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137	This is a bad idea. What qualifies as a temporary fence? The dog could easily escape if the owner has a relaxed definition.	Apr 9, 2013 8:29 PM
138	Our dog group at Las Palmas did finance a temporary fence but it's impractical since we can't store it at the park. Even if we can store it, this is a ver temporary solution. It's much too cumbersome.	Apr 9, 2013 8:28 PM
139	I know many responsible dog owners but there are also irresponsible ones. I would prefer city to do it.	Apr 9, 2013 5:08 PM
140	Doesn't seem efficient or easy.	Apr 9, 2013 2:35 PM
141	too risky	Apr 9, 2013 10:58 AM
142	I just don't see it working effectively. Too much fencing lmaterial to haul around	Apr 9, 2013 10:02 AM
143	It takes up space and owners don't police their dogs.	Apr 8, 2013 10:29 PM
144	I have seen dog owners do this at Las Palmas (rules are not being enforced) and it takes up so much of the footprint of the grassy area where people should be playing sports and running around. The grass will get torn up even more than it is now and my kids will step on more dog poop than they do now.	Apr 8, 2013 10:13 PM
145	As long as they properly cleaned up after pets and dogs were to be leashed before leaving fenced in area	Apr 8, 2013 9:26 PM
146	They already do this in Las Palmas, yet they continue to let their dogs run outside the area off leash causing the problems as mentioned in qu. 4 response.	Apr 8, 2013 9:00 PM
147	Because of irresponsible dog owners who fail to train their dogs so that the dogs are menacing to the public.	Apr 8, 2013 7:08 PM
148	People doing it wrong, and hurting animals and other people.	Apr 8, 2013 5:54 PM
149	because people don't control their dogs and they let them crap all over the park.	Apr 8, 2013 5:06 PM
150	Absolutely not. The dog defication problem is made worse by encouraging them to roam off leash in areas other than the dog park. This is the same place shared by children, teams who play sports, etc.	Apr 8, 2013 5:06 PM
151	not sure - depends on size of fence and dog	Apr 8, 2013 4:45 PM
152	I can't envision what this would be like. I would need more information.	Apr 8, 2013 1:50 PM
153	Too easy for large dogs to escape from anything portable. Some dog owners would feel free to set up anywhere in the parks regardless of impact to other users.	Apr 8, 2013 1:43 PM
154	Why? What a silly idea.	Apr 8, 2013 1:40 PM
155	tripping hazards, not sure if temp fencing would work with big dogs w/ potential to fall and hit someone like a child if dog wants to jump over it.	Apr 8, 2013 10:57 AM

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156	I support a fenced area provided by the City to ensure safety.	Apr 8, 2013 10:51 AM
157	Unsecure (potential interaction with children)	Apr 8, 2013 9:18 AM
158	This doesn't seem like a feasible, easily regulated option. I think owners should either have well trained, obedient dogs that are able to respond to voice commands, and thus able to use non-fenced off-leash areas, or the owners should take their dogs to fenced areas.	Apr 7, 2013 9:44 PM
159	Owners won't set up fencing properly. Some owners won't bother to set up fencing at all. Dog owners will take over large sections of the park with their fencing.	Apr 7, 2013 6:03 PM
160	Owners would need to take responsibility for this and I do not believe we can count on this happening, which then would mean manpower to enforce, which would not be a good use of city resources.	Apr 7, 2013 1:32 PM
161	I'm not generally opposed to the idea, but whatever temporary fencing works for one dog may not work for a larger dog that enters the area, and if temporary fencing is not properly secured or its condition is neglected by the owner, the result could be a failure of the fencing. In short it is a standards problem; better to install something the city can research and keep an eye on.	Apr 7, 2013 8:06 AM
162	Only as safe as the user who sets it up. Too many liability issues if the dog gets loose.	Apr 6, 2013 9:43 PM
163	I have never seen this done before. I am a dog owner and would love more off-leash options, but I am also concerned about the sturdiness of temporary fencing - I am not sure what the purpose would be - to block off a small space, such as a gate?	Apr 6, 2013 5:32 PM
164	Actually, maybe, if guidelines were established on where the areas could be established and how long they can occupy those areas.	Apr 6, 2013 12:49 PM
165	Creates a messy & congestion in picnic areas etc.	Apr 6, 2013 12:46 PM
166	Would limit park area usage for specific users, would not be fair on other users	Apr 6, 2013 12:39 PM
167	opportunity for conflict between dog owners "competing" for space	Apr 6, 2013 9:50 AM
168	difficult to enforce - no restrictions could be where a game is about to start or a birthday party with small children	Apr 6, 2013 9:42 AM
169	Seems that this would be difficult to police	Apr 6, 2013 8:57 AM
170	YES - Because anyone that goes to the effort to supply a fence Might be a dog owner that Cares ( Maybe enough to clean-up after their dog).	Apr 6, 2013 2:15 AM
171	I would only support this if there were greater enforcement of cleanup laws--too many owners do not pick up after their dogs.	Apr 5, 2013 10:36 PM
172	I think it would be better to have professional fencing.	Apr 5, 2013 9:37 PM

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173	Loss of access to areas of the park normally that do not have dogs. Added dog mess. Temp fences that are not properly setup so dogs escape. Visual eyesore. Noise of fenced dogs. Loss of open space in the park. (I cannot think of a worse idea than this one for expansion of dog services)	Apr 5, 2013 9:12 PM
174	No way to supervise or control	Apr 5, 2013 9:03 PM
175	odd idea, but why not	Apr 5, 2013 7:39 PM
176	Too chaotic, takes up too much space. If that idea was supported - then why not set up a similar fences for peoples cats? chickens? children? picnics?etc	Apr 5, 2013 7:37 PM
177	Hard to drag a fence to park to let your dog run	Apr 5, 2013 7:05 PM
178	This looks like a good solution. However, a large number of such owner may occupy the entire park and makes no space for other people.	Apr 5, 2013 6:07 PM
179	This sounds like something that would be terribly impractical, having people set up all kinds of temporary fencing with little structural stability or reliability, and taking forever to build/move/tear down. It would also block off areas of the park, making it hard for other people to use the space as they choose, and limit flexibility. I can also imagine people leaving up their fences overnight and "claiming" spaces.	Apr 5, 2013 5:57 PM
180	This creates an exclusive environment where only certain users and certain dogs are able to use a certain area of the public park. I don't like the exclusionary attitude of users who do this and then make their own judgments about which dogs are acceptable to be invited.	Apr 5, 2013 5:21 PM
181	Are you kidding me? Someone gets to come in and claim part of the park as their own because they want their dog to run? Do others get to rope off part of the park because they'd like to exclusively use it? This is insane. Completely and utterly insane.	Apr 5, 2013 4:44 PM
182	Temporary fencing is not stable and could become problematic if a dog were to jump onto the fence. It's an accident waiting to happen and I guarantee someone will get hurt.	Apr 5, 2013 4:17 PM
183	it is unrealistic. I think we need to educate the neighbors. so many new residents are afraid of dogs because they have not been raised with dogs. but this should not mean the rest of us who have dogs should be punished	Apr 5, 2013 1:26 PM
184	It will need too many regulations and definitions around what is allowed or not allowed. Sadly, it seems dog owners are more vigilant about using the parks, than parent of kids. I see a park over-run by dog owners, and no place for kids to run around and play soccer or baseball	Apr 5, 2013 10:59 AM
185	Sure, like a little doggy playpen? I had one of these for puppies, leashes are kind of a bummer, but not all dogs will stay by their owners.	Apr 5, 2013 10:17 AM
186	Because they wont use it properly	Apr 5, 2013 9:39 AM
187	I would support it, but I don't think it really solves the problem. This solution	Apr 5, 2013 2:05 AM

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	works only for small dogs. It doesn't allow dogs to really exercise - chase the ball for example.	
188	People do not pick up after their dogs while taking them for a walk. What makes anyone think people will be more responsible in a situation like that described in #5?	Apr 4, 2013 11:39 PM
189	Bring your own fence to the park? C'mon, that's ridiculous.	Apr 4, 2013 11:06 PM
190	No way to regulate what a suitable fence is	Apr 4, 2013 8:48 PM
191	Parks should be open spaces for EVERYONE to enjoy and not all carved up for the enjoyment of dog owners.	Apr 4, 2013 3:32 PM
192	There are too many what ifs in this scenario. If dog parks are going to be established, safety should be the number one priority. Not all pet owners are responsible, and it's obvious that some won't follow the rules and will allow their dogs to roam without properly fencing them. Please don't place our children and families in danger by creating a situation where the public is reliant on dog owners to self-regulate. The parks are for everyone and the safety of everyone should be of highest priority.	Apr 4, 2013 2:12 PM
193	I would support it as long as their temporary fencing is for all dogs, at appropriate times/durations, and doesn't get in the way of other park activities such as soccer games, picnics, etc.	Apr 4, 2013 1:28 PM
194	This looks ugly to begin with, and I can see people bringing rebar and construction fencing and leaving all or part of it behind. Too hard to enforce the rules and keep our parks looking nice.	Apr 4, 2013 11:24 AM
195	Too much chance of owners not supplying sturdy enough fencing, dogs knocking it over or getting injured if it fell	Apr 4, 2013 11:05 AM
196	Danger to public if dogs are not trained properly and waste disposal would be less regulated. In sure most people are good about it but it only takes a couple irresponsible owners to ruin it for everyone with and without dogs.	Apr 4, 2013 10:48 AM
197	What if the park gets taken up by people wanting to fence off areas?	Apr 4, 2013 10:45 AM
198	How would this be regulated, and what would constitute the right type of fencing? Too many variables to enforce.	Apr 4, 2013 10:31 AM
199	With permit on special occasion sure	Apr 4, 2013 9:05 AM
200	For tiny dogs, maybe. Larger dogs usually require more room, unless they are just lying around being inactive. Then a leash works well for a well behaved dog with a responsible owner. I guess I need to know more details about this option.	Apr 4, 2013 1:44 AM
201	I'm not sure how this would work... seems like fences from different owners could conflict.	Apr 3, 2013 10:19 PM
202	Not unless times, sizes and places were restricted.	Apr 3, 2013 9:23 PM

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203	Only if those individuals watched dog/ cleaned up after dog	Apr 3, 2013 8:48 PM
204	Unless the guidelines are clear I can see this being an area with too much subjectivity,	Apr 3, 2013 8:19 PM
205	Why should a dog owner be allowed to cordon off an area in the park which is publicly owned?	Apr 3, 2013 7:01 PM
206	OK if fenced area is reasonably small. (like smaller than a half court basketball)	Apr 3, 2013 5:48 PM
207	Prefer City erected fencing	Apr 3, 2013 5:34 PM
208	It would depend. how temporary is temporary? an hour or a month? I'd be OK with on demand use. However, the type of fencing would be important, and in addition, what is the intent of owners using this temporary fencing? If it's for puppies to play, I'd be OK with that. If it's for obedience training, I'd be OK with that. If it's to run my dog or human aggressive dog because it has no where else to run, I wouldn't agree because the type of fencing would never be adequate to protect the safety of the public.	Apr 3, 2013 5:34 PM
209	Would have to have restrictions on location etc, or it becomes one more thing to manage.	Apr 3, 2013 4:06 PM
210	I doubt many dog owners would do this, and if they did, it would block the kids' play areas.	Apr 3, 2013 3:12 PM
211	what if a non dog owner wants to use that fenced off space for another purpose	Apr 3, 2013 2:35 PM
212	Yes, with a caveat: all dog owners must be present within the enclosure or immediately next to the owner-supplied temporary fencing and in full and immediate control of their dogs at all times. Owner-supplied temporary fencing is unlikely to be sufficient to keep dogs from jumping over the short fences and running loose.	Apr 3, 2013 1:30 PM
213	If they want to set up fencing, it harms no one and should be allowed.	Apr 3, 2013 1:16 PM
214	Probably would result in inconsistent results without proper administration, rules, oversight, etc.	Apr 3, 2013 12:27 PM
215	hard to control	Apr 3, 2013 12:06 PM
216	During weekdays only.	Apr 3, 2013 11:56 AM
217	how many times do I need to say this....parks are for people first!	Apr 3, 2013 11:43 AM
218	Not sure how this would work. Temporary fencing, maybe for very small dogs. Not too practical for larger dogs that need space to run.	Apr 3, 2013 11:43 AM
219	It's not necessary. The dogs can do that in the owners' yards.	Apr 3, 2013 11:42 AM
220	That would be unattractive.	Apr 3, 2013 10:19 AM
221	No guarantee the fencing would be sturdy enough to prevent escapes.	Apr 3, 2013 10:07 AM

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222	That sounds dumb.	Apr 3, 2013 9:36 AM
223	This would be difficult to manage. Some people would be responsible, some not.	Apr 3, 2013 9:03 AM
224	Their location may inefficiently use the grounds preventing others from enjoying the space. In addition, knowing that there is a greater probability that I am walking through dog feces or urine would be troubling.	Apr 3, 2013 8:41 AM
225	I have a large dog that runs 200 feet to fetch a ball. Thus, temporary fencing is not feasible for me. If the small dog owners get this and the large dog owners get nothing I will be very disappointed.	Apr 2, 2013 8:33 PM
226	Yes to physical fencing and electronic fencing	Apr 2, 2013 5:11 PM
227	too random and unstructured.	Apr 2, 2013 12:25 PM

Page 5, Q9. In what recreational activities do you typically participate when you visit Sunnyvale parks?

1	city employee	May 10, 2013 5:21 PM
2	The BEST dog park in the area is Reed dog park in Santa Clara. Check it out!! Nice combination of grass, hill, shade, benches, gravel area, separate small/large dogs, etc. Go visit it.	May 7, 2013 10:53 PM
3	Enjoying peace and quiet. Family gatherings.	May 3, 2013 10:12 AM
4	I walk every day or like to ride my old bike with foot brakes in empty duck pond in winter. Since I don't hear well, I fear riding in streets and it is a safe place for this 78 yr old woman to ride. Actually, you could do great things with your empty pool in winter....for small bikes for kids, scooters, or bikes for those over 65. Wow, imagine something special for old folk! But a policeman was chasing 3 yr olds on bikes out of the pond the other day...very rudely!!!!	May 1, 2013 10:28 AM
5	hang out with family on the open grass when weather is too hot to be indoors. At times lay on the grass and rest and I don't want to be worried a dog will come up and bit me or my family.	Apr 29, 2013 10:05 PM
6	I visit with friends who have dogs.	Apr 29, 2013 10:19 AM
7	I let my dogs off the leash whether or not the park likes it.	Apr 27, 2013 12:47 AM
8	Small private parties	Apr 25, 2013 1:44 PM
9	Why isn't Washington Park on the list of possible locations?	Apr 24, 2013 8:21 AM
10	Having a safe and clean place to walk and play with my dog is the most important to me. Also, please consider not only parks, but walking trails.	Apr 23, 2013 4:59 PM
11	Communtiy garden	Apr 23, 2013 2:18 PM
12	I was a sunnyvale resident for over 20 years and just recently moved to Santa Clara. My small dog does not like playing with big dogs, which is the setup at Las Palmas. There are a lot of dog owners in Sunnyvale and it would be nice to have a second location for people and their dogs to go.	Apr 23, 2013 1:18 PM
13	paracourses	Apr 23, 2013 12:39 PM
14	I used to have two dogs that passed away recently. I think this world needs to be friendlier to these amazing animals	Apr 22, 2013 10:29 PM
15	Used to have a dog and walked through park.. Often challenged by dogs off leash and running around well beyond owner control...	Apr 22, 2013 12:12 PM
16	I walk my dog on leash in my neighborhood park, but have had my dog attacked and threatened by two pit bulls and a shepard, because she is on leash and they are not. She is a large breed too.	Apr 20, 2013 9:37 AM
17	I like to pet dogs. Since we have cats at home, no dog, I go for walks and enjoy petting other people's dogs (with the owners' permission, of course.) It's also fun just to watch them enjoying themselves – chasing balls, playing together, etc.	Apr 18, 2013 3:51 PM
18	Dogs have been way too much in ponderosa park, sunnyvale - and many of the	Apr 18, 2013 2:32 PM

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	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.	
19	As a family, our child and dog love to go to the parks in Sunnyvale	Apr 18, 2013 8:31 AM
20	Birthdays and cookouts	Apr 17, 2013 5:10 PM
21	Additional Comment: The dog park needs to have water. This would be #1 for me. Better yet, a water feature for the dogs who enjoy water, especially on hot days, would be fantastic. #2 would be to have the dog park away from the children's area and sporting areas, if the park is big enough to allow this. Dogs have very sensitive hearing and loud, sharp noises can scare some dogs.	Apr 17, 2013 8:54 AM
22	tennis	Apr 15, 2013 7:49 PM
23	dog walking, we don't use the dog parks because CCI (Canine Companions for Independence will not allow it.	Apr 15, 2013 4:43 PM
24	Just so you know... the survey question regarding dog park feature priorities... the prioritization feature didn't work. I couldn't change it to reflect my desire.	Apr 15, 2013 11:20 AM
25	Bicycling	Apr 15, 2013 11:12 AM
26	I lived in Sunnyvale for 25 years, just recently moved. One problem I've had at dog parks is that there always seems to be a "bully" dog/owner that enjoys watching their dog pick on other dogs. Also, not everyone picks up after their dogs. It's hard enough to monitor fenced areas, unfenced could lead to huge problems. Dogs can get into that "pack mentality" - not all dogs obey commands all the time and can show their more aggressive side when around other dogs.	Apr 15, 2013 9:51 AM
27	I also use the parks to practice sports with my kids.	Apr 15, 2013 9:40 AM
28	NOT Las Palmas Dog Park. Went one time only. Dirty, muddy, big dogs. Not a place for my bijon frise. Unacceptable fr small dogs.	Apr 13, 2013 12:59 AM
29	I personally do not go to the fenced, off leash dog parks because my dog does not feel comfortable in them. The dogs tend to run in a pack and she is very nervous and submissive in that environment. We get to Ortega Park religiously every day and on occasion Serra and Las Palmas. Running into off leash dogs is always difficult to manage. Just because people choose to bring a dog into their home who live in a city, doesn't mean they have the right to let them run off-leash in a public park. Many people are frightened of dogs and no one can guarantee the dog will obey.	Apr 11, 2013 8:54 PM
30	Ride bike	Apr 10, 2013 3:24 PM
31	I also enjoy watching skillful RC Plane pilots.	Apr 10, 2013 11:38 AM
32	Getting away from "cityness" - seeking peace & beauty, fresh air & nature's	Apr 9, 2013 4:08 PM

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	soothing aromas, a cool place on a hot evening, a place to meet up with friends to chat while their children play, a place to read or have an extended phone conversation if no one is around to be bothered by it, a place to just sit & think & be a person, somewhere to walk with a friend while chatting - a place to refresh,	
33	Letting young children and their dogs run around until they're exhausted, so I can sleep too.	Apr 9, 2013 2:31 PM
34	Team events occasionally as well. Closest to Yahoo!	Apr 8, 2013 5:55 PM
35	We walk to school through the park. Our children play in the park.	Apr 8, 2013 5:07 PM
36	We have owned dogs in the past and may well in the future. Without question, dogs enjoy their time off-leash and the owners enjoy seeing them do so. The fenced area in Las Palmas Park is a great way to allow dogs and owners to enjoy those benefits without significantly impacting other users of the park participating in activities incompatible with free roaming dogs. Setting aside an area for small dogs increases the number of dogs and owners who benefit. We just need to ensure that the human beings are not denied the use of the park by dogs and their owners. (Sorry. Not the right place for this set of comments but I did not see the correct one.)	Apr 8, 2013 1:52 PM
37	I enjoy watching the dogs in the Las Palmas dog park. I would appreciate creation of an area where viewing of the dogs inside is easier for individuals without dogs outside.	Apr 8, 2013 1:51 PM
38	I often take my dogs to Shoreline Park in Mountain View for off leash play - it is, frankly, much nicer than the Sunnyvale dog park with the decomposed granite surface and lots of room to throw the ball. I rarely take my dogs to the Sunnyvale Dog park. Too dirty! I take the dogs to Palo Alto a lot because it is a more dog friendly city - particularly Stanford/University Avenue - that means we spend \$\$ in Palo Alto and Mountain View, rather than Sunnyvale.	Apr 6, 2013 5:36 PM
39	I no longer have a dog, but used the parks for dog walking when I did. And sometimes walk now with dog owners.	Apr 6, 2013 9:52 AM
40	Hobby activities that are Not unlawful as per the signs listed at the parks.	Apr 6, 2013 2:19 AM
41	Relaxing - reading -	Apr 5, 2013 9:05 PM
42	I like dogs and occasionally do walk dogs from my neighborhood (about once/month)	Apr 5, 2013 7:38 PM
43	Spectator at organized sports	Apr 5, 2013 5:22 PM
44	Reading in the park, hang out with friends	Apr 5, 2013 11:00 AM
45	Sitting on benches to simply enjoy the park.	Apr 4, 2013 3:34 PM
46	Cub Scouting Activities	Apr 4, 2013 10:31 AM
47	Training my dog.	Apr 3, 2013 11:15 PM
48	Kid playdates & dog playdates	Apr 3, 2013 8:20 PM

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49	Kite flying, bicycling, reading	Apr 3, 2013 7:47 PM
50	Peacefully lounging innocently on grass hoping to avoid licking or nipping dogs.	Apr 3, 2013 5:49 PM
51	Just sitting	Apr 3, 2013 5:35 PM
52	Horse shoes	Apr 3, 2013 12:52 PM
53	I live near Las Palmas Park and use it almost every day.	Apr 3, 2013 11:57 AM
54	No place else to input: also would like source of water suitable for dog drinking	Apr 3, 2013 10:36 AM
55	<p>Little League family, play basketball, run and walk, take dogs to park, meet with friends. Occasionally a LL sponsored picnic, etc. You should know that the large dog owners who let their dogs off leash at Sunnyvale parks (and get ticketed as if they are criminals) are some of the most conscientious dog owners that you have. They know that their large dogs might intimidate others, so they stay hyper-vigilant. They go out of their way to find a place FAR from people and kids. We are trying to exercise our dogs in peace and quiet, yet we are being systematically hunted by Animal Control. I understand that you get phone calls about dogs being off leash, but the amount of tickets has gone through the roof! It used to be WAY easier to be a Sunnyvale citizen with a large dog. Now it almost seems like persecution, as if you want us to move out of Sunnyvale. Meanwhile the number of robberies is also through the roof. Police and city services money should be going to INVESTIGATIVE efforts. Large dogs PREVENT home robberies, they are a FRIEND to the city. Large dog owners should not be made to feel like criminals where they pay taxes. We should be a welcome constituency. Thanks for listening. We appreciate the fact that you are reaching out to us.</p>	Apr 2, 2013 8:43 PM

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

The City of Sunnyvale is studying dog parks and off-leash alternatives to dog parks. As part of the study, the public is encouraged to provide input by completing this survey. This survey is open to anyone and is not restricted to dog owners or residents of Sunnyvale.

Total # Surveys Collected at Community Outreach Meetings or Hard Copies at City Hall: 74

**1. Would you support more dog parks established Sunnyvale parks or other City-owned property with permanent – fenced, off-leash areas for dogs?**

Yes    No

Yes – 70            94.5%

No – 4              5.4%

**2. Several sites in Sunnyvale are currently being reviewed for the feasibility of establishing an off-leash area for dogs. Would you support adding a designated off-leash area for dogs at the following sites?**

- Las Palmas (small dog area)    yes    no
- Lakewood Park                    yes    no
- Fair Oaks Park                    yes    no
- Serra Park                         yes    no

Las Palmas    Yes – 56            75%

Lakewood     Yes – 54            72%

Fair Oaks     Yes – 52            70%

Serra         Yes – 43            58%

If you answered no and would like to explain or would like to suggest another location, please comment below:

- Panama Park – Yes!
- Also Raynor & Ortega
- Raynor
- Panama – off leash hours
- Would like Panama to have off-leash hours
- Panama
- Scheduled off-leash time at Panama
- There should be off-leash time at Panama
- Panama Park
- Panama/Ortega
- Need more dog park close to Lakewood to handle dogs from Lakewood, Fairwood & Trailer Parks - I would not drive to another dog park if not on north side

- Fairwood Park – Yes – A location close to where I live
- Fairwood Park – Yes
- Baylands
- Baylands
- Baylands – 5 acres at least
- Baylands – 3 to 5 acres
- Baylands
- Baylands – 3 acres at least
- Serra Park – Yes – good to support local businesses
- Off-leash permit fee for designated area
- Separate large & Small dogs
- Murphy Park
- Fairwood Park – Yes
- Lakewood only on southside between the bike path and the houses facing Lakehaven (around the area that has a fence around tall reeds)
- Panama full park off-leash hours; close in the fence would also be nice
- Green belt areas
- Braly Park off of Iris
- If only you designate dog parks and human only parks and not mix the two.

**3. If additional permanently fenced off-leash areas in dog parks are established in Sunnyvale, what amenities/features should be included? Rank in order of preference, where #1 is most preferred. (note: most respondents checked boxes, but did not rank)**

- Bulletin board(s)
- Dispenser for dog waste bags
- Double-gated entry
- Trash receptacles
- Separate area for large and small dogs
- Artificial turf
- Trees/shade
- Decomposed granite
- Benches
- Grass/natural turf
- Picnic Tables
- Other (please specify)

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

- Yes
- Yes, but at restricted times only
- No

If no, why not?

Yes – 38 51%  
 Yes, restricted times – 13 17%  
 No – 12 16%  
 Skipped Question: 11

Comments:

- This is the most important! Please, allow dogs off-leash in Panama Park
- Would support off-leash areas at designated times; it is preferable to be able to walk to a place where you can have your dog off-leash
- Yes – most definitely
- Allow dog owners to use lawn areas at other park areas/schools. Maybe require folks to get permission i.e. proof dog has shots, education on poop pick-up, dog training, etc. It is done informally now.
- Scheduled off-leash time at Panama Park
- There should be off-leash hours at Panama
- Dogs need off-leash time/community time with other dogs and other people
- Yes, but has to be monitored
- No, there are too many people with pit bulls and other unpredictable dogs.
- I suggest that dogs less than 30 lbs. be exempted from being on leash if they have a city tag and owner is around.
- No – animal nature
- Full Panama Park when park is virtually empty – allow off-leash
- No – not all dog owners have control of their dogs even though they think they do.
- No – use the dog park
- No – enough off-leash already
- No – not safe for dogs
- No – dogs and children need separation
- No – dogs are unreliable and can easily knock someone over
- No – dogs already run free all day in Las Palmas. One killed my cat.
- No – fencing is necessary
- Fencing around my idea OK. Dog parks only, so dogs do not run out into the street. You should have at least 4-5 parks for humans and dogs. The rest of the parks in Sunnyvale “No Dogs Allowed.” Within the 4-5 dog parks, you can make them “leash area” or “run free” area. Out of the 4-5 “dogs only” park, you can have 2 parks for small dogs, only. You can have people pay a fee for time slots, 30 minute increments to have dog run exclusively reserved.
- Dogs can get aggressive and run after things randomly

**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?**

Yes No

If no, why not?

Yes – 41 55%

No – 15 20%

Skipped Question – 18 24%

Comments:

- Bring own fencing – great idea!
- Not without specific, enforced time limits
- If fence in the only way to keep animal control out
- No sure how I feel about this – could be very intrusive to other visitors. Why not a long cable 20 ft. anchored in the ground.
- Yes, especially if there is no other option for small dogs.
- Fencing material must be adequate to contain and high enough.
- Storage, set-up and take-down is a nuisance, but it works! Advantage: grass can be maintained without having to work around a fixed barrier
- No – dog runs are in place for that purpose.

**Are you a Sunnyvale resident?**

Yes No

Yes – 58 78%

No – 1 1%

Skipped Question – 15

**6. Do you own a dog?**

Yes No

Yes – 53 72%

No – 6 8%

Skipped Question – 15 20%

**7. Do you visit Sunnyvale Parks?**

Yes – 57 77% No 0 Skipped Question – 17 22%

**OTHER COMMENTS:**

- Water feature for dogs to play in and cool off. Fair Oaks has the fountain kids can play in. Dogs would enjoy a similar feature
- The City needs to improve enforcement against littering, vandalism in general, and irresponsible dog owners.

- I suggest that dogs less than 30 lbs be exempted from being on leash if they have a City tag and owner is around.
- I suggest having non-uniformed officers on foot or bikes and/or cameras. The schedule of fines should be increasing: 1<sup>st</sup> offense =warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = moderately low fine (\$100), 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = \$300, 4<sup>th</sup> offense = Fine + Prosecution
- The bike path is full of weeds, the Hetch Hetchy area is always vandalized and smells like gas, should work with PG&E and Water District to stop gangs and destruction.
- I think a list of dog regulations should be included in our utilities bill; every household receives a bill
- Some dog owners think they have full control but they don't. That is hard to regulate. Very few people know that a 6' leash is a regulation in Sunnyvale.
- In Sunnyvale, many years ago, Adult Education had a class for dog owners to to work on training your dogs behavior around other dogs. Dog training today is VERY EXPENSIVE. Would love to see that happen again.
- No food in dog areas
- How many special areas can a park maintain?



**SUMMARY of CORRESPONDENCE**  
**City of Sunnyvale**  
**Public Comments**

Council 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 received via email and/or voicemail regarding dog parks and alternatives in Sunnyvale's Park System.

Date	Via	Resident	Abbreviated Comments
4/1/13	email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned with safety of park users due to dogs off-leash at Panama Park.</li> <li>• Off-leash dogs interfere with permitted sports use.</li> </ul>
4/1/13	Email, Parks AP	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about dogs off leash at Panama Park.</li> <li>• Children have been scared and knocked down by dogs several times.</li> <li>• Stepped in dog feces many times.</li> <li>• I was recently bitten by a dog.</li> <li>• Support additional dog park facilities in Sunnyvale with corresponding enforcement of leash laws.</li> <li>• Needs to be multiple dog parks conveniently located to reduce current illegal defacto dog parks.</li> <li>• Do not sacrifice the limited team sport field space during peak youth league practice times.</li> </ul>
4/4/13	Email, Parks AP	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about the dogs off leash Lakewood. Dog ran after son, growling and barking while playing soccer.</li> <li>• We find it very rude and inconsiderate that people leave their dogs off leash ALL THE TIME.</li> <li>• Need authorities to start ticketing people who have their dogs off leash.</li> </ul>
4/7/13	Email, Parks AP	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serra Park dog run feasible space in the trees adjacent to Serra School buildings</li> <li>• The City should take measures to ensure pet owners take responsibility for their pets and keep impacts to the neighbors to a minimum.</li> </ul>
4/7/13	Email, Parks AP	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add Fairwood Park to list of potential dog parks.</li> <li>• A lot of owners have their dogs off-leash in the grassy area.</li> <li>• Suggested times 7-10 a.m. and 5-8 p.m.</li> </ul>

4/7/13	Email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live near Las Palmas. Support a fenced dog park for small dogs. COMPLETELY AGAINST open area for dogs or temporary fencing.</li> <li>• Some dog owners have proven repeatedly that they do not control their dogs.</li> <li>• Coach soccer at Las Palmas; problem with players stepping in dog poop. This ruins the whole practice and risks health problems for kids.</li> <li>• Rude dog owners. Dogs run over and take soccer cones; owners think it is funny and return a chewed up cone.</li> <li>• Give small dog owners their own area. Do not let them continue to leave dog poop all over parks.</li> </ul>
4/9/2013	Email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live near Las Palmas w/ wife and 3 kids.</li> <li>• Concern about lack of care by dog owners who let their dogs off leash (big &amp; small dogs)</li> <li>• Have stepped and fallen in dog poop when playing ball.</li> <li>• Animal control has not enforced it; signage is extremely small/non-existent.</li> <li>• Recommend simply erect a small fence within the larger dog park that is cordoned off for smaller dogs.</li> <li>• Owners should be using existing dog park.</li> </ul>
4/12/2013	Email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small dog owners have claimed the grassy area of Las Palmas as their own.</li> <li>• Scary for children to play because they become targets for the dogs and get chased.</li> <li>• Difficult to have a soccer or baseball game without stepping in dog poop.</li> <li>• Large dogs also off-leash unfenced - taking over the grassy area, yet close to Las Palmas Dog Park.</li> <li>• Calls to Animal Control to report violations have done nothing to curb the problem. Current off-leash regulations need to be enforced.</li> </ul>
4/8/2013	Voicemail	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should be a separate area for small dogs at Las Palmas Park.</li> </ul>
4/16/2013	Voicemail	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wants a dog park at Serra Park. There used to be a group that would get together with dogs off-leash. Recently, animal control gave out citations and the group no longer goes to the park.</li> </ul>

4/16/2013	Email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggests an off-leash voice and sight command program. Example: <i>City of Boulder's Voice and Sight Dog Tag Program.</i></li> </ul>
4/16/2013	Letter	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The location of the Las Palmas Dog Park represents no respect for "Mathilda Garden Apartments" and the single family homes edging Las Palmas main parking lot.</li> <li>• Dog park is dirty, unattractive, run-down.</li> <li>• We have to deal with noise and dust in our back yard.</li> <li>• Move the present dog park to a central location with separate enclosures for large &amp; small dogs, including water, benches, shade, and plastic bags.</li> <li>• Many dog owners have always allowed their dogs to run loose throughout the park. Enforcement of leash law is totally lacking and never enforced.</li> </ul>
5/3/2013	Web Request	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opposes spending even one penny of City resources on a "Dog Park". Code violations are not enforced. A dog park would be a liability Sunnyvale cannot afford.</li> <li>• Other ways to improve our town with the public's best interest at heart. Dog park is not one of them.</li> </ul>
5/16/2013	Email	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People are more interested in off-leash access to their local parks, rather than some new dog park to which they have to drive.</li> <li>• Need off-leash access at Panama Park</li> <li>• Turn Las Palmas duck pond into a dog park. Pond is kept empty/dry most of the year, which is a waste of space.</li> <li>• Use existing dog park as a small dog area; once it has new turf.</li> <li>• Make the duck pond a large dog area with artificial turf over most of it, but with a small area kept as a pond for water dogs to chase balls, etc.</li> <li>• This pond would use a portion of the existing plumbing, and might require construction of a concrete ramp for dog to easily exit the water.</li> <li>• The rest of the area may be filled in and topped with artificial turf.</li> <li>• This would be welcomed by many dog owners.</li> </ul>

5/20/2013	Web Request	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concerned about dogs off leash at Lakewood Park. My son has been chased several times and is now terrified of dogs. Today at the park I saw at least 10 dogs without leashes. A small dog came after my son, his ears were down and teeth were showing. I felt threatened. I wish and plead for someone to address this issue. We saw the dog owner was not carrying any leashes.</li><li>• I wish dog owners would be more responsible for their pets. It's really getting out of hand. I feel like small dog owners feel they don't have to use the leash. That doesn't mean much when my son is running screaming—terrified. Are there any leash laws? Are small dogs an exception?</li></ul>
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