

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?

We have 2 Labrador retrievers – Baloo, our black 6 year-old and Tanuki, 13 years old and blond. Our dogs get most of their exercise in our yard, especially the old one who's starting to slow down significantly. The younger one also gets treated to a weekly hike with a dog walker who takes him with other dogs out to a large fenced field where they let them off-leash and play. We also take him to dog parks where he LOVES retrieving thrown tennis balls until he's physically unable to continue standing up. We like the dog parks at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto, and the one down at the very end of Redwood Shores by the bay – both are large enough that he can have a good long chase before cornering the ball.

2. Larry Lane Trail allows residents to take a hike with their dogs on-leash. Recognizing that over 40% of households in Portola Valley have dogs, what parks, schools, open spaces and trails in Portola Valley do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash? Please elaborate.

Almost all of the town trails in Portola Valley allow dogs on leash. The only exceptions, I believe, are the trails in Portola Valley Ranch where the easement to the town from the property owners do not grant permission for dogs on most of the trails there. The map of trails is here:

<https://www.portolavalley.net/home/showdocument?id=120>

All of the dark blue and green trails allow dogs on leashes.


3. What parks, schools, open spaces and trails in Portola Valley do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs off-leash? Please elaborate.

I think this is the same as question 2?

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

I have worked in the past, as has my wife (she used to chair the Parks & Rec committee years ago) to try and find a suitable location in Portola Valley for a fenced dog park; this has been a real challenge, with many competing demands for categories of use for our limited available locations. I continue to advocate for trying to make this work, but realistically it's very difficult to get majority approval from the rest of the council, let alone community consensus – 40% dog ownership means ~60% non dog ownership...

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Signature

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Date

*Thank you for answering these questions. If you have any questions, contact Matthew Greenberg,
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