



Digging into Sacramento's Thoughts on Dog Parks in Land Park and Curtis Park!

WHY DID WE SNIFF AROUND?

Sacramento's Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment wanted to hear the community's input about dog parks in the Land Park and Curtis Park communities. From June 26 to July 24, 2024, over 1,660 people shared their paws-itive (and not-so-paws-itive) feedback in a survey aimed at exploring new dog park options. YPCE is excited to share the research findings and move forward with next steps! Wag on and read on!

DOGGIE DEMOS & PARK PREFERENCES

Let's see where the paws are walking and wagging!

- Almost **3 of 4** of respondents live within one mile of Land Park.
- **3 of 4** have a tail-wagging companion.
- **1 in 4** visit dog parks sporadically.
- **1 in 4** visit dog parks daily or weekly.
- **40%** never take their furballs to a dog park.
- **Over half** would take their dogs to a (new) dog park in the Land Park area at least weekly.

LEADERS OF THE PACK

Top reason for park visits? Socializing pups!

- **3 in 4** want their dogs to make furry friends.
- **2 in 3** want to exercise their dogs.

BIG BARKS FOR BETTER PARKS The top responses when dog owners were asked why they stay away from dog parks:

- **Chaos & cleanliness:** 40% bark about dirty, muddy parks and leftover dog poop.
- **Dog bullying:** 33% worry about aggressive behavior, with 10% worried about dog-to-dog interaction.

WISHLIST FOR PAWSOME DOG PARKS!

- **Enhanced safety:** Owners want better fences and separate spaces for small and large pups.
- **Bone-worthy facilities:** More water stations, shady trees, and benches keep those tails wagging.
- **Off-leash hours:** Early morning and late evening playtimes get a bark of approval.

DROP-IN STYLE OPEN HOUSE
Belle Cooledge Library
October 23 from 6-7:15pm

- Discuss survey outcomes
- Weigh pros & cons of top 2 options
- Provide input and ideas
- Select your favorite

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Paws Up for Dog Parks!

The community supports both a fenced and unfenced off-leash dog park in Land Park, but a fenced park gets the biggest wag.

Paw-sitive Picks: More than half support a pilot, unfenced dog park and a strong majority support a permanent fenced dog park in Land Park and in Curtis Park.

Dog Parks Not for

Everywag: Main concerns were chaotic atmosphere, cleanliness, bullying and dog safety. Other concerns were human safety, human activity, parking impacts, traffic, event conflicts.

Pup-Approved Hotspots:

Favorite Land Park spots for a permanent dog park are Freeport & 14th Ave and the Land Park Panhandle.

Safety First! Dog safety concerns bark the loudest.

