



**City of Sunnyvale
Department of Public Works
Parks Division
INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN**



DOGS WELCOME IN SUNNYVALE'S NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Dogs are welcome in the City's neighborhood parks as long as they are accompanied by responsible owners.

Parks staff do monitor the activities of dogs and will educate visitors with regard to related park rules and regulations. Those who fail to obey related laws, however, are subject to citation, and owners of off-leash dogs may be held responsible for any damage or injury caused by their pets.

Leash Law*: Sunnyvale requires that dogs in parks be on a leash 6 feet or less in length at all times (see "Dog Park" and "Baylands Park" below for exceptions for this law). Dogs off-leash will be reported to Public Safety Animal Control at (408) 730-7178, and dogs unaccompanied by their owners may be taken to the Humane Society in Milpitas.

Nuisance Law*: Dog owners are responsible for the removal of any fecal matter (nuisance) their pets deposit on park property. Responsibility for this task rests solely with pet owners who should always carry those supplies necessary to clean up after their pets.

Dog Park: In 1992, a ½ acre site specifically designed to allow dogs a place to run off-leash was constructed at Las Palmas Park, 850 Russet Drive. It can be accessed by entering the parking lot off of Spinosa Drive at the northern end of the park. The dog park includes a "fido water fountain," benches for weary owners, and plenty of open space over which to run. Except when closed for maintenance or renovation, it is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Baylands Park: Sunnyvale Baylands Park is a regional rather than a neighborhood park, and it includes both seasonal wetlands and grassy fields where birds and small mammals nest. Due to the importance of protecting these ecologically sensitive habitats, dogs are not permitted in this park.

****Violations of the Leash Law and Nuisance Law may be reported to the Public Safety Department, Animal Control Unit and can be subject to citations and fines.***

For more information, call the Parks Division at (408) 730-7506.