

Community Bark Park
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No dog allowed is posted at every city park, the cemetery and Edgewood track and field. These are all places that promote walking with out worry of traffic. Our project is a community dog park where one can enjoy the out doors with their four-legged companion.

We believe that well-informed people with well-behaved dogs can make a positive impact on their neighborhoods.

We have considered the importance of appropriate site selection, maintenance and health concerns as well as community support. In our research we have found three possible land sites, and community interest such as the Animal Welfare League, Lake City Kennel club and we contacted the City auditor's office who stated that they issued 150 dog tags in 2003.

Physically a dog park is a one-acre or more lot of land with shade and water; Surrounded by a 4-6 foot fence, a double gated entry, adequate drainage, pooper-scooper stations, benches, with a safe location that requires regular maintenance. Dog parks have rules and regulations to maintain a clean and safe environment for everyone. An ideal dog park is place where a dog can run free with out a leash. A common misconception is that dogs need to be on leashes when around other dogs, however they are most aggressive when they are on a leash. Dogs would be supervised at all times by their owners. Members and a committee run the dog park. The committee would help raise and manage funds, monitor use, clean up and serve as community liaisons with the city, county and dog owners.

The community will utilize a well-organized dog park to promote responsible pet ownership and also provide dogs as well as owners a place to socialize and exercise in a safe environment. It will provide elderly and disabled owners with an accessible place to exercise their companions. The park provides a tool for realistic enforcement of dog control laws.

In conclusion a dog park would be an asset to the community by providing all dog owners a place to enjoy their pets in the company of other dog owners.

The next step towards our goal would be starting a committee to research cost of fencing, signage, funding avenues, rules and regulations. We are asking everyone who is interested with the next step towards our goal of having a community "Bark Park" to contact us or visit the web at dogpark.com