

Peninsula Dog PAC Questionnaire

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

In San Carlos, we walk our Shih Tzu, named Edison, around the neighborhood, to the City Hall dog park, or over to the off-leash area at Pulgas Ridge Preserve. But his favorite place to go is Crissy Field in San Francisco where he can run freely off-leash up and down the sand, in and out of the waves. He is always happy and exhausted by the time we leave.

2. San Carlos has 73 acres of open space trails in Big Canyon and Eaton parks. Dogs are allowed on-leash on these trails. Do you believe: (a) There should be some off-leash trails. (b) The amount of off-leash trails (none) and on-leash (all) is just right, (c) There should be no off-leash trails and fewer on-leash trails. Please explain your choice.

There should be some off-leash trails, at least commensurate with what exists in the surrounding cities. Off-leash recreation is important for helping dogs develop good social skills with humans and other dogs. Many dog owners find ways to allow their dogs off-leash. We shouldn't ignore this fact, and should instead provide well-regulated spaces for dogs to get exercise off-leash.

3. San Carlos Dog Park, Heather Dog Exercise Area, and City Hall Park permit dogs off-leash: Do you believe: (a) Additional parks should allow dogs off-leash; (b) This is the right amount of off-leash dog parks for San Carlos; (c) One or more of these parks should no longer allow dogs off-leash. Please explain your choice.

There should be more off-leash dog parks. Everyone benefits from a well-conceived, well executed dog recreation plan that includes dog-friendly trails and spaces both on and off-leash.

4. Should schools in San Carlos allow people to walk dogs on-leash and/or off-leash on weekends and/or evenings? If so, which schools?

I would love it if we could use school fields for recreating with our dog. However, I believe the community would resist this on safety grounds primarily due to the behavior of a few dog owners who don't clean up after their pets. Therefore, I would put my energy into pursuing greater access for dogs in other open spaces.


5. Do you believe there are San Carlos parks that should no longer permit dogs on-leash? Please elaborate?

No

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

Thank you for an opportunity to participate in your survey.

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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.