



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 7

Report To: Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: August 16, 2021

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Agenda Title: For Discussion Only: Discussion regarding recommendations to staff concerning a dog use policy or ordinance for Carson City parks and open space areas, including a review of draft Dog Rules and Regulations policy guidelines. (*Lyndsey Boyer and Jennifer Budge*)

Staff Summary: This item will continue the discussion and gather feedback from the Open Space Advisory Committee regarding potential direction concerning dog use policies within Carson City. Additionally, a draft of policy statements and items for discussion is available for review and comment.

Agenda Action: Other/Presentation

Time Requested: 60 minutes

Proposed Motion

N/A

Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

This item is a continuation from the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) and Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC) in December 2020 and June 2021, as well as individual meetings with PRC and OSAC in April 2021, regarding dog related policies within the City's Park and Open Space system. Due to the challenges with inconsistent signage, locations and regulations throughout Parks, Open Space and trails, more consistent policies are desired by staff for transparency with the public. The purpose of this item is to obtain continued feedback from the Open Space Advisory Committee on potential policies to consider within Carson City, with potential recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for future consideration. Additionally, staff have begun drafting a policy summarizing recommendations received from both the Open Space Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Commission, as well as the public regarding dog use in parks and open space. A subcommittee was formed at the June 2021 joint meeting of PRC and OSAC, and data received from one of the subcommittee members from OSAC is also attached here for review.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Dog Rules and Regulations Draft Policy Statements

ATTACHMENT 2 – Summary of Survey Data

ATTACHMENT 3 – Summary of Survey Comments

ATTACHMENT 4 - Dog Waste Station Location Breakdown

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

CCMC provisions related to dogs:

13.02.090 - *Dogs in park.*

13.02.120 - *Animals.*

13.02.140 - *Flora and fauna.*

7.13.080 - *Responsibilities of owner: Duty to restrain; duty to provide food and water; duty to dispose of animal's solid waste; prohibition against causing offensive conditions; duty to arrange for medical care and report results that are positive for the rabies virus.*

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? Yes No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? Yes No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact:

Alternatives

Provide staff with additional direction or policies to research.

DRAFT POLICY STATEMENTS FOR OSAC DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Dogs are required to be licensed, healthy, and up to date on all vaccinations
2. Dogs are required to be on a leash at all times except in designated areas.
3. Dogs are prohibited (except service animals) at certain specialty parks, buildings, or facilities

Parks and Recreation Buildings:

- a) Aquatics Facility
- b) Community Center
- c) Foreman Robert's House
- d) Multipurpose Athletic Center (MAC)
- e) Parks and Recreation Administration
- f) Red House at Silver Saddle Ranch
- g) Wungnema House

Special Use Facilities and Sports Complexes

- a) Capital City Gun Club
- b) Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park
- c) Governor's Field
- d) JohnD Winters Centennial Park (includes Eagle Valley Golf Course)
- e) McFadden Splash Pad
- f) Pete Livermore Sports Complex
- g) Rifle and Pistol Range
- h) Tom Miggs Archery Range

4. Certain areas are designated for off leash use. Dogs off leash in designated areas must be under voice control of the owner and the owner must carry one leash for each dog under their control at all times.

The following areas are "dog friendly" and designated for off leash use:

- Fenced dog parks (Sonoma and Fuji Parks)
- Open Space
- Natural Surface/Dirt/Non-paved Trails
- Certain Parks

Discussion Topic: Which areas should be included in these categories? If only certain parks, which ones and why? Different guidance for paved trails vs. non-paved trails?

5. Dogs are required to be on a leash OR are prohibited in certain areas that are environmentally sensitive, contain a conservation easement/deed restriction, or are historically or culturally significant. Environmental sensitivity may include nesting habitat, wetlands, riparian areas with critical cottonwood galleries or similar areas.

Trailheads (owners may let dogs off leash on trail, but at least 200 ft. from trailhead)

Discussion Topic: Which areas should be included and why? Some considerations:

- Seasonal Closures during nesting season (April-October)
- Carson River corridor – how to identify consistent practices
- Active ranching/grazing areas (ex. sheep on west side)
- Wetlands

6. Dogs are prohibited (except service animals) at the following locations:
- Empire, Lone Mountain and Pioneer Cemeteries

Discussion Topic: Which areas should be included and why?

PRC discussing:

- Detention basin parks
- Neighborhood parks
- Cemeteries

Staff currently following up on dog use specifically related to these items:

- Detention basin parks (water quality and health concerns?)
- Tributaries of Carson River ie. Ash and Kings Creek (water quality)
- Nesting habitat and potential conflicts with birds

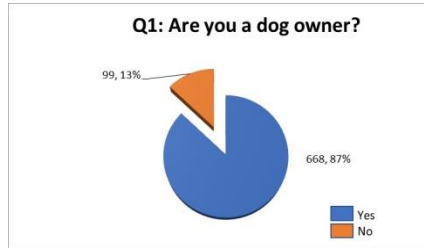
Discussion Topic: What other areas need additional research and consideration?

Summary of The Dog Survey

General

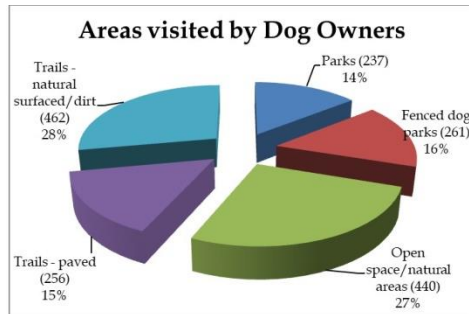
1. Are you a dog owner?

🐾 99 of 668 - 14% of respondents did not own dogs-good representative for survey



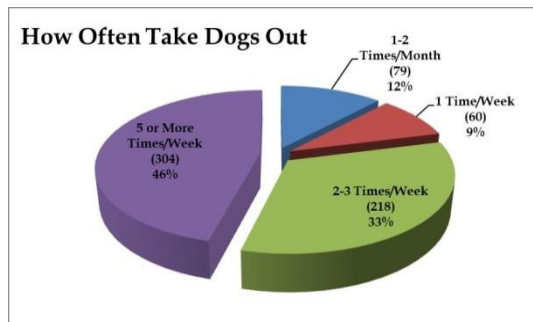
2. If you answered no to question #1, please skip to question #5. If you answered yes to question #1, where do you typically take your dog? Please select all that apply.

🐾 A real mix of where dogs are taken in the community
 Only 16% to dog parks and parks are only at 14%
 Most open Space 27% [not sure if respondents were clear on definition]
 Trails[natural surface] 28% and then 15% Paved



3. How often do you take your dog out to these areas?

🐾 2-5 times a week 79% of respondents



4. Of the following areas, which do you frequent with your dog most often?

🐾 Dog parks[28%] or open space trails[west side 26%] [east side 40%] most frequented by respondents

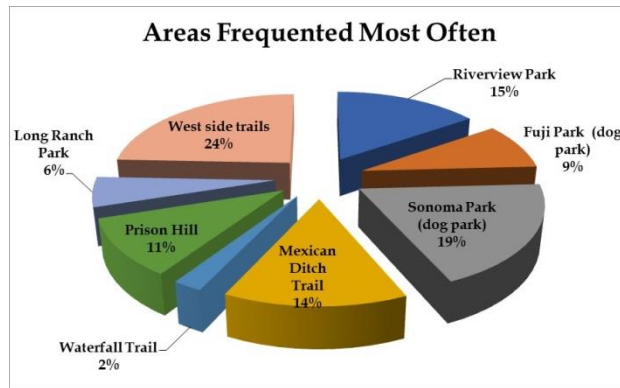
Other areas- Comments

🐾 For dog parks- if 5th and Roop a dog park even more respond with dog park?

130	West side trails	57	Prison Hill
103	Sonoma Park (dog park)	47	Fuji Park (dog park)
82	Riverview Park	12	Waterfall Trail
73	Mexican Ditch Trail	30	Long Ranch Park

Other sites

8	5th and Roop Dog Park	3	Ash Canyon
7	Steinheimer Park	2	Silver Saddle
6	Blackwells Pond	2	Schulz
5	Mills Park	2	Centennial
4	Mayors Park	2	Linear Ditch
4	BLM/Pine Nuts		Silver Saddle
4	Pinenuts		Kings Canyon
4	Freeway Multi Use		Carson River
4	James Lee Park		Sunset Park



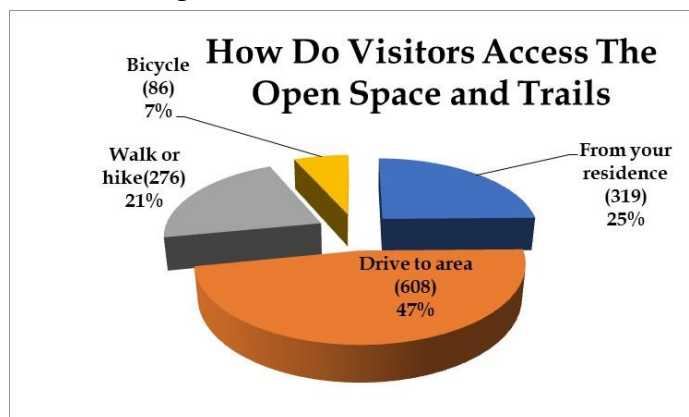
5. If you do not own a dog, where do you recreate most often? (Dog owners skip this question)

Other areas – comments

Fuji Park – 3	Playgrounds - 2	Mill’s Park – 2	Public lands – BLM – 2
Disc Golf Course	Sunridge South Park	Park Terrace	Lone Mountain
Kings Canyon	Ash Canyon	Silver Saddle Ranch	Sonoma Park
Goni	Silver Oak	Carson River	Neighborhood sidewalks

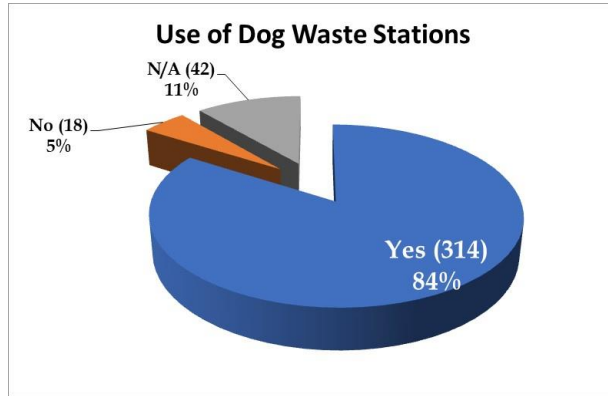
6. How do you access park, trails, and open space? Please select all that apply.

Drive to area 47% Leaving residence[walk of hike] 46% Bicycling only 7%



7. **When out with your dog, do you utilize the dog waste station/bags provided throughout the City?**

🐾 84% say they use waste stations and 5% say they don't – doesn't seem to match the incidences of non-compliance

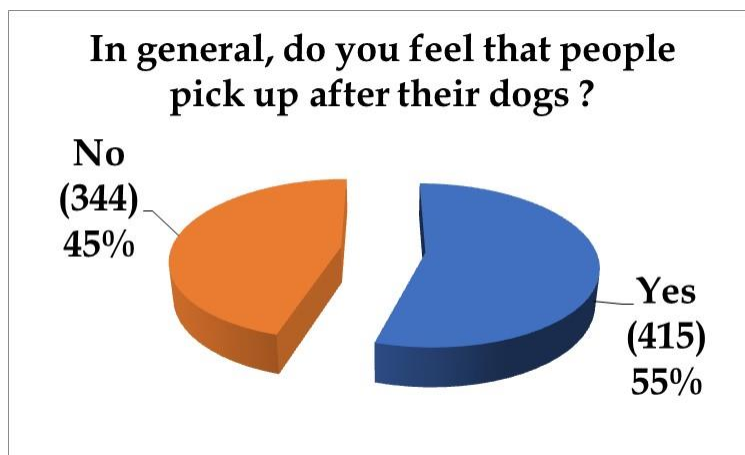


8. **Are there any other locations that dog waste stations/bags should be provided?**

🐾 There were 233 responses none needed and 180 comments for suggested areas
Many responses outside Parks, trails and opens space.
Most notable – Downtown/bike paths/residential areas
Park/trails/open space
Most Notable – Silver Saddle/Prison Hill/Ash Canyon/all trailheads/Mexican Ditch/
V&T trail/ Centennial

9. **In general, do you feel that people pick up after their dogs?**

🐾 344 [45%] NO responses and 415 [55%] YES responses



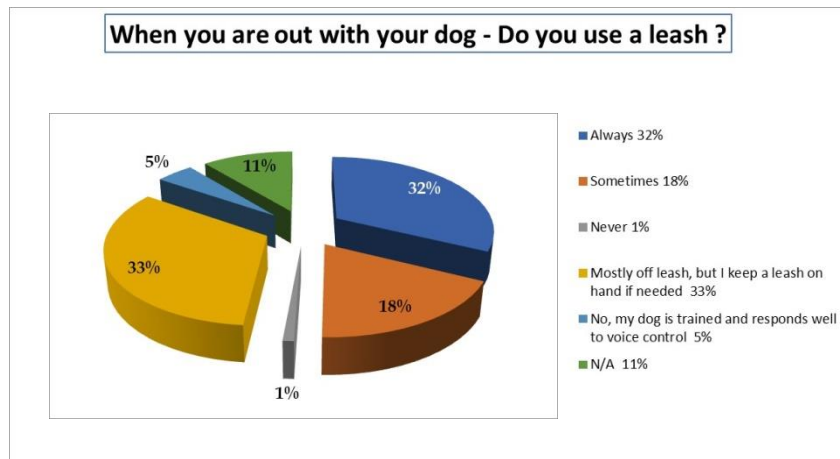
10. **When out with your dog, do you keep them on a leash?**

🐾 About 1/3 on leash with a higher percentage of respondents off leash
65% have leashes on or in possession
32% "On Leash" at all times

33% mostly “off leash” but have leash with them

6% never have a leash

11% N/A -might be non dog owners ?



11. If you do not own a dog, when you encounter dogs in parks, trails or open space, are they typically:

🐾 74% see visit areas



dogs on leash- but they do not with as many dogs

12. Other than traditional fenced dog parks, what other areas should be designated for off leash use:

🐾 286 respondents to this question with requests all across the area

All Trails - 78

Open Space - 63

All areas - 43

Riverview - 22

Dirt Trails not paved trails - 21

Public Lands - 14

Parks - 12

Silver Saddle Ranch - 10

West side - 10

Mexican Ditch Trail - 8

Prison Hill - 8

Natural Areas - 8

Dog park only - 7

Fuji Park - 5

Mills Park - 5

Carson River - 5

Fenced areas only - 4

Long Ranch

Waterfall Trail

Places with water

13. Are there any specific areas you feel that dogs should be prohibited and why?

🐾 Only 126 respondents to this questions

Children’s parks and playgrounds - 43
Restaurants and stores - 16
Schools - 10
Mills Park - 10
Wildlife habitat - 9
Sports Fields - 7
Riverview Park - 7
Multi-use trails (equestrian conflicts) - 5
Capitol - 5
Public events - 3
Off leash areas are dangerous to bike riders,
children and seniors

Heavy use trails
Disc Golf Courses
Paved trails
Carson River
Public Lands
Parking lots/trailheads
All City Parks unless leashed
Steep/narrow or crowded trails
Golf Courses
Waterfall Trail

14. Are additional fenced dog parks needed in Carson City? If yes, please list where.

🐾 199 – Yes Responses 166 No Responses

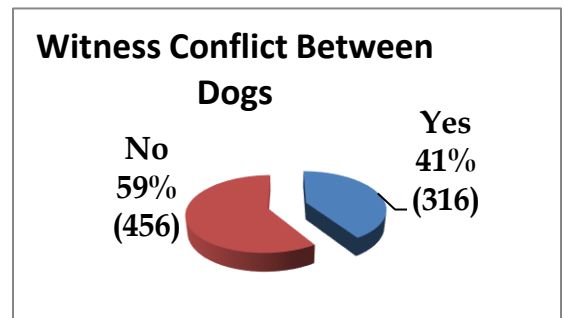
North Carson – 62
West side - 25
Mills Park - 18
Fuji Park – turf - 13
Downtown - 10
East side - 9
5th and Roop - 8
Fenced area for dogs at every park - 8
Central Carson – 7
Carriage Square - 5
Ross Gold - 5
Northridge – 5
Sports Complex – 5
South Carson – 4

Silver Oak - 4
Riverview Park - 3
Prison Hill - 3
Long Ranch Park - 3
Silver Saddle Ranch - 3
General comments: respondents would like turf
and large and small dog separation.
Mayor’s Park
Ronald D. Wilson
Lompa
John Mankins
Rural areas
Sonoma Park for small dogs

Safety and Security

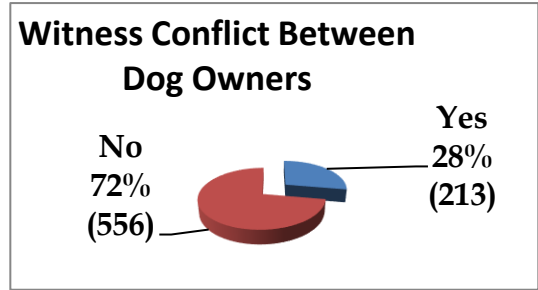
1. Have you ever observed or experienced conflicts between dogs when using City parks, trails, and open spaces? [366 comments from 772 respondents]

- 🐾 Witness Conflicts 41% witnessing conflict between dogs.
- 🐾 In most cases “unleashed” dogs approaching leashed dogs
- 🐾 13 comments of dog fights at Sonoma and 11 at Fuji
- 🐾 Many comments on poor owner of “off leash” behavior
- 🐾 Training needs for “off leash” pets



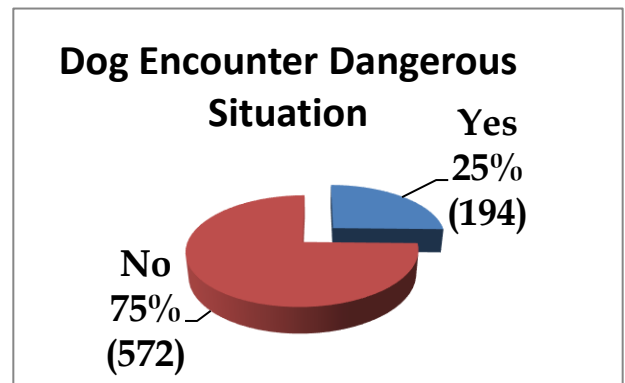
2. **Have you ever observed or experienced conflicts between dog owners when using City parks, trails, and open spaces? [156 comments]**

- 🐾 Most comments that conflicts were about leashed dogs vs unleashed dogs contacts
- 🐾 Unleashed dogs – should not be aggressive
- 🐾 Many conflicts at dog parks, especially Sonoma, between owners
- 🐾 And again owner behavior with dogs on or off le



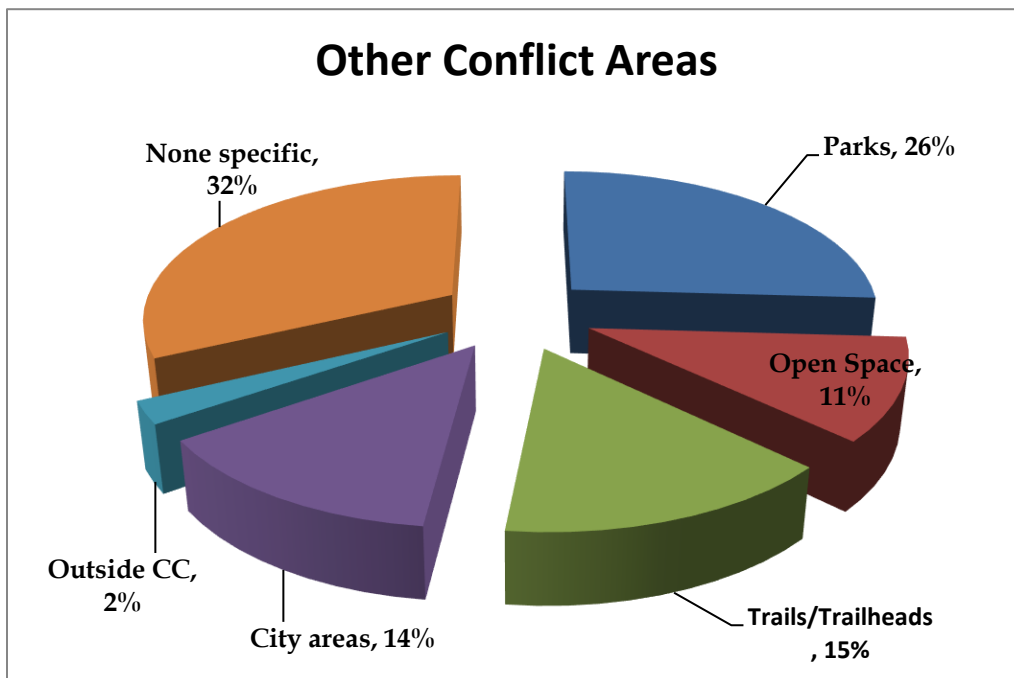
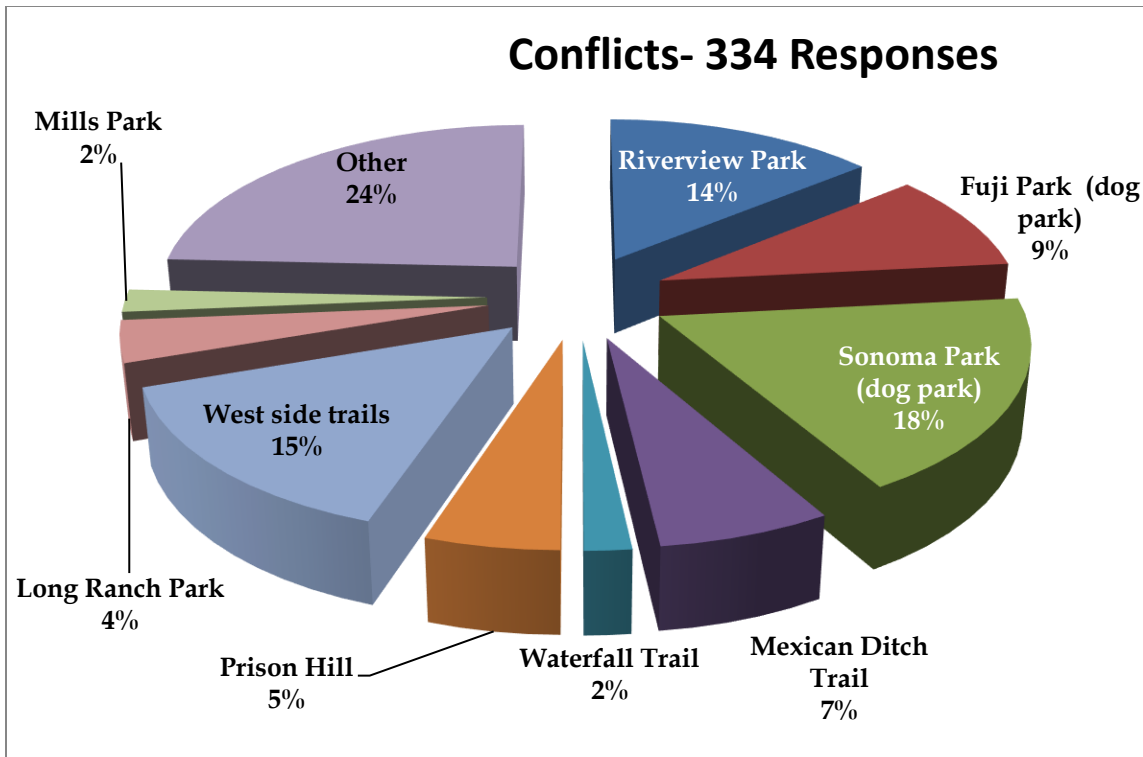
3. **Have you ever observed or experienced a dog encounter a dangerous situation such as a dog conflict/chasing wildlife, dog running out into busy street/traffic, dog bite/attack etc. when using City parks, trails, or open spaces?[185 Comments]**

- 🐾 Many reports of “unleashed” dogs encounters with leashed dogs
- 🐾 Reports of aggressive unleashed dog vs people encounters
- 🐾 Equestrian concerns with unleashed dogs
- 🐾 Comments on dogs running into roadways
- 🐾 Dog Parks have many reports of encounters again
- 🐾 Dog bites are rare



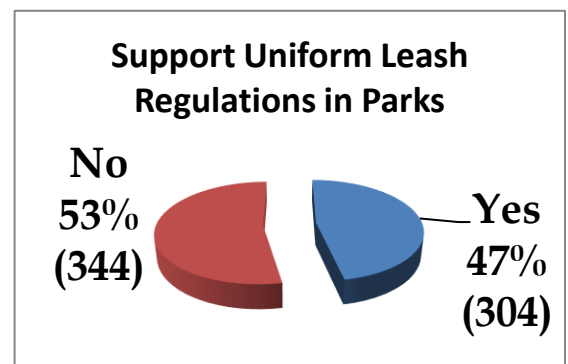
4. **If you answered yes to any of the previous 3 questions, where do these conflicts most often take place? [253 responses for sites & 83 Comments]**

- 🐾 Conflict Areas-about 1/3 of total responders saw conflicts due to dogs in specific areas
- 🐾 The comments were spread out all over the parks and open spaces for conflicts
- 🐾 Dog Parks 36% at the least since comments section had entries for Sonoma and Fuji



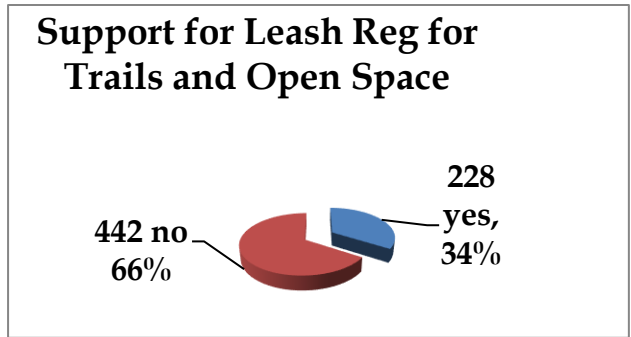
5. **How would you feel about a uniform leash law in City parks?**

- 🐾 Almost split down the middle for survey but twice as many support as compared to not support comments
- 🐾 There were many comments to insure that dog parks are kept "off leash"



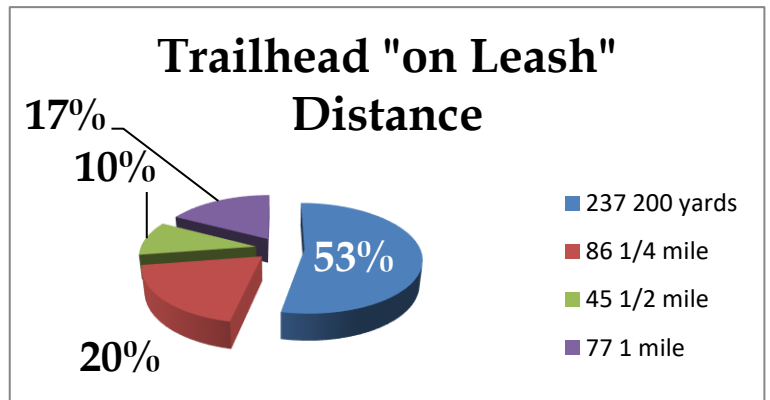
6. How would you feel about a uniform leash law on City trails and open space?

- 🐾 Support for leash regulation on Trails and in Open Space areas- From comments



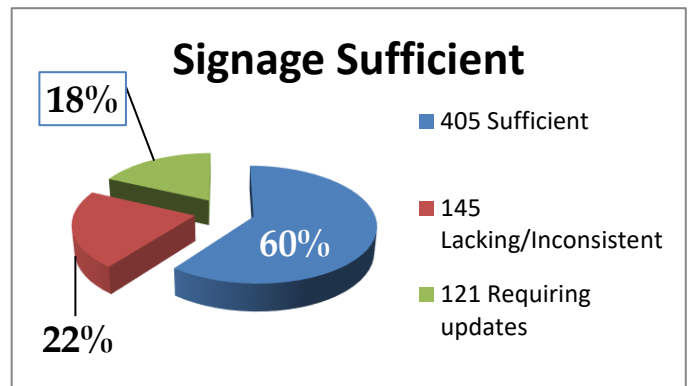
7. Would you support allowing dogs off leash within a specific distance from trailheads?

- 🐾 53% agree with 200 ft
- 🐾 47% want more distance



8. Do you feel the current City rules signage related to dog use is:

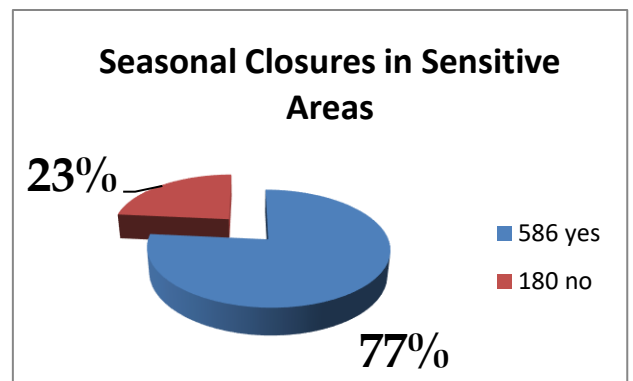
- 🐾 Only 69 comments in other comments with many suggestions with at least 3 times more stating not adequate with suggested signage



Natural and Cultural Resources

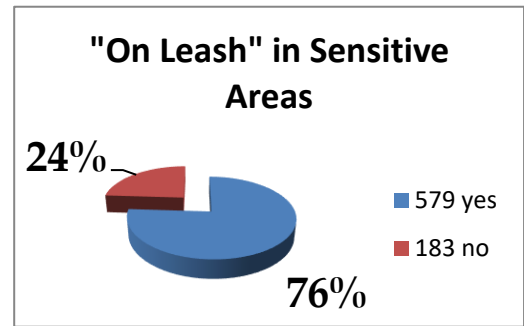
1. Would you support seasonal closures of certain sensitive areas to dogs, only during nesting season?

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- 🐾 Seasonal closures highly supported by the respondents



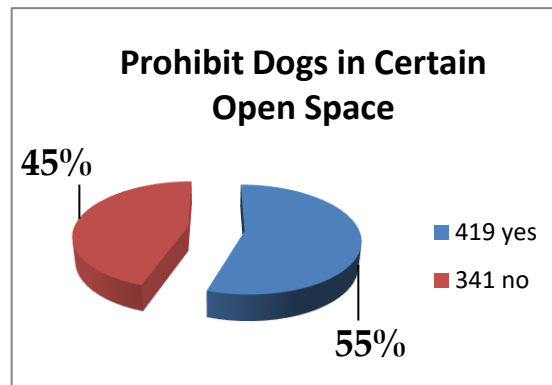
2. **Would you support dogs on a leash at all times in certain sensitive areas?**

🐾 Sensitive areas are highly supported for leash control



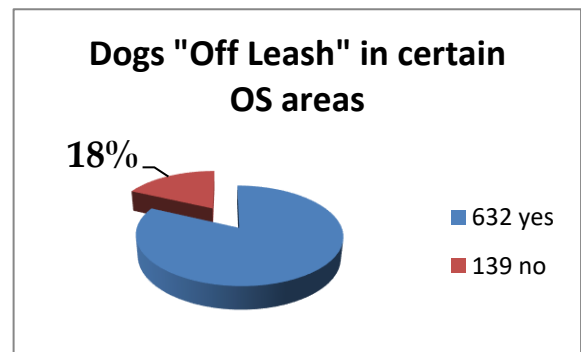
3. **Would you support prohibiting dogs at all times in certain sensitive areas to protect wildlife habitat or water quality.**

🐾 Prohibiting dogs not as supported for open space, even though described as sensitive?



4. **Would you support dogs off leash in certain natural areas or open space, where wildlife is typically not a concern?**

🐾 Dogs "off leash" is highly supported but as described in certain areas that would need to be better defined.



Comments from Public Survey

Subject Area	# Comment
Leash Regulation Support	56 comments
“Off Leash” Support	75 comments
“No Dogs”[in certain circumstances] Support	18 comments
Dogs Support	31 comments
Education and Enforcement	50 comments
Proper Dog and Owner Behavior and Etiquette	67 Comments
Dog Waste	52 Comments
Wildlife and Sensitive Areas	32 Comments
Dog Parks	48 Comments
Miscellaneous	60 Comments
TOTAL COMMENTS	449 Comments

Leash Regulation Support - 56 comments

- 🐾 I have pretty much stopped going to all of them. Constant issues with off leash dogs NOT under the control of their owners. I have a PTSD service dog. He's not a Wannabe! He's fully trained! We have been attacked twice! I don't feel safe utilizing any of these areas anymore!
- 🐾 I don't feel leashed dogs should be prohibited at normal parks. I am a believer that all dogs need to be leashed at all times unless they are at a designated dog park.
- 🐾 I have a difficult time taking my dogs and kids to dog friendly parks because people do not have their dogs leashed even though signs specify that those are the rules. I have a large breed dog that could easily injure other small dogs in play, and it makes it difficult to take her out when people disobey the rules
- 🐾 Not prohibited but leashed and under control. Dogs can be extremely reactive around horses
- 🐾 Well behaved leashed dogs should be allowed in city parks. It is frustrating to live within walking distance of 2 parks and not be able to walk through them. We walk around the perimeter of Carriage Square Park many mornings and look at the empty park-wondering why a leashed dog is not allowed on the paths. Please consider allowing leashed dogs on paths in more parks. Fenced dog parks are not helpful for dogs that do not like to socialize in large groups (which is many, many dogs)
- 🐾 Dogs should always be on leash on walkways. They are often not and owners do not seem to care or understand that other people do not want their dogs coming up to them. Some people have been bit before. Some people have their dogs on a leash (like they are supposed to) and other dogs come up to them and cause accidents where the person holding the leash falls. Even on true open trails, they disrupt the wildlife.
- 🐾 I may be in the minority, but I would appreciate more open space hike areas that require dogs to be on leash. My dog is very well trained, but not a huge fan of other dogs, and especially not a fan of strange dogs that are not on leash... so our excursions tend to be much more limited than I would prefer.
- 🐾 I think all dogs in any of our trails or parks should be leashed. For the safety of all of us. Most dogs are friendly and can be controlled by their owners. But there are always some that aren't. I've been scared more than once by a dog who is not obedient.
- 🐾 Dogs not prohibited, but I think ALL areas should be required to leash their dogs. Many times while walking my dogs leashed, I have encountered dogs unleashed running up to me in an aggressive manor while their owners are frantically yelling and trying to control them. I have witnessed many dogs harassing wildlife, chasing the geese from the ponds, quail and rabbits from the bushes, and owners allowing it to happen as the dogs run free on the WNC trail and the C-Hill trails. The unleashed dogs poop wherever they decide, and the owners have no clue where the dog has pooped because they are not with the dog. The WNC trails are loaded with dog poop because of this. On a typical walk with my dogs, I will pick up 6 - 8 piles of poop in the morning just around the bottom pond at the WNC trail. I walk every day, sometimes three or four times and on a weekend, I am picking up the poop at least twice a day.

- 🐾 Outside of fenced dog areas, dogs should be on a leash. A possible exception might be well trained dogs that are under the direct control of the responsible party. Unfortunately, this would be difficult to enforce and “well trained and under control” is open to interpretation.
- 🐾 My own dog has been in conflicts with other dogs which is why I now keep her leashed most of the time. I think allowing dogs off leash at a distance from trailheads may be acceptable. I think signage regarding leash laws and where dogs are allowed needs to be clear and more prominent. I personally don't take my dog to dog parks but I am not aware of one on the west side of town, that might be helpful to add one.
- 🐾 I like the idea of on-leash a certain distance from a trailhead...that seems like a potential solution for high-conflict areas before people disperse and get distance and space."
- 🐾 "I have lived right across from the Prison Hill area for over 20 years. I have recently stopped walking up there and am instead walking my dog on leash in the neighborhood unless my husband is with me. I have begun to encounter too many people who have uncontrolled dogs and people who act in aggressive ways toward me and my dog. This past week there was a young woman out there running (bare footed in the dirt) with two large Dobermans. I was a hundred feet away on the other side of the fence. I called my dog and had him sit and stay next to me. But her dogs came over anyway. She called them back and the female went - but the male got after my dog. I carry a boat horn and I got it out and blew it loudly a number of times to break up the fight and the dog went back to her. That is the second time I have had that girl's dog attack my dog. Both times I had to use the horn. I do have a taser walking stick and plan to use that the next time.
- 🐾 "I have encountered aggressive dogs off leash during my walks. The owner did not have control of their animal. I now carry a walking stick for protection.
- 🐾 "Dogs on trails and in open space around Carson City need to be leashed. ""Leashed or under voice control"" is a joke, since most dog owners have little control over their unleashed dogs. I have been snapped at, jumped on, growled at, and charged numerous times by unleashed dogs (when I'm either hiking or biking), with the owner shouting at the dog to no avail. Unleashed dogs are a menace to other hikers and bikers, period. I now carry pepper spray. It's the only way to stop a vicious dog attack; it's saved me several times. But this is difficult when you're biking or when it's windy. Finally, when a dog attacks or threatens me, I have found that the owners often blame me--because of my hat, or my walking stick, or the way I walk etc. When I have begged owners to control their dog, some have shouted and yelled to the point where I feared they might attack me, along with their dog.
- 🐾 In sum, unleashed dogs pose serious threats to hikers and bikers, and their presence, even when they don't attack, disturbs others' peace of mind. The trails start to feel like a war zone.
- 🐾 My children are terrified of all dogs. Having any risk of dogs off leashes would make us hesitant to visit parks.
- 🐾 I think dogs should be allowed at the John Mankins park on a leash :) thanks for all you do!
- 🐾 There is always concern for dogs off lease. Whether they are bite/attacked by other wildlife or run into road where there are vehicles or bikes on trails. No dogs w/out leashes!
- 🐾 As an owner of a scared dog, I cannot be off leash. Off leash dogs cause so many problems so I have to avoid or go early. Owners are mean when I ask to recall or leash dog.
- 🐾 I support dogs being leashed at all times.
- 🐾 "I keep my dog on a leash at all times on trails
- 🐾 "Dogs allowed in Mills Park on leashes at all times please. Our swimming community parents would love to walk our dogs while our kids are in their swim lessons several times a week. Thank you for considering this!"

- 🐾 I will not stop walking my dog at Riverview park or other nature area trails because of others irresponsibility regardless. My dog will continue to be leashed at all times and I will continue to pick up his poop.
- 🐾 If your own personal property isn't enough space for your dog to be off leash perhaps you should own a lap dog. Ranchers don't have leash issues
- 🐾 My wife and I typically limit our dog recreation activity to Long Ranch Park and the walking paths/trails throughout the Carson Highlands Subdivision where we live. The west end of the park along Longview should remain as leash required due to the playground, horseshoe pits, as well as the open play field north of King Creek.
- 🐾 Leashes for untrained dogs only
- 🐾 Please- allowed leashed dogs in more parks!
- 🐾 "Please consider returning Long Ranch Park to leash required, and ENFORCING IT! As a homeowner we have had issues with dogs off leash for years. The current leash laws are not enforced. Many of them are the same people 7 days a week. I fully support dogs off leash on trails. Just not in residential area parks.
- 🐾 Love to see people outdoors with their pets and glad that Carson City is so welcoming to them! We have family members and friends that are allergic to dogs. They cannot walk in the parks because dogs run up to smell and lick them. Our grandchildren are afraid of barking or large dogs running up to them. Aggressive dogs off leash are a danger to equestrians
- 🐾 Dogs should be allowed leashed (not greater than 6') all parks, venues and open space except where special events are in progress and in playgrounds designed for young children. Retractable leashes should not be allowed since, when extended, animal is basically not controlled.
- 🐾 in areas that specify "dogs must be on leash at all times" I wish the dog owner would put their dog on leash. They say the loose dog is friendly, but that isn't the point. If your dog is on leash and a loose dog approaches, the leashed dog will sometimes protect their owner and it then becomes difficult....not aggressive but excited and then may want to play. I've almost been knocked down a few times. I like my friendly dogs to be off leash as well, but there are areas to do this.
- 🐾 "I HATE WHEN AN OFF LEASH DOG RUNS UP TO MY LEASHED DOGS AND THE OWNER DOES NOTHING EXCEPT SAY ""IT'S OK, HE IS FRIENDLY""". I have a rescue who had been attacked and abused. He is NOT fine with other dogs running up to us. I hate to be a downer on unleashed dogs, but we have had far too many bad experiences with the owners not paying attention or simply allowing their dogs to do as they please.
- 🐾 I am afraid of dogs. I try not to go where they can be off leash.
- 🐾 I do not ride my bike at prison hill because of off leash dogs. The park rangers should hike along the trails on the west side of prison hill behind the houses to directly interact and observe off leash dog behavior and educate dog owners about having control of their dog/s.
- 🐾 Carson City is becoming more crowded, and the romantic idea that your dog can run free, scaring the wildlife, charging at people and dogs, and pooping everywhere while the owner is somewhere behind or ahead of their dog is just not realistic. I think fenced dog parks are great for people who like that, and maybe the city should have more areas devoted to that, but otherwise dogs need to be on a leash.
- 🐾 I also take my dog to Riverview, but she is always leashed there because she will chase any wildlife she sees, and it is too large to find her quickly. I often wish others would leash their dogs there as well.
- 🐾 I believe dogs on leash should be allowed at all public parks and trails with waste bag stations available.
- 🐾 IMO leashing at the TH -- and to and from the TH is a great idea -- to be considerate to everyone and avoid conflicts. I keep my guy clipped to my car, while I am getting organized at the trailhead (and when I return).

- 🐾 Specifically (I might have missed the questions?) I would support leashing at Silver Saddle Ranch proper where the buildings and stables are, CRT II section along the River, CRT II 5th St TH - SSR (too close to road and can be congested with multi-users and their equipment!) ----- and seasonal prohibitions for nesting (if studies recommend that), and? prohibition at all times at Waterfall Trail (or seasonally.... is there a time when it is less congested? winter?).
- 🐾 Mainly the leash issue. While dogs love to be off leash to run, public spaces aren't particularly a good place to do this as not all dogs respond consistently to recall commands. I also have concerns about the safety of livestock animals like the sheep that graze the area if a dog with high prey drive ends up off leash. Better to leave the off-leash time for camping in state parks/more remote areas, and to keep our public spaces open for everyone from dog lovers to equestrians to families with children that may not want to be approached by a strange dog, however friendly it might be.
- 🐾 "Open Space mission is to protect the resources - wildlife is a primary concern. Dogs off leash and wildlife a bad combination. Urban interface areas and city parks with heavy use should have leash laws in place at all times. No exceptions
- 🐾 I appreciate the dog friendly spaces a lot but do often run into situations where I think a leash rule would be helpful....
 "They are sufficient laws on the books pertaining to dogs. Just enforce the current laws. People will police themselves. If they do not, then enforce the current. A dogs' footprint does minimal damage to this vast ecosystem when viewed from above. If you have any case studies to debunk above position. I would gladly look at it. Very few dogs venture to open spaces unless accompanied by owner.
- 🐾 The current City regulations of dogs on leash or under voice command is sufficient as long as it is consistently enforced, which it isn't. Why make more laws when the ones in place aren't enforced?
- 🐾 "We are not anti-dog. Our family owned a dog for many years. However, when dogs are out in public they should always be leashed. When running loose they disturb wildlife and chase other dogs. Dog owners always insist their dog is ""friendly"", but we have had several instances of dogs jumping on us while hiking.
- 🐾 The signs on the west side trails say that dogs need to be under ""voice command"", but we have yet to encounter a dog that is truly trained to obey commands.
- 🐾 Also, most dog owners don't practice good etiquette. When walking past other people, they will not heel their dog to their side, even when on leash."
- 🐾 Unfortunately, there are too many dog owners that don't understand that their dog has no right to interact with people in public, weather play full or threatening, I particularly dislike wet dogs jumping on me and rubbing on me on trails... I often feel threatened by aggressive dogs.
- 🐾 I sympathize with the parks and open space folks for the pounding they will get from dog owners who feel that they are entitled to recreate any way they want in this free country. I carry pepper spray with me because I have had several encounters with dogs and owners that were beyond uncomfortable. "
- 🐾 Dogs on leash at all times,
- 🐾 I would like to see a uniform leash law in all areas EXCEPT for dog parks or certain designated "dog friendly" sections of parks or specific trails. I've been chased, lunged at, or threatened by way too many off leash dogs in my time here with owners who claim "Oh, but he's friendly" or say they're allowed to be off leash because the dog is trained and under voice control (and then the dog totally ignores the owner and chases cyclists or deer).
- 🐾 Owners of aggressive dogs should keep them under control at all times and leashed. I have friends whose dogs have been attacked by an individual with four unleashed dogs, one of which is dog aggressive. This person has no clue and has been told about and seen his dog's aggressive behavior.
- 🐾 I think it's perfectly reasonable to have dogs on leash in a suburban area or downtown

“Off Leash” Support - 75 comments

- 🐾 Nevada is a dog friendly state. We love our doggie running buddies! They are our protection! Running with a dog on leash is dangerous for both the runner/walker/hiker as well as the dog. Dogs need to be free to avoid conflict with other dogs - being leashed takes that away. Please research this by asking well known dog trainers before making any decisions!
- 🐾 It's nice that we can enjoy off leash walking with our dogs. Please don't ruin this for us.
- 🐾 Unfortunately, most of these questions are simply solved by having dog owners with good logic and common-sense IE if you can't control your dog you need to use a leash. I love being able to take my dogs on walks where they can enjoy nature without the restrictions of a leash putting a bunch of restrictions on things will only make enforcement almost impossible and only serves to punish the people who already follow good dog edict
- 🐾 Dogs are part of our family and should be able to go where we go! Do your research, dogs are better trained off leash then on leash.
- 🐾 People that have off leash dogs need to keep an eye on them and have a good recall, biggest issue I see when taking my dog out.
- 🐾 "Dogs off leash are only an issue if they are an aggressive dog. 90% of dogs I encounter when walking my dog are well behaved and a joy to see. It's the 10% aggressive owners/dogs that make it miserable for the rest of us
- 🐾 Let dogs be on-leash or off-leash at their owner's discretion and punish bad actors. Leave everyone else alone!
I think that dog owners who do not pick up after their dog should face penalties. Likewise, irresponsible owners who do not monitor their dogs should be fined in public spaces.
- 🐾 "Dogs need to run and play.
- 🐾 I have herding dogs and they need to be able to run off leash for miles. This issue is very important to me.
- 🐾 I have a friend who walks three dogs off leash, and they are all highly trained, friendly and respond to voice control. It's the irresponsible dog owners who ruin I try for the rest. I don't know the answer to this problem. It's definitely not practical to have officials in place everywhere dogs are walked. My dog walks on the BLM with an E collar for control and his own protection.
- 🐾 This not only limits the impacts/improvements to the parks but the kids are discouraged."
The type of control the dog owner has is key. Generally, I prefer my dog off leash (and so does my dog) but I understand if certain areas and/or wildlife may need protection.
- 🐾 Having an area where dogs can run off leash is priceless and one of the best things about Carson City. Please do not restrict this on the west side trails!
- 🐾 I think all trails should be off leash under the control of the owner. I think the way our trails and open spaces are now should remain. There are places for on leash for those uncomfortable with off leash, but a majority of our trails are off leash and that's what makes Carson great!
- 🐾 City PARKS not open space trails (this is confusing, Riverview Park is called a PARK and it's a favorite place for off-leash dog biking and hiking) might have playgrounds or grassy areas that should be leash only or no dogs in that specific area. We specifically love Carson City because it allows us to bike and hike with our dogs off-leash on open space properties and trail systems.
- 🐾 I am a frequent user of the dog parks, hiking trails and open space areas in Carson City. My dog is well behaved and is welcomed off leash in the areas I frequent. Residents and visitors to the Long Ranch area typically enjoy this area as the dogs are friendly when off leash, under owners' commands and the fellow dog owners are friendly and welcoming. It has become a pleasant and preferred place for Carson City residents to bring their pets. It would certainly be nice if the yard crews (City and Lawn Pro) would make an effort to

suck up the abundance of foxtails that grow every year once they are cut down. They are a terrible threat to dogs walking in this area, getting into their feet, ears and eyes. Although, the park off Longview is supposed to be a leash only park, everyone also walks and plays with their dogs off leash here and there have been no complaints or incidents. It would be nice if this were officially open again to off leash as well.

- 🐾 The current practice on the Mexican Ditch and River view park allowing dogs off leash under control of owners is working fine. Owners know their dogs and act appropriately. I strongly object to the implication that additional leash requirements will be imposed on current facilities that accommodate dogs. I see almost no issues currently and do not understand the movement toward more restrictions. The citizens of Carson City are competent to manage themselves and their dogs without any more restrictions.
- 🐾 Please keep long ranch park and the V & T trail open to off leash dogs. Yes, there are certain people who don't always do a great job with their dogs, but for the most part (I'd say 9 out of 10 people) are very good about controlling their animals. I find that I've had more problems with dogs on leash than off lease. Just seems to be something about a dog's lack of ability to get away that makes them uncomfortable. My unleashed dog has been attacked on two occasions by leashed dogs - and my dog was not anywhere near the leashed dogs - in these two instances, the leashed dog either escaped the owner's grasp or got out of their collar.
- 🐾 It depends on enforcement of under voice control of the owner. If a dog is 100 yards away from the owner, there is no control. I don't believe people should let their dogs range away from them unless they are off and away from public trails. If a dog is well trained, under control, and next to their owner (or close to them) I have no problem with them being off leash. But people abuse that ALL THE TIME and there is zero enforcement. People have no protection against aggressive dogs and irresponsible owners who take advantage of off leash areas.
- 🐾 I would be opposed to uniform leash laws on trails and open spaces. I have met many people with their dogs off leash. Mostly, the dogs and their owners know which dogs/people are problematic and step off the trails to avoid issues. Many off leash dogs have been trained to run along a runner or biker or like my dogs are e-collar trained and obey commands.
- 🐾 I have a concern that there is the appearance of an effort to change the rules for dogs in areas that have historically been off leash areas. Carson City had always been known as a dog friendly community. My guess is that this apparent effort may be the result of newer residents not valuing the traditions of Carson City as they may have come from restrictive urban areas?
- 🐾 I have lived here half my life and have always boasted about how amazing our trails are and this area, specifically to dogs. Carson City is a very dog friendly area and I would really hate to see more rules and regulations put into place. Often times rules and regulations are put into place for people who don't put forth the effort that it takes to have a well-behaved dog. I feel that putting more rules and regulations in place cater to those who are unwilling to work with their animal. There are plenty of areas that are on leash only for those that feel more comfortable to use those areas. I understand the risks that come with off-leash and I am very willing to take those risks with my animals and that should be an option for all dog owners.
- 🐾 I love bringing my well behaved and trained dog with me on the trails. I avoid crowded times or crowded areas in general to avoid unnecessary interactions with other trail users. I would consider moving from Carson City if dogs were not allowed. It is a big value to my lifestyle to have dog friendly trails and open space. I believe it is the dog owners' responsibility to be in control of their dog and if able, allowing a dog off leash allows for max enjoyment for the dog and the owner. For example, I am able to mountain bike with

my dog in Ash Canyon and we both love to do this activity together. I make sure to my dog gets off trail for other users and she is not aggressive and follows close behind me.

- 🐾 I walk on the west-side trails 5-7 nights a week. I have walked hours and hours and miles and miles. I have never seen a dog fight. Dogs are under control and mostly on leashes. Ones off-leash are not causing problems. Most hikers with dogs are more respectful and more friendly than hikers without dogs.
- 🐾 Do not support any leash laws it's the owners responsibility it's not California.
- 🐾 Nevada has always been extremely dog friendly. Happy dogs have happy owners and that is always what I experience when walking my dog in the open space behind our home near WNC. My dog has many dog playmates she meets on the trails. Their tails are always wagging.
- 🐾 "I think some areas are ok for GOOD dogs to be off leash. Some areas for wildlife should be protected.
- 🐾 Carson owners are largely diligent in mess pickup. Off leash the dogs can exercise vigorously and socialize freely with other dogs. It builds mature dogs that are healthy, friendly and carefree. "
- 🐾 "We have a dog trained to voice command. He never bothers any wildlife of any kind. It would be so sad to have to have him on a leash. I would hate to see things change in Carson City.
- 🐾 I fully support dogs off leash under the control of their owners Please don't make keeping dogs on leash a permanent feature of CC Parks. It would be a real shame! We love our dogs and treat them like our family, I'm thankful that we have places to take them in this beautiful city!!
- 🐾 People just need to maintain control of their dogs. Uniform leash laws simply punish responsible dog owners who have invested the time to control their own dogs. I also know that dogs on leashes are more likely to feel cornered when met by other people and dogs increasing the likelihood of conflicts.
- 🐾 More off leash areas for well-behaved dogs and well-behaved owners!!
- 🐾 I think dogs should be allowed to run and be curious.
- 🐾 Personally, I take my dog horseback riding and want to continue do this. Getting my dog the amount of exercise she wants/needs without off leash riding will not be healthy for the dog.
- 🐾 Dogs need to be able to run. Outside is at least half the reason I live in Carson City. Let's not restrict dogs out in our hills.
- 🐾 We do prefer open space to go off leash with the awareness to leash as needed to get along with other dogs and people.
- 🐾 If open space is allowed for cattle grazing and the cattle herd rotates, the same open land should be available for dog use off leash.
- 🐾 . I mostly walk my dog off leash with an electronic collar. I am not familiar enough to recommend other off leash areas.
- 🐾 Having moved here from California, I had a genuine feeling of relief and freedom to allow dogs off the leash under an owner's control. Please, don't take this liberty away. It, like other aspects of Nevada, are why we came here
- 🐾 In general, off leash is ok with me if under voice control.
- 🐾 My own dog has been in conflicts with other dogs which is why I now keep her leashed most of the time. I think allowing dogs off leash at a distance from trailheads may be acceptable.
- 🐾 The east portion of the park along Thames Lane should remain leash optional to allow dogs to run, exercise and play/socialize with other dogs as is the current practice. Individuals can choose to avoid this area if their dogs are not social or aggressive to other dogs or people. We would be agreeable to fencing the entire grass area in this location if there is a desire to separate dogs from other users.
- 🐾 Additionally, the walking trails throughout the subdivision near long ranch park should continue to allow dogs off-leash or consider identifying certain trails where leash would be required while allowing some trails to remain off-leash.

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- 🐾 Keep Carson City free from leash laws that are unnecessary.
- 🐾 I do a lot of trail runs on the Riverview, Mexican Ditch, and Mexican Dam trails. I would estimate 40% of dogs I encounter are not leashed. I've never been attacked by a dog, but a lot of friendly/curious dogs will run toward me, potentially causing me to trip. Most unleashed dogs ignore me and are not a problem. I'm OK with people not keeping their dog on a leash, provided the dog isn't hyper and runs at everything/everyone.
- 🐾 "I don't think dogs should be unilaterally banned from natural areas or open space because I believe it's important for them to be able to experience nature as well as humans. I think there should be designated open space areas where dogs can be dogs and run around freely.
- 🐾 "We love Carson City's dog-friendly atmosphere and hike and bike with our dogs daily on different trails around town. You cannot bike with most dogs on a leash. We have considered moving out of the area a few times upon retirement, but stay here specifically for the immense enjoyment we have with our dogs on the trails and open space parks. I cannot express enough how much we appreciate and love the 'live and let live' atmosphere here. The more rules and regulations, the less relaxed the atmosphere and enjoyment.
- 🐾 We have had a serious problem on the Ash Canyon Creek trail with mountain bikers flying down the trail and racing. We mountain bike ourselves, but there can be dangers for hikers and slow bikers with bikers flying down narrow trails with limited visibility.
- 🐾 So if there are many complaints about conflict of trail use, I would suggest every other day or certain days of the week rules for certain trails where dogs are allowed off-leash on certain days or bikes are allowed on certain trails certain days only so that hikers or others that want on-leash or no racing bikes can have their enjoyment as well on the other days. That would be the best solution.
- 🐾 Honestly, if CC gets all rule crazy about leash requirements on open space that would probably be the catalyst for a possible move after living here for 50 years, it's that important to us. The main motivator for getting out and hiking and biking is our pets many times, we have so many friends we chat with on the trails with their dogs and our dogs playing, it's our main social life anymore lol....
- 🐾 The reason for taking dogs to open areas is to let them run. The dogs I currently own I must keep on leash at all times, but I fully support no leash for well-behaved dogs.
- 🐾 I would support having designated days for off-leash or biking for certain trails to avoid conflicts of use.
- 🐾 I bike and hike with my dogs and biking with a dog on a leash is almost impossible. My whole activity life revolves around enjoying the trails in the area with my dogs off leash much of the time, this is my favorite thing to do in Carson City and something I appreciate about our city very much. I do not like having great deal of signs, rules, laws that are burdensome and ruin our freedoms here.
- 🐾 There should be more places in the city for us to take our dogs, and let them off of their leashes.
- 🐾 We walk our dogs on the V & T almost daily and have for years. Our dogs are e-collar trained and very obedient. They come on command, will leave other dogs alone when given a leave it command, and will stay to get out of the way of cyclists. The rare issues we have had are with cyclists who are going way to fast and do not call out ahead, and the rare dog owner that has no control over their animal (even when on a leash). None of these issues has ever caused any sort of injury. Please do not penalize responsible dog owners (the vast majority), whose dogs are well trained and friendly, by making blanket leash laws.
- 🐾 The only space that is not at home where a dog should be allowed off leash is a flat open space where one can clearly see there are no other people or animals. I'm sick of it!

- 🐾 I moved to Carson City because of the off-leash dog friendly opportunities -- for myself and my dogs, us together as a team! Your trails are amazing -- and diversified in ecosystem and challenge. Thank you for preserving our Capital City's view sheds, and for building such high-quality trails that reach out from them, towards all directions -- out into the desert and up into the forests! (and thank you Muscle Powered!).
- 🐾 My dog (when I have one) and I are both active/athletic/long distance runners and enjoy our time outside. Freedom is a big deal to both of us. I understand that there might need to be some restrictions (temporary and/or permanent) in order to be considerate of our special wildlife habitats/our drinking water sources and our non-dog folks! --but PLEASE try to keep the Open Spaces and some of our larger more natural Parks, off-LEASH (unless there is a specific identified resource that needs protection).
- 🐾 I hope you can keep the other river accesses off-leash (Deer run to Morgan Mills to Riverview Park, and River Park to Mexican Dam, and Ambrose).
- 🐾 "Dogs are prohibited from some neighborhood parks. I would suggest making all parks open and requiring dogs be leashed in certain cases.
- 🐾 Dogs' behavior reflects their owners. My observation is dogs that are leashed have more behavior issues than unleashed dogs. If the owner is a jerk or doesn't understand how to manage their dog then the dog will be a problem. My extensive experience on the trails is that the majority of dog owners are responsible and know how to handle their dogs. Some people appear to be paranoid, and the dog's behavior responds to their fear. I don't support additional restrictions on everyone because there are a small number of dog owners who are unable or unwilling to manage their dogs. It's like saying since there are a few bad drivers, no one is allowed to drive.
- 🐾 I think rules about dogs in open space areas need to be different from rules for parks and specific trails. When on designated trails and in parks, I keep my dogs leashed. They need some running off leash time and that is why I moved to an area with open space nearby.
- 🐾 The criteria is that if off leash, owner must have control, if no consistent control then no off leash. And hope they figure out some horses see loose dogs as a threat and act accordingly.
- 🐾 If dogs are allowed off leash in certain areas they must be well trained and under control of the responsible party.
- 🐾 As a dog owner, I don't take them anywhere that requires leashes. I always carry a leash with me, but I rarely need to use it.
- 🐾 "Since moving to Carson City almost 8 years ago I have been impressed and enjoyed the enlightened approach to dogs in parks. I see no need to change the current policy. I am not aware of any issues that require such a change/. I am in the park daily and interface with many other dogs and owners so my experience is extensive. Fee; free to contact me for more input
- 🐾 Please don't restrict dog owners any more than they are now and actually provide more options for people to take their pets. Many of the dogs that utilize the dog parks come from shelters. Many have not been appropriately socialized and there are occasions where they scuffle but after some time they learn to get along
Thank you for the survey.
- 🐾 We have enjoyed the freedom of the open spaces and being able to let our dogs enjoy a good run and swim, along with the comradery of others. Please do not put more restrictions on what we have enjoyed for so long! Isn't that why we live here?

“No Dogs” [in certain circumstances] Support - 18 comments

- 🐾 Very heavy used parks need to have dogs prohibited- like centennial and mills park. Way too many opportunities for infractions and problems. And waste a problem."

- 🐾 I appreciate the "no dogs allowed" feature at many of our family parks. I hope that this feature remains, but I have not had any problems with dogs otherwise.
- 🐾 I think any park where there are playgrounds should not have dogs allowed. My dog is good with kids when we are in public, but not everyone's dog is like that, especially when they are in group with a bunch of other strange dogs. Dog fights happened and if kids get into the field and run around, they are at risk of being hurt or attacked. We have been at a park and watched someone come in with their dogs who immediately attacked and killed another dog, the owner had no control of her animals. Sadly, that's not uncommon for people to have badly trained dogs and yet still take them into public places that put the dog and everyone else at risk.
- 🐾 Although I thought it was strange when I first moved here that dogs are prohibited in many parks I now appreciate it. Please continue to not allow dogs in Mills Park and other areas. People are terrible about cleaning up after their dogs and I enjoy being able to use the park without stepping in dog poop.
- 🐾 Children's play areas i.e. where slides, monkey bars, etc. are located. Many children are afraid of dogs. Many children also do not have experience with dogs which may result in negative interactions between the two entities because the children cannot recognize cues that canines give which are indicators of anxiety and stress.
- 🐾 I think that areas where small children are likely to be should be kept free of dogs. It's an unnecessary source of danger and anxiety considering the majority of dog owners either
- 🐾 keep their dogs off leash, let a leashed dog right up to a child even if they're barking/excited/kid is uncomfortable. The times someone has done this, over my first and second objection with a smile on their face saying "Fido is fine." is approaching a detachment from reality. People have in large part gotten a view that their dogs are not animals and don't deserve the respect of realistic boundaries considering potential behavior and completely ignore the rights of others.
- 🐾 Dogs should be prohibited everywhere that allows them to be unleashed, with the exception of enclosed dog parks. I've stopped taking my dogs to open parks because almost all the other dogs we encounter are unleashed.
- 🐾 Only dogs that have aggressive behaviors should be leashed or disallowed in public parks and walking paths.
- 🐾 Mills Park because of the variety of events in the park. Dogs are incompatible with many of those events. Many of the other small neighborhood parks as well due children playing in the grassy areas.
- 🐾 I believe that dogs should be not be allowed to run on any open space property and public park. Dogs should be prohibited off trails and leashed. Open Space properties were acquired to protect the natural state and all ecological features they contain. Dogs are particularly disruptive to the environment. All wetland and riparian areas need to be off limits for free running dogs. The park on Roop and 2nd St. - it is labeled as a dog park on google maps, but it doesn't have fencing all the way around (wooden rails aren't fence) and is on a busy street. Any time I am near there and see an owner with their dog I am afraid that the dogs will run into the street and get hit!
- 🐾 Dogs should be excluded from Carson river access and other sensitive wildlife habitats. These areas include most open space properties that are meant to protect native environments with limited human intrusion. Open space gives the public an opportunity to experience our natural spaces with the least amount of manipulation and as much preservation as reasonable. Dogs should be confined to landscaped and groomed areas (parks and neighborhoods or dog parks) where the environment has already been

transfigured and dogs have less impact on the environment. If dogs are allowed on open space properties they should always be on a leash.

- 🐾 I think city parks should primarily be designed for people not animals
- 🐾 Keep dogs out of public spaces. They are a nuisance and their owners don't follow the rules so they should be banned. Dogs have NO rights but they seem to trump my rights to access to public spaces. If I have to carry pepper spray to protect myself in spaces my taxes pay for... then dogs should not be allowed. Set aside some areas away from us and enforce it.
- 🐾 I think Kings Canyon lower waterfall - the out/back portion to the waterfall itself should be leash required if it isn't already. We've been there with our dog several times, always on lead and I think most other dogs are on lead there too... but not always. Never actually noticed if leashes are required there since we always have ours on leash. As you are well aware... the waterfall is often HEAVILY congested - and not a good place if dogs are uncontrolled and get into trouble w/ each other. It might be better for that stub section to be off limits to dogs.... sadly. Cause it's so refreshing and cool there.
- 🐾 "I don't believe dogs should be allowed in parks at all. Who's going to clean up the poop?"
- 🐾 People fear dogs and need to be allowed to recreate before the dogs especially for disabled people like myself.
- 🐾 Allergies to dogs. If you could man all parks during park hours I could possibly consider it but our parks don't have those kind of funds"

Dogs Support - 31 comments

- 🐾 As long as the owners are following laws, have control over their dog, and clean up after them I feel like dogs should be allowed in most public outdoor spaces.
- 🐾 I do not think dogs should be prohibited. I do think people should be sanctioned for not picking up after their dog and that dogs should be well trained. That being said, I realize enforcement of this type is tricky. The city could/should address dog 'rules'.
- 🐾 I do not think dogs should be prohibited from any spaces but I do think there should be more signage about keeping dogs on leashes outside of dog parks. There are too many people everywhere who don't have 100 percent control over their dogs and don't practice good dog ownership by allowing their dogs to freely approach people who may have skittish or aggressive dogs, especially on paved trails. On back country trails I think there's a difference as it's more expected for a dog to be off leash, but on family-friendly trails I think dogs should be leashed.
- 🐾 I find that friendly dogs are enjoyed by most non-dog owners, and actually approach my dog probably 98% of the time to pet him...It is therapeutic even out in the public parks!
- 🐾 Properly supervised and cared for, dogs should be allowed in all parks and open spaces, with restrictions during special events.
- 🐾 I think it's important to exercise and socialize your dog. I have seen many aggressive dogs because they are not socialized and they are not getting out enough.
- 🐾 Perhaps there could be certain hours when dogs and their owners are allowed in current parks. Many parks are not fully utilized and see few kids playing.
- 🐾 There could be restrictions on neighborhood parks where there is a lot of kid activity. All neighborhoods and parks are not equal. with the continued building of track homes, parks provide the open space needed since lots are too small to allow dogs to run and

play. Also, more apartments and multi-family housing coming online means even less space for dogs to roam. Let's not make this a one size fits all scenario.

- 🐾 I think that encouraging respectful dog owners to bring their pets to the open spaces in Carson City greatly enhances the quality of those spaces. I understand qualms from citizens who are bothered by pets owned by those who don't respect the spaces or other citizens, but I do not believe that prohibiting dogs from certain spaces will solve this problem, only frustrate those who do choose to follow the laws.
- 🐾 There are an abundance of areas for dogs-on-leash and that's fine but I can hike for hours in a week at Prison Hill and never encounter anyone. Please don't make Silver Saddle or Prison Hill more restrictive.
- 🐾 A law mandating the dogs be either on the leash or under voice control would be more appropriate, I think.
- 🐾 As a responsible dog owner, I stay away from Parks and use open space only. In the fifteen years I had a single minor problem with another dog that was aggressive at Fuji Park. Seems the rules and regulations in place are sufficient. But I am also acutely aware it only takes a single complaining person so ruin it for everyone else. I would hope before any changes are made that the City realizes the complaints maybe overrepresented and not a true picture of what happening.
- 🐾 I don't know that you can do anything about this but if enough people comment then perhaps it is at-wide problem."
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- 🐾 "Fenced dog areas in parks would be nice.
- 🐾 I really appreciate being able to take my dog with me. It gives me a sense of security to have her. I think overall things are going well. There is always one who ruins it for everyone. Thank you.
- 🐾 I believe it will be easier to enforce some leash laws if dog owners are given more opportunities to walk their dog off leash in safe/appropriate locations (trails/dog parks).
- 🐾 "I think the idea of controlling dogs on trails as indicated on Q#21 is a good one... after 1/2 mile from the trailhead, most hikers / walkers spread out.
- 🐾 As a responsible dog owner, I stay away from Parks and use open space only. In the fifteen years I had a single minor problem with another dog that was aggressive at Fuji Park. Seems the rules and regulations in place are sufficient. But I am also acutely aware it only takes a single complaining person so ruin it for everyone else. I would hope before any changes are made that the City realizes the complaints maybe overrepresented and not a true picture of what happening
- 🐾 Do not add anymore laws.
- 🐾 Control of dogs is not something that the City can or should regulate in Parks or Open Space. The City favors those that complain and does not maintain an unbiased outlook. They accept the complaints, enforce rules, and create regulation based on the opinion (without verification or proof of a problem) of a few biased citizens. My personal experience (30+ years) in almost daily use of Riverview Park, Mexican Ditch, most other Carson City parks (including those on the Westside) is that dogs have never caused a problem. All of the problems that I have witnessed over the years are a misunderstanding of the actual situation, Extreme unwarranted fear of Dogs by the complainer, or just plain mean spiritedness. People in Carson City regulate their dogs, the City should stay out of dog regulation.

- 🐾 I strongly suggest that the Supervisors and City Staff do objective studies of problems before wasting their time, and taxpayer's money on creating useless unneeded unenforceable costly regulations for the undereducated biased vocal few.
- 🐾 We also utilize the Prison Hill Trail system and the river trails. We've never had any problem out there with our dogs off leash or other people's dogs off leash
- 🐾 I and most dog owners treasure our access to open space and trails. Most dog owners who utilize these areas have a respect for the natural resources and wildlife found there. There will always be people who do not have this respect. Changing the access and leash laws because of a few irreverent people is unfair to the majority who are respectful dog owners. The few instances of conflict I have seen is always a result of a poorly trained dog. The condition that dogs should be under control of their owners is sufficient for the overall majority of pet owners.
- 🐾 Seasonal closures are understandable, provided they are administered in a logical, science-based way.
- 🐾 Moving off leash areas beyond the trails themselves is a very bad idea as it will increase contact between wildlife and pets and their owners. Wildlife tends to avoid the main trails and pets stay close to their walkers on the trail.
- 🐾 I oppose changes to access and leash laws.
- 🐾 Dogs should be allowed everywhere. 2020 showed us that we need out fur friends and our trails. Without either, it would have been an even worse year. Nature and wildlife thrived last year!!! Sonoma park had never look so good.
- 🐾 I am sick and TIRED of being another drone taxpayer in Carson City and getting NO benefit from my tax cash. The dog park on Sonoma is the only park I get some kind of benefit from. I use Open Spaces daily for my dog walking. No people around. Rarely other dogs. I am responsible enough to not damage the area. Unlike the trash on dirt bikes and hillbilly ATV's and redneck rip it up trucks. These rednecks get to rip up sagebrush, make new hillbilly roads that were nonexistent 3 years ago and you do NOTHING. I don't want to listen to families with spawn screaming. I avoid other parks, like Mills for that reason. I am courteous enough to know that barking dogs annoy neighbors that surround Sonoma. I have to listen to screaming kids in my neighborhood and I don't care for that. My dogs are well behaved. Way better than Carson City's spawn from Hell. I won't even bother to get in to the idiots that camp illegally on Open Space Land. I avoid Silver Saddle Ranch now just because some of the creatures that visit are absolute pigs. As are their children. Carson City is starting to become very piggy. It's the people. Not the dogs. I clean up after my dogs. I clean up after other people's dogs. I do hope you figure out a way to make everyone happy. Even I know it's impossible. Good Luck. People with dogs should matter just as much as people that have failed to learn how to parent their children. Good Luck. Good luck again with anything related to this. I walk my dog 8-10 miles a day, typically all in town and I get very frustrated by folks who do not have their dogs on leash. I worry about the dog's safety and whether or not it's going to run out in the street. Very rarely will I take my dog on any of the trails or pathways as I don't trust other dog owners to be responsible for their dogs. It was different when I had a wolfdog and I knew how unfriendly he was. Now I have a husky, she is very friendly, but I still will not walk her around dogs who are off leash. Also, I have seen how inconsiderate other dog owners can be as far as picking up after their dogs. It's shameful and irritating for those of us who are responsible pet owners. Again, good luck with any changes you make and the enforcement efforts that will be required to make sure those changes are adhered to. Responsible pet owners keep a leash available if needed. Also keep their own waste bags Don't let a few irresponsible owners allow stricter rules. We're so blessed to live in a community where our pets can have some space and freedom.

Education and Enforcement - 50 comments

- 🐾 There should be a sign that says "Owners are responsible for controlling their dogs and picking up any waste"

- 🐾 Education of leash use, poop bag use, and enforcement of each. I know the above costs money though, and there are other priorities for funding
- 🐾 I am a dog owner; my concern are the trails all along the Carson river from Empire Ranch golf course all the way to the small dam on the Mexican ditch trail. Most of the dogs I encounter are off leash. I've had them change at my two, six month old dogs walking on leash multiple times. I also mountain bike the whole area there and around Prison hill. I've been chased by off leash dogs and nipped at more times than I can recall. I always announce myself when I'm coming up on walkers and dogs and slow down so it's very frustrating to have to deal with the dogs off leash. I am all for dogs using the trails, I just would like to see better enforcement of the leash policy.
- 🐾 Any public place not specifically dogs only. Dogs are out of control and their owners take no responsibility. We can't walk our streets without loose dogs running us down. Why would we allow more areas??? Keep them out of public spaces. If needed make a few more dog parks but not near other public spaces because they will run them loose. It is OUT OF CONTROL.
- 🐾 I wish there was a better way to support dog owners and keeping their dogs under control. Out of control dogs are a nuisance to everyone including responsible dog owners. It's really frustrating when a couple irresponsible people lead to restrictions for everyone.
- 🐾 As a homeowner bordering Long Ranch Park, it is sad to see it turned into an unleashed dog park. When we bring children and grandkids to the park, unleashed dogs run up to us constantly. Even in the kids play area. There are many places and trails appropriate for unleashed dogs in our community, but an unfenced neighborhood park is not one of them. There are at least 20 cars a day that drive up and park in front of the "dogs must be leashed" sign. They open their door and let the dogs run, occasionally into our front yard. There is no apparent enforcement from the park ranger.
- 🐾 There should be an easy and much advertised way to report aggressive uncontrolled dogs. This should include a way to post pictures of the dog/owner from the incident. I wouldn't restrict dogs though. Some rules only punish those who follow the rules.
- 🐾 Many trail users (bike/hike/equestrian) enjoy letting their animals run along. Education is better than restrictions.
- 🐾 It would be nice to see a presence of enforcement working with people rather than too many restrictions. We have many irresponsible dog owners and scared non dog owners that I am afraid will ruin dog walking for everyone. Animals need to be off leash and socialize. Many studies prove that social time makes dogs healthier and better behaved. So many dog walkers and non-dog walkers are so afraid of other dogs they create many of the problems. As for dogs that chase wildlife for example sheep. Enforce that with heavy fines. Where is the enforcement??
- 🐾 Before you waste more money on signs, how about putting some teeth in the "pick up after your dog" rule and hand out some tickets. A bunch of them. \$100 a pop for starters. This isn't a case where a "warning" or a PSA will fix this. All of these owners know they need to pick up after their dogs; they're dog owners and there's no mystery about dog poop. Since the city is providing bags and cans, there is no reason not to pick up except everyone knows there's no downside to not doing it. Just skip the step where the supervisors sit on their asses and wring their hands about being sensitive to the public and solve the problem. I suspect that some of these animals have not had good vet care and carry parasites as well as other diseases (I've talked with many of their owners). An enforcement effort in the areas where many owners let their dogs "run wild" could be a step towards emphasizing the need to actually care for these animals as well as protecting the rest of us from disease."

- 🐾 If areas ban dogs/require leashes, add signs that explain why so people understand. I feel like people are more likely to comply this way.
- 🐾 "If a dog is under the control of their owner, then it shouldn't be a problem if they're on leash or not.....but the problem is there are owners that ruin it for the rest of us. I would like to see more enforcement for owners that don't pick up after their dogs or allow their dogs to roam farther than they could reasonably control them (i.e., 50-100yds).
- 🐾 "I think prominently posting the muni code and stressing enforcement for people who can't control their animals should be in view.
- 🐾 There is one at Riverview, but I haven't seen this information posted on the newer trailhead signs. Those signs are very nice looking. Additionally, how does someone who witnesses an event report the violation? There is a lot of discussion on NEXTDOOR, I posted a photo of the sign at Riverview trail entry about vicious dogs.
- 🐾 If you do pass a law requiring all dogs to be leashed on Carson City parks and open space, please figure out a way to enforce it, so the law has teeth and folks will actually leash their dogs."
- 🐾 I'm very sensitive to individual with disabilities and we should seek legislative changes to protect those who truly have a support dog and start holding those who are caught without their dog on a leash to be prosecuted before someone else gets seriously injured. We need to take a stronger stance to discourage the behavior so those who need a support animal can be truly supported
- 🐾 Could there be a way to report misuse or abuse of areas by dog owners or off leash privileges? We were not able to report the man with the dog who tried to attack our dog. "
- 🐾 I don't know how to get to the irresponsible ones. Signs don't seem to work
- 🐾 More enforcement.
- 🐾 Consider more outreach/education at parks and open spaces. Resources that can help address issues
- 🐾 Rules without enforcement are a waste of time!
- 🐾 Provide more funding for animals control services and enforcement of existing laws. Make dog owners more accountable.
- 🐾 I think signage regarding leash laws and where dogs are allowed needs to be clear and more prominent.
- 🐾 If there is a problem with dogs off leash where they should be on leash, larger signs and stricter enforcement should be considered. The city has park rangers, use them.
- 🐾 It would be nice to see a presence of enforcement working with people rather than too many restrictions. We have many irresponsible dog owners and scared non dog owners that I am afraid will ruin dog walking for everyone. Animals need to be off leash and socialize. Many studies prove that social time makes dogs healthier and better behaved. So many dog walkers and non-dog walkers are so afraid of other dogs they create many of the problems.
- 🐾 Aside from this, I'm not sure if signage 'requiring' dogs to be leashes is very effective. It is probably best to assume that many owners will keep their dog off leash, and prepare the parks as necessary.
- 🐾 Since there is a no dog allow restriction at Mills park, it needs to be enforced. I see dogs on and off leash daily even though it is posted in the parking areas.
- 🐾 It is almost impossible to enforce but people should pick up their waste, I see bags along the trails everywhere and heavy use areas like Sonoma really need to stay clean.
- 🐾 Please come up with a way to enforce what we have now before adding more laws that will not be enforced.
- 🐾 Nuisance animals and their owners need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- 🐾 Better signage to inform owners they are responsible for controlling their dogs or they must be leashed.
- 🐾 " Signage at the trailheads is adequate. What is lacking is enforcement. I've never seen a park ranger out on the trails and only once at a trailhead."

- 🐾 Leashed dogs on the trail is reasonable but ultimately I think that punishes owners who have well-behaved dogs, and those who don't will still let the dogs loose, will still be combative, and will still argue with others. We need a way to report, and ultimately fine those who don't follow the rules that are already in place.
- 🐾 Start some enforcement of the regulations pertaining to dogs. I am tired of seeing all the dog waste all over this city, especially when baggies are provided.
- 🐾 I have been attacked and my dog has been attacked. I now only go to open spaces where I'm unlikely to encounter Pitbull terriers and carry self-defense in case I do. Pitbull's should be banned permanently from all public spaces."
- 🐾 owners pick up poop. Stiff fines for owners not in compliance. And stiff fines for dogs chasing or harassing wildlife. Make owners responsible for their pets.
- 🐾 Having dogs off leash on trails or natural areas is no different than letting the wild coyote's run around. As long as they are kept out of others personal property and are not being aggressive then they should be left alone.
- 🐾 Any and all dogs should be on leash when the sheep are here for the spring cheatgrass work they do.....
- 🐾 Please avoid blanket policies. They are faster to write and implement. But the trouble with blanket policies is they don't consider the dog and handler, traffic in particular areas, etc. In the open spaces where there are few visitors and rarely dogs the rules should be different than a busy park in town. Please consider the consequences to the users of remote, rarely visited open space when enacting policies. Please try to be precise as to where the policies apply. Presumably they should only apply to areas where there are problems to solve (human-dog conflict, dog-dog conflict, dog-habitat damage, dog-wildlife problems, etc.). Please avoid blanket policies that regulate areas with no problems. That can actually cause problems if not carefully implemented. Thanks for all you are doing.
- 🐾 "SIGNAGE: Remind owners of individual RESPONSIBILITY to maintain control of their pup. All canines exhibit bad behavior sometime. No less than a parent, it is the owner's personal responsibility to correct bad behavior from its puppies. If an owner is incapable of correcting bad behavior, then that owner must self-restrict access to all dog parks.
- 🐾 It would be nice to see a volunteer squad that could either warn people or issue citations for people who do not use dog waste bags. I constantly experience dog owners at Riverview Park not using waste bags.
- 🐾 I am not surprised by this questionnaire. Instead of dealing with problem dog handlers, it is much easier to make blanket restrictions that affect all dogs and handlers, regardless of whether they are a problem or not. Therefore, I anticipate more restrictions on where our dogs can be and more leash restrictions. Case by case basis on everything. Thanks for doing this survey.
- 🐾 "Please do something about the pit bull problem in Carson City. One inferential where my leashed puppy was attacked, there were 2 witnesses willing to testify, I have the license plate and description of the pit bull owners called the police and humane society and no one ever followed up with this information.
- 🐾 I'm 77 years old and it's difficult to protect my dog from an aggressor. "
- 🐾 "Look to states that are dog tolerant, for example Colorado. Even in the city of Denver and high-density living dogs are welcome. Outdoor patio dining/drinking allow dogs, on leash and controlled. Dog bowls are out in many places for water. As a result, most animals (a majority) are socialized and compatible with many people around them. There are rules of course and leashing needs to happen. But because there is collective efficacy in having dogs alongside people, less issues exist. People pick up after their animals far more often than here with less population.
- 🐾 Hire me.... I'll be a retired teacher soon. Educational efforts are the way. lol"
- 🐾 I moved here to enjoy what Carson City has to offer, it is a beautiful and free land, but if it becomes reminiscent of Oakland with a million signs everywhere telling me every rule I'm breaking and every fine I'll pay then I'll just leave for someplace better

- 🐾 There are also too many people who take their dogs into Carriage Square Park, ignoring the "No Dogs" signs. We have complained several times, but the problem persists, and the Park Ranger is never around. Yesterday, two dogs were fighting in the park as their owners tried to separate them. (one was leashed, and one was not) Dogs do not belong in the city parks where there are small children and people enjoying some peaceful time.
- 🐾 In general, if you are going to post signage, please maintain it. Otherwise, it is ineffectual."
- 🐾 This is a friendly dog community, and the owner should be cited for their pets' bad behavior.
- 🐾 The only concern I have about new leashing laws is enforcement. The only times we have had conflict is when someone's dog is off leash on a trail and the owner does not call them back even though our dogs are on leash. How would new rules be enforced, or even expressed, to residents who do not follow the existing rules?

Proper Dog and Owner Behavior and Etiquette – 67 Comments

- 🐾 "(1) Probably people that have dogs need to be more aware that not everybody likes dogs running up to them on a trail when they are cycling or running. If the owner makes an effort or acknowledges their dog it is better, but some dog-owners assume everybody likes dogs and their own dogs are special, etc., This is not the case.
- 🐾 "I frequently use Carson City trails and open spaces with my dog off-leash. When I come across another person, I simply reach down and attach his leash. He doesn't need that, but I feel like it is courteous. Not everybody is a "dog person". Some people walk their dogs on a leash because THEIR dog is aggressive, and if another dog runs up to it, it may cause an altercation. My wife was attacked by a dog as a child and is very afraid when she is approached by a strange dog that is not on a leash. Other dog owners think that if their dog is "friendly" it is fine to allow it to run up to another person. Multiple times I have had a dog run at us barking and growling, and the owner just smiles and says, "He's friendly. He just barks a lot". That is not ok. There are also many people who are responsible and courteous. I don't know the solution, other than to either make leashes mandatory, make them mandatory "when passing another person or dog", or trying to define "under the owner's control means your dog does not leave your side, bark at, or approach other people or dogs without permission".
- 🐾 To be honest I am kind of heart sick about the changes that are occurring both due to that area becoming a city park and due to all the new people coming to this area. I never, ever had these issues before. About a month ago a guy was running up there holding a puppy to his chest. He scared me to death as he run up behind me and didn't warn me. Then instead of just running off - he stopped and turned toward me asking if my dog was friendly. I told him "yes" and thought he wanted to visit about his puppy. My dog went over and got up on his back legs to see the puppy and the guy said "you better call your dog off or I will kick him". So I called my dog and he came and sat next to me. Then he turned to leave and said...."that is why I carry a guy". WTF??? Go back to where you came from please."
- 🐾 Most people are aware of how their dog will react to other dogs, etc. I don't agree that leashes solve interactions. Dogs on leashes are actually more defensive because they can't get away or protective of their owner. A dog that has good voice command response is under more control than a leashed dog. Leashes don't help with picking up after dogs either. A leash does not necessarily equate to control. Also, if you are riding a bike or a horse, a leash is dangerous.
- 🐾 Some people have dogs that are just like their children and raised to respect and listen, I work hard to be able to take my dogs out for exercise, and trails and open spaces is my therapy, as well as my dogs. I would always be 100% responsible for any mishap alone the way, just as I would be for my children.
- 🐾 Unfortunately the untrained dogs cause problems for the trained. Thanks
- 🐾 Most people are responsible dog owners. As always a few ruin it for others."

- 🐾 Again, if a dog is off leash they should respond to owner. If not they shouldn't be off leash. Maybe there is a license process an owner has to go through so the dog is identifiable as off leash ok?
- 🐾 In addition, not sure what can be done but there are a lot of ignorant pet owners, not leashing dogs in park (Treadway park), when it is posted, having pets on their property not trained and not leashed. I experience a lot of dogs on West side, Mountain street who coming running at my dogs, from garages, front doors etc. Dog owners aren't trained on basic skills, there should be some type of license or registration for dog owners, so they know what our city and community expectations are. Thank you
- 🐾 Also, there is altogether too much dog waste on trails, and baggies full of dog waste that owners leave by the trails and never pick up. If a dog is unleashed, the owners don't see where it poops. when it's leashed, they're more aware that it's pooping and there's more chance that they'll pick it up.
- 🐾 I have worked very hard training my dogs to respond to my verbal commands and have e-collar trained them. I don't allow them to chase wildlife at all. When I see owners with their dogs on leashes, unless I know them and their dogs, I keep my dogs from bothering or interacting with these dogs. I have owned a dog aggressive dog years ago and understand that some dogs are on leashes for a reason. I can walk past another dog with my dogs with one command "leave it" and not have any interaction. I keep my dogs with me generally no more than 20 feet from me at all times. I know many other dog owners who feel the same way as I do and do not want to see the rules change on trails and open spaces.
- 🐾 We understand that owners enjoy walking their dogs off leash. We ourselves find off leash areas to hike our dogs. As dog trainers, we can vouch for the dozens of clients who come to us with problems due to their dogs being attacked on trails by other dogs or who are afraid to go on trails least they get attacked. The on leash unless you have your dog under your control is a good idea, but very few people have any control over their dogs. Rattle snakes and wildlife dangers are a potential risk for off leash dogs too. We teach a k-9 first aid course in the mountains designed to help clients whose dogs have been attacked on trails and teaching them emergency first aid and hiking etiquette because of the growing need and sentiment that off leash dogs are dangerous.
- 🐾 So much depends on the personal responsibility of dog owners. An elderly, non- aggressive dog who still enjoys a slow walk through the sagebrush shouldn't be forced to be on a leash, while a younger more energetic dog that can still chase a rabbit for a mile should be restrained. We personally own one of each, and do not take a chance with the younger one. she wears an e-collar when off-leash.
- 🐾 Dog owners seem to assume that everyone loves dogs. Some people are afraid, or allergic, or just don't want to be accosted by an enthusiastic dog. Maybe signage could include a friendly message about this. At the very least, signage emphasizing dog presence in our parks and urban trails is a privilege and not a right would be helpful, and emphasizing the experience of people over that of dogs would help.
- 🐾 Personal responsibility and liability should occur wherever you take your dog.
- 🐾 In places frequently used by people with & without dogs, leash laws should reflect these circumstances. On hiking trails, open areas not frequently used then dog owners should be able to use their own judgment with the understanding that the dog owners are responsible for whatever their dogs do while off leash.
- 🐾 I feel I am a responsible dog owner. I carry my own poop bags (and I am a Mutt Mitt volunteer). I let my dog off leash when I am in open space only where I have a good open view of the area around me because we don't have a reliable recall with distractions. If other dogs are in view, we stay on lead. If hikers or others are in view, we stay on lead only because my dog will run over to say hi no matter how far away, they are. and likely follow the people home. I might be in favor of sensitive area restrictions with more details. Any leash restrictions I'd want to know more details before forming an opinion. I do value our time running free in the hills. Thanks

- 🐾 In regards to off leash, I'm not opposed but most people don't have their dogs so well trained that they recall instantly in any situation. On the trails there are wildlife that are very distracting and a dog that is on leash is much easier to control and it is safer for all concerned.
- 🐾 I would like to see more people do the same and also would like to see education about not letting unleashed dogs run up to folks with leashed dogs.
- 🐾 I leash my dog because he is a runner and overly friendly with strangers. He doesn't jump but would go home with anyone. Not everyone has that problem and I appreciate that people can let their dogs run and get a good work out at all the trails where I hike.
- 🐾 If more dog training or proper handling was available to the city, there might be more educated owners in town. More dog activities would help owners understand the importance of having a well-trained and obedient dog and help the dog community coexist.
- 🐾 I do believe that dogs under control via leash/voice command/E-collar should be welcome in public parks and open spaces. It is the owner's responsibility to keep their dog well behaved, under control, and to clean up after them. It is great that in our age of technology, so many great training tools are open to us. A broad leash law may not be the most effective more for Carson simply because I have personally met dogs who are more aggressive and protective on leash than off leash. On the other hand, there are dogs who do best under leashed conditions.
- 🐾 Above all is responsible dog ownership
- 🐾 There will be times where dogs may not get along but attentive humans can and should quickly act to diminish conflict. As far as what I personally have observed, 99% of dog owners here (dog parks and on trails) do take their responsibilities seriously for the good of the community.
- 🐾 While there are many responsible dog owners, there are too many irresponsible ones. When a strange large dog runs up to me, it is frightening. The reassurance from the owner that the dog "will not hurt me" is no consolation.
- 🐾 It is the responsibility of every dog owner to maintain a safe relationship with their dog in a public environment. Hopefully, people will recognize that when they take their dog off leash, the law will dictate the outcome. As an example, if your dog and another are both off the leash and come into a conflict... victim, or not, it's risk that a dog owner takes.
- 🐾 All of our open spaces and parks are suffering do to irresponsible dog owners. It is unfortunate that your survey only allows for you to choose only one area. I love dogs, but my family members are allergic. So when loose dogs circle, bark, and jump on us it is a bigger problem.
- 🐾 I think allowing dogs off leash should be the owner's discretion based on the nature of their dog. My previous dog was able to roam off leash with no issues. My current dog is aggressive and reactive so she is kept on a leash at all times.
- 🐾 Owners need to be held responsible for their dogs in all areas. How to do this without being patrolled is the big question.
- 🐾 I hate feeling unsafe in my town. My dog is extensively trained and we are no trouble or threat to anyone. But, I always feel unsafe. If I try to attend an outdoor concert, there are people there with unruly dogs and they do not keep them under control. People seem to think that if their dog is friendly that's all that matters. A dog is still an animal. A dog can be triggered for unexpected reasons. People act very irresponsibly with their dogs. . I don't feel I can relax and enjoy myself. The same happens with walking on city streets or in parks or on trails.
- 🐾 do not make this a one size fits all.
- 🐾 I realize there are irresponsible dog owners, with that said there are mostly good responsible owners who are respectful to people they encounter on trails and parks. As well as the areas they are in. I encounter people with other dogs, very rare to have

problems. I have encountered individuals who just don't like dogs. Those experiences have been quite uncomfortable. To have to listen to and defend myself or my animals from an individual who clearly believes the world revolves around them. When the only one misbehaving and out of control is them. Not the dog owner or the dog.

- 🐾 Dog owners must be held accountable for their dogs' behavior at all times.
- 🐾 If dogs are off leash the owner should be able to control them with a verbal command. If the dog ignores owners command, they should NEVER be allowed off leash.
- 🐾 Most people are responsible dog owners. There are a few who cause the problems so not everyone should be restricted in using taxpayer funded parks. Most people I encounter in the places I use are older and retired. They know how to handle the animals and the people get exercise as well.
- 🐾 Leash/off leash is a difficult concept. Some dogs stay with their owners and are well behaved, and do not need to be on a leash. Others (like mine) need to be on a leash. Unfortunately, many owners are not really dog-savvy and are convinced that their dog is harmless to other dogs, people, and wildlife, when they really should be trained and on a leash.
- 🐾 You need to know your dog. We shouldn't need leash laws anywhere. It should fall on the dog owner for being ignorant of their own dogs' behavior.
- 🐾 In all cases the dog owner must be in control of their dog by voice, whistle, or other device when not on a leash.
- 🐾 More classes by people like Guy Yeaman. Discount in city license fee if you have taken a course provided by the city.
- 🐾 Just wish people would pick up after their dogs and keep their aggressive pups on a short leash.
- 🐾 I love using our parks and I love to take my dog. We frequently clean up others dog waste. The regulars who I see at the River View park are great. They are respectful and we have no issues. It helps me feel a part of the community. I just wish people consistently had control of their animals and were responsible.
- 🐾 Control your dog and be considerate of others. Show some respect.
- 🐾 "Ignorant owners of aggressive breeds are ruining the experience of responsible dog owners.
- 🐾 I love the trails. I don't like some of the people who utilize them who refuse to obey signs. Dogs only do what their owners allow and some dog owners really suck!
- 🐾 It all comes back on dog owners to control their animals and pickup after them.
- 🐾 Bike riders need to slow down when people are near or wildlife, dogs etc. People are the ones that must be concerned about all situation's others face when using an area with others who may be afraid of dogs or not like being jumped on by an uncontrolled dog. I suggest a park owners guide be placed at any park with a list of responsibilities for users. Dog owners and people that don't like dogs need to respect each other rights and work to make parks pleasant experience for all.
- 🐾 "One time a muddy dog jumped on me and without my even saying a word to the owner, she just started yelling at me because I wouldn't pet it. She was literally hollering about how I didn't like dogs. And I already mentioned that I have been bitten, and a friend had to go to the hospital from a bite.
- 🐾 I have owned many dogs and never let them harass anyone. Like I said it is unfair for non-dog owners to have to watch out for unruly dogs, and owners, and have to sidestep feces in public parks and trails"
- 🐾 Most dog owners are considerate of others. There are a handful that are not. These "entitled" few should not be the catalyst for massive changes.
- 🐾 Don't punish good & responsible dog owners because of the irresponsible owners.
- 🐾 As I indicated earlier, this seems like a solution (already in the works?) in search of a problem. This is a people issue, not a dog issue, and people are looking to impose their wills on the few bad actors (again, people) or to appease people fearful of dogs who

want none in their face. Dogs in general are smarter than most people but can't take a survey to indicate their feelings on the matter. Final thought: leash people and let the dogs walk them.

- 🐾 Why is this all about the dogs? What about people who create new trails anywhere they want when they are off-roading? Aren't they responsible as well for protecting the sensitive areas? Why are people allowed to camp and dump their trash in the open areas? Also, what about the wild dog pack that still thrives in town? They have been reported to Animal Control multiple times. Nothing has been done. Why can't a tranquilizer gun be used to capture them? Why can't the police shoot them? they have the right to do so. This pack of wild dogs has been allowed to kill livestock, domestic pets and wildlife. Why all the concern about dog parks, which are used every day, by a lot of people, of more concern that the wild dogs? These dogs are a dangerous threat to the community and yet nothing has been done. Focus on that, not heavily used and enjoyed, dog parks.
- 🐾 "Dogs are rarely the problem - it's the owners who don't take responsibility for and watch over them. I have never had a problem with dogs at parks, but I have observed them at parks like Sonoma and River View where a few people don't watch their dogs or remove them when they are causing problems. Don't punish the dogs by requiring leashes when the owner is at fault. People are responsible for their pet's behavior! Thank You for the opportunity to comment.
- 🐾 "I think when someone adopts or rescues a dog for the shelter. There should be a mandatory basic classes giving to the new owner of the adopted/rescue dog on off/on leash handling. With a certificate/ or card given when the owner and dog have successfully passed the classes to carry on them when out for hikes, etc. Also, some sort of incentive to owners who already own a dog and have off/on leashing training and proof of that training (legit AKC), maybe some sort of discount when receiving a dog license, etc. And a card for the owner to carry on them at all times when out for hikes, etc. to show proof that both have been trained in proper handling of off/on leash usage. Last... Hefty fines to apply for owners not following the rules of off/on leash laws.
- 🐾 Unfortunately, the dog is the one who pays the price in the end; when actually it is the owners lack of knowledge that causes the problems in the first place."
- 🐾 It really depends on the dog owner to assure the safety and behavior of the dogs
- 🐾 However, if a dog is unruly, I think that the owner should not expose it to the open spaces and dog parks.
- 🐾 I thoroughly enjoy dogs and love being able to take my dogs everywhere possible. It would just be nice to have a way to ensure the safety is placed at higher priority in reference using a leash. When there is a dog off leash running towards leashed dogs it is okay if the owner is with them and has remote control or voice control over them. My concern is when dogs are off leash approaching other animals (horses, dogs...), children, or the elderly then the owner needs to be responsible and control their dog via leash, remote, or voice. This is irritating to have to stop my work out and address another owner's dog when it all could have been prevented. Thanks
- 🐾 dogs should always be in control of the owners at all times or stay home.
- 🐾 I'm not unaware that enhanced leash laws will require additional enforcement so I'm in support of an additional property tax, additional license fees, whatever to support those resources. There are too many people in this town with out of control dogs at playgrounds, in the stores, on Carson Street, and yes, in dog parks, that think they are above the rules with out of control animals. Something needs to be done.
- 🐾 I noticed Treadway Park has a leash requirement but nobody follows it because it is the perfect place to throw a ball so dogs can run. There are not enough parks in neighborhoods for dogs and people.

- 🐾 we are former dog owners but dog-less now. we will be dog owners again, however. Note comments above. dog encounters that turn bad or violent are a real threat. Dog owners need to be more responsible for their animals so that all can enjoy the trails, parks, etc. thanks for the survey.
- 🐾 Personal responsibility is key. Have enough rules for the very few or rare instances that may occur!
- 🐾 "If dogs are going to be off leash, it would be nice to see that the person takes responsibility, also.
- 🐾 Dogs are not the problem. They love grass and do what comes naturally in parks. It is the owner who doesn't pick up or allows aggressive dogs off leash.
- 🐾 Let's keep in mind it's not the animal's fault, it is the owners. Maybe think about what kind of education we can provide to the public about caring for our animals, wildlife and natural resources and not just ban dogs off leash on sensitive trails just because. live and let live
- 🐾 Please DO NOT change the current off leash rules. My dogs are well trained and I will not comply with mandatory leash laws. Offer training for those who have dogs that don't behave and not penalize all of us for the acts of a few.

Dog Waste 52 Comments

- 🐾 Potential for registration or license fees to pay for mutt mitts etc.
- 🐾 The "easy" trails like the Riverview loops are COVERED in dog waste. It's a terrific place for an easy relaxing stroll and I like bringing my dog there... but he is always on leash which makes it easy to control/and clean up. There are lots of dogs there off lead, not always well controlled by owners and because owners are often so distant from their dogs, they can't see - or simply ignore when their dogs leave a pile behind. So close to the river and so covered in dog waste. I think it's difficult to think about banning dogs there, but it would be great if there were a way to raise public awareness that dog waste is NOT organic.
- 🐾 I sure wish we could get more people to pick up after their dogs. I have two dogs that I always pickup after and I also usually pick up a few other piles each time we walk. I've considered posting a shaming sign on my back fence and even wearing one on my back while I walk the trails! I think our city does an excellent job making dog waste stations available. People that don't pick up don't seem to care. Some of them ride their bikes while their off-leash dogs run with them...they don't even know when and where their dogs relieve themselves.
- 🐾 (2) Further the dog-waste problem is wretched especially with the increased COVID use of the trails. Now instead of just dog waste, people leave the bags at the dog waste station on the trail - I have seen them on the Long Ranch Trail, V&T, V&T to Carson Tahoe connector, Ash to King. I wonder if they expect other people to pick these bags up.
- 🐾 There are SO many people who leave their dog's poop on public trails. Especially at Prison Hill.
- 🐾 "City spends a lot of times ""talking"" about stuff and making rules. How about sending crews, community service probation, or inmates up into the west side trails and clean them up. the trails near the college are disgusting. The citizens that don't pick up after their mutts and litter are a reflection of the interest the city has in those areas; they don't care because you don't care.
- 🐾 I have observed people not picking up their dog's poop. Some people leave the bags on the trail.
- 🐾 Respectfully submitted, as I am a Mutt Mitt Volunteer, Riverview Park "
- 🐾 I am a dog owner and I pick up after my own dogs and usually pick up other poo I see left on the ground. I wish there were a way to enforce some penalty for this leaving waste so that trails aren't shut down because some people can't follow rules and common sense.

- 🐾 Poop bags on heavily used walkways i.e., College Parkway to Ormsby."
- 🐾 I appreciate all the dog bag stations, most of the time I have my own but every once in a while I either forget or my dog will surprise me with an extra deposit so those bags and receptacles come in handy."
- 🐾 The pet waste stations are great and located in some really relevant areas.
- 🐾 I find a lot of doggie waste bags while on trails, full ones 🤢 There for days! I don't understand why people leave them behind
- 🐾 "There are responsible owners and those who will not control or pick up after their animals.
- 🐾 While I think most dog owners clean up after their dogs, there are some that do not, and that is a problem.
- 🐾 "Most dog owners are respectful, but I do see a lot of dog waste that is either not picked up (is that due to off leash dogs that do their business, and the owners don't see them or is it just laziness?) and waste that is in bags but left beside the trails. It's not due to lack of waste containers as they are frequent, available and clean. It's disappointing but I think Parks and Rec and people on the trails really try to keep our recreational areas clean. Thank you! We love our open spaces.
- 🐾 Thank you for putting a trash can and poop bags at the base of the Longview Trail. Now, if we can get people to pick up after their dogs and stop leaving the bags on the side of the trail..."
- 🐾 I feel most dog owners are respectful of others and clean up after their dogs.
- 🐾 The biggest problem with dogs and dog owners currently is the abuse of dog waste bags. More and more, folks are collecting waste in bags and leaving these plastic bags along the trails and fire roads. It's better to leave the waste as is then it is to litter the wilderness with plastic bags."
- 🐾 The dog waste is out of control, even when bags are supplied. Sometimes they do put waste in a bag, neglecting to put it in a trash can, instead leave it on the side of the trail. It is disgusting.
- 🐾 I wish people would clean up after their dogs. AND carry out the poop after it is put in plastic bags.
- 🐾 More feces disposal stations are needed, there is always dog poop everywhere!
- 🐾 It is responsibility of the dog owner to control, AND pick up their waste. If it rules are not enforced then there is no consequences and irresponsible people will not abide by them.
- 🐾 It really helps to have dog waste stations because despite what our dogs think, we humans are not perfect and sometimes forget to bring baggies. Thank you for providing the services that you already have in place. "
- 🐾 "I've lived here a year. I have a 15 month old dog. I do find that there are adequate disposal bins
- 🐾 People let their dogs defecate in the middle of trails and leave it there. It is disgusting. While it would be hard to enforce, I would like to see an ordinance regarding dog waste, including fines for not picking it up. Posted signs regarding the ordinance/fines would not stop all miscreants, however it would make some people think twice about cleaning up after their dogs.
- 🐾 I am not a dog owner, and perhaps that makes me more sensitive to all the dog poop I see on my daily walks. But it is shocking how much there is and how many people refuse to pick up after their pets. It's disgusting, rude, and irresponsible.
- 🐾 It would be interesting to see how many hours are spend cleaning up dog crap in all of our parks and open spaces. The heat makes the smell unbearable in the afternoons. And those who allow their pets to crap o. The asphalt and concrete paths...really?!? Where is enforcement?
- 🐾 Need more publicity about keeping the watershed areas free of dog waste.
- 🐾 The one problem I have with dog owners (not dogs) is that too many of them can't be bothered to clean up after their dogs even within a few feet of a waste station - especially when they let their dogs relieve themselves right in the middle of a trail. I don't

have a solution to this except maybe to add signage pointing out that this is rather inconsiderate. On the other hand it's so ridiculously self-evident that signs may not help at all...

- 🐾 "There is coyote and other wildlife waste all over the trails areas, it's not just domestic dog waste. The sunny climate here dries up waste very quickly, I actually have more of a problem with people leaving dog waste bags on the trails. Those will not decompose in a few days!
- 🐾 I think keeping dogs on a leash might help with the dog waste problem. It is not uncommon to see people riding bikes or running with a dog but I never see them picking up dog waste. Also when dogs roam far from the owner, the owner may not know they need to pick up waste. Keeping a dog on a leash allows the owner to see and pick up the waste as well as keeping others safe from aggressive dogs.
- 🐾 how about dog waste disposal enforcement in areas where parvo is a high concern. like if someone is witnessed walking their dog and not picking up their waste when a city waste bag station is clearly available, they should be fined
- 🐾 "More garbage cans in trails to deposit waste bags would be most helpful and eliminate bags that are left.
- 🐾 Educational information to dog owners of why they need to bag the dogs waste every time on every walk no matter how long the trail is or how remote- clean up after your dog. We all benefit from a crab trail and clean water. "
- 🐾 I carry my own poop bags and always pick up after her. I rarely see an owner consciously choose not to pick up after their dogs. At Sonoma, the "regulars" will politely tell the owner that their dog pooped. I understand that sometimes even an aware owner doesn't see it happen, especially if their dog has gone to the other side of the park or if they are busy visiting with other owners. It happens. At Sonoma, I think users are pretty good about it. At Riverview, however, people often just kick dirt over the poop and go on. There could be a couple of more poop bag/trash at Riverview. That would be helpful. People are lazy. They don't want to carry a poop bag for very long.
- 🐾 "I've seen too many dog owners let their dogs off leash so the dog can go defecate off trail and then the owner pretends like they didn't see the dog defecate, and don't bother to pick it up because it's in the bushes off the trail.
- 🐾 More education of why dog poop is bad for the ecosystem is important; too many people think that because wild animals can poop on the trail, why can't their dog? They don't understand that dog feces are harmful because a.) the sheer volume of dogs pooping everywhere is enormous, and b.) their pet food diet leads to nutrient dense feces that is why more polluting and biohazardous than what wild animals leave behind.
- 🐾 And don't get me started on the baggers who bag the feces, but leave the stinky little plastic packages of poop for someone else to pick up. I went on a short hike in a different state in a park that allowed off leash dogs, and I counted EIGHT abandoned bags of poop on my two-mile hike. EIGHT. I didn't bother to count the piles of poop that weren't bagged. Plus those little baggies baking in the sun still smell like literal crap.
- 🐾 I'm dismayed at how much feces is present at Riverview Park. We have often picked it up and bagged it and removed other people's poop 🐾 maybe some fake cameras would make a difference with people. It makes me angry when people use our trails and don't pick up the poop. They apparently don't care that they are spreading disease to other dogs and people and the environment. We feel it's our responsibility to keep the trails clean and almost always have brought our own bags. We really appreciate the mutt mitts being available and hope that more stations are implemented.
- 🐾 Have a way to fine owners who don't pick up after their dogs, and ENFORCE it!
- 🐾 I would like to see more dog owners utilize the bags that are available in the parks to pick up the dog poop.
- 🐾 It would be great if owners would pick up after their dogs more in the trails.

- 🐾 Work with local agencies and schools to help educate our residents on poop clean up... young students creating posters or signs that inform in a kind way...such as ""there is no Poop Fairy, clean up your dog's Poop"" "This educational effort is throughout CO.
- 🐾 C-hill is terrible, the stench of dog poop is terrible by the Curry parking lot. I don't mind dogs on leashes anywhere, as long as people pick up after them.
- 🐾 I have noticed at the river a lot of times people don't clean up after their dogs though. However, the trails are so wide it's generally not an issue to walk around it... It's just too bad that they don't take care of it.
- 🐾 Regarding question #9 I believe dog owners should be more conscientious regarding cleaning up after their dogs. At Riverview Park there are probably a dozen cans with several mutt mitt stations but compliance is only okay. The park stays as nice as it is because of the inmate crew that is assigned to take care of this area.
- 🐾 Carson City does a great job of managing dog use of parks and spaces. Thank you! I do notice a great deal of dog manure in the Ash Canyon trail areas, so if possible it might be worthwhile to put some bag stations there, or maybe some signage asking hikers/bikers to pick up and pack out their dogs' feces?
- 🐾 "I wish every dog owner used the dog poop bags that the city provides. You make it so convenient; I find it frustrating to see dog poop on the trails
- 🐾 If you let people let their dogs run free, and you don't enforce the existing leash laws, the feces problem is just going to get worse."
- 🐾 My pet peeve is owners who do not carry bags and pick up after their pets in populated areas.
- 🐾 "Could do a better job of stating the impact of not picking up after dogs in any water catchment. I don't know why people don't use the bags provided at all - e.g. on the bike path, at the trailheads. If there is something that could impact that it would be nice. Generally, I feel these areas are either being more heavily used or more heavily abused than 10 years ago and worsening with respect to not picking up after the dogs. The bag stations are now much more reliably full of bags too! I appreciate the bag stations, though try to bring my own bread bags, etc.

Wildlife and Sensitive Areas – 32 Comments

- 🐾 At Riverview - ALSO: there is a lot of wildlife and wetland there and I have seen people fail to keep their dogs out of the wetlands - especially as they dry up not to mention the river. I once saw a pair of dogs traipsing through the river and startling a couple of pairs of mated ducks into flying off.
- 🐾 Dogs catching any wildlife is rare at best! That being said, most wildlife flees before danger approaches. You're putting way too much on wildlife encounters. If you're worried about dogs chasing ducklings and goslings, they should be rewarded, to cut down on the overpopulation already an issue! Don't interfere with nature, because you're usually not helping nature!
- 🐾 Dog owners and dogs become accustomed to outings and if they are allowed during off season, they won't follow the rules. They don't now by allowing dogs off a leash or claiming they are support dogs when they are not. I'm in support of designated areas but they should be fenced in with double gates to protect wildlife and allow kids the freedoms to roam more.
- 🐾 I have not encountered any sensitive areas that give dog owners rules to follow when in those areas. I would suggest more signage with directions for dog owners for these conditions to see how that works before closing to dogs.
- 🐾 Even though the waterfowl areas are clearly posted I still see folks letting their dogs stand in and drink from these areas, so it is sad that this could be something that affects our wildlife in the long term."

- 🐾 "I value wildlife. But please don't take these spaces away from the dogs and dog owners who respect the rules that are already in place. It is already illegal to allow dogs to harass wildlife. Negligent owners should be held accountable according to the rules that already exist.
- 🐾 Of necessary I will oblige restrictions due to wildlife needs.
- 🐾 Re Q#25: I am pretty concerned about Riverview area... it's a great place to walk with our dog but the off-lead dogs are making a mess and I imagine are a real threat to the wildlife in the open spaces encircled by the trails.... there are lots of ducks, coyotes, grouse.... I doubt that all owners would keep their dogs on lead there all the time so it might end up being necessary to ban all dogs - at least seasonally as Washoe Lake park does during high migration/nesting seasons."
- 🐾 "I did not support any positive responses to questions 23-26 as CERTAIN AREAS ONLY, seasonal closures, sensitive areas, etc. were not clearly defined or identified within the context of this survey.
- 🐾 As for dogs that chase wildlife for example sheep. Enforce that with heavy fines. Where is the enforcement??
- 🐾 I would be more inclined to support seasonal closures of certain sensitive areas to dogs, only during nesting season.
- 🐾 Questions 24 and 25 were too vague. What is a "certain sensitive area"? And how is "wildlife habitat" defined. We generally walk in WNC-Ash Canyon areas and there are many deer. Will dogs be prohibited because deer and coyotes inhabit these canyons?
- 🐾 However, I think that dogs should absolutely be banned during specific events such as the firefighting sheep or during nesting seasons for waterfowl. As we've seen there have been numerous conflicts of off-leash dogs attacking sheep or getting into conflict with the sheep dogs during their work and it should absolutely not happen again, and if owners violate the seasonal closures they should have to pay a hefty fine. The sheep are extremely important to our area and should be protected from irresponsible and foolish owners who let their dogs off leash without complete control. "
- 🐾 The more confusing you make the rules, such as closing during certain mating or nesting seasons, to less people will follow those rules. Too hard to remember. Just making leashes mandatory in these sensitive areas, would solve the problem, and be easy to follow.
- 🐾 Another solution for sensitive areas is some simple fencing along the trail, including the golf course, just some rabbit wire a few feet high would keep out most dogs and allow wildlife to jump over it.
- 🐾 If nesting habitats are threatened, seasonal signage should be placed in area.
- 🐾 Sensitive areas could have some minimal barrier placed along the trail to keep dogs out perhaps.
- 🐾 I think if certain areas are closed seasonally for nesting, then they should be closed to human traffic as well.
- 🐾 If an area is a sensitive area for wildlife, all access should be restricted, not just dogs.
- 🐾 With respect to environmental and habitat issues, speaking as one who practiced in civil/environmental engineering professional for over 20 years, I believe issues regarding dog impacts on habitat should be managed with common sense and not bureaucracy. Many environmental views and policies that have been proposed or promulgated are not about protecting species or habitat. but rather other related agendas. Dogs are a particular species that share and compete with other species and also engage in natural predator/prey behavior by their very nature. As a class they are not superior or inferior to other species. Overly restrictive protections for other species or habitat at the expense of dogs is not defensible or rational. I oppose such unnecessary restrictions or blanket restrictions upon dogs with respect to other or special classes of species. Dogs should not be singled out. Of dogs are a very specific and particular
- 🐾 My concern is that these "sensitive areas" will start to be designated all over this area with just a general definition to define it without real reason. Thus closing off areas that people regularly use now with their dogs. I walk among the sheep when they are out with my dog on leash. I wouldn't let my dog run through a bird habitat.....at some point you have to trust that responsible people

really do want to do the right thing and still enjoy what we do for outdoor activities and where we live. You have deer, bears, mountain lions, bobcats, squirrels, rabbits, varmints, and coyotes roaming these areas regularly that destroy more of the habitat than people and their dogs. Let us live in the nature that we love. We know the risks. Dogs are not ruining the water.... contractors are doing that just fine by overbuilding and diverting. Maybe restrict THEM and Carson would be a whole lot better off.

- 🐾 Are you going to prohibit wildlife as well?
- 🐾 Guidelines should protect valuable natural areas - our wildlife must be protected, but also allow responsible dog owners to also use these areas with reasonable restrictions (areas and times of day).
- 🐾 The questions are leading and doesn't address the behavior of dogs. Our dog hates water: there is no danger of her jumping into any body of water. Other dog owners are careful about their dogs when nesting seasons occur.
- 🐾 "My only question is re #25 and #26: how do you decide where wildlife /water quality is or is not a concern --and to what degree? Perhaps if/when those decisions have to be made, the public could be consulted again (except where you already have information i.e. studies done at Buzzy's Ranch and the riparian section that runs along it?).
- 🐾 "#23 I would support requiring leashes in nesting areas during nesting season, but not closing the area. #24 If the sensitive areas have trails through them, I would prefer signs stating dogs must stay on trail or be leashed. #25 If areas have trails that won't endanger wildlife or water quality, I would prefer a sign stating dogs must stay on trail or be leashed.
- 🐾 I would like to see a uniform leash law in all areas EXCEPT for dog parks or certain designated "dog friendly" sections of parks or specific trails. I've been chased, lunged at, or threatened by way too many off leash dogs in my time here with owners who claim "Oh, but he's friendly" or say they're allowed to be off leash because the dog is trained and under voice control (and then the dog totally ignores the owner and chases cyclists or deer).
- 🐾 I'm not 100% opposed, but, would like to hear a discussion regarding question #25 to better understand areas in question.
- 🐾 Dogs and their owners can be respectful of sensitive areas. Dogs like their owners need trails and open space for quality of life. Let's all live happily in this community by sharing these areas responsibly with our family members.
- 🐾 The notion that dogs are any more dangerous or damaging to wildlife areas than the coyotes that roam here is preposterous. If it is such a great concern then close the trail or area during nesting season, but otherwise let dog owners bear responsibility for their dogs. This atmosphere of dog regulations, prohibitions, and mandates ad nauseam will largely continue to be ignored as it is now, and if made more restrictive and punitive than people like myself will simply stop enjoying the beauty of the Carson City area, and take our dogs elsewhere.
- 🐾 I have good dogs and love them and they are great but I do think that humans need to be aware of their impact on the planet and act accordingly. This means that I support any effort to preserve wildlife and wildlife areas even if it means that I personally have less or fewer places to take my dogs.
- 🐾 A seasonal prohibition on the West side of town would be good when the sheep are on the hill for fuel reduction.

Dog Parks - 48 Comments

- 🐾 Dedicated dog parks are definitely needed and desirable for Carson City. There are many benefits that outweigh what negatives there are and they extend in part to all citizens, not just dog owners.
- 🐾 Fuji park fenced area should not be used as a model for any changes. It's isolating, disgusting in winter, and too small.

- 🐾 "Some dog parks -- the one across the corner from the courthouse -- is infested with ""goathead"" weeds that injure dogs' feet. I suggest that work be done to prevent and remove the goatheads to protect our dogs' feet. Also, perhaps voluntary inmate labor or court ordered community service hours can be spend removing pet waste from our parks, trails and open areas -- along with the goathead weeds."
- 🐾 We have taken our dog to Sonoma and Fuji Park dog parks and appreciate both these facilities.
- 🐾 "We absolutely love Sonoma Park! It's a great place for dogs to socialize for better behavior in public and is wonderfully cared for by Carson City parks and rec. Thank you for such a great space for dogs and humans to build community.
- 🐾 I personally don't take my dog to dog parks but I am not aware of one on the west side of town, that might be helpful to add one.
- 🐾 I have small dogs, but I do not want you to carve up Sonoma into smaller areas. This is an amazing dog park, one of the best I have ever seen. People whose small dogs cannot handle this environment have other options nearby
- 🐾 I've heard rumors Sonoma park will be separated to small/large dogs. A lot of people come from Fuji park complaining about the separation there. The trouble dogs seem to go Fuji and at Sonoma my 30-pound dog can play freely with the large and small dogs. Already having a park that allows the tricky big dogs a place gives the rest a place to play and socialize with small dogs. Segregating Sonoma park would likely cause more problems and reverse the good socializing we get there. The majority of owners I've talked to would prefer the Sonoma park stay the same aside from another water fountain. We also appreciate the new self-closing fences; people use the park as a short cut and don't close them sometimes.
- 🐾 We love and appreciate Sonoma Park! Please don't change it!
- 🐾 I think dogs that go to dog parks should all have to dress as cats and then maybe the cats could come hang out with them because they wouldn't feel like they're going to get pooped on. Also, all dogs in America should have to learn a second language. It's up to them what language to learn but I feel it keeps things balanced because sometimes people from other countries visit here and they might bring their dogs with them. I don't want foreign dogs to feel unwelcome in this great state.
- 🐾 There needs to be another dog park that has separate areas for large and small dogs. I would like to see Sanoma separated. There are so many large dogs at Sonoma that more often than not, I can't take my small dogs there. I'd like to see a fenced area for small dogs on the east end if Sanoma. I'm 76 and am fearful of being kicked down by the big dogs.
- 🐾 Why are there so few dog parks in such a dog friendly town? I would be willing to pay more in taxes/fees to open more dog parks!
- 🐾 I think a few more dog parks could significantly help
- 🐾 I most frequently go to Sonoma because it is completely fenced and my dog cannot be off leash in an unfenced area. When there I have seen a few dog fights but infrequently. I've never witnessed a dog hurt badly or witnessed a conflict between owners but I have heard of both instances happening.
- 🐾 We do go to Fuji dog park often too. I wish it was grass but it is fine. I would like to see the large grass area at Fuji fenced so it could be an off-leash dog park. Regarding Sonoma, adding a few trees would be nice. It's super-hot there in the summer and not much available shade. Thanks!
- 🐾 I am a recently retired CCSD schoolteacher (28 years in CCSD). For many of those years (14+) I had a certified Therapy Dog work with me at the school and she was an amazing blessing to hundreds of students over those years. After school, summer, etc. she loved to go and run, play and visit dogs and owners (most of the time at Sonoma Park). We currently have a second dog that we take to Sonoma a couple of times per day. We agree that there are some poor (uneducated?) owners that allow their dogs to "run wild" and cause 90% of the very few problems that do occur. Most of the owners (like us) have been coming to Sonoma for all the years it has been a dog park and we watch out for, communicate and treat each other and the dogs with respect, common courtesy and proper dog social skills. We understand that things are not perfect (neighbors to the park complaints, etc.), but we ALL believe that the dogs need this space to run and be "free." Dividing this park into a smaller, more restrictive space for dogs would NOT be

appropriate! Fuji park is just not working due to its DG surface (dogs cannot run and fetch or they get a mouthful of DG). Also, taking the dog space away at Sonoma would increase the traffic congestion going into COSTCO which is already a problem. We are asking that the city leaves Sonoma Park the way it is and help us as responsible dog owners make adjustments in order to satisfy the city, the neighbors and all parties involved.

- 🐾 We need more grassy, fenced dog parks in CC
- 🐾 Regarding Sonoma Dog Park, I was told by a city worker last year that there was a future plan to divide the park, and there has been talk in the park this year that dividing the park is in the works. We have lived in the neighborhood for 28 years and since Sonoma became a dog park we take our dog there 1-2 times a day most days of the year. For those of us who go daily, the beauty of Sonoma is that it is a large area of grass. People with dogs that interact well together hang out in portions of the park with other likeminded owners. There's room to be separate from others. This works really well!! To divide the park would remove that option. Over the years I have seen very few problems between large dogs and small dogs. In saying that, I am aware of an incident in the last year that caused traumatic injury to a lovely older small dog and even with that incident, I'm not in favor of dividing Sonoma park. For those who want a divided area, there is Fuji Dog Park. If grass were installed at Fuji, more dog owners would probably use it. As it is now, with DG, it's not all that dog friendly. For those who take their dogs to Sonoma Dog Park on a daily basis, I would be very surprised if any are in favor of dividing the park into designated large dog and small dog areas even with the occasional tiffs between dogs or owners. I would rather see other dog parks developed in other areas rather than dividing Sonoma Dog Park. Please leave Sonoma Dog Park as it is and look at other areas that may fill a need for small dog owners who want a designated area. Thank you!"
- 🐾 Sonoma dog park is an excellent, well-maintained, safe area for dogs and people. the vast majority of users are vigilant regarding their dogs' activities and are very careful to ensure safety for all the dogs and owners. I take my 32-pound dog almost every day of the year to Sonoma-----it is clearly the highlight of his day as a dog.
- 🐾 More parks are needed in north Carson. There are almost none on this side of town. Fenced parks are the best. Big and little dogs can mingle together. Some big dogs have best friends that are small dogs. They all enjoy playing together. Size doesn't matter to them!
- 🐾 We take our dog to Sonoma dog park daily as it is an enclosed grassy area. It is frequented mostly by owners and dogs that are regulars. It is important for dogs to have an area to socialize with other dogs and to be able to exercise. Owners pick up after their dogs and it is reflected in a clean park.
- 🐾 "As i mentioned, I usually go to Sonoma Park- the dogs and people are friendly. It's rare to have conflicts but there have been a few.
- 🐾 I think Fuji Park is amazing except for the dirt and people don't pick up the poop- maybe they think they don't have to because there isn't grass. I would go there too if there was grass.
- 🐾 There is a vacant piece of property in Silver Oak on College Parkway next to a park that would be a good site for a dog park if you are looking for more places.
Thank you. "
- 🐾 "A local Girl Scout troop offered to supply toy boxes at both Sonoma and Fuji parks with no support. A member of the parks board found out about the project and gathered information to discuss with the rest of the board; however, there has been no follow up. The 4-H dog club has hit several brick walls with the commission and Parks & Rec Department. This is disheartening on many levels. The message being sent to the youth is not one of inclusion or encouragement. Both groups have been interested in improving the dog areas, but personal agendas have hampered their efforts.

- 🐾 Please don't section off Sonoma dog park, it's the only park where the dogs have a big open space to run with grass. If people want sectioned dog parks for (small/big) breeds they can go to Fuji or other parks. It would be nice if we had a dog park on the north side of Carson that was gated. 😊
- 🐾 I live a block from Sonoma. Out of our 20 house street, 5 dogs go to Sonoma. If you assume that's the average per street for the neighborhood. that's 100 for every 20 streets. Then you factor in all of the people from North Carson that don't have a dog park. Easily over 300 dogs use this park. We shouldn't be reducing the dog parks we need to double them. Sonoma should be put on a pedestal of success, not one that needs to be torn down. You'll receive less calls once people have access to parks similar to Sonoma closer to their homes. The overall health and wellbeing of our dogs in are community is at risk. Less parks means more aggressive dogs and more conflicts close to home. People who dislike dogs will always be that way. They'll use fights and waste to try to eliminate dog parks, then they'll move on to trails and open spaces. Please be reasonable. Dogs need adequate space and owners need easily accessible parks. My dogs would drive my neighbors crazy if Sonoma wasn't an option. Fuji is too far and the off-leash area is very dirty.
- 🐾 Leave Sonoma park as is. Other parks with grass within the city could be fenced and gated to reduce the number of people at Sonoma park. Could fence off a section at Sonoma for smaller dogs to reduce conflicts. Add sod to the Fuji parks.
- 🐾 more dog parks or dog friendly spaces. I like to walk my dog to the capitol plaza; however, I cannot bring her onto any of the grounds or go visit the monuments with her. A dog park near the capitol would be nice, as well as near Mills park
- 🐾 Long Ranch Park. 4-5 years ago the park, which previously allowed unleashed dogs access to the entire park, was divided into unleashed areas along Thames St; and, leashed areas along Longview including the children's play area and gazebo. I live in the area surrounding the park and I probably take my two dogs there twice a day throughout the year. Prior to dividing up the park, I never witness a problem with dogs walking through the current on-leash area, including the children's play area. Most all of the people I walk with have trained dogs that respond well to voice commands including my dogs. To me, the signage in the leashed area should be changes as follows: Dogs must be leashed if children are present or at play in the children's play area. Additionally, during the winter months, there is almost no visitors to the park EXCEPT people walking their dogs. Pet owners should not have to leash their dogs during this time period. Signage should be changed to read "Dogs in the current leashed area do not need to leash their dogs if they under the control of their dog during the months November-April".
- 🐾 May be good to have signage when sheep are in the west side areas, although we can unusually hear them well in advance of seeing them
- 🐾 We really need a fenced dog park somewhere on the west side. Specifically, with room for dogs to run. A natural open space with fences would be perfect but anything is nice.
- 🐾 Create a small dog section for Sanoma
- 🐾 We love Sonoma Park and the grass there - Overall dog owners are VERY on top of their dogs at Sonoma dog park. Occasionally use Sonoma Park and 5th St river park but mostly west side locations. Have never experienced any problems but my dog is very friendly and reasonably responsive.
- 🐾 We enjoy taking our dog to the fenced dog park. It is good exercise and socialization for him. We also enjoy meeting other members of the community.
- 🐾 I love taking my dog to the Sonoma park. In fact, this is one of the more popular parks and draws people from all over Carson City, Douglas and Lyon Counties, Genoa, Lake Tahoe, even as far as Sacramento. On the whole, people get along and so do the dogs. I've met some really wonderful people and animals in this park. The biggest issue I see is that people need to be made aware or become

more vigilant about cleaning up after their dogs. Overall, I'd like to see maybe a sidewalk extend the entire parameter of the park so people wanting to stroll can do so without tromping on the grass.

- 🐾 The dog fountain in Sonoma Park is amazing! Thank you for good maintenance of the Sonoma Park. Snake awareness training should be held more often locally.
- 🐾 Just please put a 4th side fence and gate on The Roop and 2nd Street dog park. It does no good when you don't have it fully fenced. A few benches would be nice too. It would get a lot more use then.
- 🐾 Fuji park dog park needs to have water available in the winter. It appears the plumbing is designed for the cold weather. If you don't provide water at a dog park please post it. "
- 🐾 I would like to see Sonoma Park maintained as is. We don't need more rules or laws. The police have enough to do with dealing with REAL criminals. Please don't take away our dog parks and keep them an off-leash area so that dogs, especially high energy dogs, can have sufficient exercise and socialization in these safe, designated areas for them. It is necessary and critical for their development and behavior.
- 🐾 Need more closed in dog parks on all sides of town
- 🐾 Please add a new dog park to our town. Sonoma park is unpleasant because so many people take their dogs there. People need more options but please do not make any existing pet free parks dog friendly. These parks are great the way they are but please add a new dog park to our town.
- 🐾 Utilize Sonoma park very often, it's a fantastic park just as it is (maybe add additional dog drinking fountain). Don't try to reinvent the wheel, it works now. Leave dog laws as they are.
. I used to love Sonoma until a pit bull ended up injuring my dog and requiring a visit to the vet. Fuji park is never an option for us as it's worse than Sonoma.
- 🐾 I moved here a year ago from Kansas. Through the Sonoma Dog Park, we have met lots of people, found out about other community events and resources, and learned a lot about this area from the other attendees. My mother is elderly and has trouble getting out on her own. She looks forward to going to the dog park every day and seeing the dogs and interacting with their owners. I have never felt like myself, my mom or my dogs were unsafe at the dog park.
- 🐾 The dog park on 5th and Roop (next to the Stewart Avenue Firehouse) should be renovated and totally fenced in. Also, a water fountain should be available. It's too bad there isn't money available to update this beautiful spot...there are so many old building on the property that are falling apart. It could make a lovely park for small dogs, large dogs, a children's park, etc. Check out the new dog park on Stefanie Way in Minden. Great signage, use of gates, doggie water fountains, etc. It's a model park! Overall, I think that most dog owners are responsible for their pets.

Miscellaneous – 60 Comments

- 🐾 _Would like a permanent dog agility park created (like at Lake Tahoe)
- 🐾 "I have seen far far, far more motorcycles and bicycles off-road ruining our natural areas and open space. Motorcycles spark wildfires, and people in cars are the ones illegally shooting and starting wildfires. Plus it is incredibly dangerous and frightening. Prohibit them.
- 🐾 The majority of bicyclists are rude and ride too fast. And, nearly 100% of motorcyclists are rude and go far too fast--and often off the trail. Too many people try to drive their cars on trails/roads, especially the left side of Kings Canyon. Don't allow cars up there. I can't tell you how many times I've seen a stuck car, and then they cause all kinds of damage trying to get their cars out. Prohibit cars.

There is no need for cars on that road. They only cause trouble. Most of the cars are going up the road to do drugs and drink. Keep cars off.

- 🐾 STOP paving trails. You make it inaccessible for horses, and it is ruining the nature vibe. Anyone who wants to walk on a paved trail in nature does not get nature. "
- 🐾 I would like to see a watering station or access to water for pets in the downtown area. As it is I have to ask store owners to use hose or faucet.
- 🐾 I'm disabled and an amputee. I mainly go to Sonoma or Fuji Park. I often have challenges getting to a bench, especially in Fuji. The uneven ground is difficult. If I was using my wheelchair I wouldn't be able to go to Fuji at all. There also really needs to be a fenced park on the northern side of town, too. Disabled or seniors who have transportation issues find it challenging to get to the other fenced parks.
- 🐾 Lately, I have experienced some vile humans tearing up the area in 4 wheel drives and dirt bikes. I would like to see the same concern about this as I think this does a lot more damage than happy dogs off leash.
- 🐾 "Deer carry several serious tick diseases including borrelia, and Lyme, spongiform encephalopathy, plague, spotted fever, hanta fever. By contrast, canines typically are vaccinated, well fed and much less likely to spread disease.
- 🐾 As a single person out walking, I avoid conflict with people with dogs and so I end up avoiding places where dogs are likely to be. "
- 🐾 There seem to be rumors going around about dividing Sonoma Park. The park functions well just as it is, the little dogs and big dogs do not have problems. The problem is often the little dog owners who are concerned without justification that the big dogs will attack their little dogs. I have 3 little dogs and have never had a problem with any of the big dogs in the park. I am adamantly against splitting the park to make room for more people. There is already an area set aside for children to play with plenty of additional space for people to use.
- 🐾 I visit at least one park a day and dog owners rarely pick up after their dogs or have them on a leash. It's mainly the owners of small dogs that have them on a leash.
- 🐾 I definitely think there would be less of an issue with natural habitats/wildlife, water sanitation & disputes if there were at least one more enclosed dog park in Carson City.
- 🐾 I was really confused by the sudden sign on the 2nd and Roop park forbidding dogs off leash when it seems to be set as a dog park specifically and doesn't see any other type of use.
- 🐾 Dogs have an intrinsic ability to make people happy. Happy people make for a happy community.
- 🐾 I only support restrictions if they are scientifically motivated (rather than politically motivated or motivated by a minority of people who complain a lot or complain loudly). If restrictions and reasons are communicated clearly, I think most dog owners would follow instructions. If the restrictions are by loud complainers, the rationale will not be convincing.
- 🐾 Thank you for doing this survey. Thank you!
- 🐾 Please make carriage square park dog friendly or at least add waste bins, people take dogs there or thru the path way and are less likely to clean up after their dogs without the waste receptacles.
- 🐾 I think you are doing a great job at Longview. Signage, bag stations, and landscaping. More sources of water would be good especially in droughts when the creeks aren't running.
- 🐾 Sonoma is too big and consideration should be given to separation like Fuji for large and small dogs. I have stopped walking my dogs in my neighborhood (always leashed) because at least once a week I encountered an unleashed dog running up to me. Recipe for disaster and many dog owners don't have their dogs under control and don't seem to care.
- 🐾 unsupervised children and drunk stupid adults are a bigger issue.

- 🐾 Thank you for soliciting input from the community. I'm consistently impressed with CC Parks employees, park maintenance, caring about the community, and education programs (my daughter and I love all the neat stuff!). We're excited to go on the full moon hike soon.
- 🐾 There are so few places with grass and fenced in like Sonoma we need more small grasses parks around city with fences and lease laws. Thanks for considering.
- 🐾 Fuji park looks so sad and dirty. Needs grass
- 🐾 If you want to (need to) regulate a real problem, you should regulate Feral and outdoor cats. The population is growing exponentially (especially in the fifth Street - Hells Bells area.) and the City way of sterilizing cats and returning them to the same neighborhood is not working. The current "enforcement" of Cats is not even close to meeting the actual need. Cats are more of a hazard and detriment to citizens, wildlife, and public health than dogs are or will ever be.
- 🐾 Would love to see dogs allowed at Carriage Square Park, with cleanup enforced.
- 🐾 There is a large grassy area behind Pets Mart. That would make a great dog park. No conflict with homeowners, and no children's play area there. "
- 🐾 "I have been walking dogs daily for over 20 years in areas that border on the Carson River and have never encountered a problem with dogs. What I usually come across is garbage (paper, water bottles, beer cans) left behind by most likely people who do not have dogs. I'd ban bicyclists from areas where people walk because they do not slow down, give no warning they are coming behind you, and act as if they own the walking areas and people should get the hell out of their way. They are a far bigger hazard than the dogs.
- 🐾 It looks like you have a few people who object to dogs. Don't let them destroy the outdoor places most of us enjoy. Give the few complainers a safe, fenced -in area on the west side of town where they can litter at-will and yak on their phones. Leave the open areas alone.
- 🐾 owner illegal to use cell phone when with dog!!!!
- 🐾 Thanks for providing them. The dogs need some socializing and-- in my dog's case-- some humility.
- 🐾 Parks and Rec staff work hard and I appreciate them. Overall, I manage my dogs and work through issues as they come up with other dog owners. Thank you.
- 🐾 I would like more dog-friendly trails near Northridge and that area if possible, because we really lack trails here. We are limited to parks, and I hate taking my dogs to parks because of the amount of untrained, aggressive dogs. And if trails aren't able to be built, I'd like fences around Steinheimer park. I've had dogs run across the street to fight as I'm walking my dogs and it can be very unsafe. I think water fountains throughout trails and parks that feature dog bowls like in Sonoma park where possible would be great.
- 🐾 Why are dogs not allowed ON leash at Mankins Park? We'd like to see that changed so we can walk in our neighborhood rather than driving to Long Ranch?
- 🐾 "Thank you for this survey. This is a very important and timely issue for me as a property owner and taxpayer in Carson City.
- 🐾 Thank you for taking the time to give the citizens an opportunity to have input!
- 🐾 I recently walked my dog on leash in my neighborhood and an at large dog attacked mine. It was scary. The owner said it escaped from a neighbor doing fence repair. I don't like walking my dog in the neighbor for this reason.
- 🐾 "I would like to see Mills Park become friendly to leashed dogs and setting up a designated fenced area for those that want an off leash experience. It's a beautiful park and sits unused during the week. I feel like a criminal and chased away by city employees for my well-behaved dog being walked on a leash. I don't feel safe in the rural parks with unleashed dogs, wildlife predators and snakes.
- 🐾 Signage at Fuji Park for when the water is turned off. About a month ago, water was not yet available and my dogs really needed it. If i would have known or seen signage that it was turned off for the season, then I would have brought my own.

- 🐾 The area could be more dog friendly
- 🐾 Complex and controversial subject! Thank you again, for creating all the outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities here in Carson City --- for humans, dogs, horses, bikes..... (and even OHVs!!! : >))).
- 🐾 "I have taken my dogs to Mayors Park for many, many years. As far back as when Steve Kastens and Roger were the Directors, I have asked for benches or some sort of seating around the Mayors Park. I always got the same answer as to the money shortage. The only area to sit is on at the picnic tables that has the fence around it that is covered with foliage to prevent you from seeing the park area. I would like to sit and watch my dogs play on the grass and there isn't a place to do that at that park. I inquired about the park tax and I think it was Roger that told me the City doesn't use that money for parks anymore. Is that still the case??
- 🐾 Also, years ago a few trees were removed that were never replaced. It seems like OUR neighborhood park is sort of forgotten and feel some improvements need to be made."
- 🐾 "City and State needs to address Dogs brought into stores especially were they put them in shopping carts were people place food products. NO DOGS IN STORES! Let then run-in dog parks all they want or leave them at home." Please do something to reign in the people using the ADA to bring their badly trained pets - not working dogs - into stores.
- 🐾 Thank you, Carson City, for all the cooperation concerning our dogs.
- 🐾 Questions appear to be biased towards increasing restrictions on dog owners and indicate that the survey is mere window dressing that will be used to justify a decision that has already been made,
- 🐾 Stop being so concerned about the parks and focus on getting the wild dogs out of the city. They have killed too much wildlife, personal livestock, and pets. They are dangerous, wild and a very real threat to the entire community. We cannot let our pets out without being fully supervised and having a way to defend ourselves and our pets from these aggressive and dangerous animals. Get them out of Carson. This has been going on for at least 8 months. The City is looking at a very real lawsuit when someone is severely injured by one of these dogs."
- 🐾 you might want to handle the beavers along the Morse nature trail
- 🐾 Would rather see dogs on Prison Hill than the OHVs. OHVs are continually driving over vegetation, causing erosion. Prison Hill OHV area is a blight on our city.
- 🐾 You don't introduce an invasive species in a sensitive ecosystem, even temporarily. For that reason, I support the last few restrictions. However, I go to Fuji Park with my son. When I took the dog trail near the foliage, I realized that it looked like when I grew up in Pennsylvania. I asked my friend if that was natural or constructed, and she said what when she was here as a teen 40 years ago all around looked like that. I got a sinking put in my stomach reeling what had been done to the land in the name of greed. I have a plan to go collect seeds with my son to reseed the area with so that nothing is invasive, and maybe one day he'll be able to show his kids what it looked like more and what we did to help nature along. As is our function, I believe, to seed the Earth as the bees pollinate. We'd appreciate your help! Please help replant what was lost when making your parks. All of that brush out there are invasive weeds that rolled in when the land was laid bare in the search for Gold.
- 🐾 "My wife is a vet tech, and she refuses to allow our dog to go there because she felt like the grass removal after a dog parasite or flea problem was reported there. No official stated clearly or provided a clean bill of health to the park. She feels the city put other dogs at risk. Please address to the public because it's not just my wife.
- 🐾 Can there be a ""specified"" day for off leash dog walking to trailheads?
Example: At Kings Canyon Trail...if you wanted to take your dog for a walk, off leash (except, that's not until Friday between 10am-6pm)Can you do that?
That way, those people who aren't so enamored of off leashed dogs, can go for walks also. "

- 🐾 I also wish there was something posted to tell people not to throw their leftover food on the trails. My dog will eat anything, and that's another reason why she is always leashed."
- 🐾 I would also like to see a dog fountain at Riverview Park or other parks. Maybe memorial fountains could be bought by groups or individuals in the community.
- 🐾 Thankful for the open spaces, trails in and around Carson City for us and our doggies. From snowshoeing, hiking to doggy walks around the neighborhood ~ Thank you for all that you do!!
- 🐾 There are many dog lovers where we hike near WNC. For the most part it is the same people each day. If the dogs have to stay on certain paths, I think the bikes should have to do the same. The important thing is that everyone realizes this is a multi-use area. If an owner knows they have an aggressive dog, who they must keep leashed it would be preferred that they stay on the sidewalks where all dogs are required to be on leash. Quite often it is the owner who has aggression issues and not the dogs.
- 🐾 I do feel access to water for dog owners is important given our summers, although I understand the pressures this can put on the water quality."
- 🐾 SUGGESTION: Provide weatherproof enclosure for qualified pup trainers to place cards. The more obedient the pup, the happier the owner and pup. Dog parks are for recreation AND practicing good behavior. Bad behavior is inappropriate from both owners and pups."
- 🐾 Dogs shouldn't be a concern and people who whine about dogs have nothing better to do.

Dog Waste Station locations	# of Stations
580 Freeway Trail – Imperial Entrance	1
580 Freeway Trail – Northgate Each Side of Street	2
580 Freeway Trail – Emerson Each Side of Street	2
580 Freeway Trail – Retail Court / College Parkway	1
580 Freeway Trail – College Parkway by South bound on Ramp	1
580 Freeway Trail – Northridge Entrance	1
Imus St. – South	1
Imus St. – North at Bonanza	1
Lakeview Trail Head – End of Hobart Rd.	1
V & T Trail – Wellington / Ash Canyon	1
V & T Trail – Foothill / Winnie Lane	1
V & T Trail – End of Desert Peach	1
V & T Trail – Behind WNC (Murphy St. / Van Patton St.	1
Long Ranch – Open Space	11
C Hill – End of McKay St.	1
C Hill – End of S. Ormsby Dr.	1
Green Belt – Behind Office Depot – Behind DMV by Ditch	2
Linear Ditch Trail – Airport / 5 th St.	1
Linear Ditch Trail – Saliman St. / Fremont School	1
Linear Ditch Trail – Saliman St. / Cardinal St.	1
Linear Ditch Trail – End of Path at Roof St.	1
Mexican Ditch Trail/Moffat on Hells Bells Rd-Lower Hidden Meadows	11
Riverview Wetlands	7
Carson River Park –Trash Can by Fishing Deck	1
Empire Ranch Trail	2
Fulstone Wetlands – 2 Cans Along Freeway Path, 1 by Alley Way	3
Northridge Linear Park – Spooner Dr.	1
Northridge Linear Park – Rockbridge Rd.	1
Northridge Linear Park – Ravenshorn Rd.	1
Northridge Linear Park – Wilma St.	1
Northridge Linear Park – Newridge	1
Korean War Veterans Memorial Park	1
Monte Vista Park	2
Morgan Mill River Access	1
Sonoma Park	4
Mayors Park	2
Fulstone Park	1
Blackwell’s Park	3
Steinheimer Park	3
Treadway Park	4
Saliman Walk – Saliman & Sonoma	1
Saliman Walk – Saliman & Kingsley	1
Long Ranch – Park	4
Ronald D. Wilson Park	2
Fuji Park – Not on the Route or Trash Truck	14
Schulz Ranch Park	6
Prison Hill, 5th Street	1
Silver Saddle Ranch, entrance	1
Kings Canyon Trailhead	1
Longview/Lincoln Bypass Trailhead	1
Total Number of Dog Waste Stations	116

Downtown - Curry Street	9
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NOTE: These waste stations are serviced by the Downtown Business Authority

Dog Waste Bag Orders	Cost	Cases	Price/case
2018	\$5,999.00	100	\$59.99
2019	\$13,705.00	200	\$68.53
2020	\$7,284.00	100	\$72.84
2021	\$4,354.00	100	\$43.54
Totals	\$31,342.00	500	\$62.68

Maintenance of Dog Waste Stations

Employee Hourly Salary	Approx. hours per year	Est. total cost
\$ 25.00	700	\$ 17,500.00

Note: Employee hourly salary is based on Parks Maintenance Worker average hourly rate. Total hours of service are based on servicing the waste stations 2X a week for 35 weeks and 1X a week for 17weeks. The Department also has 10 volunteers helping service 25 of the dog waste stations. They are only filling the dog waste bags and not emptying the trash cans.