

Dog Safety

Ms Dumas's 4th graders 24-25





Project Citizen & Who We Are

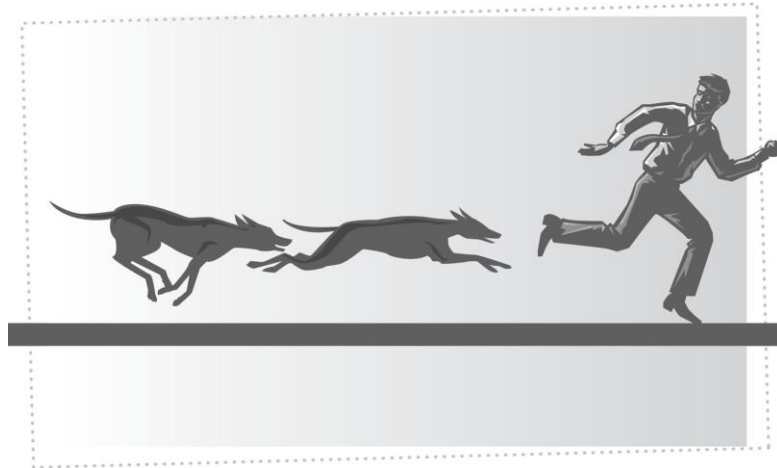


Hello! We are Mrs. Dumas's 4th grade class. We are doing Project Citizen in Library and Enrichment class. Project Citizen is an academic class that we do in school. We try and solve problems and help the world! We did research by interviewing people and reading articles. We interviewed The Crate Escape and The Humane Society. We are pitching our solution to..... YOU!



The Community Challenge

The problem we came to consensus on as a class is that dogs off leash are not safe! Dogs are going into neighbor's yards and into roads. Richmond has no dog parks and no off leash trails, so dogs do not have any places to be free and get their energy out. Please consider our informed request.



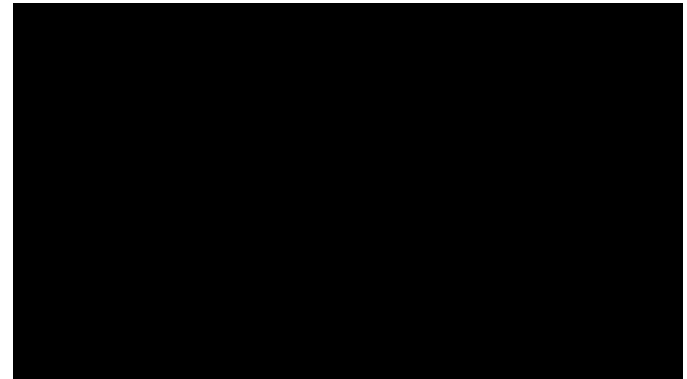
Informed Request



Would you please consider a dog park with two different areas for small and large dogs? It would need a chain link fence about 5-6 ft tall and a big field. Also, can you put in a hiking trail where dogs can be off leash? Because in Richmond, there is a hiking trail for dogs but your dog has to wear a leash, which is not fair because they can't run around as much. Also it's not always safe for the dogs to be around busy roads.

So in all, we are asking for this:

- Separate spaces for dogs in a dog park
- Trails where dogs can be off leash and run
- More dog safety close to roads



Why a Dog Park?

Without dog parks, dogs might do things like bite someone, run away somewhere, or go on someone else's private property. They also need exercise so they are calmer inside the house.

Dogs can get more energy out in a dog park compared to a leashed walk.

Why have two different spaces? Big dogs can accidentally run over smaller dogs.



Why a Dog Park? continued

Both dogs and humans can socialize and benefit from a dog park.

Richmond residents don't have access to a dog park in town or nearby. It is at least a 20 minute drive to get to the nearest dog park.



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Why off leash trails?

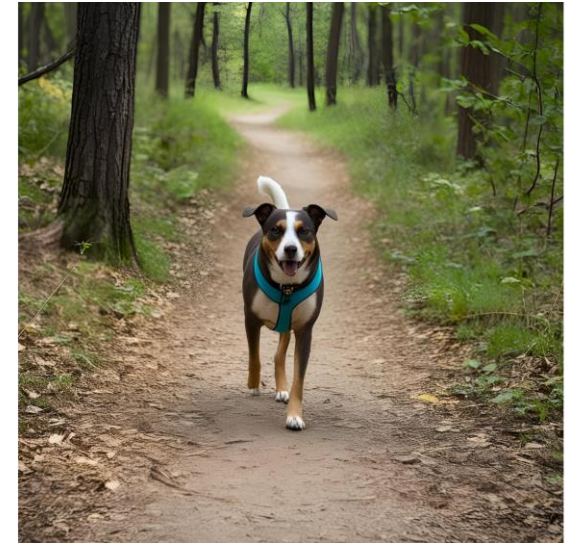
An off leash trail would be helpful for both dogs and humans to get exercise in an uncontained way. The dog can “walk the human.” The dog can help lead the way and have some freedom.

An off leash trail can be a less stimulating way for dogs to get energy out.

This would also give them lots of places to smell and keep their brains engaged. It would help them feel safe and calm.

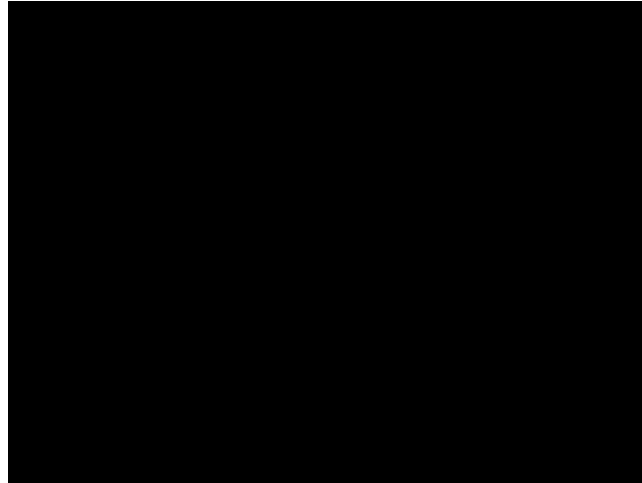
Dogs need enrichment and dog parks and off leash trails can help dogs play!

Dogs should be on their leash in all other spaces because it keeps them and others safe.



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Thank you for your time
and
consideration!



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