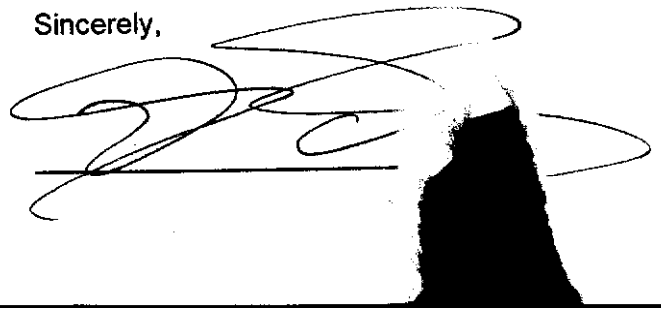
Sincerely,



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Secretary to the Board of Health
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Via e-mail: resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov

RE: The Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code

Dear Ms. Bryant:

Attached is a list of rules and frequently asked questions posted on the website "Friends of First Run," an enclosed public off-leash area in Tompkins Square Park. The Parks Department made sure that dog owners using the run identified real and potential problems and had the rules in place before sanctioning the dog run because they knew that without them, there would be problems within the park and increased liability on the city's part.

There are rules mandating neutering/spaying, licensing and vaccination against disease, prohibiting toys, barking and digging, making removal of pet waste mandatory, banning dogs in heat and dog aggression, giving a warning that you bring your children "at your own risk" (and theirs), prohibiting food and glass containers, and segregating small and large dogs.

From http://www.firstrunfriends.org/therun_faqs.shtml

Rules Board:
Please exercise common sense. Only enter with dogs that get along with other dogs and people.

1. No dogs without people. No people without dogs.
2. No dog toys. Toys cause fight.
3. Neuter/spay your dog to use the run safely. Intact dogs are likely to provoke aggression or be attacked. (Puppies under 6 months get to keep 'em.)
4. Clean up after your dog.
5. Watch your dog at all times. Discourage barking and digging. If your dog digs a hole, fill it in.
6. No aggressive dogs. Do not let your dog pester or mount other dogs. Watch for signs of aggression.
7. No dogs in heat.
8. All dogs must be licensed and immunized. No dogs with communicable diseases or infections.
9. If your dog gets into a fight, exchange contact information and leave. You are financially responsible for any injury caused by your dog. Please settle all vet bills with the owner before returning to the run.
10. Bring children at your own risk. Kids must be with an adult and remained seated.
11. No spike, prong or pinch collars.
12. No glass containers or food.
13. The small dog run is for dogs 23lbs. and under (and not for use by large breed puppies.)

Since there is such a long list of rules for a fenced in public park area, what will happen in unfenced designated public off-leash areas? Who enforces rules in an unfenced area? Certainly not PEP officers, as they are not on duty during off-leash hours. (They work 9am-5pm, and off-leash hours are 9pm-9am.) Dog owners cannot be expected to police themselves in a wide open area in the dark.

Some specific questions to ponder:

Who will be financially liable for an injury caused by a dog in a public, unfenced, off-leash area?

Who will assure that only dogs that get along with other dogs and people are being unleashed?

Who will make sure that dog toys that incite fighting are not being brought to an off-leash area?

Who will make sure that all off-leash dogs are spayed or neutered and that females in heat are not allowed off-leash?

Who will make sure off-leash dogs are being picked up after?

Who will make sure there is no barking or digging in off-leash areas, and that holes dug are filled in?

Who will ask owners of aggressive dogs to leave an off-leash area? How will Parks prevent aggressive dogs from being unleashed in the first place?

Who will check to see that off-leash dogs have been immunized and licensed and don't have communicable diseases or infections?

Who will prevent children from approaching off-leash dogs if a parent is not with them?

Who will make sure that food and glass containers are not being brought near off-leash dogs?

How will small and large dogs be separated?

From "Friends of First Run" Frequently Asked Questions:

QUESTION 2

Can I ask someone to leave if they are breaking the rules or if their dog is causing trouble?

ANSWER:
When the city officially sanctioned First Run, they mandated that the community post dog run rules and enforce them.

MONITORING THE RUN is the duty of all its users. It is up to us to patrol the activity of ALL dogs and request that owners remove an animal that may be "having a bad day." Dog squabbles are part of dog play. However DOG FIGHTS are not. It's OUR duty to prevent them before they occur and see that the posted rules are followed.

QUESTION 3
My dog was injured by another dog in the run. "Am I off-base in thinking that there is a responsibility on the part of the owner of a dog that bites my dog and causes medical damage?"

ANSWER:
The rule is that owners pay the medical bills of any dog attacked by their dog. This includes behavior by a dog that singles out another dog for attack or a dog that is clearly out of control for sometime. In such cases, the dog's owner must assume total responsibility and cover the cost of the entire vet bill.

However many dog fights fall into a gray area where it is hard to tell which dog is at fault. This includes dogs being bitten when play escalates out of control, or when one dogs mounts another and that dog turns around and bites. It's called "no fault" because neither of the dogs should have pursued the fight. I know it gets touchy figuring out which dog growled first, or whose behavior escalated, but they are dogs after all. In these "no fault" situations, the owners should split the costs of a necessary vet bill.

All of this gets exacerbated if a dog is in heat, near a heat cycle or unneutered. I mention this because this scenario concerns at least 1/2 the serious dog fights in the run.

The owner of a dog in heat (or near heat) should never be in the run in the first place. The owner of an unneutered dog should be within spitting distance of their dog and always on guard. These owners must assume the complete financial burden themselves since bringing an intact dog into the run is a known risk and they've assumed it -- as well as placed the rest of our dogs at risk. Warnings about intact males and females in heat are clearly posted on both gates of the run.

QUESTION 4
What is the off-leash rule in New York Park? I heard that dogs were allowed off leash before 9 a.m and after 9 p.m.

ANSWER:
By law, all dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet at all times, except in official, enclosed dog runs.

A dog must be on leash AT ALL TIMES in parks where there is a dog run. Police have been rather diligent about enforcing this rule -- especially in Tompkins Square and a Riverside Park where there are official dog runs.

That said, parks without dog runs--including Central Park and Prospect Park--operate under an unofficial rule established under ex-Parks Commissioner Henry Stern which allows dogs to be off

leash during the "Courtesy Hours" of 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. (or, in Prospect Park, 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.). Unfortunately, these off-leash hours are technically against the law---they're a "courtesy", which is to say they depend on the whim of who's writing the ticket.

I agree with everything the Friends of First Run mention in their rules and FAQ. Off-leash dogs DO cause fights and are potentially dangerous to each other and people. Two private dog runs also have similar rules, which may be found at http://www.mhdra.org/rules.html and http://www.hkdogrun.org/rules.html. The problems are recognized by dog owners. I hope they will be recognized by our city agencies as well.

It is up to the Health and Parks Departments to ensure our safety, and it seems as though this plan to unleash the dogs in parks, and tell other park users to proceed "at their own risk" was not fully thought out and is not in the public's best interest. Therefore, please do not grant the Parks Commissioner the authority to allow unleashed dogs in city parks.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

Dogs are watched by other dog owners to ensure droppings are immediately picked up - this does not occur on streets or sidewalks —

Dogs socialize in the park "off leash" - just compare our park dog - behavior with suburban dogs who are unable to meet other dogs frequently - I have - it's an astounding difference in less hostility by "park dogs".

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Sincerely,

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We love the gift Cash provides and need it desperately.

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Off leash courtesy hours and dog runs help promote socialization among all dogs. It makes them less aggressive. Dogs on leash are almost always more aggressive than those off of leash. Dog bites on dogs and humans have dropped dramatically since off leash courtesy hours/dog runs began in NYC decades ago. Allowing a small group of people (Juniper Park Civic Assoc.) to dictate how millions of dog owners in NYC exercise + socialize their pets would be a terrible injustice. It would lead to more aggressive dogs, more abandoned dogs and really affect the mental health of the dogs and their owners in a negative fashion.

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Sincerely,

Why change a system that works so very well? 86 dog bites (not all are off leash dogs) in hundreds and hundreds of city parks in a year? Dogs leashed @ all times will only lead to a dramatic rise in these #'s. People drive drunk, cats + balls injure people in parks all the time, but are not banned do we ban cars because of this? No, of course not.

off leash hours are from 9pm - 9Am, the times when many crimes could be committed, the people and their dogs make the park safer. We pay taxes and should be allowed space/time to recreate our pets. off leash hours are set for times that the parks are least used, which is smart. The Juniper Park Civic Association's lawsuit is more about their desire for absolute control of their park than anything else. The overwhelming majority of dog owners are responsible, caring people and that is why the system in place works so well. Please do not change it.

Thank you,

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Exercised dogs (and people) are healthier, happier and more socially adapted. Our mornings in the park are a perfect way to start the day. we and our dogs have made friends which makes ~~urban~~ New York City a more human place to live. It brings people into our beautiful parks making them safer places to visit.

while watching our dogs play

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Sincerely,

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A) NYC has better socialized dogs because of off-leash opportunities.

B) Limited space and finances prevent enough dog runs throughout the City - therefore, off-leash in City parks is vital to exercise and socialize dogs.

C) Off-leash hours brings people into the parks early in the morning and in the evening, and their presence and vigilance makes parks safer.

D) Dog owners also use the park as parents, athletes, and bird watchers - and want everyone to enjoy the park.

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The off leash policy promotes health in both Dogs and owners. It allows for the socialization of both Dog and owner. The Dogs do act as a form of happiness to owners and the public that is using the park at that time as well. Dog need exercise and socialization the off leash law provides that.

The Parks should be able to be used by all walkers, athletes, families and Dogs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

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Re: Amendment to Section 161.05 of the Health Code

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Dear Board of Health Members:

Dog ownership improves physical health and psychological well-being. From increased physical activity to decreased stress to increased social interaction and decreased loneliness, dogs as companion animals have a profound positive influence on our lives. The health and psychological benefit of dog ownership has been studied and documented by the medical community. Please peruse the enclosed abstracts of articles taken from medical journals.

Dogs, in turn, need to be healthy if they are to benefit their owners, and for good health, dogs need to run. Walking the city streets is essential but insufficient. Dogs are higher energy creatures than humans and need an outlet to release that energy. Many, if not most, behavioral problems that occur in dogs are due to inadequate exercise. Dogs need to run, and that requires open space. "Dog runs", as we call the enclosed pens that the city has put aside for use by dogs, are sufficient for some dogs, but many dogs are intimidated by the crowds and dislike walking on the rough pebbles beneath their feet. And the space is simply too small.

Dogs are physically and emotionally important to people and therefore we should be concerned for their welfare and that means that dogs need to run in large open grassy spaces and this is the major reason why the law should stipulate that dogs be allowed to run in NYC parks during certain periods of the day.

Are there benefits to non-dog owners? Absolutely. Many people walk through the park on their way to work in the morning and on their way home in the evening. Still, the park during those hours is a pretty lonely place and a potential danger. The presence of dogs and their owners vastly improves the safety level of park pedestrians in the morning and after dark. And unless dogs are permitted to be off-leash in parks, there is little incentive for dog-owners to venture into the park when they can walk their dogs on-leash on the crowded and safer city streets.

Therefore, a second reason to permit dogs to be off-leash in the parks is for the general safety of all park attendees.

Please, therefore, for the sake of dog owners and non-dog owners alike, write into law provisions allowing dogs to be off-leash in city parks during morning and evening hours.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours truly,

Susan Jormark, MD

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I may seldom say that my time in the park with my dog every morning in Central Park is by far the best part of our day, mine and my dog's, Barney. And like me, many people, friends, that I got to know throughout the years, say the same. For many of us, working people, ordinary Americans, getting up early to take our dogs to the park is our daily therapy, our simple, well-done, daily work-out. After that most of us

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Vivas-Ayer

will spend the rest of the day sitting behind a desk. Being able to have our dogs off leash in the park is <u>what</u> takes us there every morning. When my clock goes off at 5:30 am I don't think twice before jumping out of bed. I know this man in his 70's that still runs around the Conservatory Pond every morning, with his Golden Retriever following him. Would he be that healthy and happy if he were unable to do that? I just can't imagine that because one or two incidents happened, the way of life of so many dog owners and dogs would change so much. People continue to drive their cars although so many accidents and deaths happen every day, young people continue to attend night clubs although some murders occur occasionally, the Space Program goes on although Nasa lost a couple of shuttles. Why would 99% of dog owners and their best four-legged friends have to be punished for the unfortunate behavior of a very few? Anyone that comes to the park in the morning and takes some time just to watch us, the healthy, relaxing gathering of dogs and their humans would see the immense, enormous goodness that those few hours of freedom do to all of us... Please don't take away from so many people and doggies such a wonderful little time of freedom and happiness!

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DOG OWNERS APPEAR TO BE GOOD ABOUT CLEANING UP AFTER THEIR PETS AND OBSERVING THE OFF LEASH TIMES (AT 9:00 AM EVERY DAY, ALL THE DOGS GO ON LEASH AND GO HOME) TO US OUR PET IS IMPORTANT AND LOVES HIS TIME OFF LEASH - THE EXERCISE IS GREAT FOR HIM GIVING INFO TO THE PUBLIC IS A GREAT IDEA

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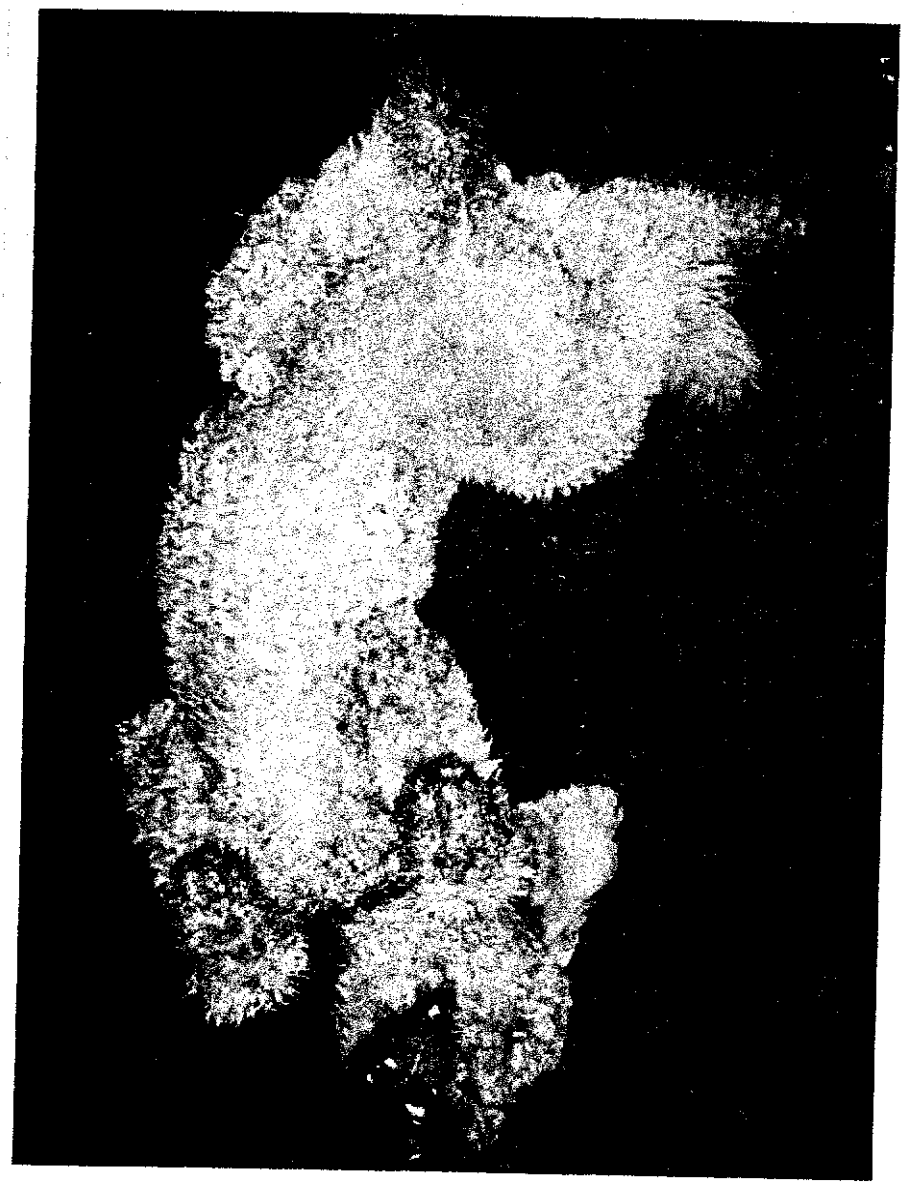
Sincerely,

James Hanbury



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Dear Board of Health Members,

I would like to express my support for the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code.

The off-leash policy for dogs is an important facet of living in New York City. While we need to balance the health and safety of all people enjoying the City Parks, I believe that these amendments find common ground among all park users. In addition, this is a way to further encourage responsible dog ownership, requiring proof of licensing and vaccinations of off-leash dogs and making it clear when it is necessary to keep dogs on the leash.

Off-leash hours bring people together, including non-dog owners, who often stop to watch the dogs playing or ask if their kids can throw the ball to a dog. It strengthens our community by creating relationships amongst strangers, populating the park during off-leash (non-peak) hours – where is would otherwise be less safe to walk your dog, even on the leash. Off-leash hours also create an opportunity for dogs to socialize, creating less aggressive, calmer dogs.

My labradoodle Trout is my first dog and she has completely changed my experience in New York City. I know the names of my neighbors now, because I talk to them every morning in Central Park, as we watch our dogs chase each other and leap for tennis balls. Trout regularly provides joy and laughter to passersby, as she plops down in mud puddles (I laugh as well, but it is not as joyful to me, as I have to wash her off...) This off-leash policy is one of the resources that makes New York City what it is – my friends and family understand why I live here when I tell them about taking Trout into the Park every day. It's a great life balance in a busy city.

Please support these amendments and continue New York City's off-leash policy.

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1. Off-leash hours brings people to the parks early in the A.M & P.M. & their vigilance & presence makes parks safer for other law-abiding park users.

2. Many dog owners are so appreciative of the parks that they participate in trash pick-up days.

3. Dogs are more socialized because of off-leash opportunities!

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RE: In Support of Amendments to Section 165

Dear Ms. Bryant

I am writing in support of off leash hours for dogs in NYC parks, particularly in Prospect Park where I take my dog each morning. My husband and I moved to our neighborhood specifically because we wanted to bring our dog off-leash to the park, and it has increased our quality of life even more than we could have imagined.

When we first got him as a puppy, we lived on 27th and 6th in Manhattan, and both he and we dreaded walks on the busy sidewalks. True, there was a dog run, but it was small, confined, and often muddy. We seriously considered moving out of the city altogether until we discovered that we could go to Prospect Park each morning. It is a tremendous boon to our physical and mental health to be able to walk off leash with our dog in the park. The off leash hours create a community of dog-owners in the park at the same time and allow our dogs to socialize with each other and onlookers. I would like to offer a few points in favor of the off leash hours:

NYC dogs are some of the friendliest and best adjusted around precisely because they get so much socialization during off leash. There are numerous studies showing the health benefits of pet ownership, but to name just a couple:

- A study conducted at City Hospital in New York found that the presence of a pet affected survival rate even more than having a spouse or friends.

- A study of more than 5,400 people conducted by Australia's Baker Medical Research Institute found that pet owners had not only lower blood pressure, but also lower levels of blood cholesterol and triglycerides in comparison to the non-pet owners.

- A study of AIDS patients conducted by UCLA, in 1999 found that pets provide a level of companionship that helped the patients cope with the stress of their illness. The study looked at more than 1,800 patients and found that

those who did not have a pet were more than twice as likely to report symptoms of depression.

- Furthermore, off leash hours allow dog owners to enjoy their pets and the benefits above.
  - The off leash hours allow NYC dog owners to get the physical activity that helps contribute to the effect noted above of lower blood pressure among dog owners.
  - Off leash hours foster a greater appreciation for our parks and attract numerous volunteer efforts among pet owners to keep the parks clean and safe.
  - Off leash hours provide a specific time that the elderly and others can come to interact with dogs as many from the care facilities near my home do.

Walking my dog off leash through Prospect Park is one of my greatest joys, and it makes it possible for me to deal with the stresses of living in this city. Off leash hours are so important to my quality of life in New York that I can quite honestly say that my husband and I would move out of the city entirely if the hours were revoked.

Sincerely,

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I own a dog and routinely go to Marine Park with her. I have made many friend through the off-leash policy - we all meet in the center of the park prior to 9AM. I love the park - keeping Marine Park beautiful is a priority for me - Of course, I clean up after my dog but I also routinely pick up empty bottles + trash left from the soccer + baseball teams. Our dogs play together, play and socialize with other dogs people. We have all helped others and through our presence I believe we keep the park safer

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Sincerely,

Margaret M. Molloy

by our constant vigilance of our dogs and other people.

I grew up in the Marin Park area and have used the park for close to 50 years - Now, through the off-leash policy I have made many new friends, keep up on the local politics and am healthier because it get me out - and I and my dog exercise more.

Thank you for continuing the off-leash policy.

Yours truly,

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Attention: Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health

Re: Dogs Off Leash

Dear Board of Health Members:

I believe that dogs that are permitted to go off leash socialize better with both humans and other dogs than dogs that are continuously under the restraint of a leash. Also, the owner of the dog that is off leash and playing with other dogs meets other residents of New York City, and those encounters are part of what makes the City a unique place.

Sincerely,

Michael A Cooper

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Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Bd. of Health
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am a strong supporter of the off-leash policy in the parks for dogs and their owners. If Health Board members were to visit the parks in the city during off-leash hours, they would find a community of people enjoying the park along with their dogs. There are literally thousands of NYC residents who enjoy this pastime, and the Juniper Park Association which is trying to ban off-leash hours in ALL parks is a very small minority.

You have heard by now all of the positive arguments for maintaining off-leash hours; only reason would have the Health Board conclude that an off-leash policy is beneficial to the dog-owning and larger NYC community.

Please support Amendments to Section 165. Thank you.

Dian Parisi

Yours truly,

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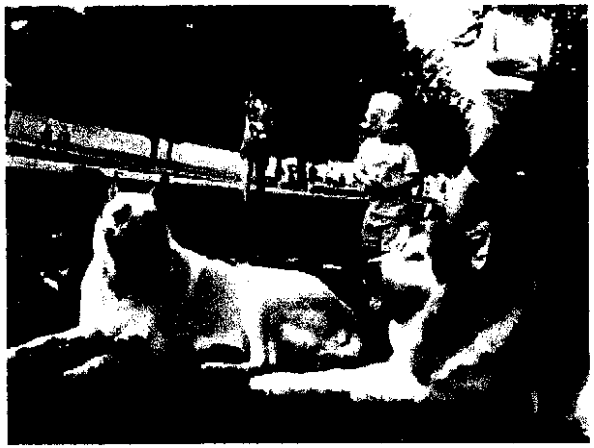
I SUPPORT off-leash...it works! These photos show why.

Note the amount of people who frequent our local dog park year-round which includes children, the handicap and pregnant women and all get along wonderfully. I have hundreds of photos that prove this. Like children, dogs need activity to be calm and civilized. Off leash provides this along with access to responsible dog owner tips. Dogs off leash make dog owners walk further and the owners look forward to the socialization just like the dogs do.



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- It make the park a safer place for everyone.
- Just to see the happiness in the park makes me city a more enjoyable place to be.
- All creatures need freedom.

Thank you so much.

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Sincerely,

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On every walk we provide additional security for people & their children in the park. We know our small areas & surrounding & make sure the area is safe.

It builds community when dogs socialize in nyc. Every morning and evening we watch out for each other, and that counts.

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Good amendments!

Sound off-leash policy!

GOOD public health policy!

What is there to object to??

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For many people dogs provide a beneficial and emotional support option in dealing with the stress and anxiety of life in our city. I know many people whose lives are more productive and meaningful because of the companionship they receive from their dogs.

Off leash exercise is crucial to the health and comfort of our dogs. Dog runs are not appropriate or available for every dog.

I urge you to make permanent the curtesy of off leash privileges we have enjoyed for many years between the hours of 9pm and 9am in our parks --- for the health, happiness and productivity of our dogs and their human companions

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Sincerely,

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Many obvious reasons: better socialized / safer dogs, owners make park safer at early/late hours, etc.

Most important: parks/nature are meant to be used as such — seeing children playing, performers performing, dogs running, etc. brings humanity to urbanity!

Security, community, and our future within the larger context of life are accomplished within the microcosm of the park within the city.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Michael A. Schmidt

October 29, 2006

Ms Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
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VIA e-mail: resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov

Re: Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161.05 of the New York City Health Code

Without question the present leash law was the product of responsible minds, that is, doctors with and understanding of the need to require all dogs to be tethered to a leash no longer than six feet when in or about public places. The law also required the owner to be in control of the dog at all times. The law is very uncomplicated and allows no room for misunderstanding. Clearly, it is a law that needs no amendment that would water down the original intent of the law. It has been my observation that for the past decade in my neighborhood as well as in others, the law has been compromised and neglected from those who walk their dog with a leash that acts like a fishing reel to no leash at all. And, the question of being in control of the owner has been misinterpreted to level that a ten year old girl or boy is walking a ninety pound German Shepard.

In a recent issue of the "Juniper Berry" it was noted that the insurance industry has identified several breeds of dogs that have a strong propensity to attack and these dogs include the Husky, Akita, German Shepard, Pit Bull, Rottweiler and Chow, people who own these breeds are being dropped by insurance companies because of the huge settlements. Despite the violent nature contained within all dogs and in particular the aforementioned dogs, the New York City Parks Department, which has not been able to enforce the leash law as presently written, now is asking doctors to join with them to let dogs roam freely in public parks. This is indeed a ludicrous initiative, and irresponsible on the part of the NYC Parks and Parks Commissioner Benepe. Commissioner Benepe has obviously bought into the erroneous concept that dogs must be free to socialize and run and frolic in City Parks.

The Webster's New World Dictionary's primary definition of social is having to do with human beings living together as a group in a situation in which their dealings with one another affects their common welfare. Canines on the other hand have a pact mentality and when running free tend to form pacts which are dangerous to other dogs and human beings. However, a radical fringe element of dog owners, fueled by a 30 billion dollar pet industry are attempting to impress upon the public their twisted notion that dogs should enjoy what a child enjoys, cloths, jewelry, being pushed in a stroller and visits with Santa Claus are all part of their twisted believe that dogs should be able to socialize in the same fashion as children – unbelievable!

The following text has been taken from NYCGOVPARKS.COM the official website for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation:

"In New York City, dog owners often complain that their dogs cannot possibly get proper exercise because of the mandatory leash law. Parks & Recreation has a solution to the problem: DOG RUNS. Dog runs are enclosed places where well-behaved and friendly dogs can roam and play off-leash. Dog runs give urban dwellers and their pets a country-like place to frolic.

For dogs to run however, owners must clean up after their pooches and pay close attention to their actions. Owners are encouraged to inquire about any dogs already in the run, which are unfamiliar to them, prior to entering the run, to avoid unnecessary dogfights. Doggies must be properly inoculated and parasite-free so as not to infect their friends. In addition, "rebel" dogs must leave their pinch and spike collars at home so that others are not injured. Instead, dogs should wear a basic flat buckle collar with city license, rabies and identification tags because only dogs that are licensed may use the run. Because these runs are dedicated to user groups, the maintenance and enforcement of rules in the runs are up to the users.

To the dog owners who still gripe about leash laws, Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life."

I agree completely with the opinions expressed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. The solution for dog owners who want more exercise for their dogs is dog runs. Notice that the rules for dog runs are in no way enforceable by Parks or any other agency. They are up to the dog owners! There is no way to hold owners who partake in off leash recreation accountable.

I also agree with the reasons listed for enforcing the leash law as written. Unleashed dogs pose a danger to other dogs, wildlife, plants and people. That is an undisputable fact. As there is no way to screen a dog to find out if he or she is able to handle being off leash, it is up to the owner's discretion. Quite frankly, many New York City dog owners are not responsible or trustworthy. They have been documented as being disinterested in what their pet is doing and unaware of where it has wandered. Dog owners stand around socializing with each other. Clearly any responsible municipality would not allow dogs on the leash or off the leash to be on any children's play area or organized athletic field and that is just what is happening at Juniper Valley Park. I find it most egregious to witness dogs emptying their bowels and leaving their waste were children come to play. And, confrontations with inconsiderate, arrogant dog owners can become nasty and violent.

The American Kennel Club recommends that a dog should be kept on a leash when out in a public place. The ASPCA recommends that a dog be walked on a leash in public places, and has extensive instruction how to accomplish this arduous task. No dogs are allowed off leash in any State or Federal Park to protect park users and the wild life that live in the park. So! Why is NYC Parks and Recreation seeking to enlist the good doctors of our city to join with them in amending a most prudent and responsible provision of the leash law? The answer is very clear – to appease a very small but highly vocal fringe element of dog owners. And their argument is a statistical one, couched in the number of recorded dog bites occurring in NYC Parks. Statistics are meaningless to the victim of a vicious dog attack. And, their assertion that all dogs will be licensed is absurd. How does an illegal alien obtain the necessary documents to register and license his/her Pit-Bull?

If the good doctors of NYC do not reject the proposed amendment to Article 161.05 of the New York City Health Code, The answer to the rhetorical question chanted at every Met baseball game, "Who let the dogs out?" will have an answer – Thomas R. Frieden, Medical Doctor, Master of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,
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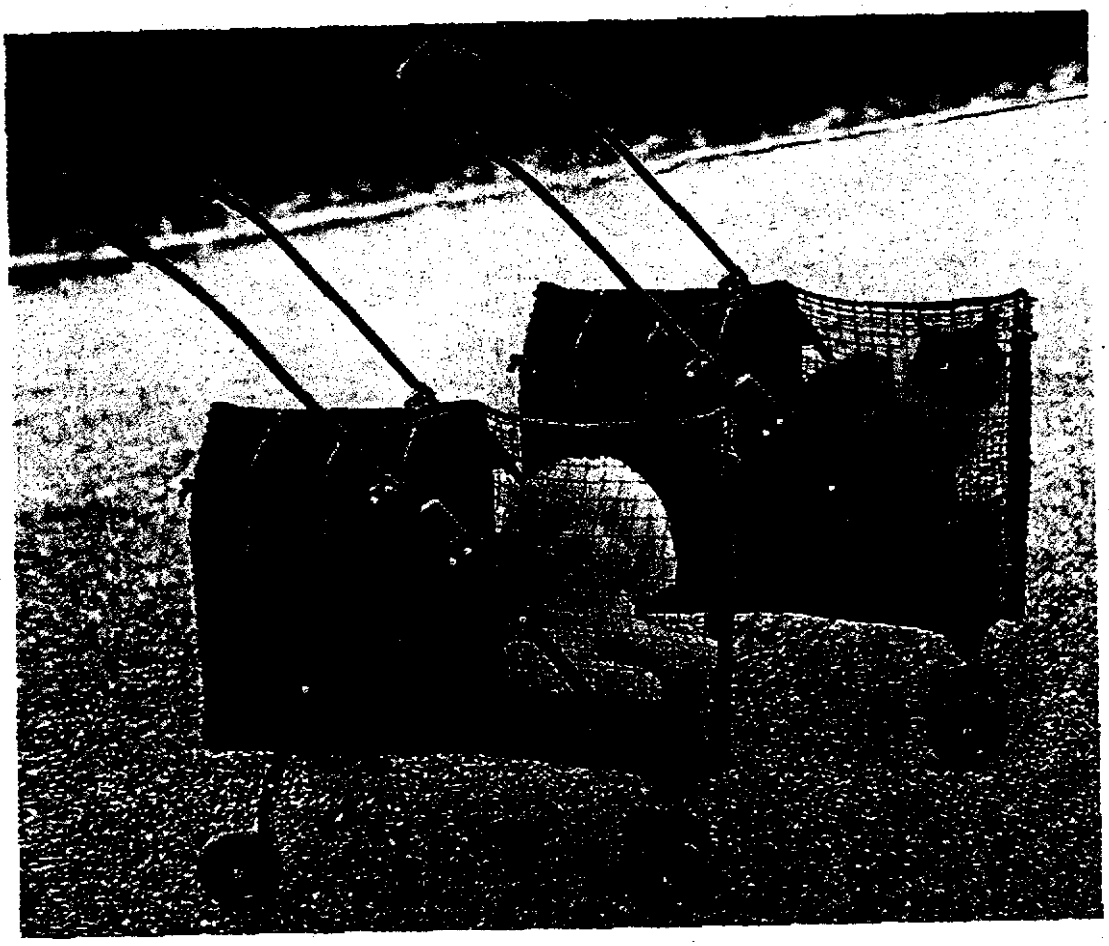

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Dog trainer Peter Laszlo works with a class at the K-9 Korral.

The K-9 Korral in summer looks like the Garden of Eden as volunteers maintain beautiful flowers in boxes built by them. Plants were supplied by the Parks Dept.

Ronnie Niles with his dog Katie dressed as Little Red Riding Hood and Dog Catcher Ann Raksim with her prisoner Murray.

K-9 Korral members marching in American Day Parade.

Santa Day at the K-9 Korral— Paul and Dee Toomey with Dino and Santa.

Bobbi & the Strays Adoption Day at the K-9 Korral —Al Pang with a potential adoptee.

A boy hugs his dog dressed as a princess for Halloween.

SPECIAL EDITION

K-9 KORRAL'S ROUND UP

Website: www.geocities.com/k9korralfp
Created by Bruce Robinson

Located at 85th Street and Park Lane South

K-9 Korralers Speak at CB5

Defend Dog Run Against Slur

Members of the K-9 Korral dog run in Forest Park addressed CB5 board members February 8th after negative remarks were made about the dog run at a CB5 Parks Committee meeting in January by CB5 member and Juniper Park Civic Association leader Bob Holden.

K-9 Korral President Ronnie Niles told Board 5 that the dog run currently has more than 300 members, of which half come from the CB5 area including Middle Village where Juniper Park is located.

Niles noted that Holden's remarks, reported in a local weekly, were hurtful and offensive to the K-9 Korral community of dog owners who take their dogs there daily.

It was particularly offensive to the cadre of volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure the dog run is clean and well run.

Niles wondered why a civic leader such as Holden would disparage a dog run that services the people of his own community. "You are biting the hand that feeds you," he said. "We are a class organization."

Two dogs at play at the K-9 Korral

Paul Toomey, a former newspaper reporter who once covered CB5 and is now a K-9 Korral volunteer, told board members that the K-9 Korral was started four years ago and that the Parks Department made arrangements to have the dog run's own members handle its administration.

In those four years, the dog run has become a huge success. The dog run is well-used and the surrounding community loves it. Local politicians have praised the dog run and Parks Department officials have said dog droppings in the park has been drastically reduced since the dog run started.

Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski holds out the K-9 Korral as a "model to be replicated" for all future dog runs in the borough.

Over the years, dog run volunteers have organized and participated in a slew of annual community events including a flowerbox contest to beautify the park, dog training, the American Day Parade, animal rescues, micro-chipping, health walks, Halloween costume and Easter bonnet contests, paw printing, and pictures with Santa, among others.

Volunteer Karen Cannariato, who runs the popular Halloween Contest, said the dog run is a special place where she has made many close friends. She was appalled by Holden's comments.

Woodhaven Endorses Korral

Maria Thomson, president of the Woodhaven Block Association, delivered a letter to K-9 Korral President Ronnie Niles last week endorsing the dog run as being "hugely beneficial" to her community.

Thomson, along with CB9 district manager Mary Ann Carey, were selected as judges last October for the dog run's annual Halloween Costume Contest.

K-9 Korral Mission

To promote responsible dog ownership, to socialize and exercise dogs in a safe, healthy and clean environment; to foster friendships between people and care for the health and well-being of dogs. To live up to our slogan, "Where Tails Wag and Tales Are Shared."

Fast Facts About The K-9 Korral

*Started four years ago after Forest Park corral was vacated by NYPD Mounted Unit. Expanded in Summer 2005 by 32 feet which now makes the Korral 180 feet by 80 feet. 1/3 ACRE
*Has received commendations from Boro Pres Helen Marshall, state Senator Serf Maltese and Councilman Dennis Gallagher.
*President Ronnie Niles awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by city Commissioner Adrian Benape on February 3, 2006.
*In October 2005, ran dog run's third annual Halloween Costume Contest with more than 100 dog owners present.
*Raised $2,500 for dog run improvements and maintenance.
*Dog run volunteers help animal rescue organization Bobby and the Strays to find abandoned dogs homes.
*In September 2004 and 2005, marched in the American Day Parade in Glendale.
*Dog run sponsored dog training classes in June 2005.
*Pictures with Santa in December 2004 and 2005.
*Flowerbox Beautification Contest in 2003-2005.
*In summer 2005, spearheaded effort to micro-chip dogs.
*Dog run publishes a monthly newsletter, runs a website, sells T-shirts, issues membership cards and discounts on dog items.
*Raised $1,000 for Hurricane Katrina victims.
*Regular maintenance days including clean-up, grass cutting, bench painting, fence mending and raking.

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I live on a street that dead-ends into a dog "park" and I have frequently noted that, especially, large dogs are calmer & more friendly when they have had their morning & evening "free runs" in the park. Their benign presence makes me feel safer on my own street.

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It's really important that the few freedoms we have left our pets be permitted to remain.

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Sincerely,

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1. Dogs off-leash in the park are better socialized toward people and other animals (not only dogs).
2. Dogs off-leash burn off more energy and are less likely to become aggressive.
3. People with dogs off-leash frequent the park during hours (early and late) when others do not and provide safe, secure environment for others in the park.
4. During an emergency in the parks, dog off-leash owners are the first on the scene, to help anyone in need and

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Sincerely,

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Re: **CC:**

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• **Comments:**

Re: Please Amend Section 161.05 Health Code; Please Save Off-Leash Policy

I am writing to you to save the off leash policy of N.Y.C. I am 72 years of age and retired but active. My dog Zeus, a German Shepherd is 12½ years old (even older than me in dog years). I have lived in Park Slope and used Prospect Park for more than 30 years. I have taken Zeus to the meadow in the park with the AM and P.M. It is good for me and good for Zeus. Our friends and neighbors love it. There has never been an untoward incident in my experience. Please keep the off leash policy in effect.

Morton Weiner

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A tired dog is a good dog. After being allowed to run free mornings before 9 am our dog is calm and happy all day.

Dogs who get exercise drain their aggression.

It is a great joy to watch Lucy run in the park. It is a high light of our children's and our life.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Plunket

October 28, 2006

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It brings people + their dogs into the park early in the AM & promotes safety.

Dog owners are, for the most part, responsible citizens who feel responsible for their pets' good behaviour, and should be allowed To exercise their dogs for their health.

There aren't enough dogruns in The City, and The Parks are important to correct this problem.

Thank you for the off-leash policy - I hope it will be a law.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Hope G. Whipple

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
C/O MS RENA BRYANT
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DEAR MS RENA BRYANT,

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR THE ABILITY OF DOGS TO RUN FREE IN CENTRAL PARK FROM THE HOURS OF 9 PM TO 9 AM. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR DOGS HEALTH TO EXCERCISE OFF LEASH WHERE THEY CAN RUN "FREE". IF DOGS CAN ONLY EXCERCISE ON LEASH IT HURTS THEIR HEALTH AND TEMPERMENT. AS TAX PAYERS WITHIN MANHATTAN, DOG OWNERS HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS TO OTHER GROUPS WHO MIGHT OPPOSE THE NON-LEASH RULE. PLEASE LISTEN TO ALL THE DOG OWNERS WHO BADLY WANT THE NON-LEASH LAW TO REMAIN.

SINCERELY

ALBERT E. STEIGER
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Sincerely,

MTCox

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Katherine VERDERY
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To take their dogs off leash in the parks, people will go out early & late, helping to keep the parks safer by their presence.
Because owners have to license & vaccinate their dogs for off-leash exercise, the dogs will be healthier & so will the people around them.

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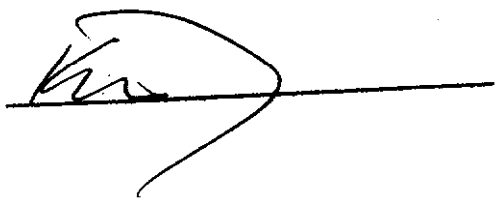
Sincerely,



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Small apartments make it difficult for dogs to exercise appropriately Need to go outside. Dog runs are typically too small for larger dogs, although provide good areas for socialization. Being able to allow dogs off the leash in Central Park has provided us with a wonderful way to exercise our dog and allow her to socialize with other dogs. This is one of the great benefits of living near the Park and we trust that this privilege will not be taken away. Thanks in advance.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

J. Attoch

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Carroll Smith-Rosenberg
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Off-leash time in City Parks is essential to promoting safer parks as well as being essential to the well-being to the health of the city's dogs -- these dogs helping keep the city safer -- & a more humane space. As a child I grew up in NY (the Bronx) & took my dog w/ me to run on a daily basis in City parks -- they kept me company as a child & safe. Yes would hope all children today would have similar opportunities

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg

(70 years old
& still w/
2 city dogs)

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not enough dog runs
near people in Parks in the morning &
evening

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Sincerely,

Phyllis Mack

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More owners + Dogs in the park during 9pm-9Am makes the Park safer, fewer problem people hang around dogs. Most dog owners are highly responsible & help in the upkeep of the park, simply picking up & cleaning up shows more respect for the park than many others. Why wouldn't you want these people to use the Park after all, this is a democracy & we all must share.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Shari Teitelbaum

FAX COVER SHEET

Date: 28 October 2006

To: Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health

From: Maureen Sanders, Brooklyn NY

Subject: To amend Section 161.05 of the Health Code
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DOGS need socialization and exercise - it makes for a happier & safer dog. Parks are for everyone to enjoy & 9PM - 9AM off leash time provides the dog owners and dogs to exercise & socialize. There is still a whole day for people to enjoy events with dogs on leash.

When I had my dog, friends from outside N.Y. who visited, always mentioned this time their favorite time in N.Y.. It is a joy to watch the dogs & their owners enjoy these free hours. Please support this amendment.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Dogs and human beings have been companions for over ten thousand years. It is highly unlikely that this relationship would have continued unless humans found benefits in it.

In support of amending Section 161.05 of the Health Code to save the off-leash policy, I would like to point out some of these benefits, and discount arguments to the contrary.

1. Domestic dogs help to keep humans safe, and help to protect persons' property.

Canines have auditory and olfactory receptors that enable them to detect trouble to an extent impossible to human beings. For this reason, dogs can detect a predator -- human or otherwise -- before the dog's person knows of its presence. I am personally more comfortable walking or driving when my dogs are with me, particularly at night or in unsavory neighborhoods.

2. Dogs are noted for their ability to give and convey unconditional love.

A few years ago, I was under intense emotional stress from having been abandoned by much of my family. My dogs, however, stayed by my side, and showed their wonderful love for me on a daily basis. It is hard to express the comfort they gave me. *Pari passu,* it is well-known that elderly persons who live alone derive great comfort from having a dog in their lives. Similarly, persons who are ill often find peace from visits by therapy dogs.

3. Fear of dogs is just one of some 198 phobias that have been identified and named. (Listed in Webster's Roget's Thesaurus, 1999)

A friend of mine had severe gephyrophobia (fear of crossing bridges). She would have a panic attack if she had to drive across a bridge. In order for her to travel anywhere that involved crossing a bridge, I or other of her friends, had to drive her. To this day, bridges have not been eliminated, nor has it been suggested that I drive everyone who must cross a bridge. It is simply illogical to argue that because a few people have a phobia, the object of that phobia must be restricted in all cases. With 198 phobias on hand, that would involve rather a lot of restrictions.

4. Dogs, in general, are tame animals.

Dogs have less adrenal hormone activity and more serotonin activity than their evolutionary ancestors. This is the physiological basis of tameness. I am not so naïve as to think that no dog has ever injured a person or another animal. But to punish all dogs (by denying them off-leash time) for the infractions of a few, would be like quarantining everyone in New York State because a few New Yorkers have a serious contagious disease.

5. It behooves an enlightened Board of Health to promote the health and well-being of animals who are so beneficial to the health and well-being of people, and so unlikely to cause harm.

For the maintenance of health, both dogs and people need food, water, sleep, exercise, and the companionship of each other. Off-leash time provides exercise and companionship for both the dogs and the people. I met many of the people I know in the Long Meadow of Prospect Park during off-leash hours. At the same time, my dogs got to know their dogs. And I got to know many other persons' dogs, and many other persons -- even persons who do not themselves own dogs -- got to know my dogs. The value of these experiences for canine-human relations cannot be surpassed.

Please amend Section 161.05 of the Health Code. Save the Off-Leash Policy.

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OFF-leash policy will have a positive impact in our Dogs, dog owners and non-dog owners mental & physical health.
OFF-Leash policy allow us to socialize our dogs in a limited time and in a designated places.

Our Dogs
- exercise
- Understand their & our world → Friendly dog

Dog owner
- Has a Friendlier dog
- meet other people & same interests → Have a Sense of community Belonging → A Happier Dog owner.

Non Dog owner
- Friendlier dog with good Behavio
- No dog bite → Happier Non Dog owner.

Friendlier + have Sense of Belonging → A Happier + healthy Dog

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Sincerely,

WE All can Get Along!

October 28, 2006

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Sincerely,

October 29, 2006

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Dear Ms. Bryant,

One of our dog Animae's greatest gifts to us has definitely been her passion for Prospect Park! Deemed by some as "Mayor of the Park," she eagerly advocates for us to be up and out into the beauty by 8am. Not only has she insured we witness all four seasons showcased perfectly by the park's many trees and expansive fields-she has also introduced us to many of Brooklyn's finest: artists, writers, editors, future parents and countless friends. Her quality of life-and ours-depends greatly on the daily off leash hours we enjoy as a family and as a community-exercising and balancing the rush of city life in the green refuge of Prospect Park.

Within 48 hours of bringing Animae home, we almost lost her to Parvovirus which she contracted from the "so-called" breeder that was actually much more like a puppy mill. Just another amazing aspect to the off-leash hours is that serves as a network haven for rescue dogs in need of new homes. The connections made here not only help dramatically decrease the number of puppies purchased from such mills, but also keep the number of abused and abandoned pit bulls and greyhounds off the streets and safe from more punishment or death

We couldn't imagine our lives without Animae just days after meeting her, and a year later we also can't imagine it without our daily off-leash recreation.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding,

Shannon Lynch

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My eleven year old daughter and I moved to New York last February from Oregon with our three year old golden retriever. We love NY and honestly one of our favorite things about New York is the off leash policy before 9:00 a.m. We have a very healthy, playful, gentle dog who is the apple of my daughter's eye. There is no way we could have made the move to New York without our dog and I cannot imagine life here with her if she were not allowed off leash.

We do not find the dog runs useful, too many dogs, still very confined and generally overwhelming. While they work for a lot of people, the off leash time in the park is what works well for our dog and for us. It is part of what makes life here special.

While we take her for plenty of walks on the leash, there is absolutely no substitute for letting her run, play and socialize with the other dogs in the morning. I drop my daughter at school and continue into Central Park for a couple loops around the great lawn. Without this she would be miserable (and we probably would be too.) The people in the park are friendly, courteous and social. Being allowed to walk the dog in Central Park off leash is an all around typical New York experience – Brilliant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Hanlon

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Dear Members of the Board of Health:

I am writing to support the amendment to Article 161 of the New York City Health Code to continue the existing off leash policy.

I have been living on East 72nd Street since 1975 and have enjoyed walking my dogs in Central Park on almost a daily basis for over 30 years. It is a routine that is not only healthy for the dog, but also healthy for me. I have met many great friends while walking the dog as well as hundreds of very interesting people. It is a great joy and one of the joys of living in New York city. The amendment will also have a positive effect by requiring owners to maintain proof of licensing and vaccination of their dogs, which is already required. It's a great tragedy that, because of a few individuals, a practice which has been taking place as long as I have lived in the city, which permits us for a limited time in the morning and in the evening to be in the park with our dogs off the leash, is threatened with an end.

Please adopt the amendment so that we may continue enjoying this great city and all the wonderful amenities it has to offer to everyone.

Very truly yours,

Pierre F.V. Merle

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New York City is a wonderful place - made all the better by sharing - the streets and the parks, with a variety of people - and animals.
I love walking through the park with my dog - having her play and socialize with other dogs - allows me - too - to meet and talk with many different people -

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Sincerely,

L. Danziger

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I have used Central Park for many years for walking, nature study, daydreaming & as a wonderful place to spend high quality off-leash time with my dog during the designated hours. As a park lover & dog owner I urge you to make the present arrangement permanent. Often in the early morning the park is empty except for myself, a few runners & other dog owners. More than once a runner has told me they are happy to see me there. All of us will be very grateful, & happier & healthier, if you allow us to continue.

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Sincerely,

David Hawke

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To: NYC Board of Health

As a long time resident of New York and a dog owner for 30 years I strongly support your proposal to amend the "Leash Law" — Article 161 of the NYC Health Code.

Sincerely,

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Irene Friedland
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Ms. Rena Bryant
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RE: In Support of Amendments to Section 161.05 – Save the Off-Leash Policy

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to support the amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code, because the current off-leash policy is great for the City's dogs **and** its people, including my dog Katie and me.

Science and society recently have recognized that dogs are highly social animals and that most dogs, especially those that live in a congested city environment, require at least a few hours of off leash time each week. Since there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in designated areas of City parks.

Off-leash recreation also makes good public policy, as demonstrated by the marked decrease in the rate of dog bites during the years since first unofficial, then official off-leash activities have been put in place.

Dog owners in NYC Parks have contributed to keeping the parks safer, since they are present and vigilant in the late evening and early morning hours; even the threat of muggings never kept Brooklyn dog owners out of Prospect Park.

NYCdog supports a combination of dog parks and Off Leash Hours as the most reasonable and feasible way to provide adequate off leash recreational opportunities.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will take all of this into consideration on November 1st.

Irene Friedland

Irene Friedland
Current Manhattan dog owner
and former Brooklyn dog owner

FAX to: Rena Bryant
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Judi Caron

October ____, 2006

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Name PETER AMATO

Address 6103 77 St. Middle Vlg NY 11379

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Signature [signature]

Name Elio Benini

Address 60-59 84th St Middle Village NY 11379

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Signature Leo Bethge

Name LEO BETHGE

Address 63-23-72nd St. MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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Sincerely, Thomas V. Cusanelli

Signature Thomas V Cusanelli

Name _____

Address 53-18 82 St Elmhurst N.Y 11373

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I was stopped by a dog 10 years ago-
the dog jumped on me and ripped
My panty-hose early in the A.M.
while walking to work.

72-14 Caldwell Ave.
Maspeth, NY 11378

Sincerely,

LILLIAN CYRAN
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Sincerely,

Signature Rebecca Daly RN

Name Patricia Daly

Address 86-21 Elliot Ave
Kew Park, N.Y. 11374

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attacked by a dog

Sincerely,

Signature Lucy Di Maria

Name LUCY DI MARIA

Address 17-15 ELIOT AVE
MID. VILL. N.Y 11379

October 29th 2006

[redacted]

Elfriede Janitschek
945 5th Ave. Apt. 18B
New York, NY 10021

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I walk my kids to school
by the park at 8AM.
I can't take chances with unleashed dogs.

Thank

Sincerely,

Signature Arthur Dolega

Name ARTHUR DOLEGA

Address 6419 78 st

Middle Village NY 11379

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Name JAMES Dooley

Address 59-22 72 St. Maspeth NY

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Sincerely,

MA Scott Doocey
63-53 77 ST
Middle Village NY 11379

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~~I scare~~

It worries me when large dogs are loose in Juniper + Frank Principe Park and children are running + walking around. I have seen unleashed Pit Bulls, German Shepherds, + Rottweilers.

Sincerely,

Signature Michael Fordunski

Name Michael Fordunski

Address 64-06 55TH Avenue, Maspeth, NY, 11378

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I was bitten by a German Shepard in 1995 & had to go to the hospital – $2000 worth of Hospital bills – dog bit 2 people before me and was finally put down

Sincerely, John Gaudio

59-47A 69 Lane
Maspeth NY 11378

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Signature W Gerlach

Name WILFRIED GERLACH

Address 59-54 68 Street MASPETH, N.Y 1137

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Alan Giordani
82-14 60th Road

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Signature William T. Gobleck

Name W. T. GOBLEIC

Address 60-12 75 STREET MIDDLE V. WHERE N.Y. 11379

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It is a health hazard for little children in the park + also dangerous. We don't know the personality of these unleashed dogs + whether they are capable of attacking or not, as I walk in the park for exercise.

Thank you

Sincerely, Letitia Grimaldi
71-25 58 Rd.
Maspeth, NY 11378

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Signature Connor Hartnett

Name CONNOR HARTNETT

Address C21-17 82ND ST MIDDLE VILLAGE NY 11379

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(1) It is unsafe & encourages — negligence on behalf of the owner.

(2) Waste clean-up

Sincerely,

Signature Jodie Hirsch

Name Jodie Hirsch

Address 60-62 Flushing Ave
Maspeth, NY 11378

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R Johnson
6063 68 St
Maspeth, NY 11378

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Teresa Teodosa
61-12 70 St
Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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Yours truly,
Ruth Kempisty

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68-20 58 AVE.
MASPETH, N.Y. 11378-5507

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60-72-76 Street
Middle-Village 11379
Dieter Keppler

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bite anyone but he never encountered.
When I was 12 years old an Boston Bull
dog was for my throat - My Dock
protected family but not others
law-abiding citizens - No unleashed dogs
anywhere - not only in the park from
9 PM to 9 AM -

Sincerely,

Signature Harriette Koch

Name HARRIETTE KOCH

Address 63-09 72 St Mid NY 11379

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" Irresponsible Dog Owners "

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Signature James Kozlek

Name JAMES KOZLEK

Address 62-07 Alderton St
Rego Park, NY
Former Residence (22yrs)
61-16 78th St
Middle Village, NY

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Signature May Krug + Robert Krug

Name MAY KRUG + ROBERT KRUG

Address 80-02 Penelope Ave, Middle Village NY 11379

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Address 85-15 60 DR. MIDDLE VIG, 11379

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Signature Philip Krupa

Name PHILIP KRUPA

Address 85-13 60DR AVENUE VE-6.11 11379

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Bitten by dog on a child

Sincerely,

Signature P. Lazzazzera

Name Pat Lazzazzera

Address 6024 77th Pl
Middle Vlg , NY 11379

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IT ~~DOES~~ HAS TO BE STOPED

AND SAVE MY LIFE

Sincerely, BILL MATHONEY

723553 ROAD

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Name Pat. Mitchell

Address 82-76 61st Rd Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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Signature Evgene J. Moran

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Address 60-47 83rd St MIDDLE VILLAGE 11379

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TOO MANY KIDS PLAYING IN THE PARKS. ALSO KIDS USE THE PARK TO GO TO SCHOOL

Sincerely,

Signature Thomas J Mullen

Name THOMAS J MULLEN

Address 76-31 CALDWELL AVE
MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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6029 53 St.
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Stanley W. Norgilis

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Some people keep the leash too long.
Some people do not clean up the "poop"

Sincerely,

Signature Anthony P. Pace

Name Anthony P. Pace

Address 6156 78 St. M.V. N.Y.

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You never know when a dog will attack for some reason. Can't trust an animal at any time — no matter what. Know of a dog who was friendly and knew the child but got her at very badly —

Sincerely,

Signature Jeanette M Pace

Name JEANETTE M PACE

Address 61-56 78th St. Middle Village NY 11379

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Sincerely,

Signature D. Pannacione

Name [illegible]

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Signature J. Lamacchia

Name 61-56 79 ST

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

unleashed dogs have killed wildlife at Pelham Bay Park & Jamaica Bay Park!

Sincerely,

Signature [signature]

Name 32-27 Penelope Ave SUNY Poly Edu

Address Middle Village

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As a little girl I was bitten, and when I see a dog loose I am very fearful.

Sincerely,

Signature Patricia A. Prusak

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Address 60-14 69 Place, Maspeth, NY 11378

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I am the mother of young children who I take to the park (Juniper Park) daily, and I don't want to have to worry about my children being attacked or even frightened by an unleashed dog. I also think that it is irresponsible to have your dog unleashed. Even a good dog can be distracted by something and run into the street and be hit by an innocent driver.

Sincerely,

Signature Rosemarie P Rando

Name Rosemarie P Rando

Address 60-37 72nd Street, Maspeth, NY 11378

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

of the danger it may cause to innocent people

Sincerely,

Signature Leonard C Re

Name Leonard C Re 1/49

Address 60-39 70th St Maspeth, N.Y. 11378

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ALL Dogs should be on A leash I WAS Surrounded by six large dogs while I WAS WALKing my SMALL Poodle Their owners didn't even CALL there dogs OFF
So much for unleashed dogs

E-MAIL Tootsie 523 @ MSN.Com

Mary Ann Ricevuto

Sincerely,

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Name Mary Ann Ricevuto

Address 6282 Dry HARBOR RD Middle Village 11379

10/26/06

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My children play in the park and have both been frightened by unleashed dogs -

Sincerely,

Signature Lee S Rottenberg

Name Lee S. Rottenberg

Address 60-27 77 Street
Middle Village, NY 11379

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This law needs to be enforced because I have seen unleashed dogs in Juniper Valley Park running around. Many people are frightened of dogs and it is unsafe to people in the parks to have dogs unleashed. Thank you.

Sincerely, Pauline P. Ruggiero

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82-78 61 Road
Middle Village, New York 11379-1421

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I walk the Juniper Parks and have been chased by dogs on many occasions. They jump out at you & scare you. As a runner I am terrified to walk around with these dogs that are unleashed.

Dogs should be leashed at all times!

Sincerely,

Signature Liz SADOWSKI

Name Jon Badurek

Address 59-12 72nd Street Maspeth NY

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Address 59-12 72ND Street Maspeth NY. 11378

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Signature Florence E Sarnicole

Name FLORENCE E. SARNICOLE

Address 84-39 PENELOPE AVENUE
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I do not like dogs close because I am afraid of them.

Sincerely,

Signature Vera Schneider

Name VERA SCHNEIDER

Address 61-19 76 ST. M, N.Y.

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6029 53 St.
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ARE UNPREDICTABLE

Sincerely,

William C. Seelig

WILLIAM C. SEELIG
7109 JUNIPER VALLEY ROAD

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My son was attacked by an unleashed dog when he was 6 years old

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Signature Gloria Skelton

Name Gloria Skelton

Address 3209 65th St Flushing, NY

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My dog (9yrs old) was jumped by a
unleashed dog not once but twice -- when she
was 1 yr old. —
It's an an awful experience —
To this day I fear of it happening
again —

Sincerely,

Signature Helen Steinhauer

Name HELEN STEINHAUER

Address 62-22 78 St. Middle Village 11379

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We feel that it may be dangerous as you do not know if a Dog is friendly or not. It is better to be "safe" than "sorry". We have owned dogs + taken good care of them. The City Streets + Parks are for all people, not just Pet Owners. We would like to know that we are safe to enjoy this great City.

Sincerely,

Signature Trudy Sulkoski - Henry Sulkoski

Name TRUDY + HENRY SULKOSKI

Address 58 30 69th PLACE MASPETH NY 11378

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Sincerely,

Signature Mary Ann Todzia

Name MARY ANN TODZIA

Address 65-59 Dell Ave Maspeth NY 11378

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For the young children who are going to school at this time of day they [illegible] the city Parks

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Signature Kathleen Treiling

Name KATHLEEN TREILING

Address 63-14 82 ST MIDDLE VILLAGE 11379

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Our grandchildren are afraid to go to the park because of fear they'll be attack by dogs.

Sincerely,

Signature Vinka Turato

Name VINKA TURATO

Address 60-52 83 Pl., MIDDLE VILL., N.Y.

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I believe that all dogs should be on the leash all the time in the PARK

Sincerely,

Signature Bogdan Tychanski

Name BOGDAN TYCHANSKI

Address 58-01 76th STR, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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Family member owns
bitten

Sincerely, Olga Tymus
69-74 Elliot Ave
Mid. Vill. NY 113

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It creates a unsafe condition

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Signature Anthony Ventimiglia

Name ANTHONY VENTIMIGLIA

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I like to bike in the park & dogs off the leash can easily collide w/ bikes. I had to stop (2) times to avoid a collision.

Sincerely,

Joe Wolfahrt
61-61 81 St. M.V.
N.Y. 11379

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Dmitri Zelle
30 22 75th St
Middle Village, NY 11379

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Brian M Foster

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61-43 77th St
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Sincerely, John Powell

John Powell
[illegible]
Middle Village, NY 11379

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ripped my pants! -

Sincerely,

Signature [signature]

Name Vito La Sala

Address 55-30 76 St, Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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Signature [illegible]

Name [illegible]

Address [illegible]

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NAME
520 E. 6th Street Apt 4
ADDRESS
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Kristo M Giroux

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NAME
204 West 81st Apt. 3
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This is the only open space a lot of NYC dogs have to run around freely and be dogs!!!

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Sincerely,

Arielle Verinis

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Monique Salazar
NAME
233 E. 86th St, Apt 01B
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NY, NY 10028
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Monique Salazar

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Walking with my dog in Central Park is a great way for both of us to exercise. I have also met a number of great people (and dogs!) here in NYC. I would hate to see any of this change

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

William

October 27, 2006

Michael Geller
NAME

220 RSB #8K
ADDRESS

NY NY 10069
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I feel it is imperative to the mental health of our city's dogs to allow for off leash time. Please do not punish responsible owners

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Sincerely,

Michael Geller

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MARCIA NIKAYDO BUSH
NAME

180 - RIVERSIDE BLVD 32-A
ADDRESS

NEW YORK N.Y. N.Y. 10069
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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

THANKS. MARCIA

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NAME

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(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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VIRGINIA HAHN
NAME
59-34 48th Ave
ADDRESS
Woodside 11377
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(1) Healthy for Dogs and People
(2) Promotes Community between diverse Cultures
(3) Creates Socialized Dogs
(4) Prevents problems
(5) Dogs become less aggressive
(6) Neighborhood become More Friendly
(7) It is only humane to create a space where dogs can relate to other dogs without being restrained by a leash!

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Virginia Hahn

October 27, 2006

Tara R. White
NAME
116 Central Park South APT 12N
ADDRESS
NYC NY 10019
CITY STATE ZIP

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(1) increased freedom for dogs and owners during recreational and sports-related activies.
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(3) The experience of being off-leash allows for fewer aggressive behaviors from dogs due to the increased exercise ~~time~~. and exploration

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Tara R. White

Subj: **Re: Juniper Park Unleashed Dogs**
Date: Friday, October 27, 2006 1:35:14 PM
From: gcolter722@yahoo.com
To: Lorisciulli@aol.com

Hello Lorraine,

Thanks for the quick reply.
I called 311 about this incident right after it happened and they transferred me to 911. I waited around for about 15 minutes, but there was no police response. They had my cell number and did not call back to tell me that they had arrived.
I also called Felix Perez, Queens Park and Recreation Manager. I left 2 messages so far, both with no response.
I called Dorothy Lewandowski's office. I left a message with her secretary. So far, no response.
I will gladly call or meet both Mayor Bloomberg and Parks Commissionor Benepe.
This was a very scary incident this morning.
I'm off to pick up the kids and go to work now.

Thanks,
Gary

Subj: **Re: JPCA Executive Board Meeting**
Date: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 10:15:53 PM
From: gcolter722@yahoo.com
To: Lorisciulli@aol.com

Hello Lorraine,

I am unfortunately working on the evening of the 19th and will not attend the meeting.

I spoke to Queens Park Commissioner Dorothy Lewendowski today. She listened to what I had to say but I don't need someone to "vent" to. I need to be able to get from one side of Juniper Park to the other side without being harassed by the dogs and their owners. She said that she would be in touch with Mr. Perez who is a parkie at Juniper. I don't think that she wants to touch this issue. I am hoping that some action will be taken by the Parks Department and will keep you posted.

Thanks,
Gary

Subj: **Juniper Park Unleashed Dogs**
Date: Friday, October 27, 2006 12:35:55 PM
From: gcolter722@yahoo.com
To: dlewandowski@parks.nyc.gov

Dear Dorothy,

Once again, while walking through Juniper Valley Park, we were faced with a threatening situation involving an unleashed dog. A big, unleashed dog came running right at my 7 year old while we were walking on the path that we have been walking for 7 years. My son put up his hands in self defense and jumped to the side. The dog was inches from him. He described the dog as "coming at him like a rocket".
Instead of being in school now and concentrating on the tests that they are taking today, they have to deal with this problem involving their safety.
Please help keep us safe,
Gary

October 26, 2006

Tatiana Auster
NAME
215 East 68th St.
ADDRESS
New York, NY 10021
CITY STATE ZIP

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Please continue the off leash policy + pass the Amendments to Section 161.05

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Tatiana Auster

212-788-4315

October 26th, 2006

GIOVANNI THEODOLI
NAME

188 EAST 70TH STREET
ADDRESS

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C) Off-leash hours brings people into the parks early in the morning and in the evening, and their presence and vigilance makes parks safer.

D) Dog owners also use the park as parents, athletes and bird watchers - and want everyone to enjoy the park.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

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MICHELE & ALEX SATMARY
NAME
17 E 78 STREET
ADDRESS
NY, NY 10021
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MOST IMPORTANT: PARKS/NATURE ARE MEANT TO BE USED AS SUCH — SEEING CHILDREN PLAYING, PERFORMERS

October 26, 2006

Joseph Grasso
NAME
1322 2nd Ave # 1B
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The Parks should be able to be used by all walkers, athletes, families and Dogs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Signature Eugene J. Moran

Name EUGENE J. MORAN

Address 60-47 83rd ST MIDDLE VILLAGE 11379

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Name 76-09 Caldwell Ave Frank A. Jordan

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Name W.T. GOBLER

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Address 84-39 Penelope Avenue

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Address 59-54 68 Street MASPETH, N.Y. 1137

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Name Pat. Mitchell

Address 82-76.61 R.D. Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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Name ELSIE KRUPA

Address 85-15 60 DR. MIDDLEVLG, 11379

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6029 53 St.
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62-13 79 St.
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68-20 - 58th ave.
Maspeth, N.Y.

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Name JAMES Dooley

Address 59-22 72 St. Maspeth NY

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Signature Steve Sadowski

Name STEVE SADOWSKI

Address 59-12 72ND Street. Maspeth NY. 11378

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Address 76-15 60 RD

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it fails to recognize the danger it exposes us to, especially little children playing in the park. I was attacked by a unleashed German Shepard when I was four years old and again when I was 8 yrs. old. The sight of large unleashed dogs when I'm walking in the park still resurects a fear in me, despite the fact that I'm now a large adult male. I do not believe Commissioner Benape comprehends that as pack animals, dogs have not lost their killer instincts from thousands of years ago, and will attack smaller creatures, merely as a reflex, when not on a leash.

Sincerely,

Alan Giordani
82-14 60th Road
Middle Village, N.Y. 11379 (718) 898-7077

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Our grandchildren are afraid to go to the park because of fear they'll be attack by dogs.

Sincerely,

Signature Vinka Turato

Name VINKA TURATO

Address 60-52 83 PL., MIDDLE VILL., N.Y.

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We feel that it may be dangerous as you do not know if a Dog is friendly or not. It is better to be "safe" than "sorry". We have owned dogs + taken good care of them. The City Streets + Parks are for all people, not just Pet Owners. We would like to know that we are safe to enjoy this great City.

Sincerely,

Signature Trudy Sulkoski - Hy Sulkoski

Name TRUDY + HENRY SULKOSKI

Address 58-30 69th PLACE MASPETH NY 11378

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This law needs to be enforced because I have seen unleashed dogs in Juniper Valley Park running around. Many people are frightened of dogs and it is unsafe to people in the park to have dogs unleashed. Thank you.

Sincerely, Pauline P. Ruggiero

Pauline P. Ruggiero
82-78 61 Road
Middle Village, New York 11379-1421

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Dieter Keppler

60-72-76 Street
Middle-Village 11379
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BUT DOGS DO BITE

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Signature Lyn Benini

Name EZIO BENINI

Address 60-59 84ST Middle Village NY 11379

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AND SAVE MY LIFE

Sincerely, BILL MATHONEY

72353 ROAD

MASPETH NY 11378

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It is a health hazard for little children in the park + also dangerous. We don't know the personality of these unleashed dogs + whether they are capable of attacking or not, as I walk in the park for exercise.

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Sincerely, Letitia Grenaldi
71-25 58 Rd.
Maspeth, Ny. 11378

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61-61 81 St. M.V.
N.Y. 11379

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Elizabeth Bancone

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58-43 77 Place
Middle Village, NY 11379

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you are unable to predict what will cause an animal to attack or when they will attack. Animals have moods just like people (~~and they~~) so

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Signature Patricia Daly RN

Name Patricia Daly

Address 86-21 Eliot Ave
Rego Park, N.Y. 11374

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I do not like dogs loose because I am afraid of them

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Signature Vera Schneider

Name VERA SCHNEIDER

Address 61-19 76 St. Mid-

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I was bitten by a dog. It also ripped my pants.

Sincerely,

Signature Vito La Sala

Name Vito La Sala

Address 58-30 76th St, Middle Village, N.Y. 11379

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Mr & Mrs ANTHONY STAND
69-33 60TH DRIVE
MASPETH, N.Y. 11378

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I believe that all dogs should be on the leash all the time in the Park

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Signature Bogdan Tychanski

Name BOGDAN TYCHANSKI

Address 58-01 76th STR, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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Dmytro Fedko
60-22 75th St
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Brian M. Foster

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61-45 79th St
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Sincerely, John Pizzella

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61-21-79th St
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Signature May Krug – Robert Krug

Name MAY KRUG + ROBERT KRUG

Address 80-02 Penelope Ave, Middle Village NY 11379

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Yours truly,
Ruth Kempisty

RUTH KEMPISTY
68-20 58 AVE.
MASPETH, N.Y. 11378-2507

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Sincerely,

Signature Harriette Koch

Name HARRIETTE KOCH

Address 63-09 72 St Mv NY 11379

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

I was stopped by a dog 10 years ago-
the dog jumped on me and ripped
my panty-hose early in the A.M.
while walking to work.

72-14 Caldwell Ave.
Maspeth, NY 11378

Sincerely,

LILLIAN CYRAN
(Lillian Cyran)

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I walk in the park for exercise and I don't want any dogs off the leash that may attack me.

Jeanette Vertuccio
58-26 71st St
Maspeth, NY 11378

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Family member was bitten.

Sincerely, Olga Tymes
69-74 Eliot Ave
Mid. Vill NY 11379

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Friend was bit by a dog.

Teresa Rusbasa
61-12 70 St
Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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DOGS NOT ON A LEASH
ARE UNPREDICTABLE

Sincerely,

William C. Seelig

WILLIAM C. SEELIG
7109 JUNIPER VALLEY ROAD
MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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"of Irresponsible Dog owners"

Sincerely,

Signature James Kozlek

Name JAMES KOZLEK

Address 62-07 Alderton St
Rego Park, NY
Former Residence (22yrs)
61-16 78th St
Middle Village, NY.

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It creates an unsafe condition.

Sincerely,

Signature Anthony Ventimiglia

Name ANTHONY VENTIMIGLIA

Address 61-10 79 ST Middle Village 11379

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I was bitten by a dog when I was a young kid, and to this day I am fearful of dogs

Sincerely, Thomas V. Cusanelli

Signature THOMAS V. CUSANELLI

Name

Address 53-18 82 St Elmhurst, N.Y 11373

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TOO MANY KIDS PLAYING IN THE PARKS. ALSO KIDS USE THE PARK TO GO TO SCHOOL

Sincerely,

Signature Thomas J Muller

Name THOMAS J MULLER

Address 76-31 CALDWELL AVE
MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379

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(1) It is unsafe & encourages negligence on behalf of the owner.

(2) Waste clean-up

Sincerely,

Signature Jodie Hirsch

Name Jodie Hirsch

Address 60-62 Flushing Ave
Maspeth, NY 11378

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Some people keep the leash too long.
Some people do not clean up the "poop"

Sincerely,

Signature Anthony P. Pace

Name Anthony P. Pace

Address 6156 78 St. M.V. N.Y.

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

OF the danger it may cause to innocent people

Sincerely,

Signature Leonard C. Reilly

Name Leonard C. Reilly

Address 60-39 70th St. Maspeth, N.Y. 11378

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~~I can be~~

It worries me when large dogs are loose in Juniper + Frank Principe Park and children are running + walking around. I have seen unleashed Pit Bulls, German Shepherds, + Rottweilers.

Sincerely,

Signature Michael Fordunski

Name Michael Fordunski

Address 64-06 55TH Avenue, Maspeth, NY, 11378

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

I walk my kids to school
by the park at 8AM.
I can't take chances with unleashed dogs.

Thank

Sincerely,

Signature Arthur Dolega

Name ARTHUR DOLEGA

Address 6419 78 st

Middle Village NY 11379

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

I walk the Juniper Park. and have been chased by dogs on many occasions. They jump out don't please you. As a reader I am terrified to walk around with these dog that are unleashed.
Dogs should be leashed at all times!

Sincerely,

Signature Ly SADOWSKI

Name Ly Sadowski

Address 59-12 72nd Stret Maspeth NY.

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I am the mother of young children who I take to the park (Juniper Park) daily, and I don't want to have to worry about my children being attacked or even frightened by an unleashed dog. I also think that it is irresponsible to have your dog unleashed. Even a good dog can be distracted by something and run into the street and be hit by an innocent driver.

Sincerely,

Signature Rosemarie P. Rando

Name Rosemarie P. Rando

Address 60-37 72nd Street, Maspeth, NY 11378

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

I have a dog that was attacked by an dog that was off Leash

Sincerely, Manuel Carvana

70-17 57 DR.
MASPETH N.Y. 11378

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

unleased dogs have intimidated my child & at times also me, I live off Juniper Valley Park!

Sincerely,

Signature Sonya Privileje

Name 82-27 Penelope Ave SONYA PRIVILEGE

Address Middle Village

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

As a little girl I was bitten and when I see a dog look I am very fearful.

Sincerely,

Signature Patricia A. Prusak

Name Patricia A. Prusak

Address 60-14 69 Place, Maspeth, NY 11378

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R Johnson
6063 68 St
Maspeth, NY 11378

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I believe that a dog can be provoked at any time to attack for no apparent reason.

Sincerely,

Signature Mary Ann Todzia

Name MARY ANN TODZIA

Address 65-59 Hull Ave Maspeth NY 11378

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I was bitten by a German Shepard in 1995 & had to go to the hospital – $2000 worth of hospital bills – dog bit 2 people before me and was finally put down

Sincerely,

John Gaudio
59-47A 69 Lane
Maspeth NY 11378

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

My child was chased by an unleashed Dog in Juniper Park while Riding her Bike

Sincerely,

MR Scott Dunger
63-53 77 ST
Middle Village NY 11379

10/26/06

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My children play the park and have both been frightened by unleashed dogs -

Sincerely,

Signature Lee S Rottenberg

Name Lee S. Rottenberg

Address 60-27 77 Street
Middle Village, NY 11379

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

- I was chased by a dog not too long ago [an unleashed dog].

Sincerely,

Signature Ana Isaacson

Name Ana ISAACSON

Address 61-51 77th Pl, Middle Village, N.Y. 11379

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Sincerely,

Signature Connor Hartnett

Name CONNOR HARTNETT

Address C01-17 82ND ST MIDDLE VILLAGE NY 11379

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Bitten by dog as a child

Sincerely,

Signature P. Lazazzera

Name Pat Lazazzera
6024 77th Pl.
Middle Vlg., NY 11379

Address

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Sincerely,

Signature Lucy Di Maria

Name LUCY DI MARIA

Address 77-15 ELIOT AVE
MID. VILL. N.Y 11379

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You never know when
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Sincerely,

Signature D. Pannacione

Name 61-56 79 St

Address Middle Village N.Y. 11379

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

I/we CAN'T TRUST an ANIMAL AT ANY TIME.

Sincerely,

Signature J. Lamracchino

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You never know when a dog will attack for some reason. Can't trust an animal at any time - no matter what. Know of a dog who was friendly and knew the child but yet bit it very badly —

Sincerely,

Signature Jeanette M. Pace

Name JEANETTE M. PACE

Address 61-56 78th St. Middle Village 11379 NY.

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

For the young children who are going to school at this time of day: they frighten the children

Sincerely,

Signature Kathleen Treiling

Name KATHLEEN TREILING

Address 62-14 82 ST MIDDLE VILLAGE 11379

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I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

My son was attacked by an unleashed dog when he was 6 years old

Sincerely,

Signature GINA SKELTON

Name Gina Skelton

Address 5269 65 Rd. Maspeth ny

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Adolph Hoegler
59-03 71 street
Maspeth, NY 11378

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My dog (9yrs old) was jumped by a more unleashed dog not once but twice – when she was 1 year old. — Its as an awful experience — To this day I fear of it happening again. —

Sincerely,

Signature Helen Steinhauer

Name Helen Steinhauer

Address 62-22 78 St. Middle Village 11379

October 25, 2006

Scott Bachrach
NAME

180 Riverside 6A
ADDRESS

NY NY 10069
CITY STATE ZIP

Members of the NYC Health Board
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Board of Health Members:

As part of the public comment period regarding the City's successful off-leash policy, I am writing to express my support for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code.

These proposed amendments will require the Department of Parks and Regulation to adopt rules providing that owners of dogs off the leash maintain and present proof regarding licensing and vaccination information, and that the public will be provided with information concerning the times when and places where dogs will be allowed off the leash in City parks.

The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

I have been a dog owner for over 15 years & allowing our pets to be off leash is a priority for not only dog owners but others who get to experience the love.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Subj: **You actually intend to proceed with this nonsense?**
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From the NY Daily News via: http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/465122p-391266c.html - 25 October, 2006
"...

Meanwhile, in another bid to win a race against the Board of Health, Councilman David Yassky (D-Brooklyn) plans to introduce a bill **today** that would allow dogs off the leash in city parks between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

The Board of Health will hear public testimony on the same proposal next week.

"We want to make sure that this isn't subject to the vagaries of regulations," Yassky said. "I have a lot of constituents who enjoy off-leash hours, and it makes the parks more accessible." ..."

Does that statement by you mean anything in taxpayer English? How will loose, unleashed dogs roaming throughout the various city parks actually make those parks more accessible? To whom? Infants? Children? The disabled? The Wheelchair-bound? Pregnant women? The elderly? Exactly who will now find the parks more accessible with all the dogs running wild?

Does the use of a meaningless phrase, for the purposes of expressing some kind of understanding for some people, suddenly convert the meaningless to meaningful?

You may actually believe that a large number of your constituents want the city to be unleashing all the dogs onto an unwitting park using public. However, the irresponsible dog owners who want this are simply vocal; the quiet citizens who know the danger of loose dogs know better.

The phrase "unleash the dogs" has a very ugly history, the more recent of which was the unleashing by Bull Conner. Then, of course was the unleashing by the nazis.

Do you actually want to join these unleashers?

Dogs are already illegally unleashed daily in NY City parks. So, it's an effortless job to visit the parks any morning, especially parks traversed by youngsters on their way to school, having to thread their way though the loose, unleashed dogs, roaming fifty, a hundred yards from their uncaring, indifferent owners, who are most likely standing with other irresponsible owners, yakking, smoking, perhaps sitting on benches. Doing anything except controlling their dogs. Even unleashed dogs must be controlled by their owners.

Confront a dog owner whose dog is simply annoying a stranger, or a youngster. Observe the belligerent hostility expressed by these people who have elevated their dogs above the rights of people.

A few observations like this and you will conclude that many people simply cannot be trusted to act responsibly. The existing leash law, is, unbelievably, still in force even in parks (Benepe is not a legislator. Why would you not guard your prerogative to legislate, while the commissioners stick to administering.), so the effects of unleashing are available for all to observe.

During your observation period, talk to various bikers, joggers, walkers, those relaxing, what they think about the unleashed dogs running loose while you speak. Talk to various leashed dog walkers. Ask them what they think of the unleashed dogs. Write down their thoughts. Ask them why they leash their own dog. Write that down too.

Would you contemplate permitting teenagers to drive at 90 to 100 MPH, on weekends because they "need to enjoy the "courtesy speeding hours"? Would Teen Courtesy Speeding Hours somehow make the roads more accessible? Actually, yes. Because the quiet, reasonable people would flee from the roads to keep away from the clear danger posed.

The same way that the quiet, reasonable people are staying away from parks to avoid the clear danger of loose, unleashed dogs.

~~Are you convinced that~~ people who want no contact with loose, unleashed dogs should stay away from the parks? Are you prepared to refund their portion of the taxes they pay for the use of the parks?

Put a leash on this idiotic proposal. Parks are for people. Dogs are to be leashed. Dog owners have no superior rights to the use of the parks for the dogs that they shouldn't have purchased to begin with if the only exercise they get is from being unleashed. Let these dogs owners drive up to the country and persuade farmers to let the dogs run loose and unleashed on the farm. Let them purchase land throughout the boroughs for use by their dogs. Why should taxpayers be required to subsidize the use of luxury items for irresponsible people? Dogs are luxuries. The larger the dog, the more luxurious.

All other people are required to pay their own freight for their private pasttimes. What is it about dog owners that they believe they should be subsidized? Why would you even think of asking us to subsidize them?

People who purchase a dog should have the minimum common sense to at least ask how large the cute little puppy will become. Why would you abdicate your responsibility to the entire city (or to just your own Council District) to cater to the irresponsible very few?

Sincerely,

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Ms. Rena Bryant
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RE: Notice of Public Hearing
Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the NYC Health Code

I am opposed to any amendment of the Health Code to allow dogs to be off leash 9:00 PM to 9:00 AM in New York City Parks, because I believe it is dangerous.

I myself have been injured twice by dogs running off the leash in Central Park while I was birding with friends. The first time was in July 2003. I went into Central Park shortly after 9:00 PM to the north side of Turtle Pond to look for Black Skimmers, large tern-like birds that feed on fish in the evening. Two dogs were running chasing each other. The first dog, a young pit bull, ran by me and the second dog, a stocky black lab, ran right into the side and back of my legs. My friends say I flew up into the air and landed on my back. I was bruised and my foot was injured so that I was unable to walk on it for a day or two, and had to have the foot x-rayed to make sure nothing was broken. I was scheduled to go on vacation two days later and would have lost deposit money if I had to cancel. The dog owner had someone remove the dog from the Park and denied that the dog was his, so I had no recourse for any compensation.

The second time I was injured was in September 2006. I was with a birding group on the Great Hill in the northern section of Central Park about 8:30 AM. There were a number of loose dogs on the Hill that morning, and one of them ran between people in my group, and ran into my knees. I had some pain and a bruise for several days.

I have seen other people being injured in a similar fashion, including an elderly woman who was knocked down and received a bloody nose. Frail older people, women with osteoporosis, and young children could be seriously injured, in addition to being terribly frightened.

Other problems with dogs off leash at any time in New York City Parks are: dogs may attack and bite people; dogs jump up on people; some people, including children, are afraid of dogs; many dog owners do not have control of their dogs - the dogs do not come when called; people walking on the grass step in dog poop that is not picked up; dogs chase after the wildlife and have bitten tails off squirrels, killed ducks and raccoons; on the other side, dogs have been killed by swans when swimming too close to the swan's nest in the Lake; dogs running loose have destroyed habitat by trampling a lot of the plantings and vegetation in the woods.

I have nothing against dogs or dog owners - I do like dogs, and I know dogs in apartments in New York City need a place to run. However, I believe that setting aside specific fenced-in areas as dog runs is a better solution than allowing dogs off leash where people are not protected from injury and health risks.

I respectfully request the Board of Health to take this into consideration when making a decision about Article 161. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Renore Swenson

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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to you about the proposed amendment by the New York City Board of Health to allow off-leash recreation for dogs in the parks. I am strongly in favor of allowing this, and believe that it will be good in every way for the quality of life in our city.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Biegner

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Dear Board of Health Members:

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These proposed amendments will require the Department of Parks and Regulation to adopt rules providing that owners of dogs off the leash maintain and present proof regarding licensing and vaccination information, and that the public will be provided with information concerning the times when and places where dogs will be allowed off the leash in City parks.

The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

(1) I believe having off-leash hours makes the park safer for everyone.

(2) I have never witnessed a dog off-leash bothering a person, much less attacking one.

(3) I believe dogs who are sufficiently exercised and socialized (which being off-leash promotes) are far safer and much less aggressive in general.

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Sincerely,

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① There is limited space for Dog runs and this prevents dogs from appropriately being able to exercise

② off leash hours brings people into the parks in the early morning and evening. This makes the parks safer.

③ off leash laws are reasonable. Giving only limited times for dogs to be off leash.

As a dog owner who uses Central Park I want my park maintained and will help to do so as a responsible dog owning citizen.

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Sincerely,

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1. Both me dog and I get our daily exercise, fresh air and relaxation.
2. I have met so many wonderful people in the park during the walks in the morning. I would have never met them otherwise.
3. I enjoy being outside and watching the change of seasons. It makes me happy and helps me start the day with a positive attitude.

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Sincerely,

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

The off-leash policy brings more people to the parks at off hours making the community safer.
It also gives my dog a chance to exercise and as a result she is friendlier and happier.

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Sincerely,

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Re: Off- Leash Hours

Dear Ms. Bryant:

The 20-year off -leash hours policy is a proven and successful public health policy. NYC is enjoying an historically low rate of dog-related incidents due to the offleash hours policy, since it fosters better socialized and exercized dogs.

Dog owners in NYC Parks have contributed to keeping the parks safter, since they are present and vigilant in the late evening and early morning hours. The off-leash hours policy brings hundreds of thousands of responsible dog owners and their dogs to the parks on a daily basis, which fosters a sense of community.

Moreover, access to off-leash recreation opportunities encourages people to adopt and socialize thousands of abandoned dogs in NYC each year. Since there are not enough dog runs available in the City, the off-leash policy enables dogs to get socialized and exercised in designated areas of City parks. The off-leash policy is a great compromise for dog owners and non dog-owners who use parks - it's only for certain hours (9pm to closing, and again when parks open until 9am), and only in certain designated locations; --The proposed Board of Health amendments promote responsible dog ownership, as City dogs should be licensed and vaccinated.

As a dog owner who utilizes Prospect Park every day I urge you to save the off leash hours in all NYC parks.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

People love animal will love nature. Nature brings brightest mind power to respect People and Kindness. Having to play with openness in our beloved Park is the relax way to integrate our closeness to the nature.
OFF-leash is the way to get nature & respect

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Sincerely,

people who care for others and respect the park facilities.

OFF-leash hours can benefit the safety of the park who walk the beauty & enjoy the beauty of the Park.

Please we urge your serious consideration and healthy reason.

Thank You very much.

Mrs Chi.

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The a great many Manhattanites, enjoyment of animals and nature is a paramount balance to the hectic and "cement" life of the city. NYC's parks and off-leash times/places, when/where our dogs can run and interact naturally, are critical components of our lifestyles in the city. We absolutely require these off-leash times to manage our pets in the city. We respect others in the parks, and our dogs are trained and healthy - and friendly. City dogs who are problematic are quickly relegated, by their responsible owners and peers, to

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Sincerely,

limited places/activities/leashes. There is no need to make so many suffer for the very few who might have problem pets - these rare instances are readily resolved on a case by case basis, and in all my years in Manhattan (back to '87), I have never known of a "problematic" or "sick" dog problem in Manhattan's parks.

In sum, without the ability to allow our dogs to run/play, off-leash, for a few hours in the morning or late at night, many responsible, quality NYC residents would be forced to leave the city. Again, this would be a great detriment to masses of people, due to unfounded fears of the very few - who probably don't realize the consequences of eliminating NYC's off-leash times/places.

It would be a dim loss for New York City, if so many of us, whose pets add beauty and humanity to the New York living experience, were forced to relocate.

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The off leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off leash policy. I support this clarification of the off leash policy because during the current off leash policy with dogs allowed off leash between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., dog owners are in the park at off hours when their presence and vigilance makes the parks safer. Unlike other park users, dog owners are there rain, shine, cold, snow and ice protecting the city's parks!!! Without the off leash law, dog owners will not protect the parks in this way.

Sincerely,

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

NYC has one of the lowest urban dog bite rates in the country. I believe that this is because my dogs are better socialized + are able to channel their energies in a positive way.

NYC dog owners are a large + broad-based park constituency. We also use the park as runners, parents, strollers + nature lovers. We appreciate NY Parks and want to have a fair + use policy for everyone.

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Sincerely,

Helen Rubinstein

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Hi, Since moving to NYC last Summer, Central Park is the only place to take my dog for exercise. Any of the Dog Runs are simply too small - with stone or cement surface. My dog & myself both need grass to run & play. When we enter the Park before 9a or after 9p, there are very few people. So we aren't detering anyone elses use of the park. With out this privelege, I would move from NYC. There are too many rules here.

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Durkalski

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Dear Board of Health Members,

As part of the public comment period regarding the City's successful off-leash policy, I am writing to express my SUPPORT for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05of the Health Code.

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The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy because of the following reasons:

- **The off-leash policy keeps parks safer for people.** Having so many vigilant and responsible dog owners in the parks every day in the early morning and evening deters crime and aids the Parks Department in removing other possible dangers to people and animals.

- **Off-leash socialization and exercise keeps dogs friendly and reduces dog aggression and biting.** Dog bites are at an all time low in the city, dropping from approximately 40,000 per year before the off-leash policy to 4,000 in 2005, of which only 2.2% occurred in City parks! The off-leash policy permits dogs to get the exercise and socialization that they need to be happy and friendly [not to mention the positive physical and mental effects that having a well-behaved dog has on its owner(s)]. Removing the off-leash hours would be a tragic step backwards.

- **City dog owners build responsible communities and help to enforce City laws and Park regulations.** Responsible dog owners do not condone inappropriate behavior from other owners or dogs. Support from the responsible dog owners I have encountered during off-leash hours have personally helped me to become a better dog owner. I have received invaluable information about keeping my dog

safe, healthy, and well behaved. These owners also make clear to anyone in the park that not picking up dogs' waste or not complying with vaccination or licensing laws is unacceptable.

- **Park space is limited and everyone should be able to enjoy it responsibly.** Right now there are not nearly enough to provide for the city's dogs. There are fewer than 50 dog runs for the city's estimated 1.4 million dogs! Although more dog runs would certainly be welcomed, financial and space limitations make it such that an off-leash policy regulating the spaces and times supervised dog play is allowed is necessary to keep all of these dogs and their owners happy and healthy. Dog owners are also parents, athletes, birdwatchers, artists, etc. who want to keep parks safe and beautiful for everyone. Most dog owners care very deeply about parks and contribute time and money to Parks organizations.

I strongly urge you to approve the proposed amendments to section 161.05 of the Health Code. Permitting designated off-leash hours and spaces in City parks is vital for keeping NYC healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Caroline Andersen

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to request at your November 1, 2006 meeting, you will consider all the good that comes from retaining an off-leash policy in the New York City Parks.

There is a wonderful sense of community that exists in Central Park prior to 9:00 in each morning. I moved here from Colorado two years ago and was pleasantly surprised when I was able to take my dog to the park and let her run and be well exercised off leash early each morning. We particularly enjoy playing Frisbee on some of the grassy hills. Both my dog, Sophie and I feel wonderful after our morning constitution. She is breathless from running and I feel grateful to have been able to give her such a good morning workout.

I comply with city regulations by cleaning up our messes, keep up to date on vaccinations and get a yearly license.

There are many dogs fraternizing around the Great Lawn in Central Park each morning and I truly believe their lives are enhanced by the ability to freely socialize with other dogs off-leash.

Thank you very much for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Robin B. Langsdorf

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Because when my dog gets exercise off-leash, she wears more, plays more, and explores more. She burns more energy so that throughout the day she is more docile when walked on the leash.
Also, off-leash time is when I train her to follow commands "out in the world" - her trained obedience benefits everyone around her when she's in public

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Sincerely,

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Dogs become angry and frustrated when they are not allowed to run. The elderly enjoy the dogs playing amongst each other. The people bringing their dogs into the park also socialize & more - making everyone happier & healthier.

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Sincerely,

Linda E Newman

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Sincerely,

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From: lisaschreibman@nyct.com (Lisa Schreibman)
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lisa Schreibman (lisaschreibman@nyct.com) on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 20:16:22

This form resides at
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Message: I am a dog owner (licensed) who uses Prospect Park. Before 9am the Parks Department allows me to not use a leash. That coutesy should continue.

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I have nothing against dogs or dog owners - I do like dogs, and I know dogs in apartments in New York City need a place to run. However, I believe that setting aside specific fenced-in areas as dog runs is a better solution than allowing dogs off leash where people are not protected from injury and health risks.

I respectfully request the Board of Health to take this into consideration when making a decision about Article 161. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 2006

Department of Public Health
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To whom it may concern;

I am writing in support of the rule that would institutionalize the off leashing courtesy that the New York City Parks Department extends to pet owners.

Although I am unable to attend the hearing on November 1, 2006, I would be in favor of this courtesy becoming an official part of the health code. I support any amendment that would do this.

I believe that our neighbors will be responsible dog owners who will be meticulous with the cleanup of their pets and be responsible for keeping others safe from any potential danger posed by their unleashed dog.

I urge you to support this off leash courtesy amendment for our responsible pet owners.

Sincerely,

LEWIS A. FIDLER
Councilman - 46th District

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Cc: Rissa Peckar

DAVID J. STONE
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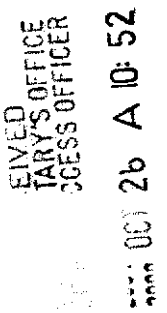

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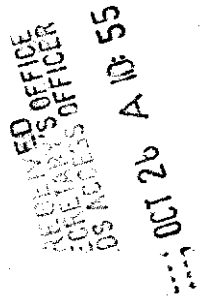

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It is better for the dogs - they socialize - more dogs become nasty on leash than off.
The people need it - 99% pick up after their dogs - whereas: 100% of smokers dump the cigarette butts on the ground.

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Re: Please Save Off- Leash Hours

10/25/06
Dear Members of the NYC Health Board,
I am writing to you as a retired citizen with two dogs. I have long experience with Off-leash Hours as I live within walking distance from Juniper Valley Park in Queens, which has no dog run.

Dogs are allowed to play off-leash in a certain area before 9 AM, which is a time when park use is light. This works well for early rising seniors and working people alike.

The benefits are clear- my neighborhood is quieter now because pets sleep all day instead of barking, and as they are well socialized, they are calm and dependable, a far cry from the nervous, skittish dogs that were previously penned in tiny yards all day. A well socialized dog is a safe dog.

Please do not turn the clock back to a time before the importance of dog socialization was recognized. This practice improves the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and it is an economical solution that is tried and true.

I urge you to make this long time practice an official policy.

Sincerely,

Pat Ohrablo

Mrs. Pat Ohrablo
64-07 77 Street
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Unleashed dogs are a real threat and health hazard especially regarding the young and the elderly. Allowing unleashed dogs to run wild through the parks causes young children and the elderly to trip and fall. Then there is also the damage done to the park...costing the city and taxpayers how much? Please don't take my words read your own.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gerritson

Thursday, February 25, 1999
No. 32

COMMISSIONER STERN ANNOUNCES NEW LEASH LAW INITIATIVE

DATE: Thursday, February 25th, 1999

TIME:

LOCATION:

EVENT & PHOTO-OP:

DETAILS:

Today, Parks Commissioner Henry J. Stern announced a comprehensive program to increase compliance with the leash law in City Parks. The announcement was made in Prospect Park at the graduation ceremony of 100 Parks Enforcement Patrol Officers and Urban Park Rangers. The goal is to protect people, park lawns, natural areas and other dogs from unleashed dogs.

The initiative will begin as a pilot program in Central and Riverside Parks. A recent Parks Department study revealed that dogs cause an estimated $250,000 damage in those two parks alone, each year. The pilot program entails:

Raising the fines levied for repeat offenses of the leash law and the creation of a database that tracks repeat offenders of the leash law.

Increasing enforcement by the Parks Enforcement Patrol and working with the Police Department to improve compliance.

Installing new signs and distributing brochures detailing which areas are off-limits and the penalties for violating the leash law.

Creating a volunteer corps that will help educate the public about the importance of keeping dogs leashed and work with the Parks Enforcement Patrol to identify and prevent violations.

Prohibiting dogs from natural areas and selected landscaped at all times.

"Most dog owners are very good citizens who obey the leash law, respect their parks, and respect other park users; some dog owners are not," Commissioner Stern said. "These measures are aimed at this small minority who flaunt the leash law, causing serious damage and preventing the use and enjoyment of the parks by other users, especially the young and the elderly. We aim to deter people from violating the leash law, through increased enforcement, higher fines, and a host of outreach approaches — so everyone understands the consequences of letting their dogs off the leash. "

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Unleashed dogs endanger the health of other dogs, wildlife, and pedestrians. There are a whole host of health issues at stake. It doesn't take an Einstein to figure this out. Does the Health Department of NY want to take reasonability for helping to cause an epidemic, because several dog owners feel their above the rest, by having their unleashed dogs (health hazards) run wild through the parks? Apparently the dog runs aren't good enough..., they need all the park to spread disease. The following came from the NY Parks Department's website. Information in the article provided by NY Health Department, your words your rules. Read on.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gerritson

New York City Dog Runs

In New York City, dog owners often complain that their dogs cannot possibly get proper exercise because of the mandatory leash law. Parks & Recreation has a solution to the problem: DOG RUNS. Dog runs are enclosed places where well-behaved and friendly dogs can roam and play off-leash. Dog runs give urban dwellers and their pets a country-like place to frolic.

For dogs to run however, owners must clean up after their pooches and pay close attention to their actions. Owners are encouraged to inquire about any dogs already in the run which are unfamiliar to them, prior to entering the run, to avoid unnecessary dog fights. Doggies must be properly inoculated and parasite-free so as not to infect their friends. In addition, "rebel" dogs must leave their pinch and spike collars at home so that others are not injured. Instead, dogs should wear a basic flat buckle collar with city license, rabies and identification tags because only dogs who are licensed may use the run. Because these runs are dedicated to user groups, the maintenance and enforcement of rules in the runs are up to the users.

To the dog owners who still gripe about leash laws, Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners, canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases.

Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life.

Bronx Dog Runs

Dog Run	Phone #
Ewen Park	Riverdale to Johnson Aves., South of West 232nd St.
Frank S. Hackett Park	Riverdale Ave., 245th St., and Henry Hudson Pkwy.
Pelham Bay Park	Middletown Rd. & Stadium Ave., Northwest of Parking Lot
Scton Park	West 232nd St. & Independence Ave.
Van Cortlandt Park	West 251 St. & Broadway
Williamsbridge Oval	3225 Reservoir Oval East

Brooklyn Dog Runs

Dog Run	Phone #
DiMattina Park (2 runs)	Hicks, Coles and Woodhull Sts.

Manhattan Dog Runs

Dog Run	Phone #
Carl Schurz Park (2 runs)	East End Ave. To East River from Gracie Square (East 84th St.) To 89th St.
DeWitt Clinton Park (2 runs)	West 52nd St. & West 54th St., between 10th & 11th Aves.
Fish Bridge Park	Dover St., between Pearl & Water St.
Inwood Hill Park	Dyckman St and Payson Ave.
J. Hood Wright	Fort Washington & Haven Aves., West 173rd St.
Madison Square Park	Madison Ave. To 5th Ave. between East 23rd St. & East 26th St.
Riverside Park (2 runs)	Riverside Dr. at West 72nd, West 87th, West 105th & West 141 Sts.
Robert Moses Park	41st & 42nd Sts. At 1st Ave.

Peter Detmold Park	West of FDR Dr., between East 49th & East 51st Sts.
Theodore Roosevelt Park	Central Park West at West 81st St.
Thomas Smith Park	11th Ave., West 22nd to West 23rd Sts.
Tompkins Square Park	1st Ave. To Ave. B, from East 7th to East 10th Sts.
Washington Square Park	5th Ave., Waverly Place, West 4th St., between McDougal & Thompson Sts., south side of the park (behind building)
Union Square Dog Run	15th St. & Union Sq. West

Queens Dog Runs

Dog Run	Phone #
Windmuller Park (Doughboy Plaza)	Woodside Ave., 54-56 Sts.

For more Information on Dog Runs in New York City please call Parks' Operations office in your borough. For more information on Dog Runs in New York City please call Parks' Operations office in your borough.

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Tanya Brown

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encourages dog owners + dogs to frequent the park more often and later into the evening - which subsequently deters unwanted behavior and crime. I believe it makes it a friendlier and more respected environment. Dogs and dog owners need the time and the space to arouse freely.

(Use reverse side if more space needed)

Sincerely,

Dr. Rodney Fils-Aime.

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Central Park Conservancy
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October 25, 2006

Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden and
Members of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
125 Worth Street CN-31
New York, NY 10013

Dear Commissioner Frieden and Members of the Department of Health:

As the president of Central Park PAWS--the voice of the estimated 10,000 dog owners who use Central Park on a daily basis—I am writing to give strong support to the Parks Department's proposed amendment of Section 161.05 of the Health Code. Central Park dog owners believe that this amendment will improve an already successful off-leash policy and promote responsible dog ownership by its requirements for off-leash dogs.

Central Park PAWS is an example of the vibrant dog communities that exist throughout the city. Founded in 1999 by myself and Douglas Blonsky (now president of the Central Park Conservancy), PAWS is an advisory group to the Conservancy. Its Steering Committee is composed of dog owners and Conservancy staff. The mission of PAWS is to maintain a dialogue among dog owners, non-dog owners, and the Conservancy and to promote responsible dog ownership. Steering Committee members communicate with dog owners in the thirty or more areas in the park where dog owners congregate on a regular basis. Through our website, our quarterly newsletter, our email database, and our annual events, PAWS spreads a message of responsible dog ownership and celebrates the privilege of being in an incredible park. (At our recent 5th Annual My Dog Loves Central Park Country Fair, almost 8,000 people joined us to support that mission.)

In a recent letter to me, supporting the existing 9pm to 9am "courtesy hours," Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe described Central Park dog owners as "a positive user group." Indeed, this is a positive user group. As the enclosed newsletters and calendar

exhibit, Central Park dog owners are a self-regulating community that actively supports the responsibilities of co-existing in an urban park. In this we join the many other dog groups, such as Prospect Park's FIDO Brooklyn, who recognize the importance of good citizenship on the part of people and the animals they cherish.

Denying these many thousands of NYC dog owners the ability to exercise their dogs off-leash in a limited time period will eliminate the successfully self-regulating communities that have developed over the past 20 years. Eliminating the limited off-leash hours and designated locations would drive these dog owners to overcrowd the already limited dog runs or tempt them to break the law by having their dogs illegally off-leash. It also would destroy the sense of community fostered by off-leash recreation and defeat the crucially important dog owner organizations that compel compliance with the current off-leash policy. In my opinion, this would be an enormous detriment to the parks and to the City.

In many instances those opposed to off-leash recreation have presented a completely erroneous picture of the off-leash world. "Do you want dogs running wild in city parks?" they ask. Of course not. No one in their right mind would want "dogs running wild in city parks." As we know, that is NOT an accurate description of responsible off-leash recreation. The amendment proposed by the Parks Department perfectly describes what responsible dog owners currently do and what they want to see: well-behaved dogs who are under the control of their owners when off-leash; dogs who are properly vaccinated and licensed; dogs who do not attack other dogs; owners who abide by the regulations of the city and the parks—all during limited off-peak times and in small designated locations.

Central Park PAWS joins NYCDOG and the thousands of New Yorkers who have expressed support in asking the Board of Health to pass the amendment to Section 161.05.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal and for all that you do to keep our city healthy.

Sincerely,

Susan Washburn Buckley
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October 24, 2006

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Proponents of the liberal off leash policy that has developed in the park (in violation of the law) cannot point to any other major metropolitan park system in the country that permits dogs to run free across an urban park such as Prospect Park, where 6 million people expect to enjoy the meadows, ball fields, roadways and woodlands. Instead, a review of other large cities, such as Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Diego, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Phoenix, demonstrates that if dogs are allowed to run free, it is only in fenced dog runs, or in smaller parks designated as "dog parks."

While the proposal under consideration does not specifically advocate the conversion of our parks into wholesale dog runs, that will most certainly be the effect, based on the evidence of what has already developed. First, the Parks Department has openly flouted the current law, announcing on its website:

> "NYC law requires dogs to be on a leash 6 feet or shorter at all times. **Off leash hours have been granted in Prospect Park under a special privilege.** (Emphasis added). To protect the privilege please observe the following off-leash hours and locations, and use a leash at all other times and places."
>
> **"Off-Leash Hours**
> **April 1 to October 31**
> · 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.: Long Meadow, Nethermead and Peninsula
> · 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday only: Nethermead
> **November 1 to March 31**
> · 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.: Long Meadow, Nethermead and Peninsula" [quoted from the park website at http://www.prospectpark.org/acti/main.cfm?target=dogwalk]

This policy is apparently responsive to the small, but very vocal, and presumably well connected, minority of park users. During the morning hours when "special privilege" is granted to some to break the law, the meadows, ballfields, woods and paths abound with unrestrained, unwatched and undisciplined dogs. In many instances the danger presented is not only to other park users, but to other dog owners, and their dogs. I have personally witnessed dogs attacking other dogs, dogs attacking joggers, walkers and ball players, and dogs knocking over people (both young and old) as they "frolic" in large tumbling groups through the meadow. I have seen uncontrolled dogs steal food from picnickers (including young children), and balls from Little Leaguers. The dogs are simply behaving as their instincts direct; bystanders are not only terribly inconvenienced, but seriously endangered. If the Parks Department has willingly permitted this situation to develop *in spite* of the existing law, one can only guess how permissive the policies may become when there is no legal authority to restrain it.

In addition to flouting the law, the Parks Department has also demonstrated its utter lack of interest in enforcing even its "special privilege." While the web site proclaims that dogs are NEVER allowed off leash in wooded areas, bridal paths, playgrounds and ballfields being used, this restriction is NEVER enforced. Dog owners have quickly learned that they have free reign in Prospect Park, and can take their dogs into all areas of the park, at all times, off leash. Dogs run through the Peninsula woods, Lookout Hill, the Ravine, the Midwood, off leash and unchecked by owners or enforcement personnel. For the first time in over 20 years, I witnessed a summons being issued to a dog owner for an off leash dog after 9 am. Considering that I use the park many times a week, and have done so for many years, and always encounter no fewer than 10 dogs off leash no matter what time I am there, it is, I believe, significant that I observed a summons for the first time last week. One woman with Jack Russell Terriers habitually pulls the fences open so that her dogs can run through the (supposedly) protected areas of the woods. I personally have seen her do this on numerous occasions; her responses to my comments have not indicated that she intends to amend her scoff law behavior. More to the point, she has obviously not been deterred by vigilant enforcement policies.

The utter lack of enforcement of even its own flawed "special privilege" is astonishing given the extensive damage unrestrained dogs do to the meadows, the woods, the ball fields and to native plantings. Open areas are pitted with holes (forbidden by the "privilege" rules, but present nonetheless). Dogs and their owners tramping through wooded areas and behind fences destroy vulnerable plantings. Fences are broken, ball fields are torn up and dog waste is deposited throughout the park.

As a dog owner, I can understand the need for dogs to be exercised, including at times running free. There is an easy solution, one that has been adopted in parks nationwide. Dedicated, fenced and regulated areas, dog runs, dog parks, whatever the name, could very simply be created in various areas in Prospect Park. A 585 acre park has adequate room for dog runs, but should not be converted wholesale into one, as it has been.

I have read some of the material pertaining to the Juniper Park situation, and while I understand their frustration, I feel that mine is even greater. The Juniper Park Civic Association has at least taken a stand to attempt to protect the interests of all who use their park. Although I am, and have long been, a member of the Prospect Park Alliance, I can expect no such representation. Quite simply, the Alliance is not an independent civic group, as much as an instrument of the Prospect Park Administrator. While the Prospect Park Administrator has done admirable work for the park over a long period of time, the policy on this issue demonstrates a serious flaw in the system. One person should not be in a position to dictate whether, when and how the law will be enforced, with no oversight by an independent agency. This is exactly what has happened, and will be greatly exacerbated if total control is ceded to the Parks Department.

There is no public voice or group to advocate on behalf of the general population, other than the Health Department, whose mandate runs to all of the citizenry, not solely to the specially privileged. Rather than retreat from its regulatory responsibility, the Department of Health should take all steps necessary to ensure that the existing law is maintained, and also enforced.

Respectfully,

Mary J. Eyster

cc. Council Member DeBlasio, Council Member Yassky, Council Speaker Quinn, Borough President Markowitz

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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to you to lend my support to the off-leash policy, particularly in light of the upcoming hearing on November 1, 2006.

I predicated my choice of breed based upon the off-leash policy. I own a Springer Spaniel, who needs to run daily. I take him to the Park through the Engineers Gate at 76th St and begin to let him off leash to play with other dogs. I generally arrive about 7:30 AM in order to give him plenty of time to exercise in designated areas. I leash him promptly at 9:00 AM.

My observations of other owners indicate nearly 91 3/4 % of all dog owners observe

the law religiously. They clean up after their dogs, and all seem to have licenses and tags.

I am heartily sorry of one irresponsible owner caused injury to any other person. However, I don't believe in punishing everyone for the sake of one. Nor do I believe that we can't learn to live and socialize together in Central Park, sharing the precious and beautiful space of Central Park. My experience tells me that dog owners are keenly aware of this necessity.

Lastly, I think the City of New York is generally cleaner for this observance as dogs stay healthy and are carefully monitored by their owners during this precious time.

Sincerely,
Paula Bendall

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Because I am able to walk my dog in the park (OFF-leash) both She (MacKenzie) and I are much happier. She loves seeing her friends (other dogs) in the morning and so do I. I feel her lovable personality has been formed by these friends and her morning playtime. This time spent in the park with my dog has helped me appreciate how important it is to my family and I have donated money to the Conservancy accordingly.

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Sincerely,

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Ms. Rena Bryant,
Secretary to Board of Health,
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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to you about the proposed amendment by the New York City Board of Health to allow off-leash recreation for dogs in the parks. I am strongly in favor of allowing this, and believe that it will be good in every way for the quality of life in our city.

Yours faithfully,

Douglas McDougall

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I had a heart attack 2 years ago - walking my dog in the park (off leash) is a vital part of my health regimen. It's good for me & good for my dog.

I pay taxes - I have no kids - no school never had a fire - good terms with the police All I use is the parks - please let me continue to do so

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Sincerely,

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Because of the wide-spread and systemic rise in animal and human diseases, it is important that we safeguard our families, as well as our pets against illness and other Hygienic Concerns, which may become Endemic in years to Come

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Sincerely,

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1. It is only during very short designated times — we need it for the health of our dogs — PLEASE!!! It exercises them, socializes them, and exercises + socializes us as well! Everybody is far less grumpy when we've had a chance to throw the ball and have our dogs retrieve it. You are taking away a vital antidote to depression in dogs and people

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Richmond

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I do not let my pit bull off the leash, as she is not fully reliable with other dogs. But I support my neighbors and their dogs who exercise their mild-mannered dogs at 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. these dogs, and their owners, profit from the exercise. they are healthy, plain (not like my dog) and relaxed. I have only seen safe and careful behavior by Riverside Park dog owners.

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Sincerely,

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Just like humans dogs need to run, play and exercise with their owners and dog friends. What kind of good health message would we be sending if our dogs aren't able to get some exercise. This helps them be healthy as well as being just as good for their owners.

We would get rid of the off-leash laws but not the care of your controls? What about the horses that ride on the bridle paths? Can't they hurt someone?

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Sincerely,

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Until 9:00 AM when most of the dogs are happily playing & running around the only people in the park are dog owners and athletes. The dogs in no way interfere with the athletes, or people walking to work. They are playing on the grass in certain designated areas, as there are many areas closed off for planting. These areas are usually shaded where grass is hard to grow, thus the land is covered with mulch. In grassy areas where families lounge, dogs

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Sincerely,

Esme Usdan

are not allowed.

We, as responsible dog owners, always clean up after our dogs and make sure they are not aggressive. Aggressive dogs are not welcome to play with nice dogs.

People are happy when they have pets. NY is a hostile place and if the off leash law were to be revoked, you'd have many more unhappy people in NY because less of us would have pets. Perhaps that's your goal - but its not fair.

Do not revoke this law, please. It is important for the dogs and their owners - who are well meaning tax payers.

Sincerely,

Esme Weiss

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If there were clear guidelines for when dogs were allowed off leash, there would be fewer problems/ complaints of dogs that may run off leash regardless of restrictions.

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Sincerely,

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RE: In Support of Amendments to Section 165

24 October 2006

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I write to you as a longtime former resident of New York City, and in particular as someone who benefited daily from offleash hours in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, for the better part of a decade.

Those offleash hours were--and remain, as I've observed recently --an oasis of calm, civility, and fellowship amid the chaos of urban living. It goes without saying that they are crucial to the health and emotional well-being of the dogs, but since your concern is with the humans involved, I'd like to emphasize the equivalent benefits they provide for the pet owners.

My wife and I--and, eventually, our infant son--would walk to the park early every morning, in every kind of weather. Once there, we and our dog engaged in parallel pursuits: we enjoyed healthful exercise, savored our proximity to nature, and socialized with a vast and disparate cast of characters. Very nearly our entire social roster consisted of people we met walking our respective dogs in the park. The dogs ran and we trotted; the dogs sniffed and we breathed; everybody shmoozed. No fights occurred. Anxieties were soothed. We returned to home or work feeling serene.

Furthermore, we offleash walkers can take credit for having made the park a safer place during the early '90s--the antisocial elements felt uncomfortable having us and our dogs around, and so they left. We also cleaned up after ourselves, and even cleaned refuse and offal that had been left by others.

This last point is particularly significant. When people are trusted by institutions, they repay that trust with responsibility. We were honor-bound to live up to the trust the city extended in the form of off-leash hours, and behaved accordingly. All of these matters, of course, continue to be the case, in Prospect Park and other parks around the city. Off-leash hours are a civic boon that, like the very existence of the great Olmstead parks themselves, continues to repay its investment. I ask the Board to consider these points, and to allow off-leash hours to continue.

Yours sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Proponents of the liberal off leash policy that has developed in the park (in violation of the law) cannot point to any other major metropolitan park system in the country that permits dogs to run free across an urban park such as Prospect Park, where 6 million people expect to enjoy the meadows, ball fields, roadways and woodlands. Instead, a review of other large citi such as Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Diego, Dallas, Houston, San Anto and Phoenix, demonstrates that if dogs are allowed to run free, it is only in fenced dog runs, smaller parks designated as "dog parks."

While the proposal under consideration does not specifically advocate the conversion of our parks into wholesale dog runs, that will most certainly be the effect, based on the evidence of what has already developed. First, the Parks Department has openly flouted the current law, announcing on its website:

> "NYC law requires dogs to be on a leash 6 feet or shorter at all times. **Off leash hours have been granted in Prospect Park under a special privilege.** (Emphasis added). To protect the privilege please observe the following off-leash hours and locations, and use a leash at all other times and places."
>
> **"Off-Leash Hours**
> **April 1 to October 31**
> · 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.: Long Meadow, Nethermead and Peninsula
> · 5 to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday only: Nethermead
> **November 1 to March 31**
> · 5 p.m. to 9 a.m.: Long Meadow, Nethermead and Peninsula" [quoted from the park website at http://www.prospectpark.org/acti/main.cfm?target=dogwalk]

This policy is apparently responsive to the small, but very vocal, and presumably well connected, minority of park users. During the morning hours when "special privilege" is granted to some to break the law, the meadows, ballfields, woods and paths abound with unrestrained, unwatched and undisciplined dogs. In many instances the danger presented is not only to other park users, but to other dog owners, and their dogs. I have personally witnessed dogs attacking other dogs, dogs attacking joggers, walkers and ball players, and dogs knocking over people (both young and old) as they "frolic" in large tumbling groups through the meadow. I have seen uncontrolled dogs steal food from picnickers (including young children), and balls from Little Leaguers. The dogs are simply behaving as their instincts direct; bystanders are not only terribly inconvenienced, but seriously endangered. If the Parks Department has willingly permitted this situation to develop *in spite* of the existing law, one can only guess how permissive the policies may become when there is no legal authority to restrain it.

In addition to flouting the law, the Parks Department has also demonstrated its utter lack of interest in enforcing even its "special privilege." While the web site proclaims that dogs are NEVER allowed off leash in wooded areas, bridal paths, playgrounds and ballfields being used, this restriction is NEVER enforced. Dog owners have quickly learned that they have free reign in Prospect Park, and can take their dogs into all areas of the park, at all times, off leash. Dogs run through the Peninsula woods, Lookout Hill, the Ravine, the Midwood, off leash and unchecked by owners or enforcement personnel. For the first time in over 20 years, I witnessed a summons being issued to a dog owner for an off leash dog after 9 am. Considering that I use the park many times a week, and have done so for many years, and always encounter no fewer than 10 dogs off leash no matter what time I am there, it is, I believe, significant that I observed a summons for the first time last week. One woman with Jack Russell Terriers habitually pulls the fences open so that her dogs can run through the (supposedly) protected areas of the woods. I personally have seen her do this on numerous occasions; her responses to my comments have not indicated that she intends to amend her scoff law behavior. More to the point, she has obviously not been deterred by vigilant enforcement policies.

The utter lack of enforcement of even its own flawed "special privilege" is astonishing given the extensive damage unrestrained dogs do to the meadows, the woods, the ball fields and to native plantings. Open areas are pitted with holes (forbidden by the "privilege" rules, but present nonetheless). Dogs and their owners tramping through wooded areas and behind fences destroy vulnerable plantings. Fences are broken, ball fields are torn up and dog waste is deposited throughout the park.

As a dog owner, I can understand the need for dogs to be exercised, including at times running free. There is an easy solution, one that has been adopted in parks nationwide. Dedicated, fenced and regulated areas, dog runs, dog parks, whatever the name, could very simply be created in various areas in Prospect Park. A 585 acre park has adequate room for dog runs, but should not be converted wholesale into one, as it has been.

I have read some of the material pertaining to the Juniper Park situation, and while I understand their frustration, I feel that mine is even greater. The Juniper Park Civic Association has at least taken a stand to attempt to protect the interests of all who use their park. Although I am, and have long been, a member of the Prospect Park Alliance, I can expect no such representation. Quite simply, the Alliance is not an independent civic group, as much as an instrument of the Prospect Park Administrator. While the Prospect Park Administrator has done admirable work for the park over a long period of time, the policy on this issue demonstrates a serious flaw in the system. One person should not be in a position to dictate whether, when and how the law will be enforced, with no oversight by an independent agency. This is exactly what has happened, and will be greatly exacerbated if total control is ceded to the Parks Department.

There is no public voice or group to advocate on behalf of the general population, other than the Health Department, whose mandate runs to all of the citizenry, not solely to the specially privileged. Rather than retreat from its regulatory responsibility, the Department of Health should take all steps necessary to ensure that the existing law is maintained, and also enforced.

Respectfully,

Mary J. Eyster

cc. Council Member DeBlasio, Council Member Yassky, Council Speaker Quinn, Borough President Markowitz

Subj: **Unleashed dogs**
Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2006 8:30:33 AM
From: gcolter722@yahoo.com
To: dlewandowski@parks.nyc.gov

Re: Unleashed Dogs - Juniper Valley Park

Hello Dorothy,

Please help me. How do I protect my kids from unleashed dogs? While walking through Juniper Valley Park at 8:15 this morning, I could hear from behind me a dog rapidly approaching. I was walking on a path. I turned around to see a LARGE and aggressive looking dog running towards me. The dog came up to within 5 feet of me and then veered off. The dog then had a barking match with another dog. The owner of the dog made no attempt to keep the dog away from me and judging from the size of the dog, she could not have restrained it. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this and similar incedents further.

Thanks in advance for your timely response,
Gary

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Testimony 11/1/06 Public Hearing
Health Code 161

October 24, 2006

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I live at 83rd & York but walk my Beagle every day to Central Park at 8 AM to take advantage of the off-leash period before 9 AM. Carl Schurz is closer, but my dog does not get exercise there. The 20 minute walk to Central Park and the half hour to 45 minutes there gives both of us exercise and a great deal of pleasure. I doubt I would make the trip daily without the dog. In addition, as an artist I have

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Sincerely,

Gail Rodney

enjoyed the morning light and the sight of so many other New Yorkers enjoying an hour in the morning with their dogs. I have begun to work this subject matter into paintings.

Walking the dog off leash in the park is a wonderful and special treat in NYC. It brings many different people together without the trappings of their "regular" lives in a joyful hour where nature and the company of happy dogs and their owners can be enjoyed together.

Oct. 24 '06

Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing in defense of the Off-leash Policy which for 20 years has brought thousands of people into the parks to responsibly exercise their dogs, building community and making the parks safer in the evening and early morning.

Dogs which can run

free for just a little while are less neurotic and unpredictable the rest of the time.

The great majority of people who exercise their dog off-leash are committed to keeping the parks clean and their dogs obedient.

Please support Amendments to section

Sincerely
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1) off-leash time allows for healthy, saner dogs and owners, especially for dogs who spend many hours each day in apartments.

2) specific off-leash times encourage quality use of the parks and greatly contribute to a sense of community and neighborliness. This is positive for all New Yorkers.

3) off-leash time allows better interaction and play for dogs which encourages better socialization and safer dogs.

4) it's hard to catch a ball on a leash.

Sincerely,

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Dogs off leash in parks will usually get more exercise than they will from on leash walks with owners. More exercise in the presence of other dogs make for a more sociable and better behaved one. Also, such dogs will be less likely to snap at or bite individuals when they are being walked on leash.

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Sincerely,

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We deserve the same opportunity to enjoy the parks with our pets as do people with kids - as long as we follow the rules.
- We're happy to follow the rules
- We should uphold the rules, just as people with kids do, just as bicyclists do.

Thanks for allowing us to enjoy this privilege

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Sincerely,

Randy Penn

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1 Opportunities of having dogs off-leash allow dogs to be better socialized animals, which in turn decreases the rates of aggressive behavior, ~~exception~~

2 Since there is limited space for dogs to run, the parks off-leash beneficial policy has provided a nice safe environment for people and dogs to get the exercise they need.

3 If the "off-leash" policy is continued it will actually help promote + encourage people to license + vaccinate their dogs consistently. If it's taken away people are less likely to spend the mo vaccinating their dog since they'll think "if they're not off leas why spend money" doing increasing the risks for others.

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Sincerely,

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The off-leash time has brought a group of people to Central Park, who have come to love the park and therefore support the park in many ways. (Central Park Conservancy)
It makes the park alive in early morning and safer. It is amazing to see how well behaved owners and dogs are!
It's very much part of NY city's way of life.

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Sincerely,

P Bloomfield

NANCY C. WIDMANN

N.Y, N.Y, 10021

Dear Rena Bryant -

Please add my voice to the request to continue our off-leash policy. My dog and I spend the early morning hours in the Park. We are careful of bicyclers, children and joggers. We clean up and never go on lawns with the red flags up.

I believe that the dog owners love & care for the Park - we help keep it safe, we watch for problems, we give financial support.

Please support the request.

Thank you.

Nancy Widmann

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I have a lively young dog PEPPER who really needs lots of exercise in order to be happy, healthy and calm. She looks forward to a daily early-morning run and tussle with other dogs in the Park and comes back tired and relaxed. Only because of Central Park could Pepper live in NYC. And most people would say the same.

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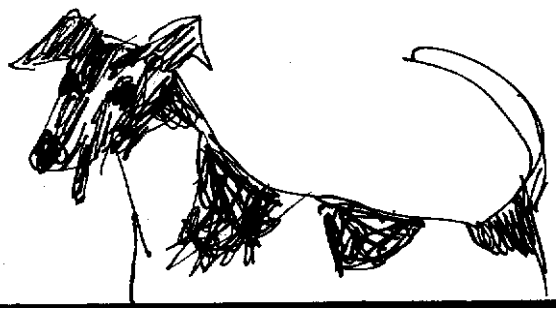

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Sincerely,

Monday, October 23, 2006

Ms. RENA BRYANT
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH
125 WORTH STREET, CN-31
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10013

REGARDING:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 161 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

Regarding the proposed changes in the Leash Law, I wish to state my opposition to this change. I have been a dog walker for over 50 years in Juniper Valley Park and have seen many incidents of fear from unleashed dogs. The parks in NY are the only open space left in this great city of ours. People do need an escape to serenity. Toddlers, joggers and the elderly are of particular concern as an unleashed dog is difficult to control.

I therefore request that you vote against any change in the Leash Law.

Joyce Beaudoin, 61-55 77th Place, Middle Village

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I recently adopted a dog after losing mine. She is a 2 yr old shihtzu. I lucked ~~et~~ at that is she ~~tha~~ sweetest & well behaved. I started going into Central Park during off leash hours to socialize her with other dogs. She was timid at first but is now feeling more assured & greeting other animals. When she is on the leash meeting other dogs, she acts aggressive & will growl. Since these visits

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Attaic

to the park on the weekend she has become more sedate.

The freedom to run around is the best experience in the world. We both look forward to these early morning visits (& I hate mornings). I've met amazing dogs who are friendly & truly benefit from the added freedom. In addition the owners are responsible alert & friendly.

Please keep the off leash hours.

Kind Regards,

Jennifer Ross

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they promote socialization of dogs, allowing them to mingle freely with each other reduces anxiety in dogs. The amendments will protect the general public in a balanced way, giving owners an opportunity to provide proper exercise for their pets, yet keeping parks clear of off leash pets during busy times of the day. Our parks are much safer because during off hours is when most crime occurs, and other than a police officer, the best crime preventer is a person with a dog and a cell phone.

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Sincerely,

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1 Limited space & finances prevent enough dog runs throughout the city, off leash in city parks vital to exercise & socialize dogs.

2 Amendments to the 'Leash Law' will further encourage responsible dog ownership, since it'll promote licensing & vaccination

3. Better socialized dogs have resulted in historic low rate of dog bites

4 Off Leash policy hours brings people into the parks early in the morning & in the eve - their presence & vigilance makes parks safer.

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Sincerely,

Jake Bartlett

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The value of pets to human health and happiness is indisputable. So too is the value of exercise and socialization to dogs which can only be achieved by off leash runs. The vast majority of dog owners are vigilant and responsible. Indeed they want the tiny minority of irresponsible owners curbed more than anyone. Ending off leash policy is not the answer. It is throwing out the baby with the bathwater." Consider also the detrimental to crime, supported by police statistics.

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Sincerely,

A Gibney

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Reilly

October 23, 2006

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Dear Board of Health Members:

I am writing to express my support for the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to SECTION 161.05 of the Health Code.

I own two dogs (brother and sister) and get up every morning at 5:45am so I can take my dogs to Central Park for a quick off-leash bit of exercise before I leave for work. I know being able to run off-leash is such good exercise for them, which they can't get just walking on-leash. They are healthier, happier, and more well-adjusted and behaved dogs as a result of the current off-leash policy. The dog runs are wonderful, but nothing can beat off-leash in Central Park.

If you haven't ever been to Central Park on the weekends before 9:00am, I urge you to go. I equate it to a dogs Disneyland. In fact, I'm surprised "20/20" or "60 Minutes" never did a segment on it since its

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a unique experience and the pet industry is a multi-billion dollar industry.

My friends and fellow dog owners have informed me of the overall health benefits of continuing with off-leash policy:

(1) NYC has better socialized dogs because of off-leash opportunities.
(2) Better socialized dogs have resulted in a historic low rate of dog bites.
(3) Off-leash hours bring people/dogs into the parks early in the morning and in the evening, and their presence and vigilance makes parks safer.
(4) The amendments to the "Leash Law" will further encourage responsible dog ownership, since they will promote licensing and vaccination.
(5) Dog owners use the parks as parents, athletes, bird-watchers and leisure spectators. They have respect for the parks and want everyone to enjoy them safely and responsibly.

In closing, the off leash policy provides a reasonable balance among all park users since it is only during limited times and in designated places. I hope that you will pass/approve the proposed ammendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

CECILIA YORK
and her dogs Putin and Winkie

October 23, 2006

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PLEASE do not end this wonderful opportunity for dogs to become much better socialized

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Sincerely,

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October 23, 2006

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ANIMALS HAVE RIGHTS TOO.
I SUPPORT THE CENTRAL PARK CONSERVANCY
EVERY YEAR. AS A DONOR, I FEEL I HAVE
THE RIGHT TO BRING MY DOG TO THE PARK.

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Sincerely,

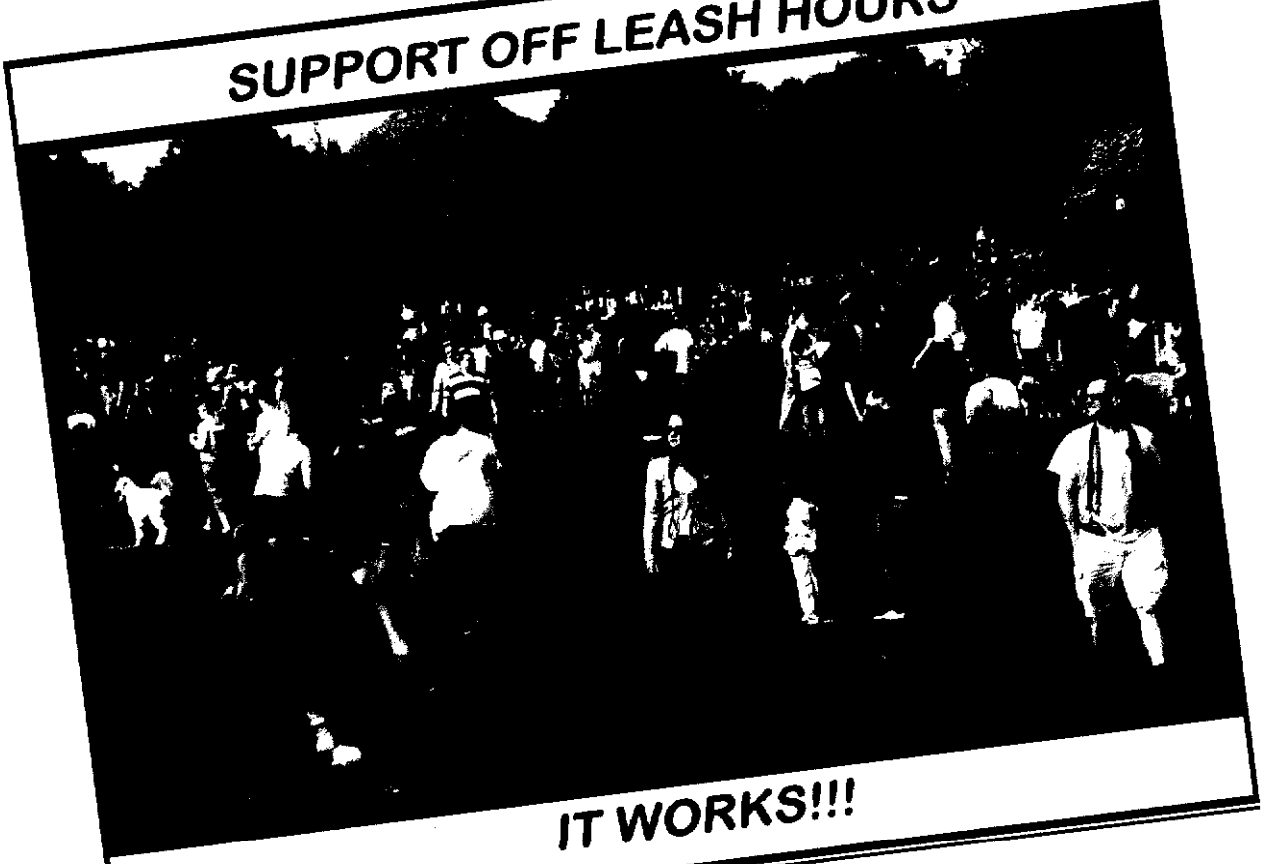
DAVID CHENG

I SUPPORT off-leash...it works! These photos show why.

Note the amount of people who frequent our local dog park year-round which includes children, the handicap and pregnant women and all get along wonderfully. I have hundreds of photos that prove this. Like children, dogs need activity to be calm and civilized. Off leash provides this along with access to responsible dog owner tips. Dogs off leash make dog owners walk further and the owners look forward to the socialization just like the dogs do.

Sincerely,

SUPPORT OFF LEASH HOURS



IT WORKS!!!

Additional reasons why Off-Leash Hours should be legalized

Off leash hours make better dog citizens because they are happy and calm (*like people*).

Humans are getting physical and mental benefits from taking the dog out and looking forward to the walk and socialization.

Off leash areas are a wealth of dog information from training to cleanup to being community minded.

Responsible dog owners thoroughly disapprove of vicious dogs and clean up regularly after themselves and others park users because they appreciate a clean environment.

There are many therapy and handicap dogs that regularly frequent off leash hours.

If off-leash hours are taken away, there's going to be a lot of unhappy crabby dogs on leash in the streets.

Diane Szemetynec
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Brooklyn, NY 11215

Elizabeth Gallagher
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October 23, 2006
917 204 4181

Dear Ms Rena Bryant:

OFFLEASH RECREATION IS IMPORTANT TO MY QUALITY OF LIFE

Living in New York City is not new for my family for at the turn of the century they came through Ellis Island and here we have stayed in Brooklyn for four generation.

It is strange as one lives in a place for a long time they lose sight of their surrounding as they say one loses sight of the trees for the forest. We work; we raise our children, and get lost in the forest of daily living, surviving and enjoying life, depending on the roll of the dice presented for the day. We are not in prison for there are no bars, but none the less were are locked in a box dictated by where we live and what we have.

My children are grown now and have a life of their own. The years have snuck up and I am no longer young. My house is quiet yet I am no longer lonely for I adopted a stray dog which I have named Dio Mar translated into God of the Sea. He doesn't look like a God, but then again what does a God look like. He has short legs and eyes that remind me of Bambi the story which I read so many times to my children. He is about one year old and his energy is bountiful which has caused me to come out of the box. He and I go to the Prospect Park every morning for at least two hours, he runs and plays, I walk and talk with other dog owners. I never realized thanks to Dio Mar that one did not have to drive for hours to see the trees changing colors, or to smell the sweetness of grass in the early morning or that life stops when the children are gone. He has shown me that you can run and laugh at any age and one does not have to live in a box.

If the rules are changed so that the parks will be closed to dogs unless they are on a leash is a crime, it put those of us and our pets who helped take us out of the box and into the parks out of the park and back into the box.

I do not understand those that think dogs are dangerous and should not be free to run and play they must also think that children should be seen but not heard. Until Dio Mar I never realized how important it was for dog and man to be free if only for a little while. We do not put our children on leashes but we tranquilized them, sit them in front of the Television or give them a computer where they sit and get fat. As a child I was never in a box, the streets were our play ground and we played for hours, unfortunately as I became an adult and responsible I forgot to play and let life but me in a box. I love my freedom and so does Dio Mar. Who needs to live in box when there is a park to run and play with your pet and your new found friends? Life can be beautiful and what could be a better reminder then being in the park, winter, spring, summer and especially in fall with Dio Mar?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gallagher RN

Support Amendments & Section 165

October 23, 2006

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The value of pets to human health and happiness is indisputable. So too is the value of exercise and socialization to dogs which can only be achieved by off leash runs. The vast majority of dog owners are vigilant and responsible. Indeed they want it's the tiny minority of irresponsible owners cowed more than any other group. Ending off leash policy is not the answer. It it's "throwing out the baby with the bathwater." Consider also the deterrent to crime, supported by police statistics.

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Sincerely,

G A Nolan

ELLIOTTE RUSTY HAROLD

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October 23, 2006

Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street CN-31
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Dear Ms. Bryant,

I am writing to you to about the

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 161 OF THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH CODE

a.k.a. "The Leash Law"]

I am concerned that this is an inappropriate subject to be delegated to the Parks Dept. As a frequent visitor city parks, especially Mount Prospect Park, Prospect Park, and Central Park, it is obvious top me that the Parks Dept. does not have the will, the budget, or the ability to enforce any restrictions on dogs in the park. The security personnel in the parks, when present at all, are understaffed and under qualified.

For instance in Prospect Park there seem to be only about two to four total enforcement personnel, who rarely go into any of the less open areas of the park. In my time in the park, I have seen dogs and their owners tearing up plants, destroying fences, defecating freely, harassing wildlife, attacking people, and generally making a nuisance of themselves *in **on** leash areas*. Usually no Parks Dept. personnel are anywhere around, and if they are they ignore the problem.

As the owner of a small dog myself, I am particularly concerned about the issue of dog-on-dog attacks. Many inconsiderate owners unleash large, aggressive poorly trained dogs such as Rottweilers and German shepherds. These dogs are dangerous to people but even more so to other dogs. These bad owners take no responsibility for what their dogs do, and are actively hostile to anyone who suggests the problem is theirs to solve. Placing the leash law in the hands of a See-No-Evil Parks Dept. would remove any leverage the rest of us have when dealing with bad dogs and inconsiderate, irresponsible owners.

The NYPD are unwilling to assist as long as the Parks Dept. continues to muddy the issue of just what is and isn't allowed. I am afraid that the current proposal will simply allow the Parks Dept. to expand and legitimize their existing non-enforcement of the rules, leading to parks that are unsafe for anyone except the owners of large, aggressive dogs. What needs to be done is the opposite. The existing law (Article 161) should be retained in its current form and *enforced*. The Parks Dept. should be required to remove the signs encouraging people to break the law, and the NYPD should be allowed to ticket dog owners who violate the law. This would produce safer parks for all of us, dogs included.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

Elliotte Rusty Harold

Cristina de la Maza
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October, 23rd 2006

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Sincerely,

Cristina Maza

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bronwyn Quillen

October 23, 2006

Dear Members of the NYC Health Board

Re: Leash Law Amendment

I support the proposed amendment to the "Leash Law" for the following reasons

The off-leash policy allows all New Yorkers - dog owners & not to enjoy the parks. The parks are a great place for all of us to get to know each other and through example make NYC a more humane place

Barbara McKeller

October _____, 2006

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Amy Faxon

Alyson Shotz
235 Lincoln Place, 3G
Brooklyn, NY 11217

Ms. Rena Bryant,
Secretary of the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
NY, NY 10013

10/23/06

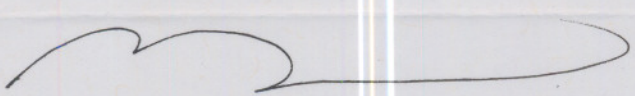
Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am writing to urge you to support and maintain off leash dog hours at New York City Parks. There is no question that off leash dog walking has made the park safer in the early morning hours and evening hours. I believe it is well known that Prospect Park was a place most people would not enter before dog walkers took it back from muggers, rapists, etc.

Besides that most important benefit, dog walkers are some of the biggest users and supporters of parks and their voice should be very powerful in this trumped up lawsuit. I have been walking my dog in Prospect park for 4 years and have NEVER seen any negative incident. What I do see are people getting exercise – a great benefit for the city in terms of health care, I see dogs happily socialized to each other and to people and I see a safer park.

Please keep the off leash hours that have been a benefit to this city for 20 years.

Sincerely,



Alyson Shotz

Dear Ms. Rena Bryant, 10/22/2006

Hello. This is in regards to supporting Amendments to Section 165. I am a dog owner in Park Slope, Brooklyn and I urge you strongly to continue the current system that is working well in all 5 boroughs. Off-leash laws are vital to dogs and owners alike. A dog's life, esp. in a city, relies greatly on getting to roam free a little bit

each day. What that you have unhappy, unhealthy dogs and owners who suffer as well. Dogs in parks in NYC running free at designated hours make the parks safer for pedestrians in the late evening and early morning and they help foster a sense of community as dog-owner (and dogs) form friendships and can help place homeless dogs through that network. Please don't take this away from us!! Thank you for listening. Best! Sarah Jenkins

October 22, 2006

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Sincerely,

Ron Teitelbaum

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Dogs are a part of (all of) our city life. Dogs who get proper exercise and socialization are calmer, happier and thus easier dogs to live with. In order for a dog to be calm - to rest or sleep the day in an apartment - the dog must get proper physical activity. I do not want to see dog runs in Central Park.

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Sincerely,

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October 22, 2006

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Sincerely,

Irene Sheahan

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Offleash is good for dogs and people. As responsible dog owners, we know that off-leash has many benefits: exercise for dogs and their owners and protection and care for the parks. There are many mornings when the only people in the park are dog owners (and their dogs).

Please protect our privileges.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Rod Morrison

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October 22, 2006

Ms Rena Bryant
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Dear Board of Health:

I am writing in regards to your consideration of changes that would place regulation of dogs in city parks in the hands of the Parks Department. Please don't.

I have been a resident of Brooklyn and a regular visitor of Prospect Park for more than twenty years.

Dogs off leash in the park are a problem. My problem. But I don't have a dog. I have problems: dogs attacking me; dogs frightening me; dogs disturbing the peace; dog owners disturbing the peace; dogs attacking animals. All of this and more goes on chronically. Unhindered, unleashed.

I invite you to see for yourself. Go to Prospect Park, especially between 8 am and 10 am. Visit the wooded areas (the Peninsula, the Lullwater, Lookout, the Midwood) where, even under the generous but unlawful privilege accorded by Park administrators, dogs are never supposed to be unleashed. See and hear for yourself. Why are dogs in wooded areas at all? Even if strict adherence to the leash laws is enforced, dogs can and should be kept out of wooded areas at all times. The designated meadows provide all the opportunity for exercise that is needed.

IF dogs were kept out of wooded areas AND IF off leash dogs were properly regulated, I would not oppose their opportunity for exercise. But under current conditions, free-range dogs in the park are as welcome to me as they would be inside City Hall. Would the Brooklyn Botanic Garden welcome dogs off leash?

Please take whatever steps you can to address and correct the problems that been allowed to grow unchecked. Please do your part to make the parks safe for everyone. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Crowne

October 22nd, 2006

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Members of the NYC Health Board
Department of Health
c/o Ms. Rena Bryant, Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street, CN-31
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Dear Board of Health Members:

As part of the public comment period regarding the City's successful off-leash policy, I am writing to express my support for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's proposed amendments to Section 161.05 of the Health Code.

These proposed amendments will require the Department of Parks and Regulation to adopt rules providing that owners of dogs off the leash maintain and present proof regarding licensing and vaccination information, and that the public will be provided with information concerning the times when and places where dogs will be allowed off the leash in City parks.

The off-leash policy is a good public health policy for people as well as for dogs. I support these amendments, which will clarify and continue the City's off-leash policy. Here's why:

I am originally from London and have lived here for 9 years. In England, dogs are allowed off-leash at all times as long as the owners are diligent and aware, not only of the behaviour of their own dog, but also the behaviour and demeanour of other dogs. This helps dogs to socialize and behave well in public and as long as the owners are responsible for their dog's behaviour and picking up after them, it makes the park a pleasurable experience for people with

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Sincerely,

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dogs as well as those without a pet or companion.
Dogs really are "man's best friend" and should
be allowed to enjoy man's habitat with him,
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Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am writing to express my support for the continuation of off-leash recreation for dog owners in City parks. As a taxpayer, I value my right to enjoy the City's parks in a responsible, safe manner. Off-leash recreation is the second-most popular activity in many parks, and off-leash is good for people and good for the parks!

Off-Leash Makes Parks Safer: People who enjoy off-leash make parks safer because we are out there year-round, at odd hours, in all kinds of weather.

Off-Leash Helps Maintain Parks: People who enjoy off-leash cherish our parks and contribute to the parks with volunteer work and monetary donations.

Off-Leash Is Good For Business: People are willing to pay a premium to live near an off-leash area. Both general and pet-centered businesses flourish from the constant traffic in and out of parks.

Off-Leash Helps Build Community: In this wonderful but often cold city, off-leash allows people to interact with each other across social and economic boundaries, forming sound friendships and support systems impossible under other circumstances.

Please, Mr. Mayor, continue your support of our chosen form of recreation in our parks!

Signed: _____

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RE: **The Notice of Intention to Amend Article 161 of the New York City Health Code**

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Ms. Rena Bryant
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I oppose amending Article 161 of the New York City Health Code – that is, I oppose any effort to amend the NYC "Leash Law" to permit dogs to use NY City parks while unleashed.

The current Leash Law, which requires all dogs to be on a leash no more than six feet in length, in all public places, at all times, needs no change, but must be vigorously enforced.

I oppose any change that weakens the current leash law because:

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Yours truly
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Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Bd. of Health
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Dear Ms. Bryant:

I am a strong supporter of the off-leash policy in the parks for dogs and their owners. If Health Board members were to visit the parks in the city during off-leash hours, they would find a community of people enjoying the park along with their dogs. There are literally thousands of NYC residents who enjoy this pastime, and the Juniper Park Association which is trying to ban off-leash hours in ALL parks is a very small minority.

You have heard by now all of the positive arguments for maintaining off-leash hours; only reason would have the Health Board conclude that an off-leash policy is beneficial to the dog-owning and larger NYC community.

Please support Amendments to Section 165. Thank you.

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The New York City Board of Health is contemplating an amendment to NYC Health Code 161.05 giving the NYC Parks Commissioner legal authority to relax the 24/7 dog leash law.

First let me say that the NYC Parks and unleashed dog advocates keep saying that the existing "relaxed courtesy hours" has been a huge success for many years. Based on the steady complaints the JPCA receives I am here to tell you that's not true. Practically every day we hear from people who are harassed and threatened by unleashed dogs before 9am in Juniper Valley Park in Middle Village Queens. Young children accompanied by their parents trying to cross the park to get to their destinations are faced with huge, unleashed dogs. This scares them and why wouldn't it?

The American Veterinary Medicine Association states that an estimated 4.7 million Americans will be bitten this year. According to the Insurance Information Institute, insurance companies paid $317.2 million for dog bite liability claims in 2005 alone. The primary victims are children. In the face of these sobering numbers the New York Board of Health wants to give the NYC Parks Commissioner legal authority to relax the leash laws. What are you thinking and how does this protect the public, which I assume is your primary function?

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Let me suggest to you that before you do yield to this ridiculous stretch of the NYC Parks Commissioner's powers you state clearly that any unleashed dog must be muzzled. If you don't add that requirement to the law we would all be looking right in the eyes of unleashed pit bulls, Rottweilers, Dobermans, Shepherds, Huskys, Akitas. For your information these dogs are on the insurance companies most dangerous dog list because of their propensity to attack. I strongly suggest that you do some homework on the "dangerous" dogs before you act recklessly by unleashing dogs in NYC parks and compromising the public's safety.

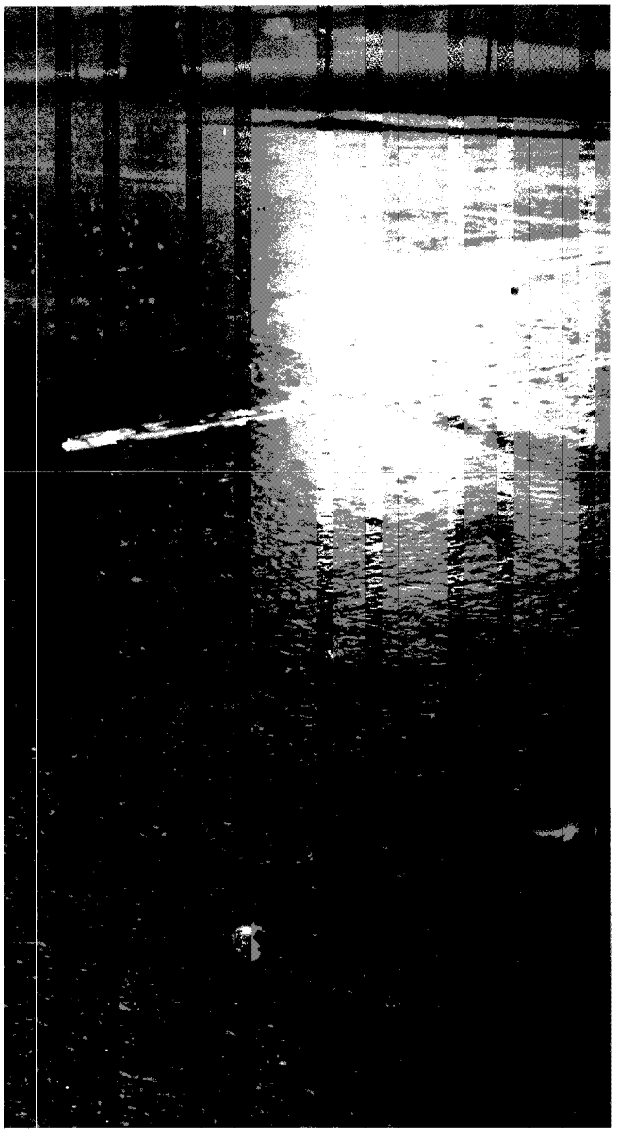
Another important thought to consider is how can NYC Parks & Recreation have personnel checking vaccinations at all the sites where dogs would be unleashed when NYC Parks can not have any enforcement during the "normal" park hours? NYC Parks & Recreation is a severely understaffed city agency. Oversight has to be explored before there is any broadening of the Parks Commissioners powers to unleash dogs in the NYC parks. In the warmer months PEP officers are assigned to the beaches, leaving the neighborhood parks unprotected. What about that?

The NYC Parks Department states that owners must be able to "control" their unleashed dog. Unleashed dogs are seen running on to the adjacent sidewalks and into the street daily because there's no such thing as "controlling" an unleashed dog. They have minds of their own and any distraction is a threat to public safety. Also, because the dogs run all over the surrounding areas they defecate indiscriminately on the ballfields and sidewalks and the owners, who sit around and chat while their dogs are running unleashed, have no clue that their animal has deposited its bowels anywhere and everywhere on park ballfields, paths and adjacent sidewalks. Ask any kid who plays baseball, football or soccer on the park playing fields.

Remember please, Matthew Connolly of Maspeth who was viciously attacked by an unleashed Rottweiler while he walked his leashed Shi Tzu on Principe Park's nearby sidewalk, outside the park. Will you require that the NYC Parks & Recreation fence in the parks to protect the pedestrians legally walking on the adjacent sidewalks?

Let's talk for a moment about the noise issue associated with unleashed dogs in the parks. Unleashed dogs bark constantly and surrounding homes are subjected to this loud noise as well as owners trying to scream at their dogs above the bark level. The noise issue is an important consideration, especially late at night and early morning hours.

Finally, practically every day there's a report in the newspapers about an attack from a dog. I would say that very few of the bites are from dogs on leashes. Why would the NYC Board of Health even be considering such a foolish act as giving the NYC Parks Commissioner legal leeway to unleash dogs in the urban, heavily populated NYC parks? If anything, you should be looking to tighten up the leash laws and protecting the public should be your goal, not exercising and socializing people's dogs.



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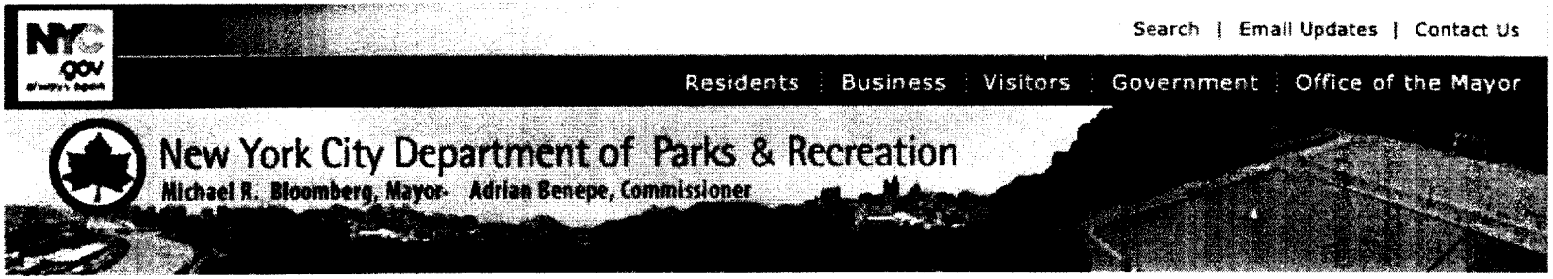

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New York City Dog Runs

In New York City, dog owners often complain that their dogs cannot possibly get proper exercise because of the mandatory leash law. Parks & Recreation has a solution to the problem: DOG RUNS. Dog runs are enclosed places where well-behaved and friendly dogs can roam and play off-leash. Dog runs give urban dwellers and their pets a country-like place to frolic.

For dogs to run however, owners must clean up after their pooches and pay close attention to their actions. Owners are encouraged to inquire about any dogs already in the run which are unfamiliar to them, prior to entering the run, to avoid unnecessary dog fights. Doggies must be properly inoculated and parasite-free so as not to infect their friends. In addition, "rebel" dogs must leave their pinch and spike collars at home so that others are not injured. Instead, dogs should wear a basic flat buckle collar with city license, rabies and identification tags because only dogs who are licensed may use the run. Because these runs are dedicated to user groups, the maintenance and enforcement of rules in the runs are up to the users.

To the dog owners who still gripe about leash laws, Parks & Recreation enforces the health code laws for several reasons. First, unleashed dogs pose potential danger to people and to other dogs. Many park users, horses, park wildlife and leashed dogs have been attacked and bitten by unleashed dogs. Second, many park visitors are frightened by dogs and may find unleashed dogs to be intimidating or annoying. Third, unleashed dogs are more likely to leave behind waste that is not picked up by their owners; canine waste is a known source of several pernicious zoonotic diseases. Finally, unleashed dogs destroy lawns and flower beds: areas used as informal "dog runs" have been severely damaged by the combination of wear and uric acid, a known killer of plant life.

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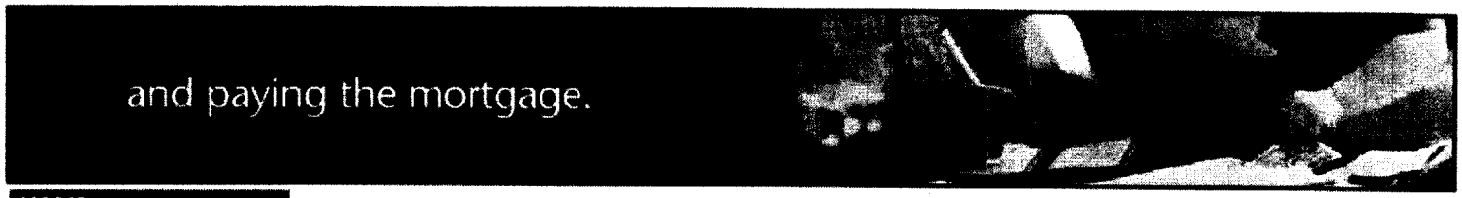

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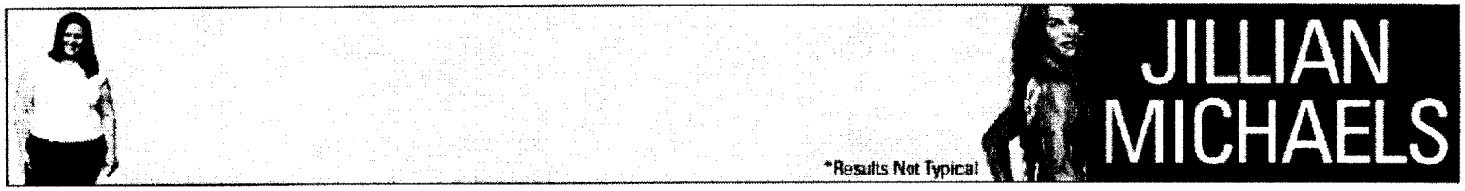

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Politicians Preparing for 'Musical Chairs'

West Sider Benjamin: I'll take on Schumer

By Christopher Moore

Mark Green says he's not running for mayor.

And he could be about the only big-name Democrat who isn't.

At least that's the way it seems lately, as more and more Democrats find themselves mentioned as a possible opponent in 2005 for Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Republican incumbent.

Among the names consistently popping up lately as potential candidates: City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, City Comptroller William Thompson, former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, grocery magnate John Catsimatidis and Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields.

And it's not just the battle for mayor. New Yorkers are just six months away from City Council races that could shape the city's future, and 18 months away from a presidential campaign.

Also in 2004: a big-bucks reelection effort by the state's senior U.S. senator, Charles Schumer, who reportedly has already amassed $15 million for the effort.

Not all the maneuvering is theoretical. Last week, two Republicans confirmed they plan to run for seats now held by popular Democrats. West Sider Michael Benjamin is running as a Republican against Schumer, and East Sider Douglas G. Winston said he'll run for Miller's council seat.

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EDITORIAL

Not a Pol? That's Not a Plus

Maybe you can't run a city like a business after all.

It was tempting to draw that conclusion last week. On the morning of May 8, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, like the rest of us, woke to front-page headlines about how much he's disliked by the voters. A Quinnipiac University poll released the day before showed that only 32 percent of New Yorkers approved of the job Bloomberg is doing. Those are the kind of numbers that then-Mayor David Dinkins recorded during the Crown Heights riots.

Perhaps even worse for Bloomberg, known for socializing in his Upper East Side townhouse,

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Head Game

ANDREW SCHWARTZ

The Riverside Park soccer field sees action May 12.

Brandeis H.S. No Longer Seen as 'Zoo'

By Helen Chernikoff

Brandeis is Brandeis, and the Bromley is the Bromley.

And none of the families who live in the Bromley enroll their children at Brandeis, a high school that's just a block away, says a doorman at the

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Jogger Arrested in Beating of Poodle

Dog was off leash in Riverside Park

By Helen Chernikoff

"The more I know of men, the more I love my dog." That's an observation cherished by doting dog owners, such as those who plunge into Riverside Park daily to exercise their pets. But as a recent confrontation between man and his purported best friend proves, humans striving to get their own exercise on the park's jogging trails are more likely to reflect that the more they know of dogs, the more they ...

Well, the facts of the case are simple.

Last week, police arrested a jogger, Peter Barton, for allegedly whacking the pet of fellow Morningside Heights resident Jana Kolpen, according to the district attorney's office.

Barton, whose address is on Riverside Drive, was charged May 7 with criminal mischief in the fourth degree, which means he is

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Man Smites Dog: Riverside Park Jogger Arrested

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suspected of intentionally damaging another person's property – in this case, Gordon, Kolpen's 6-pound apricot poodle. The crime carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail.

Barton allegedly attacked Gordon on April 29, when Kolpen was allowing her poodle and her French hound to wander free in the park between 109th and 110th streets. She knows that violates the Parks Department's leash law: "... no person owning or possessing any animal ... shall cause or allow such animal to be unleashed ... except as permitted by the Commissioner."

"It doesn't mean Riverside Park is an unsafe place for a dog to be or a jogger to be."

But Kolpen, an author and illustrator who says she's an upstanding citizen otherwise, unleashes her dogs regularly because the city seems to view that law, like a good housedog, as made to be broken.

Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe is on record upholding a "courtesy rule," which allows dogs off the leash in parks between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. as long as they are more than five blocks from a dog run. Riverside has four dog runs. The one closest to Gordon at the time he was the alleged victim of criminal mischief is at 105th Street, which means that if it's possible to violate the letter of an unwritten rule, Kolpen was doing that, too.

About 8:20 a.m. that morning, Kolpen says she saw Barton, carrying a stick the size of a billy club, approach Gordon at a run. Before Kolpen could reach her pet, Barton had sent him flying, Kolpen charges.

"He looked like he'd been broken in half," she said of her pet. "He was writhing in pain. Blood was coming out of his nose."

Barton's next court date is June 19, according to the DA's office. His lawyer, James Altman, could not be reached for comment.

As for Gordon, after stays at both the Ansonia Animal Hospital and the Animal Medical Center Intensive Care unit and an estimated $2,800 in veterinarian's bills, he is doing "amazingly well," Kolpen said.

But the dog's injuries have sparked a passionate debate about the right to decent exercise, and about the letter versus the spirit of the law. Dog owners complain that the dog runs don't provide enough of a workout for big dogs and endanger small ones, like Gordon. Joggers contend that the danger in question is the one posed by the unleashed dogs, like Gordon, who could trip or bite them.

"I don't want to minimize this incident, but I don't want people to generalize from it," said James T. Dowell, president of the Riverside Park Fund, a nonprofit group that supports the park. "It doesn't mean Riverside Park is an unsafe place for a dog to be or a jogger to be."

More people want to use the park than its 323 acres or a 24-hour day can comfortably accommodate, said Dowell. When rigorous exercise for four-footed friends is a top priority, people capitalize on the nighttime dispensation Benepe and his predecessors have granted them. They try to walk their dogs softly, lest they provoke a backlash – back leash? – from the commissioner.

Dowell said he thinks incidents such as the Barton-Gordon clash could jeopardize the courtesy rule.

"The more it gets talked about, the more vulnerable it is," he said. ■

Lauren A. Elkies contributed to this article.

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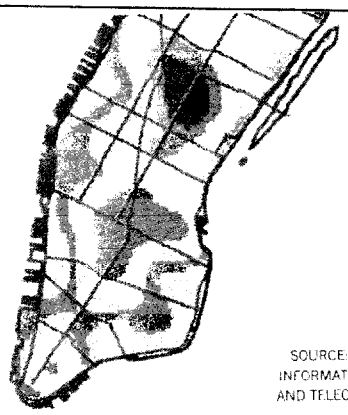
Gordon the poodle convalesces in Jana Kolpen's lap in her home.



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Jogger Admits Beating Poodle, Is Sentenced

Riverside Park attack brings 6 days of community service

By Christopher Moore

A jogger arrested for attacking a poodle in Riverside Park was sentenced to six days of community service and a conditional discharge.

Peter Barton pleaded guilty in a case that raised the ire of animal lovers.

Barton was arrested for attacking the dog April 29 between 109th and 110th streets in the park. The 6-pound apricot poodle, Gordon, was the pet of fellow Morningside Heights resident Jana Kolpen, according to the Manhattan district attorney's office.

At the time, witnesses said the jogger clubbed

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Drugs and Cash

Investigators busted an Upper East Sider for alleged possession of steroids as part of a continuing investigation. They also reported seizing about $2.5 million in cash from the man's apartment on 74th Street.

On Nov. 25 about 9:30 a.m., police arrested Richard Burack, 52, who allegedly "knowingly and unlawfully possessed a controlled substance with intent to sell it," the criminal complaint says.

According to court documents, investigators secured a search warrant Nov. 11 that allowed them to intercept a package containing approximately 1,100 capsules of methyltesterone allegedly being delivered to Burack's residence, on 74th between York and First avenues. When investigators searched the suspect's apart-

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CLARIFICATION

The caption with a photograph of the actress Mary Tyler Moore and a dog in the Nov. 13 issue did not adequately explain the Nov. 7 press conference in Belvedere Castle, Central Park, at which the photo was taken.

New York City Animal Care and Control held the press conference to announce its new goal of creating a "no-kill community," in which no healthy or treatable animal is euthanized because of a lack of shelter capacity. NYCACC also

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the dog, which they acknowledged was not on a leash. After the attack, Gordon "looked like he'd been broken in half," Kolpen, who is an author and illustrator, told West Side Spirit last spring.

"He was writhing in pain," she said. "Blood was coming out of his nose."

Gordon was hospitalized at both the Ansonia Animal Hospital and the Animal Medical Center Intensive Care unit, and Kolpen estimated her veterinarian's bills at $2,800.

"He was writhing in pain. Blood was coming out of his nose."

Riverside Drive resident Barton was charged May 7 with fourth-degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor for which he could have been sentenced to up to a year. A spokeswoman for the DA's office said Barton entered his plea and was sentenced during proceedings Nov. 20. ■

Gordon the poodle convalescing last May in Jana Kolpen's home.

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Ms. Rena Bryant
Secretary to the Board of Health
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

RE: Dog Leash Laws in NYC Parks

Dear Ms. Bryant:

At the November 8th Full Board meeting of Community Board 6, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1942 the New York City Board of Health enacted Article 161.05 requiring dogs in public places be restrained by a leash or chain not more than six feet long, this replacing previous section that required dogs to be muzzled; and

WHEREAS, several years ago the Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner started an informal policy of allowing dogs in certain parks to be off leash between the hours of 9PM-9AM; and

WHEREAS, the Juniper Park Civic Association in Queens (supported by their local community board) filed a lawsuit to stop this "informal practice"- an action still pending; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has asked the Board of Health to amend Article 161.05 to allow the commissioner to legalize this practice in selected parks and the Board of Health has conducted a public hearing for the purpose of doing so; and

WHEREAS, testimony at the public hearing exhibited proof that the current "informal policy" is itself being violated by dogs running loose in protected wildlife areas, ballfields and flower beds; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety issues which caused enactment of Article 161.05- dogs biting or attacking people or other dogs, the mobility of certain people(such as the elderly or children), the removal of animal waste, etc. have not been satisfactorily addressed; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 6 could support the creation of contained dog runs if done on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the local community and community board;

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Community Board 6 opposes the proposed amending of Article 161.05 of the Health Department regulations.

VOTE: 32 in Favor 6 Opposed 2 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Yours truly.

Toni Carlina

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District Manager

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