

Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

1. Do you have a dog? If so, where are your favorite places to walk your dog on-leash and/or off-leash?

Yes, we have a small dog. We generally walk him on-leash on neighborhood roads.

2. Recognizing that over 40% of households in Half Moon Bay have dogs, what Half Moon Bay parks, schools, open spaces and trails do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash and/or off-leash?

I support dog owners' rights to responsibly walk their dogs in public areas. That includes the obligation to clean up after your dog, to keep them from barking excessively or attacking other dogs or people. California has a strict liability rule requiring leashes. I support defined areas of public beaches and parks for use off leash.

3. Do you support allowing dog walking access on some Coastside beaches and trails? If yes, which beaches and trails do you believe should allow off-leash (under voice control) dog walking and which should allow only on-leash dog walking?

The City Council rejected a proposal to allow off-leash dog walking on a less-utilized section of beach. Mayor Ruddock also voted to reject the proposal. I support the proposal because large dogs need space to exercise properly.

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

Dog owners bear the duty to keep their dogs from harming others.

Emailed Bill 9/11/22: What's your thoughts on off leash dog access on parts of poplar beach?

(from 9/12/22 Email response from Bill) If there is a section of the Beach that is relatively less used, I see no harm in allowing dogs the exercise they need. Often, its people throwing frisbees that cause more interruption to others. Here in Ocean Colony, about 80% of homeowners have dogs. So, the balance between dogs and people is a constant effort at mutual respect.

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Thank you for answering these questions. If you have any questions, contact Matthew Greenberg, PeninsulaDogPAC@gmail.com, (650) 400-1280