

Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

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

No

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.

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

Green and blue trails on the above map allow dogs on leash.

We need to protect habitat areas (e.g. Coal Mine Ridge which is owned by Portola Valley Ranch mainly and has an easement for town trails) for animals like mountain lions and bobcats so there are areas where no dogs are allowed. Also some trails like the Toyon Trail are very narrow and not really suitable for dogs.

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 school playing field is used by dog owners for social gatherings at the end of the day some days so that dogs can socialize and run around.

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

I have no problem with people walking dogs on trails designated for dogs. It depends to some extent on the breed, dog temperament and dog training as to what is best for the dog. Also it depends who else is around - a labrador can easily bowl over a toddler or frail older person holding the dog on a leash, but in many situations if well trained would be fine off-leash, say on a beach where it was safe for the dog to swim.

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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.