

## Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

### **1. Do you have a dog? If so, where are your favorite places to walk your dog?**

Yes! I have a 5 year old Yellow Labrador Retriever named Skye. She's a Canine Angel (<http://canine-angels.org/>) "Pal" dog. We received her to help with emotional regulation and companionship for my son, who is on the Autism Spectrum. She brings great joy and comfort to our entire family. Our favorite place to walk is around the neighborhood (Vintage Oaks). We also enjoy Stulsaft Park in Redwood City where she can run around with my kids.

### **2. What parks, schools, open spaces and trails in Menlo Park do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash and/or off-leash?**

Dogs make life better. I believe that dogs on-leash should be permitted at any city-owned recreational facility. As far as off-leash locations, it is important that residents have nearby and accessible places where they can have off-leash time for their pets. I would like to see enclosed places and visiting times throughout the City.

### **3. What do you believe the dog access at Bedwell Bayfront Park should be? Should there be portions of the Park that allow dogs off-leash under voice control?**

I appreciate the current access for dogs on-leash at Bedwell Bayfront Park. I am open to exploring off-leash opportunities at this location. This is an especially important site for residents of District 1 and I am in favor of equitable opportunities to recreate near one's home throughout the City.

### **4. Nealon Park allows dogs off-leash M-F 8-10 am on the field and Willow Oaks Park allows dogs off-leash daily 7-9 am and 4 pm-Dusk in a small area. Do you believe the limited hours allowing dogs off-leash at these parks is:**

- (a) The right amount of time for dogs off-leash each day.
- (b) There should be more off-leash dog time each day.
- (c) These parks should not allow dogs off-leash at all.

**Please explain your choice.**

I am either (a) or (b). At public parks there needs to be a balance between providing times for dogs to run and ensuring that visitors without dogs have open space to enjoy dog-free. Given that so many residents are currently working from home, and may want to take their dogs out mid-day (whereas before they only took their dogs out before and after work), there may be a need for additional off-leash hours in the middle of the day. I would also imagine that dog owners would want more off-leash hours on the weekends. This is a topic that I would like to learn more about from your members and others in the community.

**5. Is there anything else you would like voters to know about your position on recreational dog walking access?**

I love dogs. I would like to make our public spaces more accessible and inclusive for pets. In addition, as we look to add more housing in Menlo Park, we will see more units without big backyards and private outdoor space. Public places where people can enjoy their dogs will be needed even more. That being said, we must strike a careful balance and ensure that our community is one in which all can feel a sense of belonging (those with and without dogs).

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to answer your questions. Happy dog walking!



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*Thank you for answering these questions. We plan on putting your answers on our website to make it easy for your constituents to view your positions.*