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, I always have dogs- We are often off leash at PV Town Center and the school yards and on leash on our local trails. I am a huge supporter of our trail system.

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.

All Westridge trails allow dogs and most town trails in Portola Valley do too. The exception is some of the large open spaces where there is conflict with ground nesting birds, coyotes mountain lions, etc. Each trail and open space become a carefully weighted individual decision. In general I support dogs on leash on all trails.

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.

Shared spaces are so important and I feel that using them for careful, responsible, free dog play is critical to the character of our town. School yards, small open spaces and the town center have all become gathering places for dog play and community building. I am an eager advocate.

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

I am pushing for a large animal committee where issues about wild animal, domestic animal, livestock and human needs can be discussed and understood before policy decisions are made at a higher level. Informed decision making, transparence, and inclusion apply to our animal companions as well as to the people.

Thanks for doing this. I thought I had already completed this in 2022! My favorite form!

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