

Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

1. Do you have a dog? If so, where are your favorite places to walk your dog?

I have a 2-year-old rescue named Monte, who's a total mutt. I usually walk him in my neighborhood near Corte Madera School and PV Ranch, or occasionally on Windy Hill.

2. Larry Lane Trail allows residents to take a hike with their dogs on-leash. What parks, schools, open spaces and trails in Portola Valley do you think people should be allowed to walk dogs on-leash? Please elaborate.

I would support opening more trails to dogs in Town, but that's a complicated issue as it often involves trail easements, whose modification requires agreement from a private property owner. We look for opportunities to modify easements (most trails in Town are actually on private property, except for Windy Hill), but those opportunities are rare.

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.

The ideal solution for off-leash would be a dog park—which we have explored, but it would most likely require the purchase of property (open space properties are generally not available legally as dog parks because of the conditions under which they were donated). Most of our spaces and trails are subject to leash requirements, which is appropriate for public safety. I would love to see more off-leash parks if they could be created safely.

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

All but one of my Council colleagues are dog owners, and we all enjoy our interactions with the local dog community. Increasing access for dogs can involve significant hurdles, and grassroots public support is essential. Please keep communicating with your local officials—myself included—about your desires and your ideas for additional spaces. Its helpful knowing we have broad support. Thank you.

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Signature

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Date

Thank you for answering these questions. We plan on putting your answers on our website to make it easy for your constituents to view your positions.