

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, Willow is 2 1/2 and was born in my house (since I was fostering the mom and seeing her through to a successful delivery of her 6 puppies). I often go to Pulgas Ridge and hike with Willow on leash and he runs around in the off-leash area. He also loves Stulsaft Park and always goes in the creek. We sometimes go to Waterdog Lake. We go to the Main Street dog park occasionally, but it is small and often there are no other dogs there, so we more frequently use the dog parks in San Carlos and Redwood Shores.

2. Recognizing that over 40% of households in Redwood City have dogs, which schools, open spaces and trails in the city do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash and/or off-leash? I would love to see more places for dogs to go off-leash and on-leash. In some cases, I understand the concerns with dogs and habitat maintenance, but even these locations should allow dogs on-leash. I see no reason to not allow dogs on-leash in almost all open spaces and trails. I think Waterdog Lake should be considered as a possible off-leash park or at least a larger area. I would want to look into the environmental impact of allowing dogs on-leash in Bair Island. Allowing people to walk there with their dogs on-leash would really benefit the people with dogs who live there, and would be a great resource for all dog owners. The same goes for Edgewood Park and the trails off of Skyline Boulevard.

3. Stulsaft Park allows dogs on-leash throughout the park and off-leash on a little under half the park. Do you believe:

- (a) The amount of off-leash is right
- (b) There should be more off-leash
- (c) There should be less off-leash

Please explain your choice.

a-b. Because Stulsaft is such a great resource for our dogs and I am so thankful for ANY amount of off-leash area, I am tempted to say the amount of off-leash area in Stulsaft is about right. But large groups of children use that park constantly for camps and school camping trips and are allowed to go all over every inch of that park. So, I think it is appropriate to allow dogs the same freedom and expand the amount of off-leash area. My only concern (and reason my answer is a-b and not a solid b) would be dogs pooping where their owner does not see them and the impact on wildlife.

4. Redwood City currently permits dogs on-leash in all parks other than ball fields. Do you believe any Redwood City parks (other than Main Street Dog Agility Park, Shore Dogs Park, and parts of Stulsaft Park) should allow dogs off-leash or on-leash? Please elaborate.

In general I support allowing dogs off-leash in parks that do not have sports fields or open playgrounds and on-leash in those that do have sports fields or unprotected (fenced) playgrounds, depending on the park size and layout. Some of our parks are large enough that we should consider allowing dogs off-leash in one area away from fields or playgrounds and have signage indicating where the off-leash area ends. Or allocate a section of the park for an enclosed dog area (for instance in Red Morton park). If a park the size of Red Morton can dedicate the amount of space it has given for skate boarding, it certainly should be able to designate an area for off-leash dogs.

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

Designating more places for dogs to be off-leash and making those places safe for everyone is doable and affordable and would benefit the 40% of RWC residents who own dogs.

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