

**Feasibility of Establishing Additional Dog Parks
And Alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System**



Public Outreach & Comments Summary

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NOTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS

DOG PARKS AND OFF-LEASH ALTERNATIVES

The City of Sunnyvale is studying dog parks and off-leash alternatives in Sunnyvale's park system. The City currently has one dog park at Las Palmas Park, and is considering Fair Oaks, Lakewood, Serra, and Las Palmas Park as potential sites for new dog parks or off-leash options. The public is encouraged to attend any of the community meetings listed to provide input on this issue. Meetings will be held in the park buildings and expected to last approximately one hour; the same information will be presented at each.

Community Outreach Meetings:

Lakewood Park 834 Lakechime Dr. • Tuesday, April 9 12 Noon 7 p.m. • Saturday, April 13 10 a.m.	Fair Oaks Park 540 N. Fair Oaks Ave. • Thursday, April 11 12 Noon 7 p.m. • Saturday, April 13 Noon	Las Palmas Park 850 Russet Dr. • Tuesday, April 16 12 Noon 7 p.m.	Ortega Park 636 Harrow Way • Wednesday, April 17 7 p.m. • Thursday, April 18 Noon • Saturday, April 20 11 a.m.	Raynor Park 1565 Quail Ave. • Saturday April 20 1 p.m.
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Visit DogParks.inSunnyvale.com

For more information or to give feedback, call Sunnyvale Parks Division at (408) 730-7506, TDD (408) 730-7501, or email parcs@sunnyvale.ca.gov

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DOG PARKS IN SUNNYVALE

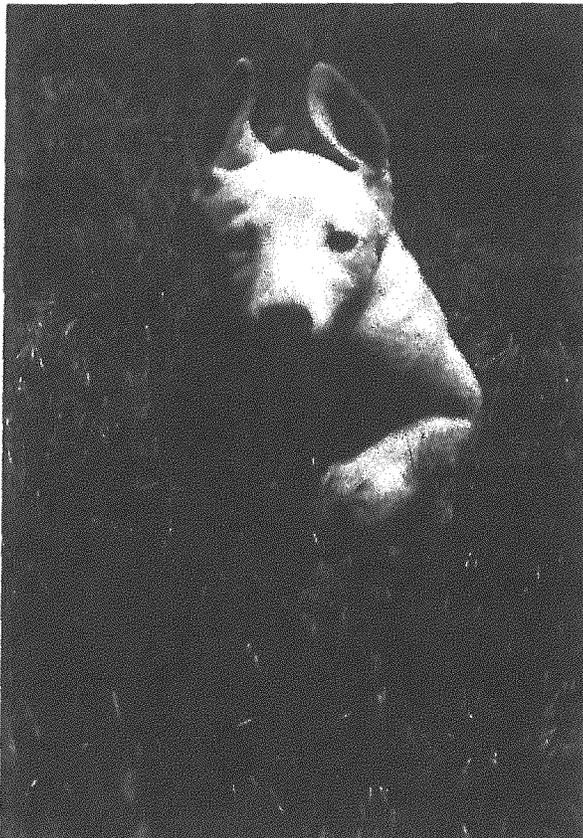


What do you think?

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- ◆ What amenities should be included in any new dog parks;
- ◆ Whether there should be designated times and unfenced areas within parks for dogs to be off-leash; and
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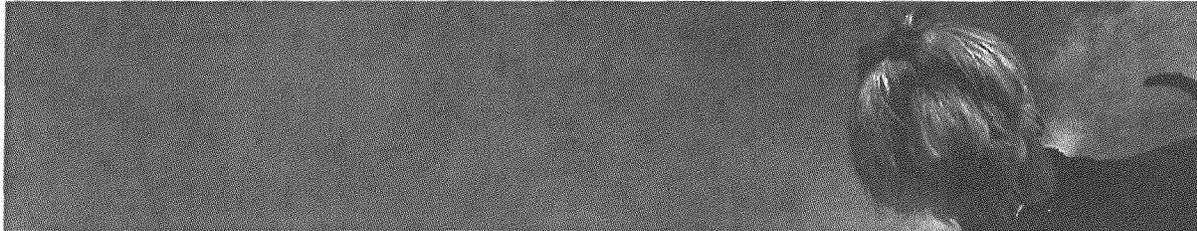
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Dog Parks and Off-Leash Alternatives in Sunnyvale

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City of Sunnyvale
Public Outreach Meetings

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2013 CoCouncil Study Issue DPW 13-14:

Feasibility of Establishing Additional Dog Parks and Alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System

The following is a summary of public comments made at a total of 12 community meetings held April 9 through 20, 2013 at the following times and locations throughout Sunnyvale:

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City staff facilitated the meetings and solicited feedback on the following issues:

1. If established, where should dog parks be located?
2. What features and/or amenities should be considered?
3. Would you support off-leash, unfenced areas?
4. Would you support off-leash dogs if owners supplied portable, temporary fencing?
5. Other comments related to dog parks and off-leash options

If established, where should dog parks be located?

- Add an area for small dogs at Las Palmas Dog Park
- Lakewood Park - south end
- Not at Lakewood
- Lakewood or Fairwood
- Fair Oaks - suggest area behind Skate Park
- Not at Fair Oaks; conflicts w/ baseball
- Locations based on # of registered dog owners
- Does not account for unregistered dogs
- Baylands Park

- Not around homes
- Convert a whole park to a dog park; make it big
- Spreading out dog parks throughout the City will help reduce traffic and wear and tear on the existing Las Palmas Park
- Serra Park
- Separate area for small dogs at Las Palmas Park
- Ortega
- Raynor
- Off-leash at fenced schools
- Split existing dog park at Las Palmas to create an area for small dogs
- Small separate dog park at Las Palmas with temporary fencing
- Move Las Palmas dog park from existing location and place away from residences; with small/large dog area
- Keep Las Palmas dog park in existing location and create a small dog park within the existing area
- Baylands is a large area away from private residences
- Alternative sites? Other spaces??
- Requirement as part of existing park
- Development of Dog Park; stand-alone park
- Minimum size needed??
- Consider location of dog park relative to residential areas
- Time of use for dog park: separate times for large dogs and small dogs
- Electronic pass access to dog park
- Limit to registered Sunnyvale residents
- Relocate Dog Park at Las Palmas to middle of park
- Need waste disposal systems; sewer septic systems
- Panama Park
- Have fenced areas and off-leash areas at each site
- John W. Christian Greenbelt - dog run
- Fee-based dog park with higher level of service, ongoing maintenance and better amenities
- Spread dog park sites throughout the City to give more options
- Map parks with registered dog owners/Panama Park
- Re-do Las Palmas Dog Park
- Check out Butcher Park in San Jose and Campbell's Dog Park; active volunteer groups
- Repair drainage problems at Las Palmas Dog Park
- Check out Saratoga Creek Dog Park in San Jose (off Lawrence Expy)
- First priority renovate Las Palmas Dog Park
- Raynor Park - with side off Partridge for Dog Park
- Locations: Ortega, Panama & Serra
- Work with Cupertino Unified School District to allow dogs @ school sites when school not in session
- Look at consolidating Little Leagues and other sports groups to open up space for dog parks

- Establish dog parks away from children's play areas, especially on entrance/exiting dog park
- Relocate Las Palmas Dog Park from its' current location

What features and/or amenities should be considered?

- Double-gated entry
- Artificial turf
- Natural turf
- Grass surfacing is important
- Decomposed granite
- Ground cover - plants
- All dog parks should have separate areas for big and small dogs
- Benches - not picnic tables
- Water
- Hoses for cleaning up messes
- Seating for dog owners w/ shade
- Shaded areas
- Is there a fee?
- Bag Dispensers & bags
- Pooper Scoopers and lined cans, instead of individual dog waste bags)
- Landscaping that dogs like with hills and large rocks, such as Santa Clara's dog park on Reed & Lafayette
- Make sure budget is there to maintain park - needs to be kept clean
- Not just flat & boring
- Dog owners may be willing to pay a fee, such as Milpitas Silicon Valley Humane Society Dog Park
- We already pay taxes; opposed to a fee-based dog park
- How to enforce owners cleaning up after their dogs?
- Self-policing in the dog parks
- Volunteers to keep the dog park clean
- Adopt-A-Park for a dog park
- Dog Owner Groups in Sunnyvale at time Las Palmas was established
- Make the area as large as possible, 3-5 acres
- Provide paths for owners to walk, too
- Like Campbell's Dog Park on Los Gatos Creek Trail
- Like Foster City's dog park
- Signage with rules posted
- Well-maintained
- Foot-operated water fountain (tamper proof) and allows fresh water for each dog
- Water faucet to fill your own water bowl
- Scheduled maintenance day for cleaning, i.e. Santa Clara is closed every Thursday for maintenance
- Two entrances/exits with double gates
- Shoreline Park in Mt. View is a good dog park with shade and benches
- Dust at Las Palmas is a problem

- Water fountain with “fresh water” for dogs
- Create a key-card entry with fee to allow access with requirements, such as license, obedience training + allow temporary “drop-in” access
- Similar to Silicon Valley Humane Society
- Dogs must be licensed in Sunnyvale to use dog park
- Check out Milpitas Dog Park (at Ed Levin Park)
- Play features: pipes, hills, structures
- Visual screening fencing so dogs cannot see dogs in park
- Important to provide for both large and small dogs
- Facility cleaning - fencing at Las Palmas
- Small dog area large enough for good runs
- Small dog optional in large dog area; large dogs not allowed in small dog area
- Natural grass surfacing
- Picnic benches on cement slab, not dirt
- Provide more than one entry
- Provide pooper scoopers instead of plastic bags
- Concern w/ heat issues with artificial turf
- Posted maintenance schedule for each dog park

Would you support off-leash, unfenced areas?

- Off-leash yes; dog parks no because of need to keep space available for multiple purposes
- No - dogs need to be fenced
- Yes - with designated times and designated areas
- Yes - without designated times
- Yes - with designated time from 4-6 p.m.
- Provide off-leash areas to dog parks don't have to be built
- Too hard to do designated times; people have different schedules
- Issues with dog waste; owners
- Needs good signage
- Concern if too crowded with designated times
- Like the idea, but would expect back-lash from non-dog owners
- Try it on a trial basis with a pilot program
- If established in a designated area within the park away from childrens' playground
- Yes, like Cuesta Park in Mountain View
- Yes, Foster City is a good example
- Children and parents do not feel safe in Las Palmas with dogs off-leash
- Concern with safety - as an older adult, being tripped by a dog off-leash
- No - there would be problems with large and small dogs together off-leash; unsafe
- Self-policing
- Large area - good to spread out if dogs are off-leash
- No - Las Palmas is now unsafe due to dogs off-leash
- Large vs. small dog times

- Change municipal code to allow dogs off leash
- Make times available at all parks
- Permit off-leash dog obedience
- Dog & owner tags
- Yes - Panama Park with designated off-leash hours
- Serra Park with off-leash hours (dog park between school and condos)
- Requirements for off-leash: license, dog bags, leashes in hand to control dog if needed
- Allow dogs off-leash at Panama Park, Fair Oaks and other parks at certain times. Suggest 7-9 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. or dusk/closing time
- Concern with liability costs/risk for off-leash dogs
- No - would not support off-leash areas; there are issues with dog waste
- No - it would encourage problems
- How can you enforce dog owners to clean up after their dogs with off-leash areas?
- Even with designated times, there are still problems with dogs out of control
- Fear factor for park users and dogs off-leash
- Cap the number of off-leash dogs
- Designate certain hours, certain areas; different hours for different size dogs
- Require dogs are licensed
- Have off-leash hours at school sites where most of the field areas have fencing

Would you support dogs off-leash if owner-supplied, portable temporary fencing?

- No - cannot monitor it
- What about storage?
- Maybe attractive for someone who lives in an apartment
- Is this a way to curb people from walking their dogs?
- Only for small dogs
- Yes, seems okay for small dogs - not for large dogs
- No - dog owners do not clean up after their dogs
- Yes, dog owners will pick up after their dogs
- Good idea - low cost, easy to set up, move around and spread wherever
- Bad idea - small fence not effective
- Try it as a pilot program
- Portable 4' high fencing; plastic roll fencing with stakes into ground
- Provide storage area at park
- Hybrid fence - raise & lower
- Long leash with a stake in the ground

Other comments:

- Why not revisit the policy at Baylands?
- Consider the benefits of dog parks
- Concern w/ rat poison at Las Palmas

- Problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs
- Young children should not be allowed in a fenced dog park for their safety
- Pay user fee to help cover maintenance and improvements
- Need additional Public Safety to enforce muni code
- Define small dog
- More signage needed for dog owners to clean up after their dogs
- Concerns w/ dogs without license or current shots
- Paperwork/application to show dog training
- Easier for Public Safety to enforce if there are viable options for dog owners
- Some people don't follow the laws; inconsiderate
- Offer dog training/dog obedience training
- How many dogs are in Sunnyvale? How many are licensed?
- Dog owners - survey?
- Time of use on weekends limit to start time to 8 AM; earlier on weekdays OK
- Review rules
- Dog bans for irresponsible dog owners and unsafe dogs
- Traffic calming measures for park users on street around dog park
- More enforcement
- Require licensing
- Revenue from citations
- Establish a membership/fee-based dog park facility
- If more dog parks are established, then it will take the pressure off Las Palmas as the only site
- Concerned about vandalism
- Lack of enforcement
- Cost considerations: off-leash vs. construction & maintenance of fenced dog park
- Fee-based dog parks
- Dog parks strengthen community as a social hub
- Find out the number of registered dog owners in Sunnyvale

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SUMMARY of SURVEY RESULTS
City of Sunnyvale

SURVEY: Dog Parks & Off-Leash Alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System

The following is a summary of survey results, including online surveys and hard copy surveys completed. The survey was open from April 5 through May 10, 2013. The survey gave community members an opportunity to state their opinions on dog parks, off-leash alternatives and related issues. This informal survey was not intended to be statistically controlled or sampled.

1. "Would you support adding more dog parks in Sunnyvale parks with permanently fence, off-leash areas for dogs?"

Response	Online	Hard Copy	Response Count	Percentage
Yes	654	70	724	90.7%
No	70	4	74	9.3%
Total			798	100%

2. "Would you support designated off-leash areas for dogs without fencing in Sunnyvale Parks?"

Response	Online	Hard Copy	Response Count	Percentage
Yes	367	38	405	52%
Yes, but at restricted times only	146	13	159	20%
No	206	12	218	28%
Total	719	63	782	100%

3. "Would you support dog owners being allowed to set-up owner-supplied temporary fencing for their dogs to run off-leash in Sunnyvale Parks?"

Response	Online	Hard Copy	Response Count	Percentage
Yes	468	41	509	66%
No	251	15	266	34%
Total	719	56	775	100%

Dog Parks and Off-Leash Alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System



1. Would you support adding more dog parks in Sunnyvale parks with permanently fenced, off-leash areas for dogs?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		90.3%	654
No		9.7%	70
	If no, why not?		79
	answered question		724
	skipped question		2

2. Several sites in Sunnyvale are currently being reviewed for the feasibility of off-leash areas for dogs. Would you support adding a permanently fenced, off-leash area for dogs at the following parks?

	Yes	No	Rating Count
Las Palmas Park (adding a separate small dog area)	85.1% (571)	14.9% (100)	671
Lakewood Park	87.5% (547)	12.5% (78)	625
Fair Oaks Park	88.5% (577)	11.5% (75)	652
Serra Park	87.2% (578)	12.8% (85)	663
	If you answered no and would like to explain or would like to suggest another location, please comment below:		165
	answered question		724
	skipped question		2

3. If additional permanently fenced, off-leash areas in dog parks are established in Sunnyvale, features should be included? Rank in order of preference, where 1 is most preferred.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Separate area for large and small dogs	22.2% (161)	10.5% (76)	9.1% (66)	8.1% (59)	7.5% (54)	6.4% (46)	9.7% (70)	6.5% (47)	6.1% (44)	6.8% (49)
Artificial turf	4.8% (35)	5.8% (42)	6.2% (45)	5.0% (36)	4.1% (30)	5.4% (39)	7.2% (52)	10.5% (76)	14.6% (106)	15.5% (112)
Grass or natural turf	19.1% (138)	12.3% (89)	12.7% (92)	9.1% (66)	8.1% (59)	9.0% (65)	6.5% (47)	6.2% (45)	6.2% (45)	6.8% (49)
Decomposed granite surfacing	1.0% (7)	1.7% (12)	1.8% (13)	2.8% (20)	4.7% (34)	7.0% (51)	8.8% (64)	15.7% (114)	18.4% (133)	20.2% (146)
Trees and shade	11.2% (81)	19.1% (138)	19.5% (141)	16.6% (120)	13.0% (94)	8.0% (58)	4.8% (35)	3.0% (22)	2.2% (16)	1.2% (9)
Double-gated entry	15.9% (115)	13.8% (100)	11.5% (83)	10.8% (78)	10.4% (75)	8.1% (59)	7.9% (57)	7.7% (56)	5.9% (43)	5.8% (42)
Benches	2.1% (15)	4.6% (33)	9.0% (65)	13.8% (100)	16.9% (122)	18.1% (131)	13.7% (99)	9.8% (71)	6.6% (48)	3.9% (28)
Picnic tables	1.1% (8)	1.2% (9)	2.2% (16)	3.6% (26)	4.1% (30)	8.7% (63)	12.3% (89)	18.1% (131)	15.7% (114)	17.0% (123)
Bulletin board(s)	0.3% (2)	0.8% (6)	1.5% (11)	1.8% (13)	2.9% (21)	7.9% (57)	11.5% (83)	13.7% (99)	15.6% (113)	18.5% (134)
Dispenser for dog waste bags	14.1% (102)	14.5% (105)	11.3% (82)	12.6% (91)	12.8% (93)	10.1% (73)	8.4% (61)	5.9% (43)	4.8% (35)	2.9% (21)
Trash receptacles	8.3% (60)	15.7% (114)	15.2% (110)	15.9% (115)	15.5% (112)	11.3% (82)	9.3% (67)	2.8% (20)	3.7% (27)	1.5% (11)

4. Would you support designated off-leash areas without fencing for dogs in Sunnyvale parks?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		51.0%	367
Yes, but at restricted times only		20.3%	146
No		28.7%	206
	If no, why not?		201
	answered question		719
	skipped question		7

5. Would you support dog owners being allowed to set up owner-supplied, temporary fencing for their dogs to run off-leash in Sunnyvale parks?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		65.1%	468
No		34.9%	251
	If no, why not?		227
	answered question		719
	skipped question		7

6. Are you a Sunnyvale resident?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.1%	568
No		20.9%	150
answered question			718
skipped question			8

7. Do you own a dog?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		79.5%	571
No		20.5%	147
answered question			718
skipped question			8

8. Do you visit Sunnyvale parks?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		96.2%	691
No		3.8%	27
answered question			718
skipped question			8

9. In what recreational activities do you typically participate when you visit Sunnyvale parks?

		Response Percent	Response Count	
Attend programs and classes		16.6%	114	
Playgrounds		41.8%	287	
Jogging or running		32.1%	220	
Walking		81.9%	562	
Picnicking		46.8%	321	
Informal or drop-in sports		20.0%	137	
Organized sports		15.3%	105	
Dog walking or dog park use		75.4%	517	
	Other (please specify)		55	
			answered question	686
			skipped question	40

Page 2, Q1. Would you support adding more dog parks in Sunnyvale parks with permanently fenced, off-leash areas for dogs?

1	Because there's no space at the park anyways. And dogs off-leash is not a good idea	May 10, 2013 1:41 PM
2	Even though people might use them, they're still going to allow their dogs to run off leash in other parks anyway. I wouldn't make a special trip to bring my dog to a dog park when there's a good one just down the street.	May 6, 2013 12:35 PM
3	There is not enough parkland for humans.	May 5, 2013 8:59 PM
4	Financial Cost	May 5, 2013 3:27 AM
5	There are too many irresponsible dog owners in Sunnyvale and this would only provide an avenue for further neglect . The city already refuses to enforce animal nuisance codes so how and who is going to monitor and control a dog park? The money would be better spent on residential street/ curb repair.	May 3, 2013 9:44 AM
6	I am more nutral on this than negative, but there is not such option. However what I am strongly advocating for is the idea of clearly marking other parks (that are NOT dog parks) with ON-LEASH signs. I have seen dogs off leash in Ponderosa park, but there is no sign for people to know if this is allowed or not.	May 2, 2013 5:22 PM
7	I do not believe people would use them. Dogs are off-leash in ALL the parks, all the time. Setting up an off-leash area in Fair Oaks Park is not going to prompt owners to transport their dogs from Ponderosa Park or Ellis Elementary simply to be "legal". This would be a waste of money and would not change anything in other parks at all.	May 2, 2013 8:56 AM
8	I think it would be asking for trouble because not all dogs get along and once they are off the lease there would be risks of dogs fighting. Not all dogs are nice and well behaved and when they are off their leash the owner may put other dogs at risk especially Big dog fighting with little dogs. How would you manage the dog owners? How many dogs would be allowed in the fenced area at one time. Space is a precious commodity children need a nice park instead!!! (not a dog park)	May 1, 2013 5:21 PM
9	Off leash dogs are potentially dangerous even if they are allowed to go off leash in specially marked fenced areas.	May 1, 2013 4:44 PM
10	The more dog parks means we will have less fast traffic on Spinosa barrelling into the dog part with enormous dogs. But the trick is to get the people to go in the dog park.....medium and small dogs don't enter. And big dogs run loose most all day.	May 1, 2013 10:21 AM
11	Just make all parks off leash parks	May 1, 2013 9:56 AM
12	No, because of the financial costs involved to implement and maintain.	Apr 30, 2013 3:47 AM
13	for sure must be fenced.	Apr 29, 2013 10:00 PM
14	I live in the Las Palmas park neighborhood and admit I do not own a dog and am not a dog lover. I believe strongly that city parks are for people and provide a place to relax a bit or have children play there. Any city that has a park cares for its citizens and allows them to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life for a	Apr 29, 2013 9:23 PM

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while and is simply a more civilized place to live. Unfortunately, at Las Palmas park that ideal was shattered with the installation of a dog park. Even though the dog park is fenced in, a significant number of dog owners simply ignore the dog park and allow their dogs to run loose through the rest of Las Palmas. Owners are quite blatant about taking their dogs off-leash and have done so numerous times when I walk through the park and at times am less than 20 feet away from them. Some have said, "MY dog is well behaved" so the leash law doesn't apply to them. They are well aware that Sunnyvale has neither the will nor budget to enforce the leash law so they have no qualm about letting their dogs run wild. As a result, we now have dog excrement at numerous places, including the areas where children play, providing unhealthy play areas, unpleasant odor and the occasional dog chasing after terrified children or elderly people. Increasing the dog park size or introducing off-leash sites will only make the problem worse and therefore I am against it. Increasingly, the people that used to frequent Las Palmas are being driven off to provide more room for dogs. With owners turning their dogs loose, the whole park will become just a giant litter box. What a sad way to kill off the noble idea of a park.

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| 15 | Only if the owners truly kept their dogs in the fenced areas and abided by the regulations. Currently this is not happening. | Apr 28, 2013 9:27 AM |
| 16 | Being a dog owner, the Las Palmas park becomes a mud hole after rain. I would vote yes, if they were not mud holes. | Apr 28, 2013 8:52 AM |
| 17 | WELL BEHAVED DOGS DO NOT NEED TO BE IN A FENCED AREA AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE OFF LEASH WITH ATTENTIVE OWNERS. | Apr 27, 2013 8:50 AM |
| 18 | A city the size of Sunnyvale should have more dog parks. Pet owners need places to take their dogs where they can run off leash and socialize with other dogs, which is difficult when owners live in apartments. | Apr 24, 2013 5:01 PM |
| 19 | I have a dog and there aren't many off leash areas around. | Apr 23, 2013 12:37 PM |
| 20 | Owners wouldn't abide by regulations, and romping dogs would make parks unusable for people | Apr 22, 2013 12:10 PM |
| 21 | Adding more parks is not going to fix much. Plus, I do not like the idea of fencing an area. This will not allow dogs to run around, play fetch, or be free. | Apr 21, 2013 1:08 PM |
| 22 | We are already have perfect parks around neighborhood not need to spend money and time to add new dog park. That is wasted. | Apr 21, 2013 9:27 AM |
| 23 | Prefer off-leash hours in neighborhood parks. | Apr 20, 2013 10:51 PM |
| 24 | While adding more dedicated dog parks would be a welcome addition if necessary, I do not think it's necessary. Instead, I think it makes much more sense to allow dogs at the regular parks that already exist. Off-leash hours at existing parks would be much easier for most dog owners, who would rather not have to drive to a dog park. Studies have shown that allowing dogs off-leash makes them LESS aggressive than forcing them to be on-leash at all times, and that is just one reason why I would support more off-leash hours at existing Sunnyvale parks, especially Panama Park. | Apr 20, 2013 2:19 PM |

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25	We don't need more dog parks... We just need off leash privileges to exercise and socialize our dogs at our neighborhood parks without being constantly hunted down by Animal Control.	Apr 19, 2013 9:04 AM
26	I kinda dont have enough money	Apr 18, 2013 2:38 PM
27	Dogs have been way too much in ponderosa park. sunnyvale - and many of the times unchained - which proves to be terrifying experience for old people and kids who visit the park for leisure. One such time, when i was pregnant i was taking a walk - and got chased by 3 big dogs in multiple directions - the owner had let lose and I had to run from the park to the school soccer ground, where the chasing continued and finally my husband rescued me..I would need a number to call and complain and there should be strict enforcement that dogs should not be there except in their specified leash areas.	Apr 18, 2013 2:30 PM
28	But only for very large parks, not the smaller ones. In addition stricter enforcement of off leash dogs in such parks.	Apr 18, 2013 10:38 AM
29	I am a dog owner. I will not support adding more permanently faced areas for dog because city can not properly maintain the only dog park that we already have. Instead of building new dog parks let's discuss off-leash hours in the existing parks.	Apr 17, 2013 3:35 PM
30	We are losing open space. The dog park in Las Palmas went from green to dirt in a few months.	Apr 17, 2013 9:40 AM
31	The existing park is quite often overcrowded and poorly self-policed (lots of ill-behaved dogs). Having more and smaller parks would allow for some options and, hopefully, better distribute the ill-behaved dogs.	Apr 16, 2013 10:12 PM
32	I would for others, but we have CCI dogs, and are not allowed to take them to dog parks. There are more and more people who have dogs, and not much space for them to run, so it is great for them.	Apr 15, 2013 4:40 PM
33	It restricts the majority of us from using those areas..especially those with small kids	Apr 15, 2013 10:15 AM
34	The dog owners are not responsible enough to keep their dogs on leashes while heading over to the off-leash areas.	Apr 15, 2013 10:13 AM
35	Generally speaking I have seen dog owners use the public parks freely anyway. It makes it difficult for those of us with small children to play in the same area. Completely fenced in dog parks are ok.	Apr 15, 2013 9:34 AM
36	The current Sunnyvale dog park is one of the worst dog parks I have seen. It's hot, dirty, and uninviting. If that's the kind of dog park you envision, don't bother.	Apr 12, 2013 1:29 PM
37	As a long time resident of Sunnyvale and a dog owner I would have to rate the current Las Palmas dog park a failure. Almost always in shade, no grass, either too dusty or muddy. The water station for the dogs is, in a word, unsanitary. I've been to a number of dog parks in the surrounding area and our dog park is a	Apr 11, 2013 9:17 PM

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	failure and is not a good model going forward.	
38	As long as they are fenced off areas.	Apr 11, 2013 8:42 PM
39	Not enough parkland for people.	Apr 11, 2013 4:00 PM
40	Sunnyvale has made it IMPOSSIBLE for dog owners to have a public place for our animals to play legally. There is one dog park ... for BIG dogs only. It's dirty and not safe for small dogs. I've lived in Sunnyvale for 40 years and have been proud of my city. Not anymore! The recent crack-down on tickets is unbelievable. \$193/each! Does that REALLY fit the crime for an off-leash dog? You have accomplished your mission and killed the gathering of a great group of residents that used to enjoy each other's company while letting our dogs play. No harm was inflicted on anyone. Hopefully you have received enough revenue by now to help solve the problem instead of behaving like Nazi's.	Apr 10, 2013 8:59 PM
41	Creates crowded dog conditions which results in dirt, dust, mud. These areas are never large enough for far flung balls and Frisbees. The areas being considered are not Panama Park, which is my neighborhood Park and most convenient to walk to. There are many unused hours at Panama Park. These early morning hours and late evening hours are perfect for off leash dogs. Please allow off leash use of parks, while they are otherwise unused. I know liability seems to be a sticking point with the City, so please let dog owners work out an insurance solution, if that is not covered by our property taxes. Why are unfenced off leash areas so easy for Niles in the east bay including lake swimming for dogs etc?	Apr 10, 2013 11:31 AM
42	People don't control their dogs as it is. Ther is actually poop found every day of the week in Las Palmas.	Apr 8, 2013 10:28 PM
43	I feel the parks are being taken over by dogs. Soccer practices and casual sports games are constantly interrupted by dogs interfering (even though they should not be off-lease) or people stepping in dog poop. All dog owners think their dogs are well-behaved but kids like to run in the park and dogs like to chase a running child.	Apr 8, 2013 10:12 PM
44	Save tax money for more important issues	Apr 8, 2013 9:10 PM
45	There does not appear to be a capacity problem at the Las Palmas dog park. Until a clear capacity problem is demonstrated, why should more dog parks be added?	Apr 8, 2013 7:06 PM
46	The existing dog parks are dirty and smelly. Visited one in San Diego that was grassy and beautiful, off leash park with no fences.	Apr 8, 2013 1:39 PM
47	1. Loss of already limited open space. 2. Current dog park is not well cared for - formerly green grass is now only foul-smelling dirt & dust.	Apr 8, 2013 9:16 AM
48	The grass disappears and the result is dirt for the rest of the life of the dog park.	Apr 7, 2013 6:18 PM
49	Many people take their dogs off leash illegally at John Christian Greenbelt between Morse Ave and Borregas Ave - hopefully a dog park would encourage	Apr 7, 2013 6:01 PM