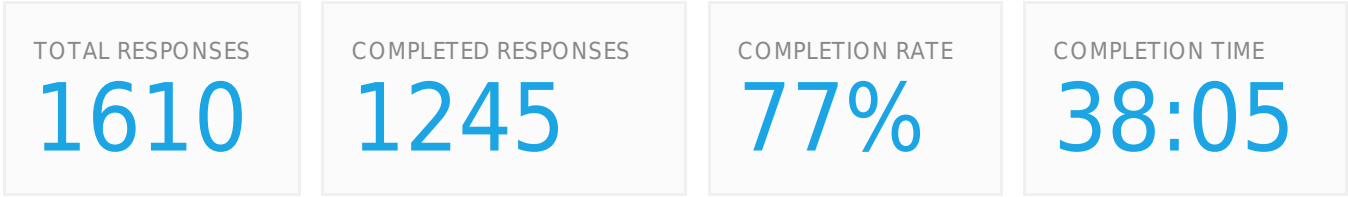
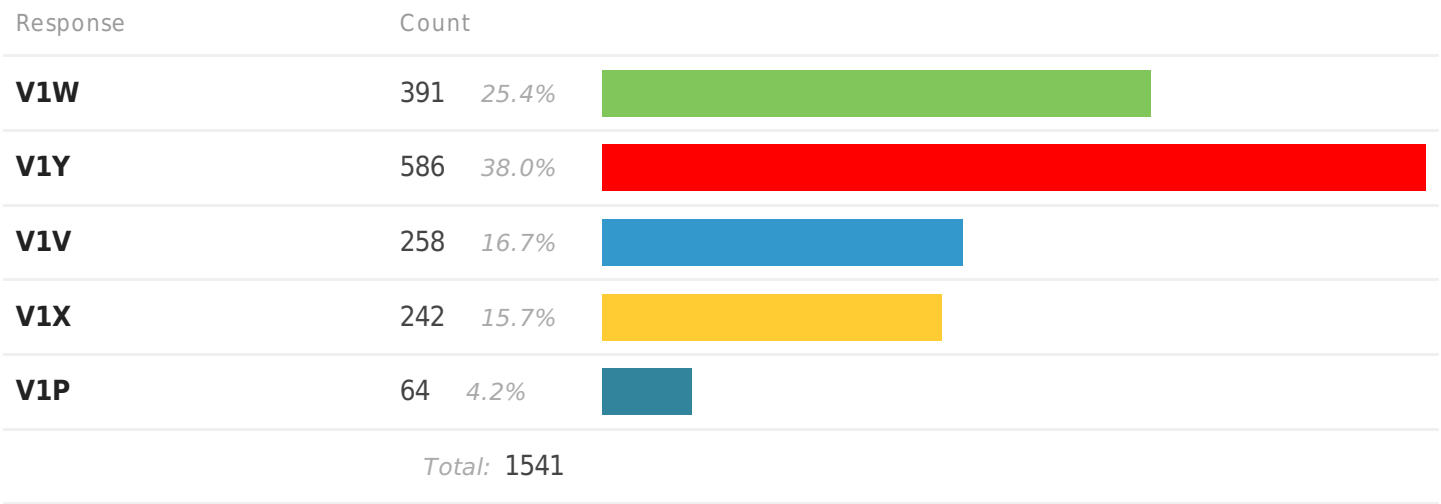


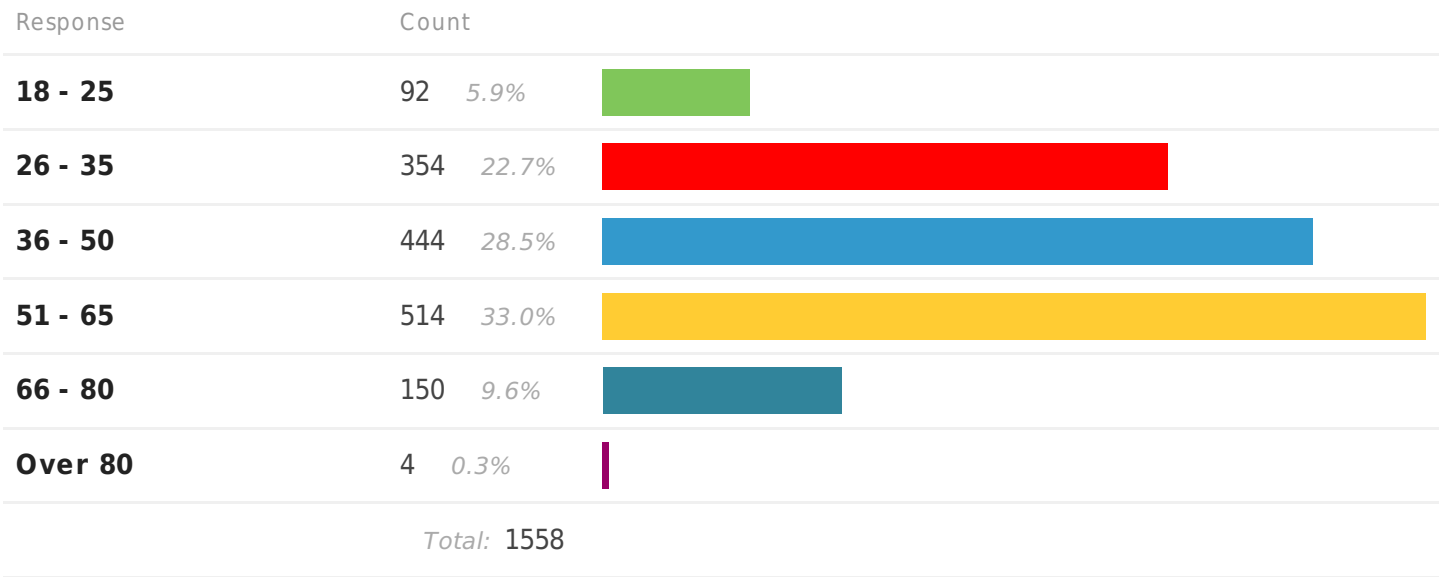
Online Feedback Form







What are the first three digits of your postal code?



What is your age?



How many dogs does your household have?

Response	Count	
0	283 18.1%	
1	899 57.5%	
2	343 21.9%	
3 or more	38 2.4%	
Total: 1563		

What do you see as the main benefits of designated off-leash dog parks?

Open ended responses can be viewed in the Appendix, starting on page 6

1281 responses

What do you see as the main drawbacks or negative impacts of designated off-leash dog parks?

Open ended responses can be viewed in the Appendix, starting on page 92

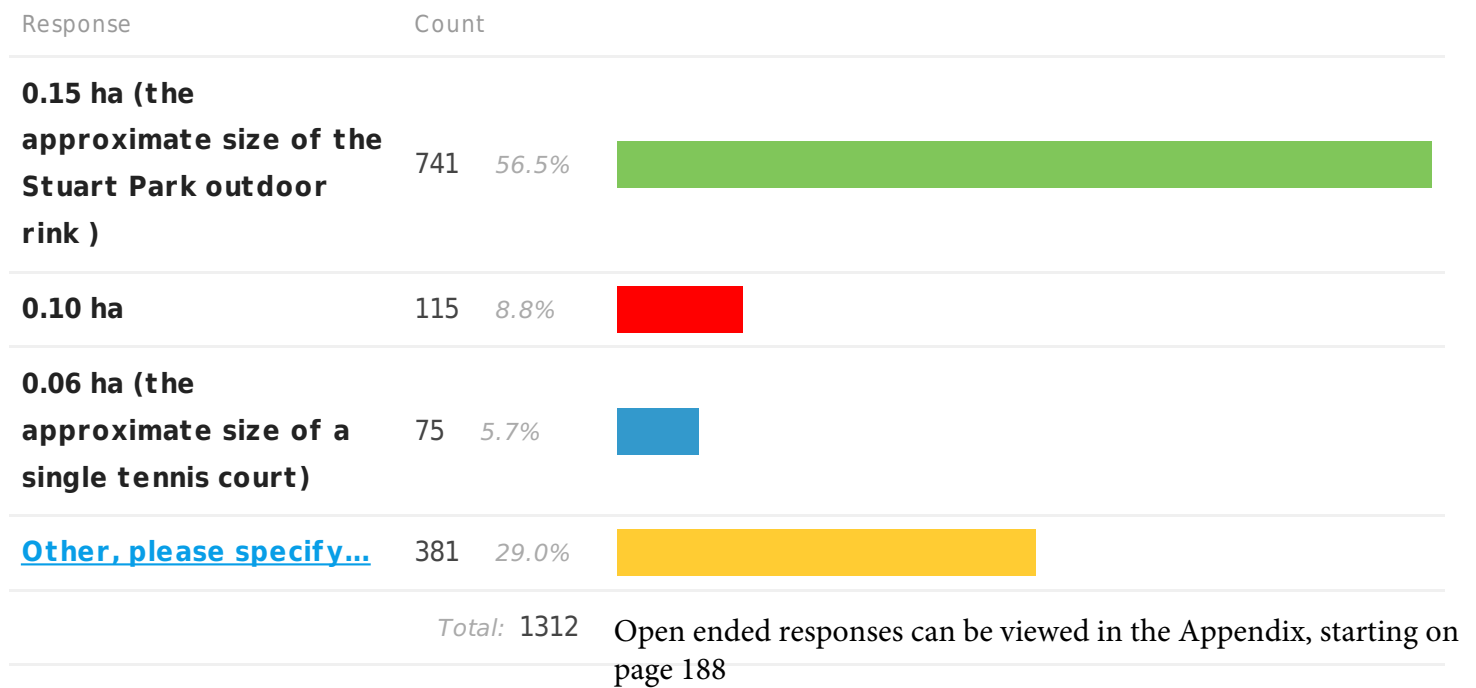
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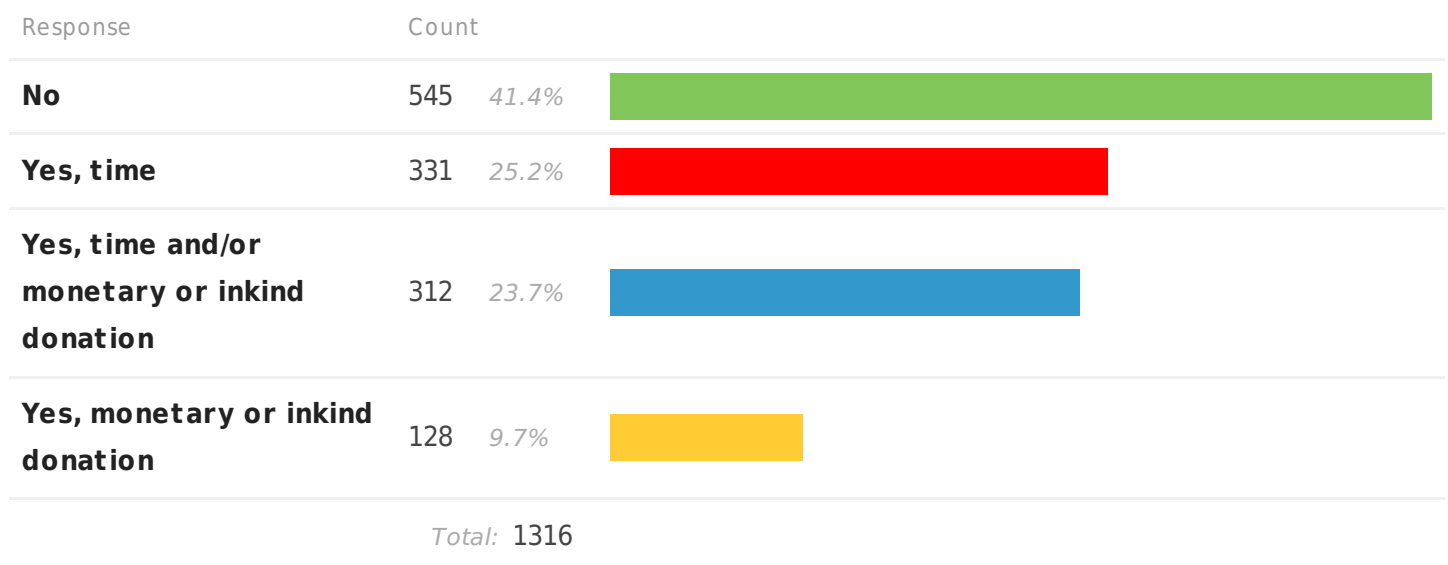
That is not the approximate size of Mission Recreation Dog Park, Mission Recreation Dog Park is 0.72ha. Knox Mountain Off-leash Dog Park is closer at 0.38. We apologize for the error. Responses from the question can be found in the Appendix, starting on page 170

The question was not included in the statistically valid survey as questions in the survey were different than the ones in the online form.

Some cities have created smaller off-leash parks for dogs in urban centres. For example, Calgary recently developed its first fenced, urban off-leash dog park (Connaught Park Off-leash Area), that is approximately 0.12 ha in size. In your opinion, what should be the approximate minimum size for an off-leash dog park in an urban centre?



Would you be interested in contributing personal resources to support off-leash dog parks?



Rank the list of potential dog park infrastructure in order of priority to you.

Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Parking	196 19.9%	153 15.6%	132 13.4%	126 12.8%	125 12.7%	101 10.3%	73 7.4%	46 4.7%	31 3.2%	To: 100%
Drinking fountains for people and dogs	294 29.5%	248 24.9%	153 15.4%	122 12.2%	80 8.0%	42 4.2%	31 3.1%	19 1.9%	7 0.7%	To: 100%
Seating for people	14 1.4%	41 4.2%	88 9.0%	81 8.3%	114 11.7%	143 14.6%	157 16.1%	177 18.1%	163 16.7%	To: 100%
Lighting	45 4.6%	94 9.7%	88 9.1%	140 14.4%	107 11.0%	141 14.5%	143 14.7%	130 13.4%	84 8.6%	To: 100%
Separate area for small dogs	193 19.4%	101 10.2%	117 11.8%	95 9.6%	111 11.2%	90 9.1%	103 10.4%	92 9.3%	91 9.2%	To: 100%
Shade structures	79 8.0%	144 14.6%	159 16.1%	149 15.1%	137 13.9%	139 14.1%	100 10.2%	62 6.3%	16 1.6%	To: 100%
Trees	158 15.8%	179 17.9%	157 15.7%	139 13.9%	133 13.3%	85 8.5%	92 9.2%	44 4.4%	13 1.3%	To: 100%
Dog amenities/agility equipment	25 2.6%	23 2.4%	58 6.0%	65 6.7%	82 8.5%	101 10.4%	142 14.7%	210 21.7%	261 27.0%	To: 100%
Portable Toilets	9 0.9%	28 2.9%	47 4.8%	71 7.2%	93 9.5%	128 13.1%	129 13.2%	181 18.5%	294 30.0%	To: 100%

Select your top three preferences for surface material in off-leash dog parks.

Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Turf Grass	802 80.8%	84 8.5%	40 4.0%	27 2.7%	32 3.2%	7 0.7%	Total: 992
Artificial (Synthetic) Turf	41 4.4%	216 23.2%	110 11.8%	121 13.0%	111 11.9%	334 35.8%	Total: 933
Crusher Chips	20 2.2%	120 12.9%	220 23.7%	237 25.5%	255 27.4%	78 8.4%	Total: 930
Pea Gravel	37 4.0%	133 14.2%	191 20.4%	228 24.4%	207 22.1%	140 15.0%	Total: 936
Wood Chips	66 7.0%	234 24.9%	185 19.7%	174 18.5%	161 17.1%	121 12.9%	Total: 941
Sand	33 3.5%	177 18.7%	194 20.5%	146 15.4%	157 16.6%	241 25.4%	Total: 948

Would you support the creation of an off-leash dog park operated by a non-profit or for-profit organization that would be a pay-for-service?

Response	Count	
No	488 46.6%	<div></div>
Yes, non-profit only	339 32.3%	<div></div>
Yes, for-profit only	7 0.7%	<div></div>
Yes, non-profit or for-profit	214 20.4%	<div></div>
Total: 1048		

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions regarding Kelowna’s dog parks in the box below.

Response	Count
780 responses	
Responses can be viewed in the Appendix starting on page 204	

Appendix : Open Ended Responses

What do you see as the main benefits of designated off-leash dog parks?

- dogs being able to run free, play and socialize with other dogs
 - guardians being able to socialize
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I don't see any. Dogs should be on leash at all times when anywhere in public.

As professional dog trainer there is no benefit to an off leash dog park

Great benefits for dog owners:

- Lots of room for dogs to run and play (tired dog is a happy dog)
 - Chance and location for dog owners to socialize
 - Socialization for dogs (makes for safer street dogs)
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Benefits for non dog owners:

- Less dogs in regular parks
 - Less chance of there being dog poo in a regular parks
 - Less dogs off-leash in public spaces
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While we don't have a dog ourselves, I could see that dog owners would like a more spacious park to play with and allow the animal to run without hindrance. It would be a good spot to socialize dogs and allow them to interact with each other and other owners/people.

The main benefits are having a place for well behaved dogs to socialize.

Easier and more comfortable for dogs and owners alike. Better socializing for dogs which makes for happier, more well behaved dogs! This has positive impact at the park, on the street and in homes/apartment buildings since anxious or under-exercised dogs will whine, bark, chew, destroy property and act more aggressive.

Large space for dogs to socialize, play and exercise

Positive interaction with other dog owners

Exercise for both owner and animal. Socialization for both owner and animal. Increases well being of pets which in turn makes them better pets!

LOTS! We moved from Calgary where there are amazing off leash parks. Socializing (for dogs and humans), less people walking off leash where they shouldn't, an appropriate spot to train the dog to be around others without the chance of them running off etc. SO MANY BENEFITS!

Social interaction between the dogs and freedom to roam, smell, explore, etc using natural instincts.

Exercise and socialization for my dog

Going for a walk without concern with my dog, in a large off leash area (potentially with water)

As a dog owner, these are invaluable. I moved to Kelowna this January, in part, because of what I expected to

be a plethora of off-leash parks. However, despite living centrally (by the Orchard Park mall), I really only have one that is readily accessible (Enterprise). I get the sense that Kelowna is increasingly a dog-friendly town, but for those of us in the central part of the city, we are in for a long walk to access the existing parks, or have to drive in order to access alternate parks. Ultimately, having a place to run our dogs in a safe manner is extremely important to dog owners. Additionally, I think more and more young people (lets say under 40) are pet-friendly, and if there is a concerted effort to retain a younger demographic in support of a sustainable city, off-leash parks will contribute to a lifestyle that helps us retain this demographic.

exercise, socialization for the dog and the owner's

A "safe" area for dogs to run and play

Social interaction for dogs and their owners, in town in a safe environment.

It will reduce the amount of dogs in "unauthorized areas" and reduce amount of dog waste in those areas. It will allow more people to properly socialize their dogs which can help reduce the amount of nuisance and potentially aggressive dogs

Exercise, socialization, play and bonding with your dog(s)

Good areas to exercise and socialize dogs.

gives dogs and their owners a place to take their dogs for a run and a visit with other dogs in a controlled setting

keeps other parks for park users that do not want to interact or interface with dogs

A place to go where my dog can socialize with others

exercise for my dog

It allows the dogs to drain energy and socialize better. Dogs can feel human tension so when on leashes and the human becomes tense, the dog reacts. My dogs are way better off leash than they are on leash with other dogs. So I fully support the off leash dog parks. Do not let a few bad apples ruin it for everyone.

Exercise for dogs (some who might not otherwise get any); socialization for dogs and owners

Dog owners, both local and tourists, are more likely to visit and spend money at local businesses in dog-friendly communities.

Socialization and opportunity for dogs to run and play without the encumbrance of a leash.

It's a great place to exercise and socialize your dog.

A place you can take your dog and let them run free and socialize with other dogs.

General public without dogs can avoid these places

None.

Dog Health - they get high energy exercise through playful interaction with other dogs.

Public Safety - they are better socialized through interaction not only with other dogs but also with humans other than their owners. This should result in dogs better socialized for exposure to strangers outside the parks.

Public Health - with defecation less likely to be in public areas, there is a lowered chance of spreading any parasites that may reside in feces

exercise and socialization for dogs and their owners. Leaves other non-dog/on-leash areas in better condition and for non-conflict use for people.

Dogs need to be able to run and play and have fun with other dogs

Dog socialization, dog exercise, community socialization, personal exercise. Non Paved city green space. I live in a condo so it gives dog area to run and sniff and enjoy the outdoors and me time to meet new people. We go daily.

Dogs interact better and more naturally when off leash. It gives them an opportunity to be free and get some exercise.

a safe place to take your dog and let them run free

Good exercise for a high energy dog. Our back yard isn't big enough for a good run and fetch.

Eliminates a potential 'Homeward Bound' scenario. Our dog is a hound cross and loves to chase scents, the fenced in, off-leash dog parks are our saviour! Would love to see more, especially some larger ones, in the downtown area.

Dogs need exercise, sometimes, more than can be accomplished by walking on leash. Off leash dog parks allow dogs to socialize with other dogs while getting exercise.

Area for dogs to receive exercise and socialize. Dog owners, too.

Exercise, socialization and fun.

You can exercise your dog in a safe environment and socialize your dog with other dogs

A common place to take your dog and let him/her run free!

The more offleash parks there are the less people have to let their dogs off leash where it is not allowed.

ability to exercise dog without getting any exercise yourself.

a place for people with apartments to take their dogs for exercise and bathroom purposes

a place where big dogs can run at large

keeps dogs out of other parks and away from people that don't care to have dogs around them for safety reasons.

Inclusive community feel.

Fenced area that my dog can run not attached to a leash. An area that dogs are expected to be so you don't have to be concerned of coming into contact of people that fear dogs.

Socializing my dog. Great exercise for both of us that doesn't require walking on sidewalks. We are away from the car fumes, we are not bothering neighbourhoods, especially when the dog barks. Some people walking on sidewalks are afraid of dogs or are allergic to dogs. In a park, dogs can bark as much as they want, can approach people who love them, get amazing exercise and stay healthy. It's also a great way to meet other people. There is a feeling of connectedness and community in a dog park. I've met many interesting people of all ages at the off-leash parks and made some new friends.

Being able to bring my dog to a large park where he doesn't need to be on his leash

A safe place for socialization and play! Where owners can take their dogs for some exercise if they don't have a large backyard.

They provide a sanctioned space for dogs to interact, run free, and play. With appropriate design and space allocation for the park, the space is comfortable for dogs, thereby improving the quality of dog-dog interactions.

Off leash dog parks also give owners an opportunity to interact with their dogs off-leash (a good stress reliever) and interact with other dog owners in a stress-free environment.

Providing dogs with space to run and play without being scared of getting ruthlessly penalized by ignorant and excessive dog by-law enforcement procedures.

The socialization of our four legged family members AND the two legged family members. Off leash parks also allow the exercise which is so necessary to have a well mannered and happy dog. I could walk for hours and my dog would not have the exercise he needs& gets playing ball at the park!

I also take issue with the name "dog parks". These are parks where we may bring our four legged family members. They benefit the whole family and we enjoy visits with our pals as do our dogs with their pals!

Ability of dogs to interact and socialize without the restraint of a leash. Provides opportunity for different kinds of exercise i.e. fetching a ball and running. A person would have to walk miles and miles to get the kind of exercise a dog will get at the park, and it is not always possible to go up to remote trails to get this kind of exercise.

Exercise and socialization for the dog, two vital components to a healthy, well behaved dog. Socialization for dog owners with each other.

Places for people with less of an ability to walk to sit and let their dogs run. Also good for dogs who like to play together.

Allows dog owners to appropriately exercise their large dog(s) to ensure the health of their dog(s).

Places to walk and run with your dogs... The bigger the space the better, and more trees and shrubs are best.

Dog socialization and a safe environment/space for your dog to roam freely off leash

Socialization for the dogs. Socialization and community building for the owners. Exercise and training opportunities. Off leash time for dogs and owners without fenced yards. Undeveloped green space.

Exercise for owners and dogs

Socialization for dogs

Safety for people and dogs

None

Dogs can socialize in a safe area. People can socialize as well.

Dogs to socialize and play in a safe area for the dogs.

Free play. An area to run...

An area for your dog to run and play freely

-place for owners and their dogs to exercise in city limits.

-a place for people with dogs to socialize their pets with other dogs.

-a place for people to socialize with other dog owners.

-a dog beach is a much needed place for dog owners to let their dogs cool off in the heat of the summer.

Allows residents without large yards the space to exercise and socialize their dogs in ways that aren't possible when dogs are on-leash. Properly exercised dogs are quieter and less stressed, leading to less escapes and less barking.

Larger area for pet's to exercise and socialize with other animals.

As I have a large breed dog, the benefit of an off leash area allows my dog to run and get the exercise required for him to stay healthy. It is also a great opportunity for socialization as most breeds are less aggressive when not leashed.

Less people violating rules such as taking their dogs to a school ground, or having them off-leash at an on-leash park.

More areas for dogs to "do their business" and less mess on sidewalks, playgrounds, etc.

For people that want to socialize their dogs and especially for people who can't afford a house with a yard that the dog can run off leash for exercise.

Gives the dog the extra area to roam other than our back yard.

Dogs are part of families and if children's needs are catered to then so should dogs needs. Dogs also need a place where they can play and interact with other dogs.

The main benefits are: 1) The physical and mental health off the dogs particularly to ach them to be social animals - both towards other dogs and humans. 2) It is in their nature to "run free" which provides healthy exercise.

I don't

Exercise, socialization for both dog and human.

exercise for the dogs, community interaction for dog owners. Sense of pride in city (ever been to the dog park in Redmond WA? Amazing and great for people coming together.

Exercise and socialization

Opportunity to enjoy Kelowna with the company of dogs. Encouraging physical activity other than walking with a dog. Clear rules on where you have your dog and more space to do so.

Socialization with other dogs and exercise.

My dog gets to run free. He's my buddy and it allows us to hang out together on walks and to play frisbee. Seeing other dogs also cheers me up when I'm having a bad day.

Living in a townhouse which does not have a completely fenced in area, off leash dog parks (especially those with separate areas for large and small dogs) provide a generally safe, accessible means of exercising and socializing a dog in our City.

I cherish the time I spend with my dog at the off leash park, not only is it good exercise for my dog it is mental and physical healthy for myself,

To provide a location for dog owners to recreate with their dogs in a location where the dogs to not interact with beach users. It will reduce conflicts between beach users and dog owners.

A place for dogs to run free in a fenced-in, dog friendly location.

exercise, and relaxation

Socialization with other dogs

Off-leash parks give dogs a chance to have a "free" run and interact with other dogs.

lots of exercise and socialization for the dogs

A place to exercise my dog and letting him run,which he loves and can't do on leash.Also to have him socialize with other dogs.

the dogs get more exercise & owners can socialise.

For dogs to socialize and get exercise.

A safe place for my dogs to run, chase balls, and interact/socialize with other dogs. Our dogs get much better exercise in an off leash park compared to walking on leash. Strongly benefits my dogs overall health and SoCal development .

Encourages people to have their dogs in designated areas instead of off leash in the neighbourhood which can be a problem for traffic, neighbour relations, etc. Promotes good socialization for dogs as well as expanding the social network of dog owners hopefully creating a stronger community. Drives owners to watch out for each others dogs which should spill over into their respective communities (meaning they watch out for their neighbours.

I think too many parks are over run by dogs off leash now.

My dogs get more exercise while off-leash than I would ever be able to give them while on-leash (the amount they run full-speed while off leash is incredible). Well exercised dogs = calm, healthy, and happy dogs.

A safe place for my dogs to socialize and exercise.

Dog owners might stop letting dogs running wild in parks where there is play equipment for kids.

Socialize, training and exercise my dog - more than I can just by walking.

For you don't have a yard you can let your dog run free and play fetch outside.

Opportunity to socialize my dog and myself. Space to run.

It's great that they can just be dogs and interact with each other. The dog parks in the Mission are brilliant because they're separated according to size. Having another 'small dog only' off-leash area would be great. This would be my number one request. Sorry if that comment should come later in the survey, lol.

A place for dog exercise, play and socialization of dogs and owners. A nice place for owners and dogs to enjoy the outdoors. Improves the dog friendliness of the city.

Being able to have your dog offleash and giving them adequate exercise.

A great place for the community and neighbourhood to meet with there fur babies to be able in interact with each other, just like children at a playground.

Dogs need to have a place where they can run , play , swim and socialize with other dogs! It's conducive to good health for dogs and owners alike! As an animal person, I've been grateful for the dog parks. .. it's helped in the healing of some abused dogs too, a few I rescued myself over the years!

Getting people out walking and socializing.

A safe place for dogs to get exercise. Hopefully reduce fouling of neighbourhoods.

Dogs playing with each other

To allow dogs the chance to run.

Socializing dogs and meeting other dog owners. I met one of my closest friends here in Kelowna at a dog park about 13 years ago. I was new to the area and didn't know a lot of people. Learning about dog's behavior.

Its great for socializing for the dogs and their owners. Great exercise too.

Access to these parks will encourage dog owners to keep their dogs leashed in areas where they should be.

Being able to exercise my dog to his full potential. He loves to run but i cant run nearly as long or as fast as him so we need the dog park for him to live a healthy long life.

Its also necessary to socialize your dog with other dogs. Being able to do that at the dog park is key in raising a friendly dog.

Dogs are able To run and play freely and securely

It keeps the dogs very happy and well balanced as they have a place to run and play and socialize. It is fantastic for the owners to get out and enjoy the company of their dogs and visit with other people. It is great for the community.

socializing dogs - an important issue for raising and living with dogs.

Exercise in a safe controlled environment, we live in a town home with no yard so the dog park is a great place to burn off energy!

Playing and excersise with my dog and family.

to have your dog off leash in a safe environment for exercise and socialization.

The benefits of socializing and excerise for the dogs is unmeasurable. The sense of community and socializing for people is also beneficial to the city.

Allow dogs to socialize and run with other dogs. Keeping dogs safe.

Gives dogs the opportunity to have vigorous exercise. This reduces boredom and aggressive behavior. Also allows socializing with other dogs and people. Too many people leave their dogs locked up in the house or yard, and wonder why they misbehave.

Allows a place for dogs to blow off energy if the owner is disabled, injured, or unfit to walk the dog due to other circumstances.

Exercise in the city

Better quality of life for dogs and their handlers.

Healthier dogs.

Socialized, less problematic dogs.

Better behaved dogs after exercise.

Training opportunities in a safe enclosed area.

None, they are places where dogs are out of control, spread disease and cause problems.

Socialization for dogs and owners thereof. Accessible and attainable yard for some who live in more dense housing options. Healthy, well used green space.

Larger space for our active dog to run and burn off energy - he needs the exercise

Socializing you dogs, to become more friendly , used to people and other dogs etc.

To exercise your dog

This keeps dogs out of parks and off beaches where people who do not like to be around dogs or other peoples dogs can relax without interruption of uncontrolled dogs. It also keeps other parks and beaches free of dog waste.

Off leash Socialization in a controlled area

Excercise and socialization for my dog.

Dog owners will stop using public (non-dog) beaches as it will be closer and more convenient for all of the dog owners that don't live in the mission.

personal exercise, meet new people, socializing dogs

Fun off leash socialization

Safe place for dogs to run off energy and play with other dogs

Socialization with others, exercise, freedom from being on lead.

Great place for dogs to socialize, make friends and burn off some energy. Same goes for dog owners :)

Socialization for myself and my dog. I am new to Kelowna, from Lower Mainland, and am single and it is a huge part of myself not feeling lonely and meeting great friends for myself and my dog! I have to say the size of the dog parks in Kelowna are amazing. My favorite one is Ellison park, although prefer a lake one in the summer. My dog, 117 lbs. can get safe, exercise daily at a dog park. It is part of both of our lives, and we look forward to it everyday. If I didn't have that, I'd probably be on a lot more medication!

Brings communities together and active, keeps other parks designated for children dog free

Exercise and animal socializationp

better socialized dogs/humans, opportunity for dog/human exercise

A place for dogs to run free and be themselves

A place for dogs to socialize with humans and dogs.

Every neighbourhood should have some sort of off leash area to take their dogs. Whether hiking trails or small green patch...it is part of a community. Dogs are a great benefit to many people. They deserve better than sidewalks.

Socialization

A safe location that dog owners can take their pets without worry of verbal/physical attacks or complaints from non-supporters. Dogs are animals that require space to move around freely and with limited spaces of this kind in a city that is favouring more apartment and townhouse complexes then it causes health dangers to these animals. Additional off-leash parks that are centrally located can also help residents that are not able to have a vehicle and cannot travel to those far on the perimeter of the city.

Place for people to exercise their dogs within the city without breaking bylaws out of convenience.

Let dogs run and socialize

Someplace to take your dog to socialize and play.

The best part about dog parks I've observed is the community building: dog parks are a free, outdoor recreation activity where you get to know your neighbours. Prior to owning a dog, I never got out in my neighbourhood. Since having a dog, I meet so many people at the dog park. Dog parks are a great place for both dogs and neighbours to socialize.

An opportunity for my pup to interact with other dogs in an not too confined space

Allows dogs and owners to socialize and be active

Place for your dog to run.

Place for your dog to be with other dogs.

Place for dog owners to socialize with other dog owners.

Socializing and free run

So the dogs can run free and play with other dogs.

Animal is able to exert more energy so better able to behave

A place for your dog's to safely run off leash and play with other dogs. A social place for dog lovers.

The dog has the freedom to run, play and socialize. It is a meeting place and a social gathering place for the public as well as for dogs and is emotionally therapeutic for dog owners in this fast paced life.

Not sure as we never take our dog to a dog park

A safe area that my dog can run, get exercise, and interact with other dogs.

Socialization, exercise, enhanced quality of life for dogs and owners.

As a place for my dog to socialize, stay in shape, exercise, and a more relaxed environment to enjoy for everyone.

A place for dogs and owners to get exercise and socialize. A dog safe area to go as many parks in town have leash or general dog restrictions.

they are fun. I pay you taxes and I want them.

Don't see a benefit I think this is a very poor use of our tax money.

Socialization of the dogs.

An area for dogs to socialize and people to gather in the community

It allows dogs to be dogs and get unrestricted play and exercise time.

Socialization

a safe place to allow dogs off leash with out them getting loose in the public and keeping other parks and natural areas free from off leash dogs allowing for cleaner public parks for people to be in and protecting natural ecosystems for other species

Responsible dog owners and dogs learn social behaviour and proper interaction with other dogs, much like children do at a play ground. They learn in a safe controlled environment and can be let off their leash to run and chase balls / frisbees / toys / etc.

Socialization physical activity. Mental stimulation

Places to be outdoors with my dog, for exercise and to socialize him.

Exercise, social meeting places

Great place for dogs to be able to run and play together without affecting others who do not wish to be around dogs. Important for dogs physical and mental health.

Being able to properly exercise your dog in an area legally

I get to let my dog loose and socialize with other dogs.

Socialization and space to run free

enjoyment for both dogs and owners to enjoy the park

A space for dogs to run

It's a chance to let a dog be a dog.

Allows dogs and humans to socialize.

Often better exercise than walking in a park.

Great exercise for dogs while off leash. Great socialization for dogs.

The health and well-being of the animals are greatly enhanced.

It also reduces the amount of pet activity in other parks.

Specific location to allow domesticated dogs to run freely in a natural space and socialize in a safer environment. Allows dog owners the same opportunities.

I love taking my dogs to the off leash dog parks so they can socialize with other dogs as well as just "give". I have a fenced backyard at home but at times you can tell it's not as exciting as the park. I tend to use the Rutland and Ellison (a hidden gem) parks the most.

I use off-leash parks regularly. My dog is an extremely active breed that requires a lot of exercise and running off leash is essential. She enjoys fetching, playing with other dogs and I enjoy meeting new people and dog owners in my community. On-leash parks do not provide any of these benefits.

keeps other parks clean for families and the general public who do not feel comfortable with all types of dogs running loose

Exercise and social perks for the dogs

Great exercise for dogs when they can run free. Dogs can also socialize with other canines which is good for their mental health.

Pleasant environment for owners as well - they can walk and socialize if they wish.

They provide a vital place for dogs to exercise, play, and interact safely with other dogs.

For dog owners who choose off leash locations for their dogs to run and socialize. They are fenced and secure

-parks keep dogs that are off leash in a safe, controlled, fenced environment.

-an exercised dog is a happy dog

-they bring communities together, i love meeting new people and my dog loves meeting new dogs. Its great for socializing your pets, keeps them healthy and balanced!

Exercise, socialization for furry friends.

The park allows the dogs and owners to get the exercise they need individually. Most people don't get a good walk using a leash for their dog. Dogs need the socialism and to be able to smell and mark and greet other dogs. The parks need a resting spot for people and the dogs can nose around and play. The Ellison

park saved my sanity when my son brought home a border collie puppy. It is a great park with benches and lots of shrubs and trees, birds also a tiny creek runs thru it. It also keeps the dogs off the streets.

It keeps the sidewalks cleaner - I don't have to be as careful walking - I used to have to be careful to avoid poop left on the sidewalk - some days were worse than others. it has gotten better because of the parks

Also - it gives dogs a chance to just do what they do - run around!

Place exercise the dogs, and to socialize them, so that people are respecting leash rules elsewhere. Dogs are meant to run and play!

Dogs get the exercise they need, people have a space they can train/work with their dogs, people are not forced to be sneaky or break the law to let their dogs run.

safe, secure space for dogs to interact with one another; to be with those that are comfortable around dogs of all sizes

Big dogs have a place to run freely, well under their owner's control that is.

Areas for dogs to socialize and run

socialization of dogs and people

I see no benefit

Helps to create a sense of community, provides an opportunity for local residents to interact and develop positive relationships.

Exercise and socialize. Good quality of life for dog and human.

The ability to have your dog socialize and exercise with other dogs in a safe manner, while also permitting dog owners to socialize.

Accessibility - close to home where we can walk/cycle to

Varied Terrain - something more than just a bare, open field. (Mission Creek Dog Park is an example of a good park)

Beach/Water access - my dog doesn't really enjoy swimming but would be nice to have the option for other dogs.

My dog gets more exercise

Dog parks encourage pedestrian traffic with alert canines on leash through the surrounding neighbourhood. Many communities have found a significant reduction in crime around such park

Provide a community setting in which people can gather and socialize; dogs are good social "ice breakers"

Provide a place for dogs and their owners to exercise safely

Allow dogs to exercise and socialize off leash. Dogs that are highly socialized are healthier, happier, less aggressive and better canine citizens.

Allow dogs to meet in neutral territory which can reduce fear, territoriality and aggression in dogs.
Promote responsible pet ownership and the voluntary enforcement of dog control laws.
Regular unleashed exercise in a protected environment often reduces barking and other control problems.
Offers elderly and disabled citizens a place to safely exercise their canine companions.

Socialization and exercise for dogs, building relationships for community members.

They are a safe place for your dog to play, socialize and exercise. Walking on a leash does not allow the animal to get enough exercise. They need it just like humans. Socialization is very important for dogs as well. If we don't have safe places for our animals to run off leash, we are more likely to break the rules at city parks. This increases risk to others as well as the animals that might run into the street. I currently take my dog up into the woods to run off leash as there is no near by dog park we can walk to. In the woods, deer and coyote are a constant threat.

Hopefully it will keep the dogs confirmed to an appropriate area so that dogs will not interfere with passage ways of individuals walking or cycling.

Nice place for apartment dwellers or people who live in small spaces to be able to give their dogs some play and exercise not hampered by a 6ft leash

Dogs need to run to be healthy. Off leash parks allow for this. Gets the humans out exercising as well.

None

None

They are a necessary part of a vital and welcoming city. Many tourists and locals alike have dogs so it's important to have designate areas people can socialize and exercise their canines. Our climate NEEDS more dog beaches. Having only 1 in the middle of nowhere is unacceptable.

Investing in off-leash dog parks is a good use of taxation funds. Having a space for dogs to run freely is essential for pet health. A community dog park creates opportunity for dogs to socialize and for citizen dog owners to socialize. This improves community and neighbourhood health. Many citizens may not have private areas for their dogs to run freely (townhouse dwellers, apartment dwellers etc.). Investing in dog parks means more citizens can have dogs and have healthy, happy, socialized ones. Dog ownership improves personal health - due to increased exercise, outings etc. and is proven to decrease depression. Community health overall improves when a City invests in dog facilities like off-leash dog parks. As a side benefit, creating off-leash parks means that there will be less abuse of facilities not meant to have dogs running freely e.g., school playing fields, public parks.

Great for dog owners....

Sense of community among neighbouring dog owners, gets me outdoors/being healthy, spending time with family and friends at the park, exercise for poochie, enjoying Okanagan lake with my dog

It gives an area where a dog can run, play, and be free to explore, which is important to them.

creates outdoor space for pets in urban environments

Dogs get exercise and socialization with other dogs. Owner socialization as well.

Dogs are free to run and socialize with other dogs

Dogs get exercise and can enjoy play with other dogs. Running free and racing around is critical to their well being. Having access to water for a swim on a very hot day or even in winter is great for large dogs like ours (Golden Retriever). We are taking our dog now in January as she has an injury and swimming is critical physio for her and getting her better. Could not do this with a leash on. Also, small dog off-leash areas are necessary to separate them from large breed dogs.

Owners more likely to use designated areas rather than let dogs off leash in non designated areas. Helps pet owners who are lower income and may live in apartments or condos keep their pets healthy and happy.

Exercise, socialization, keeping dogs away from non-dog parks.

Happy, socialized dogs who can run, play & get rid of excess energy plus owners have social opportunities as well.

Social contact with other dogs, so that they can play and thus exercise.

Owners can also get together and make social contact which is really good for the retired, older person.

Children can get pleasure from seeing their pets free and not constantly restrained.

New owners can observe and obtain ideas for training their dogs.

exercise, companionship with other dog owners and dogs, fun and fresh air, dogs being social with other dogs, healthy activity for all

- dog socialization both with other dogs and humans
 - mental and physical stimulation for the dog
 - the chance for off-leash physical exercise in a controlled environment
 - neighbours enjoy watching the dogs run and play
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Areas for dogs to play and run off leash is key for their health and over all good behavior - we need off leash parks for owners to be able to exercise their dogs in appropriate space that does not impact other community members.

It supports the concept of the city being a dog friendly city. Which make the city an place where existing citizens want to stay and live and supports the attraction of others to the community.

Dogs get exercise and can run and jump with other dogs and chase balls etc. Socialization with others. Off-leash water parks provide swimming for larger breed dogs on hot days. Our dog swims most of the year including last week. With her injury on leg it is physio for her. Better for dogs you are not tugging on their necks with leash when they want to run and jump and play.

Dogs are an important part of many families, and they need to have a chance to interact with other dogs and

people, plus run, swim and play without being at the end of a lead.

Without designated off-leash dog parks, people will take their dogs everywhere.

It enforces the dog leash by-law by giving owners the two distinctions. If you want your dog to run free then there is an off-leash dog park for you to do that. Thus, we should not have any dog running around off-leash.

However, and this a BIG one. You do not enforce the bylaws, we see hundreds of dog-owners allowing there dogs to run any where they want. They defy the by-laws.

Dogs can run and get more needed exercise than being walked at a persons personal rate of walking. Especially for older or people unable to walk any distance. If dogs are well behaved socializing with other dogs can be good for the dog.

Able to throw a ball for a dog to chase and retrieve is possible in an off leash park.

How many dogs love to do that.

It keeps the safety and comfort of all citizens in mind by keeping potentially dangerous dogs from scaring or harming citizens that are not comfortable around dogs.

A specific group of owners can take their dogs there.

It helps dogs and people to socialize.

Exercise for my dog.

exercise and socialization for the dogs

Dog socialization

Exercise for dogs

A place designated for your pet to be able to exercise and play off-leash, (and sometimes bark without disturbing others). As the City becomes higher density with many condo's and apt's., especially in the downtown/Capri area, it is important for pet owner's to have access to these places. The ideal park (like one on Richter, 3 blocks south of the Safeway) has a fenced in section for smaller dogs, in order to separate them from the larger dogs.

Smaller dogs tend to "run away" if they are not enclosed, so some parks, although large are not made for smaller dogs. Far too many existing parks have too many mosquitoes, which are a grave health hazard to people and pets.

Knowing that my dog can play freely with other dogs and knowing that it won't bothered people.

Dogs deserve the right to run free. Play, socialize. swim. There will always be individuals who aren't responsible, but for the majority who ensure their dogs behave, deserve dog beaches AND off-leash parks. Not just one or the other.

Recreational area for the dogs and a place where dog owners can gather and socialize

All dogs and dog people have a safe and secure area for exercise and socialization. Separation of large and small breeds is also important.

Off-leash dog parks give dog owners more freedom to enjoy. I firmly believe that more off-leash dog parks will drastically cut down on off leash dogs in undesignated areas and parks.

The perfect place to socialize & exercise both the owners & dogs of all sizes.

Safe place to exercise the dog without upsetting anyone
dogs need the social outlet or they become wary of other dogs and that can lead to aggression
energy outlet for dogs is needed otherwise young dogs can become destructive through boredom and restlessness, and end up in the shelters

A place to go with your dog and they can socialize with other dogs. May help prevent people from letting there dogs run off leash in non designated areas.

People in the community connecting with each other and their dogs. People who don't have dogs can also watch and enjoy them.

Social and recreational opportunity for dogs and their people.

My dog has very high energy, so a walk on a leash does absolutely nothing to wear him out. He needs to be free to rip around and to play fetch, otherwise he is glued to my side staring at me wondering when he gets to go and burn off some of this energy lol the benefit of an off-leash area near the water is that I have a very busy schedule, I work full time, and at the end of the day in the summer, it's way too hot to take my dog for a rip. Playing fetch while swimming is the absolute best for him.

It provides a safe place for them to run and socialize with other dogs. On-leash, my dog can only go as fast as I can, which is no where close to the speed they need to go to appropriately burn energy. You would never take your child to a park to play and run around ... on a leash.

Keep them from crapping everywhere else.

These provide a designated area where dogs can go to be properly socialized. Further, dog require more energy expenditure that pure walking having space for dogs to run is extremely important. By designating specific dog appropriate areas you are able to reduce conflict with individuals who are afraid of dislike dogs.

providing adequate space for designated off leash activities to deter off leash dogs at other public spaces, trails, and parks

A place to exercise your dog in your neighbourhood without driving miles to get to one.

Dogs can be socialized. Dogs can run and indulge their natural curiosity.
People can socialize and also get exercise.

Ability for dogs to socialize in safe, controlled environments. Ability for dogs to explore, play and get out.

Dogs get better exercise off leash, as they can run and play fetch etc. This is not possible in the same way when on leash

Dogs get to run freely and burn off energy. It's entirely different than the exercise they get from a walk or jog. It's also a great community space to meet new people and chat face to face (we have at least one thing in common - dogs)!

I don't see any benefits.

Most yards are not large enough to truly exercise a large, athletic dog. Dog parks let me throw the ball as far as I can, and let the dog really stretch it's legs. Residential lots under half an acre can't accommodate that type of fetch.

Dog parks are also a way for puppies dogs to get introduced and socialized with other dogs, something that can be hard to do if your circle of friends doesn't also own dogs.

Dogs have a place to belong.

That my dog can run and play with other dogs and engage naturally. It burns off energy in a positive way, stimulates her mind, and makes for a better behaved dog at the end of the day. How would you enjoy being kept on a leash at every possible moment in public.

Free running for dogs so they get the exercise they need, especially large dogs.

Dogs have a chance to socialize and get more exercise than when on leash, making them healthier in general.

Dogs get much more quality exercise being off leash (but in a safe environment) able to run freely.

They are a great way to keep dogs in a separate space from people who wish to avoid contact with them. The mess that goes along with dogs is contained to a particular area which is great. Hopefully this attracts dog owners and prevents them from using "regular" parks.

People are supposed to use them and know that other parks have to be on-leash.

none

Safe and secure place for dogs to play freely, without being restricted from enjoying the outdoors by a leash

I'm less able bodied so to allow my dog to run loose and exercise without me slowing him down. Socialization for well behaved dogs.

none

My black lab doesn't behave well on a leash but is a well behaved and obedient off leash dog. I love bringing him to cedar creek dog beach because he's free to do as he pleases without stressing me out. People who

go there tend to be dog friendly people and very tolerant, understanding and responsible owners.

Safe Secure and Clean!

Dogs need to run free and get full exercise. They need to socialize with other dogs. Off-leash parks are an opportunity for them to do that without bothering people who are not so comfortable with dogs. Owners enjoy throwing balls and sticks etc. and generally playing with their dogs. If both are enjoying the outdoor experience, both get out into fresh air and enjoy exercise and local parks. Also, if there are attractive off-leash parks, people are less likely to take their dogs off-leash on trails where they are not supposed to. It appears to me that a lot of people in Kelowna do this. On the other hand, there is an off-leash area on Knox Mountain where there are seldom any dogs, while many dogs walk right by onto the Knox Mountain trails. This should be a message that the off-leash park is not good/attractive enough.

Freedom for dogs to run around

An opportunity for the dogs to obtain adequate exercise and to socialize with other dogs and people.

I see a place for people to take their dogs that don't have their own space to let their dogs run free.

A place to exercise the dogs

I see no benefit at all. When I walk my dog in any dog park I keep it on a leash for fear it will get attacked. I have a mid sized dog.

it needs to have a big dog side and small dog side. these animals need safe exercise as well as we do.

Safe location for dog owners and their dogs to exercise and socialize

Dogs require exercise and socialization with other dogs in a safe environment. I know very few people with dogs that are capable of running them enough to wear them out. In an off leash park the dogs can exercise each other.

To provide exercise and socialize the dog

Allowing WELL BEHAVED dogs an opportunity to run around without being tethered.

Gives dogs an opportunity to run free and play with their owners and/or with other dogs in a safe environment. My preference is two enclosed areas - one for big dogs and one for small dogs. Dogs need to be leashed in public areas but need a space to run. The green space is also good for the human owners of the dog(s) even though it is small.

Dog socialization and exercise, community

Safe place to exercise my dog.

Being able to socialize and give my dog physical exercise along with the mental stimulation that off leash parks allow.

More access for dogs there isn't enough in this town, especially off leash dog beaches

The ability to socialize your dog with other dogs and allow time and space for the pets to run and play. Leashed areas are fine and welcomed, but are restrictive when it comes to allowing the pets space to run and be dogs. It also serves as a place for neighbors to congregate and interact with one another while their pets play.

For the dogs to get rid of their energy and for them to learn to socialise with other dogs. This way they are calmer in an open space area or being walked on a leash!

With the extremely hot summer temperatures in Kelowna, it is unfortunate to have to load the dogs into a car to drive to Cedar Creek park for them to access the lake. We live much closer than many of those who have to do this. We are right next to Gyro and Rotary beaches and respect the no dogs rules at those parks, though grudgingly at times. If there was a designated dog beach that was more centrally located, there would be less instances of individuals taking their dogs to these other beaches and less congestion at them. There are many times when it is near impossible to park at Cedar Creek and the amount of dogs on the beach and in the water can be a bit intimidating.

Socializing for the dogs.

Freedom to run

Good exercise and socialization for the dog that is not possible to get in a small yard. They seem so happy when out running and that makes the owner happy as well to see the dog enjoying an off leash dog park. Also gives both dog and owner outside fresh air.

socialization of dogs, exercise of both dog and owner especially beach access ones.

Less crowded at other dog parks

Dogs have a chance to be free and run around in a safe environment.

Social and health benefits for general public. Encourages greater utilization of parks. Most parks are unused 8 months of the year. The public with dogs will tend to use the off leash parks 12 months of the year.

More available spots for dogs to socialize and be able to run free.

For dogs to be able to run and get exercise that they can't get on-leash. They can socialize and play with other dogs.

It's a place that the dogs can run free and socialize as well.

Dogs getting to socialize and run around at greater length. This benefits them by not having them being cooped up and not used to being around other people and dogs. It also gets me out of the house and enjoying our city.

much more exercise for dogs: also socialization, which is needed to train pets

Socialization, space to expend energy, place too cool off on a hot day (lake access) [for the dogs]

Healthier happier dogs

Happy dog. More exercise for the dog.

Interaction of Dog and freedom for them to play

Place where dog owners can go to let their dogs be dogs...interact with ppl and other dogs.

it is important to have easy to access, centrally located, off-leash dog parks where owners who want to can utilize the area. It is great for socializing/exercising yourself and your dog.

Dog parks allow for recreation for both pets and owners. A strong neighbourly City should have a number of off leash parks.

GOOD FOR DOGS TO SOCIALIZE AND RUN!!

A place for dogs to run around freely (under owner supervision), good for the dog's and owner's health.

Ability for those who are unable to run their dogs to have a place to go that they can give their dog necessary exercise.

Fun and exercise for dogs and family.

More safe spaces for dogs to run around. More parks would benefit the city as most people have to drive out of town to actually get to a decent off-leash park.

As an area to provide exercise and socialization to our family pets

Given the increasing density these area's are a real benefit to local tax payers to enjoy our local parks with our K9 companions.

proper socializing of dogs, less aggressive dogs

Dogs are able to gain social skills with other dogs

Being able to be in a safe environment with your pet and allowing them the freedom of being a dog and bond with the owners

An off-leash dog park is an awesome place for dogs to interact socially with other dogs and people to round their personality and behaviour. It's also great exercise for the dogs, which promotes good health. It's also a convenient way for people to have off-leash designated areas to bond with their dogs in a healthy way.

The opportunity to engage in activities without your dog being limited to a few foot radius.

Owners provided leash free parks will be less inclined to walk their dogs off-leash in prohibited areas. Many owners feel their dogs are trained well enough to walk off-leash anywhere but they are often too ambitious

and it can jeopardize both public safety and safety of the animal. Easy access to an off-leash park lowers or eliminates the owners temptation to walk their dog off-leash in other public places.

it allows the dogs to really run, work off energy.

A place for dogs to burn off energy and gain social skills. Many behavioral issues that dogs can develop, such as fear and/or aggression, can be alleviated, or prevented by ensuring that they get both rigorous exercise (that can only come from running off leash in a protected area), and learn proper social skills.

Open space and trails to walk with your dog

Dogs that are able to interact with other dogs in a non-leash fashion are better socialized. Also it is a vehicle for dog owners to socialize also. The bleak muddy fields are not terribly conducive to this activity. Our friends in North Okanagan take their mutt to a dog park which has a forest and a stream to compliment the open field.

None once dog is unleashed owner responsibility is unleashed. Much more strict enforcement on owners and dogs required.

An area to promote "Good Canine Citizens". Perhaps in the summer a local group such as CODAC or some other dog club could offer training groups to further the cause of a well behaved dog. I am sure a demo or testing for "Canadian Good Canine " Perhaps one of our larger pet stores would participate. I was disappointed in the dog ambassadors on bicycles response to my asking about filling the bag dispensers. In my opinion that money would be better spent installing more dispensers in city park and / or subsidizing a local club to maintain a certain park

The main benefit of off leash parks are to give my dog Freedom to run around and meet other dogs and which adds to my Personal enjoyment. Off leash parks offer me the freedom to enjoy seeing my dog act like a dog. After a trip to the off leash park I notice my dog is happier and calmer. A place where I can take my dog where he can be free to run around, explore and Sniff in a safe outdoor space. I have a small dog and appreciate having the choice to let my dog run free with other dogs his size. Some parks have a separate area for small dogs. I like being able choose, based on the behaviour of the dogs already there when I arrive, to either join the main park or sequester my dog to the small dog area.

None

Dogs are able to socialize properly with each other. Most aggressive behavior tends to happen while dogs are leashed. It's more fun for them too, to be able to run and play freely while owners watch.

A place for dogs to run around freely and play with other dogs.

None

Allowing dogs to learn to socialize with people and other dogs
Healthy exercise for dogs

Dog owners can meet with others of like interest in a safe environment

Dogs get socialized and learn to play with other dogs. Gives an opportunity for people who want to own a dog, but don't have the space for exercising one, to do so.

Dogs need the socialization of dogs they don't necessarily know - it creates a better behaved dog

Dog exercise and socialization which promotes a well being of dogs as well as humans.

Dog companionship helps prevent depression and anxiety and promotes socializing so that one will have the feeling of community and that they are part of it.

The owner and pet both get fresh air while being able to enjoy nice scenery in a well-kept open running space for dogs to socialize.

The dog park in North Glenmore (near the landfill) is unkempt and out of the way, even for residents who live in Glenmore.

It allows apt. dogs to run

Allows the dogs to have fun. Really burn off energy and they get to actually run. Other dogs that are playful can be great socialization which is beneficial to the dogs

Time for dogs to exercise and socialize with other dogs, and off leash training. Helps reduce conflict with people who do not like/understand dog behaviour

Some people don't like dogs, conflict can arise in situations where people don't want to be around dog or any animals for that matter when they are around, some people don't have a means to travel far to get their dog out for a good run like all dogs need, strategically placed dog parks would benefit everyone

proper exercise for dogs and increased socialization for owners. removes conflicts between dog owners and non dog owners

Overall health for dogs and owners

Community connection

Secure area for dogs to get exercise and socialize

It gives dog owners an opportunity for their dogs to socialize and run around without having to have them tied up. It gives dog owners a place to free their animals instead of having to do it "on the sly" hoping not to get caught. My dog loves to be off leash and running around (he's a greyhound) and there is not a lot of spaces he can do that in Kelowna

Nothing tires a dog out quite like being able to play off-leash, as well swimming on-leash isn't really a feasible activity.

a safe fenced place for my dog to get exercise

Less excrement everywhere.

Dog socialization

Ppl socialization

Space for a dog to run when your yard is too small

Gives freedom for dogs to roam and enjoy the area.

I don't see many benefits from it as most people do not train their dogs properly. I also do not take my dogs to these parks due to this reason

We don't have a yard so it's nice to let her run free

safe place for dogs to play & exercise together without bothering people in public places

Social exercise for dogs

A place outside of the home where a dog can run freely and interact with other dogs

Good exercise for the dogs, especially mid to large dogs. They need to run and many of us cannot walk/jog to give them a good run. Also it is good for dogs to socialize with other dogs and people. our area is very residential and not conducive to dogs getting good exercise.

It allows people who are allergic or afraid of dogs the knowledge of where not to go. The problem is that people with dogs will not go to those parks for certain reasons and this causes problem with non dog lovers.

Keeping dogs in areas where like minded owners can share a common interest in their animals and dogs can socialize freely. This also allows families and children who are pet free to use green space freely without pets present if they have allergies or a fear of dogs.

My dog needs a lot of exercise so it is great to have a place where he can play fetch. We have been going to the dog park since he was very young so now he is very well socialized around people and other dogs. It is a place for social interaction, important to have places for people to connect if you are trying to create a happy city.

Socializing for dogs

Room to run around and play

Exercising my dog on a leash is next to useless, he needs to run free, there needs to be more off-leash parks inside city limits if the Richter Street Dog Park is going to close.

Socialization of dogs. More chance to run and play with other dogs. I, as a dog owner have been to talk with other dogs owners and exchanged information, suggestions and references.

Allows dogs to run free

It gives dog owners a larger area to allow their pet to run without bothering others.

Ample room for dogs to play freely, interact socially.

a safe place for dogs to exercise & socialize.

None

For dog owners only. Dog owners must assume all cost including maintenance, the city provide a suitable location only. Dogs should not be in areas that will cause a noise or pollution problem for neighbours.

Well Kelowna is so well known as a no dog friendly city. At the very least it helps with public perception. Dog owners should be given the same access to the lake as well as everyone else. They pay more taxes.

freedom to allow our dogs to get the exercise they require and also gain stronger social skills with other dogs and people

Exercise and socialization opportunities for dogs

Good for dogs to socialize.

Socialization for dogs AND humans

Space for dogs to run and exercise that they may not have at their residence

These Parks give the owners a place to , exercise, socialise and train their dogs.

Just as important is the opportunity for the owners to get exercise and form friendships with other dog lovers.

Retired dog owners use the off leash parks daily and find it beneficial for both dogs and the owners.

A place for my dogs to run around I live in a condo where there is no backyard for my dogs to run plus it's always nice to get my dog to play with other dogs I also enjoy the friendly people at the dog park they are very nice to talk to and get feedback on we're good prices are for dog food or pet supplies. Plus my dog and I get exercise we walk around the dog park all the time

Dogs exercise better and socialize with other dogs better

*the dogs can be free to really run and interact

*as a parent with young children in parks I really am bothered when dog owners have dogs off leash in those public places... I believe more parks where this is ok will discourage this behaviour

freedom for our pets to run, socialize with other dogs, and spend fun time with the owners.

They can have an exercise area if owners do not have a yard and to socialize.

Reduces dogs being off leash in undesignated areas. Increases safety for the public (off leash dogs contained in one area). Provides a benefit for dog owners.

Dogs seem more social; with freedom to mingle freely.

It would keep some of the dog feces off public spaces

The ability to take high energy dogs and let them get the needed energy that they cannot get out of their system on a normal walk, it allows for them to channel it out properly.

Freedom for dogs of all circumstances to be able to run, play, socialize, learn & have fun. Family friendly outdoors time. Safer for the dogs and owners alike.

Community building, outdoor/active time for family and pets, opportunity for dogs to be socially well-developed

If the area is large enough it would provide an opportunity for a dog to be exercised, as well as socialized.

Depending on where these parks are located. They should not be parks like City Park, Strathcona, Kinsmen, West beach, Abbott, Surherland and other parks used heavily by people. These off lease parks should be off in non central locations.

Healthy for the dogs and healthy for the city . Dogs need to run not walk on a leash. In addition dogs are better socialized as well as their owners.

Exercise and socialization for dogs

freedom for dogs, exercise and social opportunities for owners and dogs.

Socializing dogs and people, community.

Socialization

A designated space for dogs could keep the dog poop at bay in actual parks that children play in.

It allows dogs a chance to run and to play and to become more socialized so it would be less reactive, exercised to allow that energy built up from being kenneled when owners at work all day. it can be a social point for not only the dogs but the owner too. It is nice to have localized parks as some people do not have a way to take their dogs to out town designations to allow them to run. Sometimes these out of town areas are not safe for owners and dogs too due to wildlife and other natural dangers.

Keeping them in an enclosed area away from the general public to step in their poop

great place for dogs to safely RUN and play

Great way to socialize friendly dogs, great exercise for the dogs, and a great way to meet new people.

Ability to allow my dogs to get exercise, run around and socialize with other dogs as I live in a condo.

Dogs were meant to run.....people need to get out and walk. We have lake access but not enough access for our fur kids

space to run

dogs need room to run and play near water

Opportunity for dogs to run and play safely

Socialization, good practice off leash for commands, and they are fun.

Opportunities for dogs to be properly socialized and exercised. One more place for people to connect and socialize outside, away from all of our technology. Chance to build a strong community feeling and allow residence to bond over similar interests, the dogs.

Dog can swim and socialize

A safe area to let dogs run free and explore. Many breeds need much more exercise than an on-leash walk could provide. When I take my dogs out they run at the very least, 10 times further than I walk/jog. As well, dogs should be able to run free, swim, sniff, pee!, explore. They need mental stimulation as well. Depending on breed traits, they may herd, fetch, play, follow their nose. Basically, be a dog.

Also, if there are not designated areas, people will take dogs to parks anyway. May as well provide a legal area for us.

A place for young and large breed dogs to run, exercise, social with dogs and other people. Many tourists also bring their dogs there too! We need a water access especially in the summer with our hot temperatures.

Better socialized and exercised dogs are happier and less likely to be aggressive or destructive. We need it accessible for handicapped individuals and families.

A safe place to let your dogs have a good run, a training practice area for your pet and another green space in the city.

none

A safe place for dogs to be dogs where owners clean up after their dogs. Often, dog walkers are not as responsible and it can be scary to see a dog coming towards me in public even when on a leash. Need areas for families with pets and no yard.

Family fun, exercise, a place to socialize your pet.

Perfect place for dogs to be around other dogs and learn better behavior.

Exercise for dog and owner. Socialization for dogs so they will be better citizens in their community.

A sense of community for the owners as most become friends through their pets. People learn from each other as do the dogs.

Less car traffic as people could walk to the park instead of driving.

The older population with pets is better off walking instead of driving.

Off lease parks create more of a community togetherness among people and pets.

They are convenient spaces to bring my dog when I am short on time.

allows dogs that do not have a large yard or a fenced yard to run free and mingle with other dogs.

Good place for dog owners and dogs to socialize

Exercise and socialization of animals. Healthier, both mentally and physically, animals

None

Too many unsupervised pRks with problems

Dogs able to socialize with other dogs.

Great place for dogs to get exercise and interact with other people and dogs in a confined area.

Safe place for dogs to get their energy out. If dogs get to run then they are better behaved on leash outside of the park.

A place to walk my dog off leash, not just a big dirt lot for them to run around. My dog isn't interested in playing with other dogs, but a walking path where we could follow a trail with her off leash would be great. Also a dog beach in town.

A safe environment where dogs can play and socialize

Safe place to exercise and socialize dogs

Equality with other municipalities. For example Vancouver turns ALL beaches into off leash parks during the winter months.

Safe place for dog to run free and I can walk.

Socialization for both me and my dog

Ability to practice things with my dog that I cannot do on leash (ie-fetch)

Happier, calmer dog

dogs can exercise

Freedom for the dog, to a point only!

The freedom to enjoy our pets in a safe and controlled environment.

Keep dogs away from grassy areas

I like that the off leash park still keeps the dogs contained

Dog has freedom to run around, owner is less exhausted after exercise, dog actually gets tired

The ability for dogs to run without restrictions. Socialization with other dogs and training opportunities while there.

I'm all about animal welfare. Lots of people don't walk their dogs enough, so taking the dogs to an off leash park will make a big difference in the dog's lives. I live by a dog park and see how happy the dogs are there

and also what a social setting it is for the humans. It's a real win win for everybody.

They are a great place for social interaction between dogs, as well as between dogs and people, and fellow pet owners. It would also provide an open space for those who might not have a backyard for their dog to exercise in.

Contained dogs

It makes the city more 'user friendly' not only to residents, but tourists as well.

Controlled environment to keep your dogs safe while getting exercise

Great for off leash training

Socialization of dogs so they are used to people and other dogs.

None. There are more than enough dog parks already

-Off leash parks are great places for dogs and their owners to socialize.

-These parks offer an area where dogs can get more cardio exercise without bothering other pedestrians

-Dog parks tend to keep dog feces in a confined area. Also, owners are more prone to cleaning up after their dogs under the watchful eyes of other owners

None, Dogs are pets and are to be controlled by their owners. All dogs should be on a leash, if around humans, or in a location where humans and dogs are not forced to interact unless desired.

Dog socialization

Dog owner social

Somewhere safe for all dogs to get quality exercise and socialization.

It gives a dog the chance to get the kind of exercise it needs; lots of running and playing with other dogs. Unless one is a young, athletic-type owner, a dog will not get enough exercise through on-leash walks alone. It is a great opportunity for both dogs and dog owners to socialize. As an older person who lives in a condo, I could not live without the daily outing to the dog park. My dog is young and needs to run, run, run in order to stay healthy.

Ability to exercise and socialize dogs. Socialize with other dog owners.

For the dogs to interact and burn off energy

Safe place to give a dog real exercise without fear of annoying anyone else or encounters with traffic, large wildlife.

Dog socialization and exercise

Dogs able to run freely

the major benefit if designated off-leash dog parks is it facilitates responsible dog ownership and allows "families" to have a pet and help the development of empathy.

Makes Kelowna user friendly for residents and tourists.

I will stop dog owners from going to areas that are not dog or off leash approved

Exercise and social interaction for the dog. Both are extremely important for a dogs well-being.

A large local area for my dogs to run and socialize.

Dogs get a chance to socialize and have the freedom to explore things as they like. It also gives dogs the chance to get exercise such as running if the owner is unable to run with the dog.

At least dog owners have a place to take their dogs rather than let them roam around kinsmen park close to where I live. Supposedly a no dog park and beach area.

They provide a place for owners to take their dogs and leave other parks free from the noise, safety issues, wear and tear, etc

dog socialization and exercise

Socializes my dog

Dogs are able to run freely and get needed exercise

Dogs also socialize with other dogs

People learn to clean up after their dogs

Dog owners get to socialize with other dog owners

Friendships are made

Freedom for the dogs to play with others and get a good work out/run. Social and physical fitness aspect for both human and dogs.

Off leash dog parks are very beneficial to both dogs and people. Not only a good place for dogs to exercise and learn to get along, but also for people to meet new friends.

my dogs would love it

Great place for people and families to recreate with their dogs

Helps decrease on leash areas being used as off leash areas.

Dogs get to socialize and interact with other dogs

Can provide more exercise for the dog being off leash

Not enough off leash dog parks in this city

free run

The ability and freedom to excersise a high energy dog.

Socializing dogs.

Exercise area for dogs owner with little or no yard.

Improved socialization skills for dogs (and their owners).

Health benefits as dogs usually get better exercise running with other dogs.

People can go to their neighbourhood parks with their dog and not have to get into their cars to drive to a dog park. It is mainly for environmental reasons that I would encourage more dog parks.

- Place to socialize your Dog. A happy and socialized dog will have less issues with barking at strangers and attacking others.

- Place for people to socialize themselves. There is a really great small dog social club that meets daily at the Mission Dog Park around noon

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none

Learning for your dog, creating a safe space for dogs, socializing and maintaining green space.

Socialization

Space where the dogs can run free and socialize with other dogs. Access to water front.

A place for dogs to socialize and play as well as run free.

The parks are great place to socialize your dogs with any animals and give them free range for people that can't afford a house with a backyard I live in a townhouse with a very small area that she can play in and you cant let her off leash so it's nice to take her to a place to let her run and chase a ball the other dogs talk to other people.

It's also good for people who don't like animals they don't have to go to that park where is if we have dogs and we have to go to the park it doesn't have an off leash area where is not designated for dogs it tends to bug other people

socialization of BOTH dogs and residents

It would better facilitate physical exercise for all dogs but more so for large dogs. Socializing dogs is key for having a well balanced dog that interacts well with other dogs and people. Size of the park is crucial. The dog park in Rutland is separated for large and small dogs. It is smaller than my front and could only accommodate dogs in socializing but not exercising.

Dogs that are regularly exercised and socialized are better behaved canine citizens. Better behaved dogs are more compatible with their families resulting in fewer dogs ending up at the pound or surrendered to the SPCA.

Exercise and social outing for dogs

The only benefit would be that it might keep dogs out of other parks, emphasis on might.

Off leash dog parks for each individual postal code is required, mandatory and lawful

dog get to play and roam freely

Room for dogs to run freely and burn energy

A place for dogs and their owners to exercise freely without worrying about offending those who do not enjoy the presence of dogs in regular public areas

Great for dogs and dog owners. Everybody knows that there are dogs running off-leash, hence little reason to be upset or to complain.

Dogs can roam free which promotes positive social experiences for the dog. And the bigger the space the better. More beach/lakefront dog friendly space is needed especially as temperature soar into the 40s during the summer months

No abuse of parks that aren't designated off leash areas

green space where dogs can play in the grass, walk on the grass. Parks currently available have sidewalks or trails which dogs must be kept on. Hot Okanagan summers make the pavement very hot on dogs foot pads on their paws. I'd like to at least let my dog walk on the grass without concern of fines.

I had a dog for ten years, so I speak from experience. Animals are healthier and happier when they get serious exercise and are allowed to freely consort with other dogs. It's also inevitable that a sense of community springs up within groups of dog owners, and the dog owners themselves often get a healthy amount of exercise as they walk around with their dogs.

Encourages me to get fitness, as I am more inclined to go the off leash park because it is more fun to be with my dog there. If only I could walk to the park!

Exercise for people and dogs. I can't run as fast as my dog. Some trails need to allow off leash for dogs under owner control.

Socialization, increased exercise for dog as opposed to on leash

The dog can 'roam' free, and interact with other dogs.

Exercise and socialisation

1. Typically well-maintained and organized. 2. Lets the dogs run free without worry of issues...normally
3. Typically cleaner as well if it's wet out.

Exercise

A place for dogs to socialize and exercise

dog socialization, exercise, training, personal interaction,

The ability to go for a run. Exercise while chasing a Ball.

gives your dog a chance to exercise off leash and socialize with other dogs

None.

Build community among dog owners; get people outside; give dogs a place to run and play

good exercise,the dogs make new friends

Off leash for a run or swim. They deserve fun too

Dogs can be off leash and be around other dogs.

None

I think it is a good idea to have off leash parks, however, I also believe it is incumbent on dog owners to comply with rules while walking their pets in on leash parks. I walk at least 5 days a week on either Knox mountain or the mission creek greenway. Many dog owners are allowing their pets to run free. The parks are littered with dog feces. I Love animals, but not so much other peoples animals. If we as taxpayers are going to fund the development and upkeep of off leash parks we should also expect pet owners to abide by bylaws in other parks.

a safe area for my dog to run

None

Dog socialization and high energy play

Great interaction for dogs so that they are able to socialize and have a great time running, being free, not aggressive and enjoying time interacting with other dogs and people.

Areas for dogs to get more exercise than on leash. Places to training advanced training (distance work)
Places to play fetch.

Those of us without does hopefully will not bet chased or pestered by dogs that owners let off their leads in regular parks

none

Socialization of dogs and neighbours

Place for off leash time

Keep owners away from those who do not want be around dogs

Beach access necessary. Suggest base of Knox mountain area be fenced

More freedom and more play area to run and can also save people from hurting themselves helps someone if they are down or with mental health problems it can help people

Outdoor activity for both dog and owner. Building a sense of community among neighbours.

None

Being able to live normally with my dog. We have so many issues at dog parks because they're crowded. It sucks having nowhere to just go on a walk with your dog offleash. And one dog beach. It's so busy all the time.

Socializing and exercising dogs, as well as fostering a vibrant and connected community of neighbours

None...they are often confrontational.

ability to get outside and enjoy the outdoors. dog and people get exercise, socialization for animals.

Good exercise and socializing for the pets and owners. Freedom is always great to have, as long as owners are responsible about it.

Socialization of dogs, maintaining a clean environment, prevention of dog waste in other areas.

It gets the dogs off the main walking paths, parks and beaches.

It's simple. Dogs need to run free as much as possible. Dogs that do run free present with much better overall behavior

Dog owners have the space, scope and freedom to play with their dogs in a way that benefits both. However, these spaces must be situated in places that are inspiring for owners as well. When I read last summer that Kelowna is in the top echelon of dog friendly cities, well, my scorn and derision at that survey was equalled by hundreds of dog owners I meet every year. When it's plus thirty day after day over our long summers and we have almost nowhere to go with our dogs near the lake to enjoy a breeze and a splash, then there's no point living in the Okanagan.

An area for dogs and dog lovers to meet and exercise.

The obvious health benefits to both dogs and their owners (who will be physically interacting/exercising with their dogs). As well, dog parks with water will eliminate the owners who take their dogs to public beaches which may offend some people who are allergic or simply don't enjoy dogs or don't want to be on the receiving end of a wet dog's shake!.

- some of the highest used parks in the city of Kelowna are dog parks
 - dog socialization and exercise in a controlled space
 - less likelihood of dog poo being left in the street
 - social interaction for dog owners many who are seniors or low income at the richter street dog park
 - creates a sense of community
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Happy pets and people getting exercise

Open space for dogs to get good exercise and socialization, where you don't have to worry about traffic etc.

Gives dogs a chance to be 'free' without having to bother people who are not comfortable around dogs. If fenced, they keep everyone safer.

Having off-leash areas is beneficial for both dog and owner. Most parks in Kelowna are only used in June, July and August whereas dog owners use these parks all year round.

our family does not see any benefit to dog parks.

A place for dogs to socialize and exercise with freedom.

Gives people a chance to exercise their dogs

Keeps dogs in one main area

Lessens negative dog/people encounters

Socialization and exercise for dogs

Like minded people who care and love dogs can socialize

Gives freedom to dogs in areas where non dog owners are not bothered by the dogs' presence

Fun and exercise for you and the dog

Dogs can run free and socialize with other dogs. It is a chance to meet other dog owners and have a chat and socialize with them. I live part time in Palm Springs and find that the under 25 lb park is a chance to meet others and enjoy an outing with my dog and visit with others each morning.

A place to take animals for exercise, for me to enjoy my dogs in a friendly secure environment

Not having to worry about my dogs safety while playing and exercising

Provides dogs and their owners a safe enclosure to exercise and socialize with other dogs/people without restraint of leashes.

A place where dogs can run and socilaize!

A place to socialize my dog. A place for him to run around without being concerned about cars.

It gives to the dog owners payed for the none owner

There should be places for them to swim and play with other dog's and their owners. It is important for dogs to get exercise to be healthy and in the summer it is too hot for them. Another lakefront dog beach is only fair given the number of places people can access the water

Ability for owners and dogs to enjoy water sport

Good excersize, socialization with people and other dogs

Room for dogs to run with out feeling "trapped" or "cornered" such as Cedar park.

Socialization for dogs and people

Dogs get the exercise they need.

Place for dogs and people to socialize and exercise.

In theory the idea is good. But.....

More area for my dog to run free. As well as more opportunity to socialize with other dogs.

Socialization leads to healthier dogs, increased interaction among citizens. More off-leash parks mean fewer off-leash dogs where not permitted. Safer for dogs to have a designated place to act like dogs. these parks are the only parks that are used 365 days/year, and throughout the entire day. More parks means less driving to parks. More people about makes the area safer. More dogs solves the issue of invasive geese.

There are a lot of people who do not appreciate going to a park and having dogs running around them. However, I believe there are a lot more people with dogs that need a place 'close by' that they can go and enjoy the benefits of the park and water access. Dog owners want to spend their time with their beloved pet and not have to leave them at home alone. A dog is part of the family and should be able to go enjoy the outdoors with their human family. There are so many green spaces available in this town!!

Socializing

I think they help people train their dogs for off-leash behaviour, and they probably also slightly deter people allowing their dogs to be off-leash in places where they should not be.

Ability to run dogs, socialization

A social area for dogs and dog owners to build a community

Exercising

Better for more active dogs. Burn more energy

Socialization, an area for dogs to run and play

Owners: less travel distance, healthier, social

Dogs: healthier, happier

Community: less traffic, designated areas for dogs

Better exercise for dogs, socialization for dogs & owners

It's great for older people to be able to exercise their dog's without having to do much themselves. I recently had surgery that has limited my ability to exercise my dog and the dog park I go to has been great for me. It is actually very social and is a great meeting place for people. I have met a lot of new, like-minded people through the dog park.

A chance for dogs to be off leash and gaining social interaction. It is a place of rest and reward for those dogs that may need to explore and let off some energy by being dogs.

Dog play & Socialization: Off leash parks offer free, safe (eg. fenced from roads, cars) areas for dogs to socialize, play (studies show 20 min of full play = 2 hr walk in energy release), and get some stimulation beyond their own yards. It's a furfest for them and they love having some freedom to run and play at their own speed and with a variety of dogs and people. Even the old dogs who no longer play love to come to the park for fresh air, things to watch, and a change of pace from home.

Human Socialization and Entertainment: The other huge factor (but maybe not always considered by planners) is that the fenced dog parks offer a great social outing for the dog owners (and laughs at watching the antics of our pets). Come and see. Even on not so perfect days there will be groups of 10 - 30 people who come at specific times because they have found a community there. In winter we are often there for at least an hour a day. In summer often 3 - 4 hours twice a day. In summer those parks are used from 5 am - 10 pm.

We've brought chairs (and still there is often standing room only some days), tables, poop bags, water, pools, toys, etc. just because we spend so much time at the park. It's as much for the people as the dogs who meet there consistently, every day, all year long. It's very much a positive daily ritual for many of us. Trails and such do not offer that same social component for the dogs or people that we love about the parks. Trails are just pass and go, maybe a minor chat and not very useful to those of us with barriers ourselves or to our dogs to walking the trails. Those fenced parks are different and enrich the lives of many dogs and people who otherwise might not get out in fresh air or for socializing every day. Some owners come off the trails and into the parks just let the dogs off leash and sit and chat so they are well used.

Those parks are often a true mix of people and pets. From the fit to the infirm everyone wants to participate. In many cases it's the dogs owned by seniors, people with disabilities, families with children, or time constraints that really utilize the parks every day, every month of the year because they aren't able to use trails or unfenced areas or even walk in their own neighbourhoods (due to hills, lack of sidewalks or other barriers they have). Off leash parks are a very big part of a lot of people's lives and go far beyond merely being a place to let a dog loose for a bit.

To have areas to take our fur children and have a variety of places not just the few Kelowna has. Kelowna needs to be more of a dog friendly city as they are behind the times in what they offer us for our dogs. Would be nice to see Kelowna listed as great place to take your dogs.

To let dogs run free and to be able to interact with other dogs

It allows dog owners to safely let their dog run free and play with other dogs

Socialization for dogs is very important for their behaviour. Having a nice open space to do this is beificL for the cominuity

better behaved dogs who have been exercised properly, socializing with other dogs, bringing communities together, availability of garbage cans to dispose animal waste

Community building, social interaction, excellent for socializing dogs, means dog owners are not allowing their dogs to play in open areas where dogs could escape, or have negative interactions with humans.

There are no benefits, it just encourages more dog ownership in the city. The city needs to stop the ever increasing numbers of dogs in the city, there should be a limit. It is at the point where going for a walk is difficult for many, intimidating dogs everywhere on leash or off, the owner on one side of the walkway and the dog on the other with a leash between or a good chance no leash, making things difficult for others and no one wants an altercation. Crap everywhere, if it is picked up the full bag is left behind. The citizens pick up the tab for the policing of infractions with no end in sight. Sitting in a park having a picnic and there is some ones dog taking a crap, nice. Animals are for the country, on one`s own land.

A comfort level knowing the park is designated as off-leash. As long as your dog is well behaved a dog park is great

It's a good place for my dog to run around and not be pulling on her leash. It gives me a place to go where I know I won't annoy other people in parks who don't like to be around off leash dogs. It's more relaxing and enjoyable for both of us to be able to walk around where we go. I keep her near me at all times and make sure that she does not bother any other park goers with their dogs.

The dogs can run without being restrained. A good place to socialize young pups.

Off leash parks enable my active Australian Shepherd to get the high energy exercise he needs in a safe environment. Walks aren't enough for him on a daily basis, so dog parks are an essential part of our weekly exercise schedule. And swimming in the summer time especially! People get hot, and so do our furry buddies. As long as folks pick up after their pets, what's the big issue?

Avoid conflict with non dog owners. We need a good quality park where owners and dogs spend time together. I have just visited Huntingdon Beach dog park in California and had a great beach day with our dog. This beach is city owned but managed by volunteers.

Dog socialization and supplement to doggy exercise, a place where dog owners can meet, and take our pups without worrying about non-dog safe things and distractions.

1. The ability to socialize your dog
 2. The ability to exercise your dog in a safe environment
 3. The opportunity to meet other dog owners
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A place for dogs to socialize and exercise

My dog is able to stretch her legs at full speed without breaking the bylaws

Allowing dogs to burn off excess energy in a safe, controlled environment

Exercise and socialization for dogs

more tamer dogs less mess on the playing fields and sidewalks

It here are so many in Kelowna that are dog owners. Having dog parks / beaches are not only necessary but shows how city of Kelowna accommodates. There will be less dogs in local parks over the busy tourists months, convenient for dog owners passing through, to have the dog parks available. Says a lot when visiting our beautiful city.

Having somewhere you can take your dog that is is allowed to be off leash. Allowing my dog to have controlled freedom and safety.

Dog feces not picked up by inconsiderate dog owners become the problem of other dog owners and not the general public as long as the dog park is fenced . Non dog owners would have no reason to enter the compound .

Socialization, people and dogs. A family day at the park with the whole family! A dog at the beach with the family is wonderful and should be a full family experience!!!! Not everyone has air-conditioning. A day at the beach couldn't be worse than a day with geese!

Good for the dogs to be able to run around. The dogs keep social where they learn how to behave around other animals and people.

I guess so big dogs can run.

Allows my dog to run freely and enjoy the time outside. I have a small dog and would like to continue seeing a designated area for small dogs only while off leash.

Some dogs need off leash exercise especially while they are young. It is also important for seniors who can't walk their dogs for very long but can exercise and socialize.

Socialization for the dogs

Exercise... Since there is a leash law dog parks are the only legal way to run a dog off leash, I can walk my dogs on leash for 2 hours straight and they still won't be tired

Dogs and children don't mix. Dog excrement and urine is a health hazard to young children. Owners do not train their dogs and let them poo anywhere and everywhere. Even when it is picked up there us residual left.

Dogs should have dog parks. But not at tax payers expense.

Safe place to excercise and socialize dogs. Limit impact to natural habitats.

Owners can network regarding pet related business and events.

Dogs can socialize which builds manners that can minimize threat of an aggressive dog.

A tired dog is a happy dog. Getting the exercise in town that a mountain hike would provide without the presence of bears, cougars etc..

Beach time with your dog is the bomb!!

A sense of Community,communication and friendship between neighbours and animals.

It allows people without their own gardens to give their dogs off leash exercise and socialization

Space for dogs to socialize freely.

1. supports the needs of both dog owners and non-dog owners.

2. dogs can run loose and get some real exercise and stimulation that they cannot get on the end of a leash.

Gives owners and dogs a place to play together and helps to socialize the dogs.

Obviously, dogs need exercise. Separate big dogs and little dogs parks.

keeping dogs within designated area, and away from those who do not want to interact with dogs

Public private partnerships in development maintenance and more specifically retail amenities for users.

Coffee shops etc....

A safe place to bring my dog for exercise. As well as making sure I'm not harassed for having my dog off leash

Clean and properly zoned

Dogs without a yard to run in get a chance to be free off leash

Fun to watch the dogs, especially in water

Dogs can run and get exercise

We rent and share a back yard with our upstairs neighbors, which is fairly small for two big dogs. Having an off leash park nearby allows us to conveniently get them regular exercise and socializing with various types of other dogs.

Many residents in Kelowna have dogs as their companion especially older single residents who, as they age are no longer able to maintain their homes either for medical reasons or financial reasons and find themselves compelled to move into apartments/condos or care facilities that do not have areas to exercise their dogs other than in leashed or unleashed dog parks. Kelowna has very few unleashed parks or access to beaches compared to other BC cities. In the last years taxpayers in Kelowna have lobbied many times to our city council to expand especially unleashed dog parks and access to some lake water but have been turned down for?? lack of interest.It is time Kelowna leaders paid attention to this important request.

Room for dogs to socialize and exercise with each other

That I know to keep my children away from dog parks!!! Kids run to dogs and dogs run to kids which equals a stressful disaster!! Not to mention my little children often step in dog poop! Kids should have more rights to parks than dogs!!

None, where the use is combined with playgrounds or walking and exercise areas. Dogs still urinate anywhere, plus some dog owners do not pick up their dog's messes. This is all done in close proximity to where children play and crawl around on the ground. Also its not very nice to have dirty shoes after a walk through the grass and under the trees.

Place for dogs to get exercise

A safe and secure area for dogs to run and interact with other dogs. Most important is the cleanliness of the area and a commitment from all dog owners to pick up their dog's waste.

Safety. I have small children and I would rather not take them to a park that allows dogs as some may be dangerous.

Social aspect for dogs and owners

Socialization with other dogs. A dog is able to be themselves off-leash. On leash they can feel stressed and vulnerable.

Exercise and socialization for both humans and canines. It creates its own unique community, strengthens quality of life for people and their pets

the animal is given a chance to exercise and be with its owner.

Secure area to help train your dog. Exercise physically and mentally for dogs.

Living near the hospital, there aren't many places close by where we can take our large dog to run. Off-leash dog parks (the one on Richter is the one closest to us) give our dog a much loved break from on-leash walking.

They provide a place where the dogs can socialize with lots of room to run.

It's a great place for dogs to socialize with other dogs and to run and play unhindered.

Good social interaction for dogs. Exercise for dogs. Interaction, social, and education opportunities for the public when they bring their dogs there and talk to other people. Ability for a dog to roam free in a natural environment.

We need a dog beach

Off-leash parks allow dogs to engage with others and exercise in true fashion. A leashed walk is a training tool, and should not be a dog's only source of exercise. Social interaction is essential to all animals in life, not just humans. All species suffer significantly without it. People should be allowed to engage with their dogs

and others in a dog-friendly place that allows true socialization, play, and entertainment. Many people do not have personal yards for this, as a large proportion of private properties are also not dog friendly. Most importantly, there should be areas with hiking trails that are off-leash. Many people hike off-leash anyways, but if there were several designated, true hiking trails that allowed this, it would dispel the dissonance between dog owners and non-dog owners in places like Bear Creek, Knox Mountain, the trestles, etc. If even one trail in each area was designated off-leash, it would greatly increase the ability of many people to stay active and enjoy the Okanagan. Many dog owners are forced to drive to rural areas to hike with their dogs, where off-leash is still illegal, but the area is less populated. Designated off-leash hiking areas would be a huge asset to the Okanagan as a community, as a large proportion of the population is highly active in the outdoors, and many are dog owners. We want our dogs to enjoy the outdoors as much as we do, and not to always be on a 6ft leash in life.

Allow full exercise for dogs.

Great place to socialize my dog

socialization and exercise

Space for dogs and owners can connect and have fun.

The dogs are free and have so much space to run on. If I wanted them leashed up I would keep them in my back yard where they can run off leash in a smaller area

We need to teach our dogs to socialize and this is the best way to do it.

interaction and play to burn off energy. Play fetch hopefully swimming if lake access. I foster dogs and rehabilitate some. They require the space to run.

less people walking there dogs on the streets which can cause potential hazards for road users also dogs get more exercise when they get to run around especially for the people that live in condos.

Enhanced safety for pets, pet owners and the public.

Dog parks are excellent for socialization, as well as engaged exercise (such as playing fetch).

exercise

A spot for people to enjoy outside with their pets

Exercise and socialization of dogs. Bonding with dogs and getting them out more.

Dogs getting to play and interact with other dogs in a fun, contained space.

People and dogs need to exercise...dogs need to socialize.

A safe, contained place for the dogs to run and play. The dog beach is a great way to cool down a hot pooch in the summer.

A space where a dog has the freedom of being off-leash. Social activity for your pet.

Socializing my dog and getting her energy out.

1. Being able to enjoy the outdoors with my dogs among other like minded people.
 2. Like to be able to go to the lake and take them into the water where there is a gradual incline sandy beach area to have a swim and picnic-BBQ.
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More energetic pets can truly get their blood pumping. My mother has arthritis and so is unable to "run" with the dog, and being in an area where the dog can truly be exercised without being attached within 2 meters of a handler is liberating.

Healthier and happier pets.

Good exercise for owners and for dogs.

Reduces the number of dogs in other city areas.

Reduces the occurrences of dogs running loose in public off leash.

Good use of land that is otherwise of marginal value.

The city is very much in need of a "dog beach" in the north end.

If the park is water side, the great benefit is relief from the heat in summer and great exercise for the dogs

A safe place for dogs to socialize and to exercise.

Dogs get to experience freedom and are able to play without getting tangled up in their leash

Dogs being able to do what they love..run and play

Gives an area for dogs to run and exercise properly without the space confinement of most small yards, as well as dogs living without a regular yard can run free.

Well exercised dogs are happy dogs. Happy dogs make good neighbours.

that

No Benefits what so ever.

Socialization

Room to run and expend energy (for high energy dogs)

People and family pets deserve a place to socialise and play and not have to pay for it! I believe when you start asking families to contribute time, money, donations to use playgrounds, then you ask pet owners the same. It is a ridiculous idea to ask pet owners to pitch in, yet not ask parents to pitch in for their 'children'. I am not a pet owner, but do have children, but love pets!

A place for a dog who lives in a condo to run free, exercise without being leashed

Dogs can exercise and be socialized so they will be better "citizens".

Necessary for all dog owners because of current regulations.

It is somewhere that you can allow your dog to be off a leash besides your own yard,

Let your dog play off-leash in a new environment than your yard and socialize with other dogs

Allows for social interaction of the dogs. When its a fenced in park it gives the dogs freedom to run and play. Fenced in parks also allow owners to train their dogs Ina safe environment.

Exercise and socialization for dogs and their owners away from traffic noise and pollution.

Great place to exercise our dogs as well socialize them.

Free to run and socialize

Dogs need space to run and interact to become social.

May keep them out of the parks & beaches!!

off leash parks allow dogs to run and mix

Socialized dogs, healthy dogs, a place for dog owners to have a community, a place to let your dog run and fly exercise without having to drive out of town, good for people with disabilities who need to exercise their dogs,

Allow the dogs freedom to run, exercise and interact with others.

More likely socialization of pets and more exercise for my dog where unable to get at home

A place for dogs to be dogs!

Easier accessibility for dog owners to enjoy our beautiful green spaces. More off leash space means less travel to the few the city has to offer.

Kelowna can become a loving city once again... AKA lets stop limiting small areas for our loved ones!

-Freedom for the dog (biggest smiles when they know where theyre headed...)

-Correlation of dogs (at time this is a negative point,but its important for a young dog to meet dogs of all sizes..)

Water park

Socialization for dogs. They can safely run and play freely.

dogs get socialized when they run free with each other

dogs need to have free (unleashed) exercise daily - a tired dog is a happy dog

its a fun social activity

place that wouldn't be bothersome to people that don't like dogs.

Controlled environment for all to enjoy.

A place for dogs to gather and play where they are safe from vehicles and kids that are playing nearby. Dogs need to play just the same as humans do.

better socialized dogs , more active dog owners, enjoyment of the city and benefits to surrounding businesses

There is no benefit as we have enough dog crap around now

having the ability to let our dog run free (and safe) and socialize with other dogs

provides a safe place for owners to exercise and socialize there dog.

Socializing with other dogs

Socializing dogs

Dogs have an opportunity to be playful dogs.

None

My dogs can run freely and burn off energy! One of my dogs does wander off if un leashed so a safe closed off dog park is wonderful

None

A nice place for dogs to run free and socialize with other dogs. Also a great place for dog owners to get together and get to know each other. Nowadays we live in a place where builders have gotten away with offering smaller sized lots for larger than life prices that the majority of us can't afford. Dog parks offer a place for dogs to get the necessary exercise that they need for a good quality of life.

Socialization of dogs. Dogs can run free and play

Exercise and socialising opportunities for dogs. Also convenience for owners.

It is not only a place for dogs to run and be social. It is also a great way for people to interact, I was new to Kelowna and retired so it was a great way for me to meet new people.

Ability to exercise dogs off leash.

It provides a safe space for dogs to play and get the exercise you need. Allowing dogs to be off leash helps them learn crucial socialization skills and ideally how to behave.

Off leash dog parks allow for community to be built within the city. Many people who attend dog parks have found friends and community through interacting with like minded people. If the goal of this city is to support inter-city community a dog park would support this goal. Anyone who owns a dog also knows that a dog is less stressed and more relaxed when off leash (this is common sense for anyone know who knows anything

less stressed and more relaxed when on leash (this is common sense for anyone who knows anything about dogs). Creating more off leash space supports a healthier balance for a dog. As one who lives in an apartment the only place my dog is able to get suitable exercise is at an off leash dog park. With more and more apartment buildings be proposed for the city you MUST come up with a solution for the people living in these buildings.

Dogs are able to run freely, to chase thrown balls, frisbees or sticks.

The off-leash parks are great for the dogs, great for the owners, and embody the purpose of having a dog.

healthier dogs and people

An opportunity to socialize my pack member with others, ensuring his growth and development as a 'stable' dog.

And, the opportunity to meet other dog owners.

socialization of the dogs. for owners who have limited mobility, their pups can get some good exercise, without putting themselves at risk.

so dogs can have fun running and round and see other dogs without fighting each other.social well being.learn from other dogs how to behave.poeple

Dogs need to be with other dogs , my dogs have friends, they need to meet and greet ,

Provides a legal and sanctioned space for owners to let pets free.

We have a very high energy dog who just needs to be able to run and chase his ball. We don't have enough room to do this in our yard so we need the space. He especially loves to swim and chase his ball in the heat of summer but we have to currently drive from the Knox Mountain area to Cedar Creek park, which is quite a drive. Keeping him social with other dogs is secondary for us but still important. We also meet really nice people to talk and visit with while playing with the dog so it's social for us too. It brings the community together.

personal health

provides a place for dogs to experience natural freedom

Bringing dog owners community together. Increased health and wellness for pets. Some of live in areas with very heavy traffic and walking the dog is not always safe. Also some of us don't have back yards. Without dog parks many pets would literally never get the chance to run. Ever.

Off leash parks allow dogs to exorcise and socialize in a contained safe area without risk of injury from running into traffic. It also promotes people picking up after their dogs, because of close waste cans and the peer pressure of others watching. It is a great place to meet others who love dogs and enjoy being outside with them. Well exercised dogs are happy, healthy dogs. My younger dog loves to run and I cannot run fast enough or long enough to exercise her on a leash. I do not feel safe to go up into the hills by myself to find some crown land where I would be allowed to exorcise my dogs. It takes a lot of time to do that. If there

aren't any off leash areas I can see some people letting their dogs run free in areas that would not be safe.

Controlled environment where people can allow their dogs to run and play

The dog gets to run around and socialize with other dogs if there are any and a lot of exercise also.

Safety for the dogs and the owners in a comfortable environment, as well as a place for people living in the area and who are new to town to meet new friends and other dogs. Also a place for dogs to cool down in our scorching hot summers for their safety

Dogs learn to socialize off leash. They become better behaved around other dogs and other people. Easy access to off-leash parks allows owners to exercise their dogs, which also results in better behaved dogs.

A place safe from traffic that I can take my dog to run and play.

A place for all dogs to run and play that's not the size of a postage stamp.

Dogs get to socialize and get a lot more exercise when off-leash.

Dog socialization, safe place to let dogs play

Dogs need socialization for their mental health, great area for exercise and for pet owners to meet each other

Keep the dogs off of the streets and other people's yards and give them a place to run free.

Happier, healthier socialized dogs and owners

Ability for your dog to burn up energy easily

My whole family can go for a hike. The dogs aren't limited to 2m leash, which allows my husband and I to walk at our own pace and the dogs at their space.

It also allows our younger dog to run more while our older dog can walk with us humans.

Exercise and socialising

At least they're fenced in

Socialization, dogs able to run freely, explore new smells, terrain, and dogs. Exercise - mainly from running, chasing dogs, playing.

Better socialization and exercise for the dogs. Also way easier for moms with strollers and children.

It's fun and good exercise for the dogs.

Complete exercise for pets and pet owners. No fences, people sit in their vehicles in the park in Glenmore, while their dog runs free inside the fence.

A safe place for dogs and owners alike to socialize and exercise.

A place that our dog and family can walk together un-tethered.

Being able to exercise your dog (by throwing balls etc.) and socialization (dog & human!)

very inexpensive way to encourage citizens to use park facilities YEAR ROUND

Health and wellness for both humans and pets.

None

My dog can socialize with other dogs and get off leash exercise like running around that she doesn't get when we go for on leash walks.

A place for dogs to run free with in the city

Dogs need to go to the water to swim in the summer and it needs to be close in town so people can walk to it

A good place for dogs to run and socialize.

It will reduce the amount of dogs off leash, in non-off leash areas.

It greatly improved to socialize of dogs which reduces dogfights. It's a fun outdoor away for dog owners to interact.

Dogs and I get social interaction and a walk. Meet lots of people I otherwise would never meet.

Family and pets able to enjoy an off leash experience.

They provide an optimal area for dogs to socialize with both other dogs, and with people. This socialization is likely to lead to better well-behaved animals, and less problems interacting on the street.

Dog parks also create a sense of community among dog owners by acting as a communal area for people with similar interests to meet and socialize.

Space for the dogs to run around and safely socializ.

Space for dog owners to walk around and enjoy the park.

Different spaces/terrain to enjoy: large, long, hills, bushes, water etc.

Allows dogs to get proper exercise without going off leash on prohibited spaces.

Reduces dog walking in residential areas where some dog owners do not pick up after them.

Off leash areas are also easier to be monitored by bylaw officers where you have a condensed number of dogs and owners.

Dog parks are great social amenities where people and dogs can exercise together.

Gives dog a safe place to run around

mental and all health benefits, safety, community building

It's great exercise for the dogs to be able to run off leash, especially in Kelowna where most people don't have yards for their dogs to run free in. It's also great for the dogs to be able to socialize, as well as the owners!

The animals have more freedom to smell and experience their environment.

Great quality family time. My kids as well as myself love play time with our dog. My dog loves it. She loves to run and play. How much of tax dollars are pumped into Ben Lee park? Just curious. Not against that park. It's great for kids. But there's a lot of people that want to enjoy their animals too.

Maybe make a water park at Ben Lee park. Lots of room there to share with our and. Also.

I'm willing yo pay a higher property tax to have better facilities for my dog and I'm sure there are others.

give the people and their pets a designated, safe and contained space to spend outdoor time with their four-legged family members

Making Kelowna a more dog friendly city

Developing a sense of community

Healthy and Active living

Whenever you get people off the couch and out in the city somewhere, stimulation of the economy will happen, stimulating the economy through exercise is best! People make an afternoon out of going to a dog park, stopping for a coffee to go somewhere, picking up a little something here or there is a regular occurrence on a Saturday afternoon trip to the dog park. It is also a social stimulant, not just for the dogs but the people as well. In our increasingly disconnected person to person society, this will only benefit.

Keep them off public areas. Dog owners will have no excuses.

The main benefit is dogs being able to run and play together. Dogs need to be socialized and a dog park is one way to aid in that. Dogs also need exercise and a dog who is on leash most of the time doesn't have that freedom.

Reduces off leash dogs in undesignated areas, and is a very good community meeting place for dog owners. Encourages socialization of dogs. Shows progressive community-mindedness in giving all different sectors of the community equal access to public space and lakefront space, including dog owners, as hasn't been the case in Kelowna historically.

Simply a safe place to take our dogs

I see the main benefits as many happy dogs running and playing!!! I think there should be lots of off-leash dog parks to make puppies happy :)

Socializing. Better exercise than on leash walks. Freedom.

That my dogs can run freely and aquire more exercise than they would if I was to walk them on leash. I can

throw a ball and have them chase it or swim. I have toddler twins and walking both dogs on a leash while chasing two kids doesn't work and my dogs end up not getting enough exercise as I can't manage us all unless at an off leash park.

In addition to health benefits to dogs residing in Kelowna, off-leash dog parks increase human health benefits as well. Off-leash dog parks can and do act as community centres, contributing to community socialization and a sense of belonging to community members that may feel isolated. In addition to health benefits, dog parks have been cited to decrease violations of leash laws and subsequent public complaints have decreased. Off-leash areas allow dog guardians to be law-abiding, easing the burden of enforcement on animal control officers and freeing them to do more important work, such as animal rescue and control of dangerous animals.

The animals can be trained to meet other dogs, and enjoy having a run with their friends. (Just like children) they are integrated with their fellow playmates

Being able to go to a SAFE place that a dog can run and chase a ball, without owner having to worry about dog being hit by a vehicle.

A handy place to exercise one's dog and for the dogs to become more sociable

Dogs have the ability to interact, become socialized, exercise off leash, run. Good community meeting spot, green space. Gives opportunity for increased outside time and walking time for owners too!

I live near and visit Knox Mountain regularly. There are usually people with their dogs in the fenced off-leash area near the bottom, which is great. However, there are far more people walking their dogs off-leash on the trails. They have the leash on near the trail head and take it off once out of sight. And to make matters worse, some don't pick up after their dogs either. Enforcement needs to happen mid-trail where offenders can be seen from a distance.

Encourages local social interaction, provides opportunity for easy outdoor exercise, supports healthy & responsible pet ownership

Promotes friendly dog playing, interaction.. Also, enforces owners to have control or at least a watchful eye on their dog and its behaviors.

giving dogs an opportunity to run free and burn energy and dog owners a chance to network with other owners

Community engagement: We get to know each other in our own neighbourhoods! We discuss social/civic issues, etc...

Exercise: We get outside more as the Dog Park becomes part of the routine of the day

Socialization: Dogs get socialization skills and Owners get to practice their own skills as Dog Owners -- there are a lot of social graces that come with having a Dog!

Dogs get Exercise, too! -- As housing and neighbourhoods experience greater gentrification, there is less yard space for pet owners to exercise or play with their pets. Dog parks are essential in maintaining healthy

animals and in keeping pet owners engaged with their animals.

More socialization opportunities for dogs and dog owners, less complaints about dogs playing in school and other parks not designated for dogs, greater opportunities for dogs to be exercised and dog owners to meet and learn about other breeds, animal services and training services in the community.

Dogs are able to interact, and run freely in a safe, designated area.

It allows dogs to socialize and get exercise in a safe and contained environment.

- 1) dogs are able to run free and thus are active and happy that positively impacts their health
- 2) dogs are able to play with each other and thus are learning to interact
- 3) dogs are around people who like dogs and thus don't bother anyone
- 4) dogs are safe

There is too many dog parks now, How about more people parks.

the possibility of not having to drive to an ALWAYS crowded dog park, leading to me and my dogs frequenting the park more, and then i could socialize my dogs more.

Dogs need exercise and interaction with the environment to maintain their physical and emotional health. Most dogs do not get enough exercise (and obedience training, and mental stimulation) which (I believe) is a major cause of many behavioral issues found in many dogs living in urban areas. If dog owners can make use of a safe, monitored off-leash exercise area, we would have far fewer problems with aggressive, under socialized dogs.

the dogs love it

exercise for my dog, social interaction with other dogs

socialization for our pet. Dogs, like people are social beings, and need to interact with other dogs. Our dog is on a leash at all times outside of our car and our house. She needs the freedom to run and move without restraint, and to do so with other dogs.

Gives the dogs a chance to run in a controlled environment

Socializiam for the dogs and exercise for the dogs

Exercise and interaction for my dogs with other dogs in a friendly open outdoor environment

I have large dogs who do not get the exercise they need by going for on leash walks. The dog parks are very important, not only for there exercise factor but, also for the socializing aspect for them. I also benefit very much from the exercise and social factors of these parks. I go to the same park consistently, and often see the same people and dogs, many of which are seniors and, I believe this is a big part of their day and exercise for them and the dogs.

When a dog park is large and well maintained there is opportunity for people as well as dogs to get some

exercise. Dogs can learn socialization skills and can be adequately exercised in a way that a walk on leash never does. A tired dog is a good dog. separating the big dogs from small is helpful too.

Good place to bring dogs for those minority dog owners who are responsible and motivated enough to actually use the dedicated park for their dogs.

Gives the dogs the freedom to socialize

Off-leash parks should be part of the healthy active lifestyle that Kelowna promotes, Especially one with beach access.

Proper socialization of dogs.

exercise and socializing for dogs. To give dogs the natural freedom of no leash.

For people living in smaller footprint homes such as apartments and condos which are being built at a fast rate in Kelowna the need for these parks where dogs can socialize and run free and play and be exercised is increasing. It builds a sense of community among dog owners and the dogs build relationships with other dogs at these parks. I have personally made friends and had the opportunity to swap advice on best care for my dog. It can be a place where people can walk and exercise as well in a safe environment for the dogs and other people and children.

socializing dogs.

I have large dogs so it's really important to me that they have opportunities to get adequate exercise. On leash, that means a three to four hour walk, something I don't have time for often. In an off leash park, they run and play so much more than I could ever offer them on a leash, and usually it only takes 45 minutes to an hour till they begin to tire out. I also really appreciate the socialization aspect of a park, where they can be free to be dogs and play with other dogs.

Opportunity for dogs to socialize with each, and let off some extra steam. Burns significantly more energy than a simple walk.

-BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

-HAVING A SAFE ENVIROMENT FOR DOGS TO PLAY AND EXPLORE

-A GREAT PLACE TO EXERCISE YOUR DOG AND INTRODUCE THEM TO NEW THINGS, PEOPLE AND OTHER DOGS

-THE OWNERS GET GREAT EXERCISE WITH THEOIR PET AND ARE ABLE TO BOND WITH THEM THROUGH EXERCISE.

Opportunity for dogs to get exercise. Dogs allowed to socialize with other dogs, and owners get to socialize with other owners. Good places for dogs to run off-leash where they will not bother others. Off-leash dogs cannot run away and get lost while in the parks. Dogs appear to get great enjoyment from dog parks. There is space to play with your dogs (throw balls or frizbees) not available in most city yards.

Good for people and dogs. Lets dogs have more fun.

Socializing with other dogs. Large area to run off-leash, good exercise for the dogs. They learn how to play

with other dogs.

Socializing dogs; makes them better citizens when on lease and around other people and dogs. Gives dog owners with small or no yards an opportunity to properly exercise their dogs without having to use school yards or sports fields.

Dogs can be free to socialize, play, and have the room and freedom the an inclosed off leash dog park provides

Socializing and exercise for dogs

Socialization, exercise, and fun for both dogs & people.

allowing your dog to socialize, exercise and play with out restriction.

Dogs get to have more exercise. More interaction with other dogs. Better experience for dog owners

None

Healthy happy social dogs

Interaction for the dogs with others... freedom to move and confidence in the animals.

Opportunity for dogs to run free without leash restraints

For my dogs to socialize and get exercise.

Its great for the dog because it is allowed to run with out the restriction of a leash. It helps dogs become more socialized when they are allowed to be off leash. It helps create a more close community for the dog owner.

To keep dogs away from people parks such as city park

They allow dogs to play together in a way that will allow both exercise for the dogs and provide the social experiences required to ensure all dogs are well balanced.

It's a place were dogs can be dogs, enjoy open space, excersise, socialize and connect with their person.

None

-somewhere for people to take their "babies"

-exercise for both owner and dog

People recognise the need to exercise and socialize dogs. It is a morally recognisable provision to dog ownership. With such a large number of dogs in the area it also helps contain park users to those designated locations from using school or playground fields.

Safe environment for my dog to exercise and socialize with people and other dogs.

Less feces in the parks for humans!!

Excellent outlet for dogs to socialize, get exercise,... have fun ,people that dont want to be around dogs dont come there.my dog loves the dog park.. she begs me everyday to take her, they absolutely love to play with each other!!,.

socialization for my dog, can work on my dogs off leash commands training, no chance of being ticketed for being off leash if I am in a designated off leash area, and it will be a safe environment for my dog to run free.

Socialization for pets

A place to go with your dogs for socialization and a walk for the owner.

Off-leash socialization

the freedom for dogs to run around and enjoy themselves without being on a leash. better exercise for them when they can run at high speeds, stop and play, etc, not go at their owners speed.

Also, benefit is green space in the city! less concrete and buildings.

Affords the dog the opportunity to have a good run and exercise off the leash! They behave better and relax more! Just like we do!

none

It will keep one or two out of our regular parks. Maybe.

It is a safe place for exercise.

A safe place where dogs can play and be socialized.

Allowing dogs and people to walk safely in a controlled environment, social interaction with dogs and pet owners. good way for people to get exercise if they have no place to walk there dogs by their residence.

I can't run as fast as my dogs would like to so it would be nice if once and a while they could just run the way they want to.

A place where they all can go as long as it's fenced

Safe areas for a dog to run and chase a ball or frisbee, no cars etc, and socialization with other dogs and humans.

Less dog waste laying around city streets. Less impact to people walking on city streets who are afraid of dogs.

A place to socialize my dog, allow my dog to burn energy and run. Allow dog owners a place to congregate and allow dogs to play. Green space in the city

socializing freely, ability to run and play

socializing freely, ability to run and play

allows dogs to run, fetch etc and socialize with other dogs.

NON

They are great for families, pets and for meeting people. They allow the dogs to play and socialize in an environment with other pet owners. Its a lil community inside our outstanding community. Dog lovers enjoy each other and it is a great place to meet people.

1. Safe area to exercise dogs
 2. No damage to other private property where people walk their dogs.
 3. Good for dogs - sociability etc
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Happier dogs and happier people. More people enjoying the outdoors and parks because they can take their pets. Less condensed dog parks because there will be more parks to attend. So less conflicts with dogs/people who are crammed into the few parks that exist now. Less travel for people to take their pets to dog parks, therefore less traffic and less pollution.

Dogs and owners socialize. Dogs have opportunity to run.

The dogs can actually run off leash like they were meant to do. It is also a place that they can do their business. Otherwise the number 2's, that get left behind for whatever reason, are not ending up on the bottom of innocent people who were not watching their step!

I believe dogs have a benefit to meet other dogs without being constrained to a leash. Some dogs do not like meeting other dogs who are on a leash because they may feel constricted. It also benefits the dog to exercise and to run around.

The dogs learn to socialize and also can run and play free of a leash

Socializing

We visit the off leash dog park(s) daily! It is a very social place for the community both for the dogs and people. With providing designated off leash parks people are able to exercise their dogs in a safe environment for everyone.

If there were more off-leash dog parks that were easily accessible, people would be less inclined to take their dog off leash illegally. Also adequate exercise and socialization for the dog. My dog is a working breed - on-leash walks are not adequate and she is too young to run on-leash.

I think they are stupid.

Chance for dog to get exercise and interact, play

It provides the very important opportunity for dogs to socialize in a natural and unrestricted setting, as well as providing a large enough area for the animals to get the exercise they need. It also develops a sense of community for both the owners and the dogs. Dogs live in packs and extended packs are equally important

community for both the owners and the dogs. Dogs live in packs and extended packs are equally important too.

Public safety and security for the dog

Opportunity to exercise and play - happy pet

Nothing except more dog / dog confrontations

Dogs running and playing off leash will make anyone smile.

The dogs get to run free people that bring there dogs to a off leash park generally do not have aggressive dogs and the clean up after there dogs I think this is great for the animal

Having a place where my dog can safely run and play off leash with other dogs.

It gives dogs a place to run free, but in a safe enclosed space so that can't run away. It's also an ideal place for owners to play with their dogs. Have you ever tried playing "fetch" when your dog is attached to you with its leash? :-)

accountability

Lazy owners to let they're dogs roam without having to walk them. No benefit.

The dog can exercise better. Also we can run together.Dogs need to play together. Neighbors socialize about a common relation sort of like parents do with children and playgrounds.

- reduces incidents between dog owners non-owners
 - provides dog owners with facilities they need in order to be good & responsible pet owners
 - indirectly supports the numerous animal related businesses (vets, pet supply retailers, pet friendly hotels, etc.) that contribute to Kelowna's economy
 - makes Kelowna a more desirable & marketable location for tourism
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1. Socialization and exercise for both dogs and people.
2. Health benefits of the above for both.
3. Postive actual use of park land rather than masses of empty underused parks.
4. Dog parks are a community of people and dogs who get to know each other and each others family, friends and dogs.
5. There are without a doubt, more dog park visits per day by people than any other parks in the city on any given day of the year other than big event days in City park.
6. Families own dogs. More than 50% of households and dogs need a place to run for their sanity and health, so do people.
7. Some people continue to come to dog parks because of the people they know go there, even after their dogs have passed away.
8. Tourists in cars travel with dogs often. Tourists need a place for their dogs to excercise they dont have back yards and hoses to cool off their dogs.
9. Dog parks that are accessible to downtown and residential areas near water allow people and pets to

cool off in the summer.

10. Designated off-leash parks keep adults and especially children out of danger of being in harms way of dogs that are off-leash outside a park.

11. Nice Dog parks are a tourist draw, and a community benefit for residents looking to relocate to a city.

Socialization for dogs. Plus with little to no affordable housing with yards, there aren't many places for dogs to get out. More beach accessibility without driving way up into west kelowna would be great. That, and swim type beaches so my kids can enjoy it too.

A place for dogs to go in the water in the summer and to socialize with other dogs

Being able to go somewhere and allow dog to run off leash.

-Healthy, exercised, and well balanced dogs in our community.

-a place to exercise my dog where I am not imposing on an area where they may be people that don't want dogs around

-meet people in my community

-off leash areas truly let dogs behave as dogs which is healthy for their development

Fully exercise my dog that contribute to his and my well being

Space to run & safely socialize

a place for dogs to exercise, socialize (play) and learn to interact with dogs and other people

Dogs need a place to do what dogs do its that simple without dog parks for those of us who live in the city its the only option we have

Allow dogs to have adequate exercises by running free within a designated area and develop amicable social skills with other dogs and human.

When you drive around the city numerous parks dedicated to just people are completely empty. However, rain or shine dog parks are hopping. Pets are good and great for the community. They keep you active and healthy. Best health promotion out there.

Safety with fencing

Dog socialization

Energy excursion

Gives a good place for dogs to interact with other dogs and people to enhance their social skills.

Excercise for humans and dogs. Dogs that are well exercised and taken all are of are less likely to cause problems like run away, or have u desirable behaviours. I beleive that having conveniently located dog parks would cut down on a sort of neglect of some animals who are forced to live inside apartments for example. Anything that encourages an owner to get their dog outside is encouraging responsible ownership and care for the dog.

Exercise for dogs

Exercise and opportunities to train your dog and socialize

A very nice way to run you dog off leash and give them good exercise

The dogs get a chance to socialize and act like dogs. The dogs can run and play. If they live in apartments or areas with no "play" space, this is their chance to do that.

Keep them off the street "off leash"

Keep them out of "on leash" parks by owners who take them "off leash"

I live in a neighborhood where most households have a dog. And across the street from Canyon Falls CRT where people drive to bring their dogs for a walk thru the park into the undeveloped lands beyond. Rarely do I see a dog owner with their dogs leashed, either on my street as they prepare to go for their walk, in any of the other parks, or on the street. I wish signage was better & include fine \$ or would like to see more enforcement. I do not like to encounter unleashed dogs, especially when they run up to me. I hate the "their friendly" excuse when unable to get their dogs under control.

A well exercised and socialized dog reduces aggression. Many dog owners have small yards and are not able to adequately exercise their dogs by just walking them.

Dogs can run free and interact with other dogs.

People need places to let their dogs run freely...for exercise and enjoyment. Dogs are part of peoples families. I unfortunately couldn't have children, and my dog is my child...honestly.

1. Dogs have a chance to run free in a safe environment. Many dogs spend almost their whole life confined indoors and on leash. People without a fenced yard can't even throw a ball for their dog, unless these spaces exist. It is great for them to have a bit of freedom, while safe from traffic.
 2. Everyone understands that dogs will be free in that space, so people who are not comfortable with off-leash dogs know not to go there.
 3. Off leash parks with access to water are paradise for a dog.
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An easy way to exercise your dog. They get to socialize with other dogs while you get to meet new people.

Socializing dogs...place for the dogs to run and play

Good exercise for both dogs and owners.

Helps to socialize dogs with other dogs and people

Great interaction between dogs and owners. Creates friendly dogs and a sense of community for locals and visitors. That is usually the first place I check out when I'm new to a city.

None however dogs do need exercise.

Socializing dogs, allowing them to be off leash legally, allows dogs to run freely.

Provides an exercise area for the animals and gets the owners outside where they can socialize with other owners.

More access / room for the dogs of Kelowna to exercise and socialize.

Less breaking of on leash rules

****specifically speaking of a second beach access****

Safe area for exercising a dog and getting dogs socialized with people and other breeds of dogs. Also if there are more available places, more people would use them instead of other parks illegally. .

Dog socialization, have room to run and be dogs

Great exercise for dogs.

Socialization and exercise for your dog. Somewhere beautiful for you to walk and them to burn off energy.

Dogs need to run and play without being tethered. It keeps their brains straight.

Dogs need to run free and interact with other dogs for their physical and emotional well being. Off-leash dog parks also provide an area for dog owners to visit with fellow community members.

Let your dog run free.

Allows the dog freedom to move & interact with other dogs.

- Good for socialization of dogs and increases good behaviour in dogs
- Great social opportunity for people bringing people together in the community
- Not all people of space for their dog to run off leash and pets are important for Kelowna citizens quality of life
- Good for elderly people and disabled to have a place to bring their dog to run
- Strong deterrent against crime in the parks early in the morning and late in the evening

Safer place for walking one's dog and gives the dog opportunity for "socializing" with other canines

The dogs have freedom from a leash in a pleasant environment along with their owners. The dogs can intermingle and have social contacts

It's the only natural state for a dog

My dogs have lots of energy and like to run free! Also socializing with other dogs is a plus...

Provides a recreational activity for the some 30, 000 dogs and their humans in Kelowna

Room for the dogs to run

A place for dogs and people to exercise and socialize in the outdoors in a relaxed manner.

Somewhere to take your dogs to run and okay that won't be a danger to them or others ...

Just a lovely place to take dogs for exercise and general well-being. Fresh air for everyone!

My dog needs to run!! When she doesn't get a good off-leash run she is irritable and prone to mischief at home.

To give a place for pet owners to exercise & socialize their dog(s). And often, dog owners end up chatting to each other and thus gain a stronger sense of community. It is important that the dog parks are big enough so that dogs don't feel too contained.

Great way to dogs to socialize and run freely. Dogs need to be off leash to really move and exercise.

Places for dogs to get exercise when owners don't have yards. Places to socialize dogs to other dogs and people. A destination for an owner who are having trouble leaving the house due to any mental health issues (depression, trouble with large crowds of people as in malls, anxiety, etc)

A place dogs can run, swim and play

Opportunity to socialize your dog and create linkages between people (a community within a community)

We frequent what is to my knowledge the best park in the area, Ellison. Thanks to the size of the park both my dog and myself find the exercise benefits insurmountable.

My dogs safety (from traffic, people and other loose dogs).

The safety of other dogs and people

Your dog gets exercise? Gets to play with other dogs and be social. It would be cruel not to have them.

A place where people with small yards can exercise their dogs without having to run alongside them.

Having had a large dog for 17 years in the downtown Kelowna area and finding it hard to exercise her properly due to lack of local off-leash dog parks I am passionate that existing and future dog owners need areas where they can properly exercise their dogs. This leads to healthy, happy and safe from bylaw officer animals. One downtown park has to be on the lake so that dogs can cool down in the summer. Many dogs enjoy swimming all year round. Other communities like West Kelowna, Peachland, Summerland and Penticton have lake access dog parks. Why does Kelowna not have a convenient one that would serve locals and our many tourist alike?

An area in which dogs can get the exercise they require, that cannot be obtained simply from on-leash walks.

Some dogs have a lot of energy and need to be off leash to use it. Also dogs like to interact with other dogs but can feel threatened if they are on a leash and can not get away.

Better socialization of household pet. Better exercise for the dog.

Dogs can run and socialise in area safe for the public.

A fenced in secure area for my dog to exercise with other dogs, and learn to socialize.

socialization

free running

Exercise for dogs as well as the owners and important socializing for both dogs and owners. Particularly with the City encouraging higher density condos, dog parks will be important.

Exercise is essential for dogs' health, just as as for humans. Walking a dog on leash is helpful but younger dogs in particular need to run. Our home does not have a big enough yard for them to run. We take our 2 dogs most days to the off-leash park in Mission near the CNC. Besides a good workout chasing a ball, the dogs love to socialize with other dogs. This is important for dogs because they are very social beings and their mental health is better when they interact with other dogs. They are also better behaved in public from having this opportunity to be in a natural environment with different dogs and people. We have had positive experience at this dog park which is not far from our home. Often there is a large number of dogs in the park - we wish there would be more options for off-leash activity and urge the city to expand opportunities for dogs to run, play and socialize along with their human companions, which by the way, is one of the main ways that we have found to meet neighbours and have a greater sense of belonging in our neighbourhood. Off leash parks are good for dogs and humans!

The ability for dogs -- and people -- to socialize. And it's very convenient for people who, for whatever reason, can't exercise their dogs by walking them. When it's bitterly cold, very snowy and difficult to walk on the sidewalks, the dog parks are a godsend.

The dogs have a chance to run around at full speed in the off-leash parks, which is impossible when they're being exercised on a leash. It's a healthier experience for them, tires them out and makes them much better "canine citizens" in the long run.

Because we are legislated to keep dogs ON leash or contained all the time an off leash dog park is the only opportunity some dogs get to run off leash.

Like any animal, human or otherwise.... when we can run we are free! :)

Dogs will socialize and exercise much better off-leash.

a place for people without yards to take their dogs to run freely

Socializing dogs to encourage healthy behavior and providing a space for residents to easily exercise their dogs in close proximity to homes.

To socialize and exercise my dog.

A place for my dog to socialize with other dogs. Room to play.

The dogs can run free and play

The ability for the dog to play uninhibited. Many people do not have yards etc and social aspect is better for dogs and community

great social environment for dogs (and people) and a contained area that dogs can play fetch with their favorite toy

Socialization and exercise for our dog. Would like to see beach access which would allow swimming area for our dogs

It allows dogs the chance to run, stretch their muscles, and interact with other dogs in a much more natural and social setting. Having numerous designated off-leash parks that don't require an exorbitant drive to access them would likely result in fewer complaints from the "dog-fearing" public of dogs being off-leash in non-designated areas.

Exercise for my dog.

Socialization for both myself and my dog. Freedom for my dog to run off-leash while staying safe.

ok for dogs, bad for the rest of us

Discouraging pet owners to let their dogs run free in other parks and areas where dogs should be leashed. Less crowded dog parks, especially the off leash beach dog park which is overcrowded.

Dogs that are exercised regularly are much calmer and therefore less likely to be frustrated which could cause dog fights

Owners have a place to take their pets that is fenced and therefore less likely to lose their pets

They provide a clearly designated area for dogs and protect the preferences of non dog owners.

To give dogs a place to run and play while safe from cars, and wild animals. It also gives them a place to socialize with other dogs.

They are necessary to provide a safe environments for exercising, training and socializing a growing number of dogs living in and visiting in our community.

A community should include adequate amenities for everyone seniors, children, and families - which often include a dog.

Dogs get to run. Socialization for dogs and owners.

It's a place to keep your dogs exercised and in shape, all the while meeting people and getting outside yourself.

Excel isle my dog and myself while meeting new people. They are almost always the most crowded parks in town.

The only benefits to the City and its residents, are that some dogs are kept out of parks and other

recreation areas. Far too many dog owners seem to think that signs indicating that dogs are not permitted, do not apply to them.

Fenced place to play and train
Social interaction

None

Social time and exercise in a safe environment for dogs

A place to meet other dog owners and allow supervised, off leash socialization for dogs.

Area for the dogs to play and socialize.

None

more exercise for both dog and owner. able to trail run / ride with dog, reduced dog owner conflict (dogs on leash are more skittish meeting other dogs).

It allows dogs an opportunity to socialize and become more well rounded. It gives people a chance to gather at the dog parks and have a sense of community. Having designated dog parks means dog owners are less likely to go against bylaws and have their dog off-leash at a park where it is prohibited.

Place to take ur dogs to socialize

dogs running free for exercise

Great exercise for the dogs and their humans. Social interaction (for both dogs and owners). Safety off-leash.

fun and exercise for both dogs and people - meeting people and their dogs

A place where your dogs can be off-leash and have a good time, without worrying about the by-law giving you tickets

With so little yard space for people in condos and apartments. They are a godsend to the sanity of our pets with social interaction and fresh air for both human and pet alike.

Social interaction for the dogs. The more a dog is socialized the more gentler nature it becomes. I also think with the high percentage of condos and apartments every dog needs a place to run free. Our dog needs her running time as we have no green space of our own.

Dogs can meet and play with other dogs .good to socialize , learn and be more active .

At least some places where off leash is allowed.

My dog is able to run around freely without the restriction of a leash. She is able to run at her speed and get the exercise she requires

-It's the only area other than our yard where we can interact with our fur family without them being tied to us. Or without being yelled at by other people or having the dogs run over by bikes or joggers.

-Socialization for the dogs and exercise as a family.

-It's important for their brains and quality of life to be able to explore but still to monitor where we are without the leash. Helps develop a bond that supercedes the physical connection of a leash.

-the dog park was a great way for my husband with PTSD to get out with the dog and be able to connect with other people again.

1. allows me to legally let my dog off leash to play and socialize with other dogs.
2. I feel strongly that it allows me to engage with other people and dog owners in my community.
3. I also feel strongly that it allows myself and others to spend time in open green spaces rather than sticking to the boring concrete sidewalks of a neighbourhood.

Healthy , Happy , Social space for dogs and their owners.

Exercise, socialization for dog and owner, play time

Gives your dog the chance to run and play in a safe area.

Hopefully it will keep dog owners from letting their animals off-leash elsewhere.

Dogs can run freely, exercise, learn good social behaviour. There is also a social aspect for owners with a common interest in dogs.

Fantastic idea where everyone (cyclists, runners, etc) would know it's an off-leash area and to be kind, slow down and be aware of dogs. Much larger cities like Vancouver and North Vancouver have off-leash areas designated in walking/hiking trails like Pacific Spirit Park.

dog socialization in an off leash environment

Dogs should be allowed to exercise to their full capacity which is not possible while on a leash. It is also clear that dogs will socialize better when they can approach one another in a natural way, not tugged on or controlled. Dogs on leash can sometimes be protective of their owner.

dogs can get exercise without the restrains of a leash

dogs need to be able to run freely in a safe and big enough area. Dogs are not just pets to most people anymore, they are family. I want my family member to be able to enjoy life as much and the rest of my family needs to do things. It's a place where people who don't care for dogs or being around them don't have to go and leave the the people and dogs to not worry about those people.

A safe place for dogs to run free an socialize

socialization of pets

exercise of pets

socialization of pet owners

Places for people to go and exercise and have fun with their dog(s).

Gets people and families and dogs outside. Better health for all. Socialization for all including the retired folks with their dogs. Some appear to form community groups which are supportive and good for health

Dogs interacting, socializing, running off steam, playing all in an environment where they are safe.

Freedom to run and play in a safe and secure environment, especially in the city!

1. Opportunity for dogs to be socialized with other dogs.
 2. Opportunity for owners to meet other dog owners.
 3. Better exercise for dogs off leash.
 4. Keep dogs out of other parks.
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A place for owners and their pets to exercise and socialize

A safer place, dogs and humans, for dogs to run with each other and play. This is important for their physical and psychological well-being.

Being able to have my dog allowed to run around in a contained area and be safe.

Dogs can run freely and get much more tired than when on-leash :), Great for dog socialization, especially puppies. Dog beach is the best thing ever in the summer

Better exercise and socializing

Somewhere to take your dogs where they can play off leash to get exercise. Would be nice to have dog beaches .

A designated spot to bring dogs to socialize and become better pets. Dogs that are socialized are less likely to be violent towards other dogs.

A place for dogs to learn social skills, to play outside with other dogs, and of course get exercise.

Exercise and socialization with other dogs and fun!!

Freedom
fun
exercise
Socialization
Convenience

Dogs are free to run play and chase

Would like to see a fenced in off leash dog park with a high fence that ALL dogs can't jump over, so that dogs without a fence at home can run on its own without other dogs, unless invited. A 5 or 10 minute take turns type thing in a fenced in area.

Less public interaction where unwanted; no negative surprises to having a dog in the park approach you in a designated off-leash dog park.

Dog socialization without confines of leash, expends energy through running. Useful for multiple pets and single handler for exercise.

A safe place for dog owners and dog lovers to enjoy a walk. Take a page from Victoria dogs are allowed on the beaches during the winter and there is a beautiful off leash dog park along Dallas road.

A place where my dog can run loose but not get away from me.

exercise, socialization

To Exercise and socialize my dog

Mobility restricted dog owners can exercise their dogs through play with other dogs

they are a place where I can safely allow my dog to run loose and interact with other dogs.

It's a great place to socialize your dogs with other dogs which is vital for a healthily well rounded dog, but after recently moving down into the north end I realize it's also a great way for people to meet and connect.

I love it for socializing my dog with other dogs. He's a lot less intimidating meeting new dogs when off leash as compared to when he is on his leash for some reason. It's also a wonderful way to get him the exercise that I just can't give him through walks alone. Getting a chance to run at full pace without having a slow human attached at the end of leash means my border collie actually gets tired after playing at the dog park. Something he never gets when he's on his leash. I just can't run as much as he can. Off leash dog parks are fantastic for helping to keep him healthy and happy.

The dogs can get the exercise they need and deserve! Also handy for people that don't have vehicles that can't transport themselves to areas where their dogs can run free and get exercise. Plus they are awesome because dogs like to socialize with other dogs just like us humans like to interact with other humans.

Dog Parks provide a space that allows a community to interact. Dogs promote physical activity in their owners and for some people I have met in DP's the Park is their only form of socialization on certain days. Furthermore, DP's are used EVERY DAY!!!.The number of pristine sports fields and their labour intense management requirements that sit idle for days and dogs are not allowed even to walk on a leash through them is annoying. I do not utilize playgrounds, community centers, skating rinks etc. however, I am glad people do. I as a dog owner would like to feel included in my city parks. Park.... Not a weed-infested dust-bowl. A PARK.

Dog parks should be viewed as a place for families and friends to gather for social interaction and exercise... and bonus the dogs benefit the same.

- Safe environment for dogs to RUN free

- Physical and mental exercise and opportunity for socialization where dogs can learn how to get along with other dogs of all breeds, sizes, ages, and temperaments.. This is also true for their human companions.

Dog parks should be viewed as a place for families and friends to gather for social interaction and exercise... and bonus the dogs benefit the same.

All off leash parks should contain play structures / equipment for both dogs and humans including a water source to cool off in as well as drink.

A secure and safe place for dog's to play and socialize freely

Off leash dog parks are important for people to be able to recreate with there pets and to have their dogs become socialized with other dogs which is important in dog health.

An area where dog owners and dogs can congregate to exercise and socialize. Leashed dogs don't get the opportunity to be trained to come on command in a safe environment.

Our furry companions can experience freedom and nature at the same time. Which is what they were born to do.

They provide more and better socializing of all dogs. Off-leash exercise is more beneficial to a dogs mental and physical well-being.

Better socialization of dogs in a controlled environment. Safe place to exercise with animals.

Off leash dog parks allow dogs to learn about each other and how to behave around other dogs. Walking a dog on a leash on a sidewalk, it's easy to tell a dog that's been to an off leash park. The tail gets wagging and the mutual sniffing takes place. If the dog hasn't been acimatized by an off leash dog park there is usually "growling", "snarling" and a lot of nervousness displayed when they meet other dogs while "on the leash". It also is a tremendous social experience for the dog owners. Discussing dog behaviours, successes and failures and having fun with our dogs because we all like dogs. I have had my dog "on leash" in a parking lot and some folks have kept their distance while yelling at me "I don't ike dogs". I was halfway across the parking lot! It's one thing to take your dog out to the woods to go off leash because they're by themselves while in an off leash dog park they are amoungst friends and so are we.

I see no benefit of any dog in a city being off a leash. All dogs off their own property need a leash and we need more enforcement of this as I have been threatened by many off leash dogs as I walk my little dog on leash.

Congregate in one area. Dog socialization. Less potential for non-dog lover/lover lover conflict.

Dogs need off leash walks. Good for both humans & canines.

Better socialization of dogs, being able to interact with other dogs freely.

Dogs are a great part of a family and they need exercise. As the city grows, it gets harder to provide space for this without impacting others. Providing a designated space for people to enjoy the outdoors (get outside and be active!) with their dogs allow this. It creates some structure for dog owners (not just a free for all everywhere) and for non-dog owners (those people know this is an area for dogs and this other area is not for dogs).

Freedom for my dog to run around and play/socialize with other dogs.

none

socializing with other dogs,being able to run and play.

A place where your dog has huge open space to run. Dogs need to run and play, it is good for their soul. Walking on leash doesn't always give them the exercise they need. I cannot run fast enough to give my dog this kind of exercise. Dogs that live alone, it gives them much needed socialization skills with other dogs as they have their own language and rules that we humans do not always understand. I am so grateful to the dog parks when my dog was a pup, the play and interaction with all ages of dogs was invaluable to her growing up to being a well balanced dog. High energy dogs must have these places to romp and run their energy out to be better balanced dogs and not so destructive when they are young and left at home etc. Just makes sense. We do not always have time to drive somewhere where you can do this for your dog and for you. They also learn to follow you and go where you go even if they are off leash. Urban dogs need this and we must provide it for them. Dogs are more than our pets, they are companions to many people who without them they would be alone, people who love animals and want to have them in their lives.

Dog and human socialization

Less likely to use leashed parks as off leash

Higher quality of life

Civic pride

Socialization with other dogs, play time, exercise & general overall well-being for the dog and owner.

Main benefits are dog owners are required to be responsible for their dogs

Healthy Happy Dogs, which leads to healthy happy dog-owners and it creates a great sense of community

Somewhere besides our yard to hang outside with our dog and have fun

Socialization for dogs, happier, healthier dogs therefore families.

Great way to exercise your dog.

Great way to socialize your dog.

Good use of under-utilized park area.

Safe and secure place for dogs and owners to exercise, play and socialize.

As with people, well exercised and social dogs are happier and healthier. And we all know that uninhibited play time (off leash) just like human children and their playgrounds, builds healthy minds and bodies in our furry family members. This all helps to build good canine citizens.

These areas are also green spaces if the city cares for them like they do other city parks.

Provides an opportunity for the socialization of dogs in an urban setting, without the constraint of leashes.

Both people and pets are more likely to get outside and get some fresh air, both people and pets would get exercise and be more likely to socialize - promoting a better quality of life for bipeds and quadripeds alike.

none

An opportunity for social animals to socialize and exercise, in a more natural way, making dogs calmer and more gentle neighbours in our community..

I am in full support of off-leash dog parks. The flip side is I am growing increasingly frustrated with those that choose to let their dogs wander off leash on streets and on-leash dog areas. I live in Glenmore and I walk my dog on-leash on the Brandts Creek Linear Trail. My dog has been approached by aggressive large dogs off-leash (including today) and put me (the owner) and my dog in difficult situations on many occasions and the problem is increasing. I would recommend that the city ads staff to sit on the bench on the trail for an hour or two and you will see what I am talking about. ENFORCE the rules for on-leash areas...for the safety of the dogs and owners that just want to walk their dog (especially if their dog isn't social). There is an off leash dog park less than 1km from my home in Glenmore so those who want to have their dog off-leash have an option. We should enforce rules against dog owners who are lazy. TAKE THEM TO THE DOG PARK IF YOU WANT OFF LEASH!!

NOW - I truly believe that Kelowna should allow small breed dogs (on leash) on public beaches (under 12 inches height at the shoulders - similar to most stratas). Dogs are part of our community, they belong where we belong. Be progressive and dont discriminate against our furry friends!

Freedom for the dog to run

- Gets the public out doors exercising their dogs in a contained environment
- If dog owners had more options, they wouldn't have to bend the rules or get away with letting dogs off leash in non-designated areas
- A little bit more space for dog beaches would go a long way. It's a great/safe way to exercise a dog in the summer in Kelowna. It doesn't take much in the middle of summer for a dog to overheat.

Dog owners have places where we can exercise our dogs off leash, meaning the dogs can get an adequate amount of exercise. Walking dogs on a leash does not provide adequate exercise for most medium size or larger dogs. Dogs that are not adequately exercised are dogs that tend to get into trouble and cause problems, such as problem barking. Dog parks must also include trail systems where dogs can be walked long distances, and not just enclosed areas where there activity is restricted to playing with other dogs, which not all dogs want to do, or chasing balls, which is not always a healthy alternative, as many dog

injuries occur chasing balls and frisbees and so forth. I have dogs because I want to take them walking with me. I like to walk on the trail systems. I want my dogs to accompany me. Since moving to Kelowna one year ago I have found very few trails in the city where my dogs are welcome to accompany me off leash.

It may keep dogs off the swimming beaches. Citizens with dogs seem to want it as well.

Socialization of dogs. Some dogs feel threatened when they are on a leash and might become aggressive out of fear and loss of control. I find most dog owners to be respectful and law abiding and pick up after their dogs.

I am a big fan of off leash parks, and I can't even use them. (Our dog was previously abused and doesn't get along with other dogs at this point.) Dogs that live in small yards or apartments have the opportunity to run and play unleashed from time to time. Lots of room for dogs to get exercise. It is also an excellent way to socialize well behaved dogs. The dog owners also socialize and become friends with each other.

Our dog gets much more exercise when he's allowed off leash. Having designated spaces for this is excellent. He's much happier & healthier because of his regular visits to the off leash parks. He is also very well socialized with all types of people & other dog's, due largely to his time at the parks.

provides a place to give dogs the exercise they need, on a daily basis, within their local community, without bothering the dog haters.

Animal welfare

I think the main benefits for designated off-leash dog parks is the proper chance and area for proper socialization and training of dogs creating a more balanced animal less prone to undesirable traits and social problems. Also the chance for the animal to exercise.

Socialization

More dog owners will hopefully respect non-dog parks and stop letting their dogs run and bathroom where kids play.

Social time for dogs and their owners

Socialization of the dogs towards a better life and ultimately better more well behaved dogs that can live within our community... as well as the benefit of the people community being able to act and interact with people in a place that their pets are allowed... everyone including dogs seem to get along much better off leash.. teaches people more social skill sets in dealing with everyday interactions people and dogs alike... to most dog owners the dogs are just as important as any other family member..

Freedom for the dog, able to run and play in a large open space. Not everyone has access to a large enough yard for the dog to play and burn energy in, which causes behavioral problems in dogs, and leads them to becoming more aggressive. Socialization with other animals, dogs tend to be territorial around their own house and yard.

Lots of people have dogs and need a place for them to recreate. Especially if you want to densify parts of the city, you need to provide this very important amenity

Safe area for my dog to achieve the level of exercise and activity to maintain good health. A place to meet other like minded dog owners and dogs that do not have aggressive tendencies.

There should be enough designated off-leash dog parks so that there are fewer dogs off of their leashes on the Greenway, in our parks, beaches and streets. When a dog poops or urinates in our parks, it leaves a residue that may be picked up by children playing on the grass. For this reason and other annoyance reasons, it would be preferable for dogs to use the specified dog parks, rather than regular parks. These dog parks should not take up space in our regular parks. We walk every day in Kelowna for at least an hour and always encounter dog poop on sidewalks and unleashed dogs on the Greenway, in the city's parks and on other trails where leashes are required. It appears no one monitors this.

Freedom for dogs to run around without fear of being ticketed.

Dogs and people have a chance to socialize. Dogs can have a free run.

Opportunity to exercise your dog legally

My dog needs to run and fetch her ball. This is her job and she cannot do it on leash or when she is bombarded by groups of dogs in the small dog parks.

A place for dogs and their owners to go and socialize

it provides an area for all dogs to be off leash and more importantly its a place that people who don't want to be around off leash dogs know they should stay clear of

Dogs need free-running to maintain good physical and mental health. It allows the dog to interact socially with human and canines and learn about socially acceptable behaviours from both species. Off-leash parks also allow the humans some fresh air and exercise. Ideally an off-leash park should comprise a large, open natural area with some variety of terrain. The current chain-link fenced "runways" that Kelowna offers do not meet this criteria. Consequently the only parks we use are Glenmore and the Dog-Beach. Paradoxically, we have to drive 20 minutes to go for a walk. Hmmm...

Do not use present off-leash dog parks.

Would like to see a linear off-leash dog park where we could run/walk

Place to exercise and socialize the dog

Less conflict with non-dog owners

Safety for the dog

Easy outlet for my dog to get exercise quickly

Dogs can socialize with other dogs.

-increased exercise for dogs (more running and playing with other dogs) than when on leash

-more social interaction (and socialization) for dogs than when on-leash

-if off-leash dog parks are readily available and easily accessible, it is less likely that dog owners will use other areas which are not designated for dogs to exercise their dogs

Pro social space for both dogs and owners. Space to run and play free when yards are rarity in Kelowna. A space to learn for dogs and people. A networking opportunity. A place where a dog can play freely and learn to play well with a diverse set of dogs. No need to drive there, when we can walk there. My Co worker and I both work late hours, have young dogs, no yards and no cars. We live and breathe the Richter dog park.

The only benefits I can see are for the dog owners.

Space for dogs to run and interact

Socialization and exercise for dogs and owners

It's a great opportunity for an urban dog to get exercise and socialize in a safe environment. I also find them to be great places for human socialization as well. Having a dog park within walking distance would make it easier to live in the city centre without a car.

Dogs have space to run, chase balls Frisbees, meet other dogs and people.

exercise and socialization for both pets and people; attraction for visitors

An opportunity for dogs to socialize and get exercise

Appropriate area to allow dogs to run freely ... creates outing for owners.

Dogs can run free in a safe environment

Dogs can play with and socialize with other dogs

Members of the community can meet each other

Dogs get to run, chase balls and mix with other dogs. The dogs can get a better experience because they can RUN freely. The walker also gets more exercise because a good pace can be achieved. The Cedar Creek experience is what all dog walks should be--off leash and not in a fenced grassy enclosure, water available, trails that are flat and also with hills, a flat play area at the top of this park for training or for fun. Dogs get a good run and are not in an restricted, artificial area. The larger area helps dogs burn off energy which makes for less aggressive dogs.

In my neighbourhood it would give dog owners somewhere to take their dogs, as there are no parks for dog owners to walk their dogs even on leash, and when dog owners trespass onto no dogs allowed the residents immediately bordering on the park, who think they own the park, immediately complain and do not understand that they should help dog owners get a place of their own.

Socialization of dogs

Exercise off-leash

Stimulation both physically and mentally

If you ever get the chance to see my dog (Skye) when I say the words Dog Park you will understand. The look in her eyes as she realizes she is about to go for a run and play with all her friends she has gotten to know from the many visits to the dog park.

A place for my dog to run at full speed as I can never possibly provide that on a leash. It's good for her muscles.

A designated off-leash park allows dog owners to exercise their dogs without having to drive a long distance. Properly exercised dogs are less likely to become nuisance barkers.
Off-leash dog park areas decrease potential conflicts between park users and dogs.

A place for dogs to run around off leash with other dogs, and away from people who don't necessarily have or like to be around dogs.

A place for people and dogs to interact on an unrestricted basis. This is a great socializing experience for both the dog and dog owner to develop what are acceptable behaviors and manners. This in turn should make the dog and dog owner aware of their responsibilities when out in the public.
The benefit the dog gets from running free in a park is that it burns off energy which in turn makes the dog easier to handle, and train. Also, like an active child, the dog sleeps better.

safety
healthy for dogs

if there were parks in my neighbourhood (South Pandosy) we could give up our second car

NONE We need parks for people to walk in the grass and NOT GET DOG SHIT on your feet .. SPEND OUR MONEY ON KIDS .. Dog owner should keep them leashed .. If we give on this then the leash will come off more than it does today ... Most of the time they have no respect and they do not pick up any way

Dogs get proper exercise and socialization needed to become healthy, social dogs.
Dog owners socialize.
Easier to follow dog by-laws when there are options to exercise off leash.

Place to take dogs where they can run around and exercise off leash. Socialization with other dogs and people. Safe place for dogs without worrying about interfering with people who prefer not to be around dogs. Fewer dogs in non-dog parks and fewer warnings and tickets from enforcement. Don't have to worry about pesticides that may be used in non-dog parks.

Socialization and freedom to run off leash

Allows the dogs to get more exercise - running, playing with their toys, etc.
Fulfills my thoughts my high taxes go towards exercise areas for our pets, especially when most of us are very responsible owners.
Kelowna seems to be so negative on the services and livability that dogs give their owners.
It appears to me that some people grow old very quickly and forget what their younger lives gave them in

enjoyment. My word for them are "grouches" who have too much time on their hands, complain way too much.

Great place to socialize your dog with other dogs in a safe environment. It allows the dogs to get the physical and mental exercise they need as too many are cooped up all day while their owners work. It also allows us humans to meet other like minded people and provides a sense of community.

They create a community centre where friends and neighbours can meet to relax and share their common interest.

They are a method for efficiently educating dog guardians and encouraging proper social behavior in their dogs.

They are a resource centre for dog guardians to share tips and techniques and learn about different breeds of dog.

They can help control a serious waterfowl problem in a shoreline environment - for example Rotary Beach Park. The owner of the company hired by Kelowna to dissuade waterfowl at Rotary Beach Park (he uses 2 border collies) told me last year th the geese and ducks that flock to the that beach will leave about 1,000 lbs of waste behind each week. He also said it is an e-coli contaminant which adults and children are interacting with and are largely unaware of its potential health risks.

Interaction and socialization of dogs and as importantly the dog owners. For example, the Richter & Mission dog parks have certain times of the day that owners who have grown to be great friends gather to share time together. This enhances a sense of community and also establishes a network of caring for each other and watching out for those of a vulnerable nature.

Nothing

socialization for the dogs and owners.

Great way for dogs to interact and get exercise.

Opportunities for dogs to play with other dogs and have beach access during the hot summers. Many dogs act as therapy for people, be great to have a beach area for people to watch and socialize with some dogs.

High tech company employees are more likely to live in a town that allows space for their dogs, economic benefit

More opportunity for excersise

Gives dog owners a 'destination'

Opportunity for doggie socialization and enrichment

Dogs get their exercise either running on their own or while socializing with other dogs. The humans can also

do a speedy walk around the 'inside' perimeter, thus also getting their exercise. Caregivers do not have to feel GUILTY for letting their dog off-leash to get proper exercise. Those people that are nervous of dogs can feel safe whilst watching the dogs (and perhaps even enjoying watching) from outside of the fence. Having 2 separate areas for different height dogs is excellent, and for those little dogs that love big dogs, they can still have the option to join the big ones. It would be good if there were many more off-leash dog areas, in each sub-division, even if they are only 50 metres by 50 metres!

- 1). To allow space for dogs to run and play. Pet exercise and socialization.
- 2). To enable dog owners to interact. This enables people to socialize, build community spirit, and get exercise. We need more activities such as this to get people of all ages and mobility levels out of the house, away from TV and computers, and into the public spaces.

They don't crap in my yard

Good for the dogs and people get to know each other in the neighbourhood

for people who don't have yards.

More and more of our population have dogs. It gives them an opportunity for socialization within an area that is enclosed and safe for their use.

Off-leash parks offer just as many benefits to humans as they do to dogs, as well as the wider community. Dog parks have a role in the socialization of a community by facilitating interactions among people with just one common interest: dogs. Physically challenged individuals have a place to safely exercise their dog and promote pedestrian traffic in the surrounding area. Parks also promote responsible pet ownership and the voluntary enforcement of dog bylaws. The benefits for the canines are numerous: physical and mental exercise, socialization, training and bonding with their owners.

Socialization and the ability for dogs to wrestle and get proper exercise. Dogs that are properly socialized are usually better at getting along with people and other animals and are more trust worthy.

Central place to socialize

Dogs can run as fast as they like! Also they can socialize with other dogs.

Having areas for dogs to run free and socialize and play with other dogs.

dogs can run and play and if there is water access swim

There are many health benefits that come to humans from dogs; emotional, social, and physical. In order to achieve this potential, it is important that dogs have the opportunity to stay healthy themselves, and for many dogs that requires off leash time to explore and run. I grew up in Salmon Arm, which is more open to off leash dogs. A great example is Little Mountain park, which is de-facto off-leash. Everyone who goes there knows that dogs walk off leash and so enjoy greeting the dogs and watching them interact with each other. The culture of the park is much more laid back than any park I have experienced in Kelowna. I have walked in that park for 20+ years and never experienced an aggressive dog. This is probably due to a combination of

a higher socialization of dogs who walk there regularly (rather than intermittent trips to dog parks here, which are crowded and can cause high stress situations) as well as dog owners who have potentially aggressive dogs not bringing their dogs into the park because they know it is off-leash. As a recent dog owner of a sweet tempered lab, moving to Kelowna was quite shocking in that people are so much more stressed about dogs here. While it obviously cannot be fully attributed to the lack of off-leash parks here, I would encourage the city to consider the culture around dogs that is being created. Dogs can bring joy to those who know how to interact properly with them and off leash parks can be a great way for everyone to build positive memories of interacting with dogs. Dogs are a constant reminder to slow down and enjoy the present moment, from which our entire society can benefit.

Healthier dogs, more well behaved dogs, maybe?

With designated off-leash parks, dog owners will go to these parks so their pooches can run free and interact with other dogs. IF off leash parks don't exist SOME dog owners will allow their dogs to run free in regular parks and non park areas.

Dogs need an opportunity to be dogs - which means being able to have some fun off leash. I always keep my dogs close when they're off leash. They're well trained and respond to my commands, which keeps potential problems under control.

Positive benefits for some dog owners

Opportunities for dogs to socialize, exercise, run free, contain/control fecal matter, and dog owners to accomplish the same.

A place for them to run free and socialize with other dogs

Dogs need a place to play and run and swim. Dog owners can meet and have fun with their community.

That dogs can socialize with other dogs and get the exercise they need by running around

Dogs get exercise.

Opportunity for dogs to learn to socialize.

Kelowna is encouraging high density living which in turn results in more residents with minimal or no yards to exercise their dogs and therefore dog parks are necessary for exercising ones dog.

socializing for the dogs/ exercise

No benefit to people

A place where dogs can interact with other dogs. Dogs get more exercise.

Allows for an environment where dogs and humans can engage in actives that are active together.

In theory it would be a safe place for dogs to run free.

Dogs have the freedom to run. As the City densifies, we need to ensure that sufficient open space is available for the entire family.

Animal control

More dog socialization is the biggest benefit. Dogs always on leashes are always in protection mode to whom ever is holding the leash. Therefore dogs become less friendly as they get older. Dogs off leash play together and figure themselves out better then human strangers do.

Freedom for the dog to play and socialize while in a controlled situation

Opportunity for dogs and their owners to socialize in a safe and controlled environment.

Residents more likely to get outside and walk and play or swim (if lakeside) with their dogs. Well behaved dogs can give others a lot of joy. More socializing for neighbours.

I am more inclined to go to off-leash dog parks as they provide a much more relaxed atmosphere for both my dog and myself. These are the places where I tend to meet and interact with people the most. I tend to recreate more in spaces where my dog is truly welcome.

Positive socialization for my dog.

A place to exercise your pet without worry of a fine.

A safe place for my dog to run around and tire himself out with other dogs. Social interaction is incredibly important for all dogs, but it's tough to let them experience other dogs if they are always tied to a leash. Most people find that dogs get along best when off-leash so they can figure out their differences themselves without their owners having to pull back or end the interaction prematurely. Obviously this works best with friendly dogs :)

Additionally, for dog owners who maybe don't have time to take their dog on a long walk on any given day, the off-leash park provides a place where their pup can run around and tire himself out just as much, if not more than he would have on a walk. Whether it be playing with other dogs, or just having a safe designated place to throw the ball around, it's important to have space to do that in the city, especially with so many people in Kelowna having dogs.

Socialization for dogs, as well as playtime in a safe area with other dogs. Freedom and ability to run full speed and have a place to bounce and play off-leash

the fact that the dogs can run at will in the fenced in area. most of the public is not likely to hike inside the off leash parks.

healthy for the dogs, attract people to the area, meet new people, have your dog in a safe and healthy environment

They give the dogs a chance to socialize in an unfettered environment. Dogs on leash do not socialize as well. A well socialized dog is a friendlier dog.

Allows dogs to get their exercise by running around off-leash and playing ball for those homeowners who don't have yards or fenced yards.

Exercise and fun for the dog. Also a way for owners to interact with each other, establish new relationships, get outdoors and perhaps encourage more physical activity,

Healthy, well-socialized dogs, and healthy, well-exercised owners.

Exercise for the hounds without worrying about hazards (cars, RDCO bylaw, etc.)

It is the best way to socialize dogs. Dogs need to meet each other off leash and learn to play together.

A place for dogs to socialize with other dogs and people

Offer a place for the dogs to run and people will stop taking them to the parks and beaches and schools where they are not allowed.

dog socialization, chance for the dog to get a good run & chase a ball

Dogs need a place to run free and play with other dogs. There are too few areas in Kelowna for dogs to do so, and especially along the water front. It's also a great way for dog owners to mingle with other dog-lovers.

Being able to exercise my dog off leash without being fined. In the dog parks fellow dog owners using the park help with dogs being social and cleaning up after their own dogs.

Well being, . exercise, and socialization for dogs and owners

Fewer dogs would end up for adoption if owners had access to plenty of on leash and off leash dog parks that were in their vicinity

A place for your dogs to interact with other dogs and exercise.

If you can keep people with their dogs there, it will be great. It seems like people with dogs don't like to respect the on-leash dog parks, or the no dogs parks either. And there is hardly someone there to actually supervise that.

Better than nothing

Socialization for the dog, exercise and a convenient area to allow your dog to run around in a closed environment

Off-leash dog parks provide opportunities for dogs to play with dogs, and for their owners to meet people. It feels good to be amongst others who have the same interest.. Dogs feel that way too.

Most dog owners consider their dog as a member of their family. That's called Love. And when you love "someone" you want to keep them healthy and happy. Many people are lonely and their dog is their best

friend and companion. Others may have a growing family, and want to teach their little ones to be kind, by seeing their parents being kind to their dog.

There are rescue dogs and service dogs who assist humans and sometimes risk their life doing so.

Dogs and humans deserve to have off-leash dog parks - where else could they play with a ball? They need a large enough place to fun and play....they certainly deserve that.

dogs can't run away

people who don't like dogs don't have to be there

owners and dogs can meet owners and dogs like themselves

damage and fouling limitation

Sense of community. Safe and clean area for animals to run. Away from children etc

Easy access destinations for dog socialization and play time without the restrictions that leashes bring. Most importantly, the freedom to run and play! Especially important for those of us who live in apartments and townhouses and do not have yards for our dogs. They have to be on leash outside at home and everywhere we walk.

Secondary: camaradery with fellow dog owners.

Dog and people specialisation.

Easy place for dogs to run and socialize

An area for dogs to interact with other dogs keeping them socially adapted to other animals. They can get exercise and run free. A place for animal owners to get together as well.

Allowing dogs to play and exercise without being leashed.

Ability for dogs and their owners to get outside, socialize and play. A greater sense of community and a greater ability for us to be active and green.

Allowing dogs to socialize and exercise in a safe manner.

The dogs are free to socialize with each other without the restraints of leashes. They are able to run around and get exercise. Also, the owners are free to walk with their dogs without being attached to the other end of a leash.

If the off-leash dog parks are gated I do not see any benefit. If they are not gated then owner and dog can at least get some exercise without 20 dogs or more running all over the place. My dog does not like to be around other dogs so I generally do not use off-leash gated dog parks.

giving the people who require this a specific place to allow their dog off leash legally

Socialization of dog. They just want to run and play with each other

Dogs can run free...to sniff, dig, play, run and just be dogs.

My dog can run way faster then I can. Off-leash parks allows him the freedom to run as fast as he wishes, and that is the best excercise for him bar none. The park also allows him to toss around with his puppy buddies, without all of their leashes tangling up.

place for dogs to run without having to worry about them getting on to roads or away from their owners

Helps keep dogs out of parks that shouldn't have dogs!

Not all parks need dogs.

Socialisation and exercise for both humans and K9

Dogs get more exercise and socialization with other dogs in off leash areas. Exercised dogs are happy dogs. They are more likely to listen to commands and behave well.

My dog can play and run with other dogs. I can play fetch with my dog. Allows my dog to better socialize with other dogs. My dog gets much more exercise from playing with others.

Chance for dogs to have freedom to run and sniff and explore. Owners can walk With friends an dogs can run around.

I like to go to dog parks to see the dogs running free. the dogs and all the people there with and without dogs are very happy and friendly. I like to interact with people who have dogs and enjoy the whole seen. My 12 year old granddaughter goes with me whenever she can. She loves dogs as do I and we have that interest in common. We would love to go to a dog beach if there was one closer in to Kelowna. None at all

The main benefit I see is having a place for our fur family to socialize and run freely.

Exercise and socialization for the dogs.

Safe place to exercise our dogs.

Water access !! Or new dog beach, we all know we have extremely hot summers !

Safe areas for dogs to run!

Dogs can expend some of the energy that they may not get to in their own yards and they can socialize with other dogs.

Place for dogs to run free.

Allows dogs to socialize naturally and get some exercise. Also allows people with pets to meet other people that may share some common interests. Yay for old fashion human socializing!

Keeps the dogs out if public people parks.

Many people that have dogs don't have the space that their dogs need to be able to run free. By providing designated areas for them to take their dog(s), within a reasonable distance from their home, would give them and their dog(s) a safe area to let them run free. If these off-leash dog parks are not available, we are

them and their dog(s) a safe area to let them run free. If these off-leash dog parks are not available, we are likely to see more dogs running on the road and in areas that are used by people that don't want to interact with dogs and creating problems that can be avoided by designating certain areas for the use of letting dogs run off leash.

Some where for dogs to run free. We don't have sidewalks around our house so dog parks are great

pets being able to freely run and play

-free space to run

-dog socialization

Dog play and exercise time

Socialization and exercise

Healthy activity and socialization of dogs.

Accessibility

Letting your dog run and play and be social and get tired way quicker than on an on leash walk

A place to let my dogs run because I don't have a yard.

Social benefurs and more exercuse for the dogs

A to be able to run free- uninhibited in a large enough area

Socializing with other dogs

Ability for dogs to have proper exercise and a time for socialization for the dogs as well as other dog lovers to connect and share, learn.

It allows an area for dogs to run free, chase a ball, and burn off some steam, especially for those owners who may not be physically capable of properly exercising their pets due to physical limitations.

more people go outside

Being able to exercise our dogs without worrying about getting a fine.

Happier, social dogs

The dogs get the excercise they need and the socialization. There should be 2 separate, 1 for big dogs and 1 for small dogs. It is so important to have that option. Excercise and play time is the most important for dogs. We need more off leash parks !!!!

It's a place for our dogs to be socialized and for them to run free for a bit; especially for owners who don't have big yards for their dogs.

Socialization of the dogs. They get more exercise in an off-leash park. Less conflict being off-leash than on.

Opportunity for smaller breeds to be separated from larger breeds.

provide more space for larger dogs to run, chase balls

provides opportunities for dogs to socialize with other dogs

provides opportunities for dog guardians to meet and socialize with other dog guardians. It's a great way to learn who your neighbours are!

water is provided at a 'community' water dish which allows dogs the opportunity to learn to share. Imagine having an only child who only meets other kids at a park. That child has to learn to share. So do dogs. A off leash park is the best and many times, only way to teach a dog to share.

opportunity to teach and train dogs behaviours - walking, fetching. Many people live in townhouses/condos/apartments and don't have a yard where they can take the dog to train him.

keeps parks safe

more freedom for our dogs to run and play and burn off energy, shows how kelowna is tolerant and supportive of peoples fur babies

Social interaction for the dogs

So people don't take them into prohibited areas as much

Dogs: Opportunity for socialization and training, perceived place for safe exploration, exercise (especially water parks or large non-water parks), fun; People: opportunity to get to know other like-minded people in the neighbourhood/community, fun

The sociability that all the dogs and owners have between each other is definitely benefitting the community. I have met several people through the dog park and find that the designated dog parks have brought us all together and made us into a family. Additionally, the dogs who are socialized are much nicer to everyone in the community and don't pose as a threat to other people or dogs.

It will help to keep irresponsible dog owners (and their pets) away from the public that want to enjoy the rest of our parks without being "assaulted" by off-leash dogs.

Great exercise for pet and owner.

Socialization between dogs, exercise, mental stimulation and the ability to practice discipline in an exciting setting.

Somewhere close by I can take my dog to socialize and exercise safely.

More personal and family enjoyment. More interest in being outside. I don't like to go for walks or sit in parks while leaving my dog at home.

Dogs are able to socialize with other dogs that are non aggressive. Dogs are normally pack animals and they need the socialization of other dogs to maintain stability in their lives.

the opportunity for dog owners, many of us who pay property taxes but cannot enjoy most civic properties,

to play with our four-legged best friends; enjoy being outdoors; get exercise, both mentally and physically; engage in social interactions, both two-legged and four-legged; get to know and engage with our neighbours; problem solve and trouble-shoot behavioural issues; Off-leash parks are community centers for people just as much as for canines; Promote good canine physical health and socialization, reducing nuisance behaviors and making dogs better canine citizens; Dogs facilitate friendly interactions among people, as they so actively solicit play and offer greetings. Establishing a dog park creates a community center of activity where friends and neighbors gather to relax. Users of dog parks are self-policing so as to maintain the appealing environment. Creating dog parks is a method for more efficiently educating dog guardians and facilitating them in assuring excellent behavior with their dogs;

Secure area for dogs to play and enabling socialization for puppies, rescues etc.

The ability to allow a dog to run free. The opportunity to train your dog to respond and behave well when off lease.

A safe place to allow dogs to be dogs

Places where dogs can safely get exercise and run freely, without bothering those who do not appreciate dogs.

Dogs need the freedom to run and play and socialize with other dogs. Allows owners to have a place where they can go to have their dogs run off some of their energy .

Better socialization makes happier and healthier dogs.

Keep dogs without leashes out of other parks and off beaches

good exercise for dogs/people
allows dogs to socialize/and people
keeps off-leash dogs confined

Ability to have dogs run and play freely.

people meeting people of like mind, chance for dogs to run and get exercised.

A place to play ball and Frisbee with my dog where they can run

They encourage people to take their dogs there, rather than areas where there is wildlife, or children playing.

so people don't have their dogs run around off leash in regular parks

Socialization and exercise

dogs being able to socialize with other dogs, having the opportunity to run around freely, people with dogs being able to socialize with other dog owners, getting outside

The main benefit is that dogs can run around freely, play, fetch etc.

It might lead to irresponsible dog owners who don't leash off of normal walking trails. This might be a bit of a stretch as these folks really don't care as there is not enforcement.

Like humans, dogs require daily healthy exercise and interaction with each. There is less possibility of any confrontation when they are not on a leash. Dogs are a very huge part of any family and a healthy family is a happy family.

safety for animals and people
recreation for all members of the family

It would be beneficial for dogs to have spaces they can exercise and play around in (only if the designated off-leash dog parks are big enough).

A place to exercise your dog and allow them to play freely! Leading to better behaved dogs.

- 1) To allow dogs access to run off lease
 - 2) Reduce anxiety for dog owners that let there dogs enter parks
 - 3) Increase community for dog owners
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Exercise for my dog, particularly if there is water (lake) access.

Somewhere my dog be off leash in a controlled area.

1. where my dog can be safe
 2. where my dog can socialize with other dogs.
 3. where they can be off leash, run/play, and not annoy people that may not like dogs.
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Freedom for the dogs

Allows people without backyards or land a safe place to have their dogs run, helpful especially to low-income renters who own dogs, results in less off-leash dogs in non-off leash areas or in private spaces, provides a more welcoming city for dog owners

Dogs get to socialize and learn.

People can interact with different dogs and people.

People get exercise playing with their dogs.

There isnt any

Exercise and socialization for both dogs and owners, allowing a chance to become better community members.

Freedom for dogs to run and play and socialize with other dogs

having a place to go that is appropriate to let your dog off leash as dogs are meant to run and should not be

limited to leash walking

allows dogs to drink in a designated water areas in the 35 degree summer heat

allows dogs to socialize

allows community building and relationships

socialization of dogs

Allows dogs to get good exercise and to become well socialized which leads to safer friendlier dogs.

Best place to exercise dogs and get them socialized with other people and other dogs

A safe place for Socialization for dogs, and a great way to exercise your dog for people like me who do not drive or have a yard.

What do you see as the main drawbacks or negative impacts of designated off-leash dog parks?

lack of maintenance/poor design leading to unsanitary conditions

Possibly more upkeep trying to keep the grass or grounds in good shape. If well designed this would be mitigated.

None

I don't see any.

- irresponsible guardians who aren't able to control negative behaviours in their dogs

They defecate far away from owner and without owners ability to oversee such activity.

Health - cannot confirm if dogs have been vaccinated or not. In a lot of cities bordetella, vomiting and diarrhea has more than double since opening of dog parks.

Safety - large and small dogs are mixed together. Dogs with extremely high energy are being taken to dog parks to wear off energy which is a recipe for disaster. Too many dogs are getting injured and killed in dog parks every year where it could be easily be prevented by only having your dog socialize with dogs and people that you know (in a fenced backyard for example at your friends house) or take your dog to a daycare that has experienced staff onsite to ensure safety.

The majority of vets, professional dog trainers and responsible dog owners do not take their dogs to dog parks.

Not everyone pick up after their pets in off-leash parks.

- they are not very slightly and inviting. (unkempt lawn, fencing with plastic bags tied to it.)

- noise for neighbouring areas from animals themselves and vehicles, as they aren't currently within walking distance or very centrally located (ie. Glenmore Landfill).

-people conflict? Depends on the set up, but if it was just a designated off leash area, as a non-dog owner, I would have serious concerns with dogs being off leash in other areas of the park and scaring kids (even the "friendly ones" tend to charge towards people which is uncomfortable).

The main drawbacks or negative impacts of designated off leash dog parks are dog owners who bring dogs that are aggressive or not socialized well enough to attend

There is always the potential for aggressive dogs to attack, damage property or deposit waste... but the hope is that owners will appreciate the space and act responsibly for their pet. People usually know

whether/when off-leash is appropriate for their pets. The park should cover lots of area to reduce unwanted contact between many dogs at once, Take notes from cities like Victoria, with their large 2 km Dallas Rd. Off-leash dog park and North Vancouver, where Bridgeman Park offers plenty of space along a river walk.

The greenway in Kelowna would be a great place for an off-leash dog park!

Irresponsible dog owners

Need for a large space / land

Owners not taking responsibility for picking up after their pets. Owners bringing in unbalanced dogs which upsets the balance of the other dogs.

If users are not respectful and courteous to other users and do not act responsibly as a dog owner.

None

Dog owners do not control their dogs (potential dog fight issue)

Dog owners have not vaccinated their dogs (potential health issue)

I acknowledge that there is some upkeep facet, and that property is valuable in this city; that being said, any city that wishes to be world class, and more importantly, sustainable, has to make more green space available to its citizens - off-leash dog parks can be an integral part to ensuring the adequacy of green space.

nil

Many owners are not responsible enough or have enough awareness of dog behaviour to be able to safely monitor dog to dog interactions and play. More often than not, dog parks do not promote good behaviour in dogs and often owners are not watching their dogs and not intervening when necessary. Imagine leaving a bunch of 2-15 year old kids to run around and do whatever they want, unsupervised - it's the same thing! Nice idea that can sometimes work, but unfortunately owners are not educated enough in canine body language.

I don't see a down side of having them.

Costs for maintenance

None

Mostly the problems with people not picking up after their dogs.

none, I think they are great. Off leash fenced dog parks are perfect.

Uneducated dog owners who go there just to talk with other people and ignore their dog while it runs rampant everywhere

no water for him to swim in

I see no negative impact. It allows dogs to socialize the way dogs suppose to. We are the people who put them on leashes and gave them restrictions. Let them be who they are suppose to be.

Dogs can be injured if dog owners do not know how to or choose not to control their dogs.

Not enough rules, and no enforcement.

People bringing dogs on leash in to an off leash park.

Intact dogs causing aggression in other dogs

Poorly maintained off-leash parks would not be enjoyed. Good maintenance is important.

Aggressive dogs. Owners who do not pay attention to what their dogs are doing.

Too much dog poop in downtown area, along Cawston and on knox mtn.

Feces. Untrained dogs. Potential harm to humans and other animals.

Land needs to be removed from other uses and some tax dollars ae

Determining whether the requirements of these parks is either a drawback or negative impact will likely depend on the point of view (a dog owner or not a dog owner).

Parking (why do people drive to take their dog for a walk? I don't get it...), lots of "wear and tear " to the ground, noise and waste

If people bring dogs there that aren't friendly with other dogs or don't clean up after them

I have not seen any drawbacks or negative impacts with the designated off- leash dog park.

Nothing negative ! Just nice to have a park with dogs !

badly trained dogs or vicious breeds that harass smaller dogs

I see no drawbacks.

None - my only concern is that there aren't enough. Would be great to have something on a larger scale - something like the park out near the airport. Trails/trees/shrubs for owners to walk through while the dogs run alongside.

Owners who do not properly supervise their dogs while in the park which may lead to aggression between animals. Owners who do not pick up after their dogs because "they're in the dog park".

Sanitary conditions, irresponsible dog owners, parking pressures and traffic volumes

Irresponsible owners and aggressive dogs.

The parks are not maintained, they are muddy with no grass or some have not been cut properly and the grass is too long

As long as people respect the property, there shouldn't be any negative impacts.

People who do not have a dog do not want to go there.

little dogs get beat up by big dogs.

pit bull dogs are very common at these parks and scare everyone

owners cannot control their dogs

owners do not pick up after the dogs

dogs should only be allowed in designated parks and not in other parks, even if they are leashed

None

When there are a lot of dogs in at the same time pack instincts can take over and some dogs get picked on. Even the best dogs at home can turn crazy at the dog park so hard to judge what any dog can do in that environment.

I don't see any negative impacts to the community. The parks themselves could be made more aesthetically pleasing instead of the "here's a field" to run your dog. They should be real parks with proper ground cover and with trees, running water, toilets, seating, water troughs for the dogs, etc. The one on Enterprise appears very pretty at first, but you get eaten alive by the mosquitoes. The grass in the Glenmore park is so dried and brittle it is like nails that poke into the dog's paws. There's no shade there. The best park of the bunch is at Mission Creek. There are trees for the dogs and owners to get a break from the hot sun. We are very grateful for the loads of mulch that owners spread around to fill in the potholes etc. It isn't an ideal spot because of the rising water in the spring which floods the park. Again, these are examples of throw-away, "here's a field" for you and your dog.

People not picking up their dog's pop

People not caring that their dog is being aggressive to other dogs

Potentially could be dirty if not well taken care of by the owners and the city.

If improperly designed or spaced, they can facilitate dog-dog aggression (eg. the narrow section of the Knox Mtn dog park).

It can be difficult to enjoy time with your dog when there is 10 other dogs in one space. Its a gamble knowing if there is going to be aggressive dogs on-site every time you go. I suppose the flip side of that is having those same aggressive dogs run freely elsewhere. I wouldn't say this is a significant problem currently. Just something that does arise at times. We'll take what we can get.

I see few negative impacts. As in playgrounds for children, there is the occasional bully and one must be vigilant.

Water is a critical element. It's very important that there is access to drinking water and as we live on a very large lake, there should be access to swim. We have long hot summers and all of our families -two legged and four legged - look forward to playtime in the lake - TOGETHER.

Irresponsible dog owners who can't control their dogs, but this is a problem everywhere

Possible violent or not well behaved dogs not properly controlled in same area as other dogs.

Most of our off leash dog parks are too small... They are like congested fish tanks. Too close of quarters mean too many dogs in a small space, and often dog fights or trouble. It would be SO NICE to have a dog park in town that is big enough to take your dog for a walk and not be cramped in with tons of other dogs ... Please consider the property adjacent to Munson Pond as a large format, walkable dog park.

I don't see a negative or drawback from the off leash parks. Any drawback or negative is not based on the park but on certain owners not attentively monitoring their dog (s).

Too small and just a field... So congestion that leads to dog fights and people just standing around.

Dog fights, aggressive dogs, when there is not both a small and large dog section

fecal waste that gets left behind with owners actively or accidentally forgetting to pick up waste. Restrictions that dogs and owners are only allowed their pets in certain areas of the city. It limits where an animal and it's owner(s) can go for recreation.

In Kelowna lack of realistic spaces. A fenced off box is not an off leash park. Calgary is a great example of off leash areas where dogs and people can walk, socialize and not intrude on non dog people. Dogs are part of a lifestyle and it's time to integrate them into the recreation areas in Kelowna.

Dangerous to other dogs and people and wildlife

There's no downside.

Lazy owners that don't pick up after their dogs (smell, poop on the ground). Also dogs can be a bit noisy playing together. Also their owners can occasionally be messy as well, bringing coffee and other disposables with them.

If they are responsible, about the only drawback to dog parks is the traffic they may bring, and the noise the dogs might make. (Occasional lost ball to someone's backyard).

Muddy

Safety of your animal interacting with other dogs off leash

people living near by may not appreciate barking. Other than that, there are no drawbacks.

Some people not picking up after their dogs, leading to odor & mess, which makes the space unusable for other residents, and deters even dog owners. Noise can obviously be an issue. Parking can be problematic if there isn't a large enough parking lot available. Escapes can happen if fencing is inadequate or if people are not responsible in using gates correctly.

irresponsible owners, incessant loud barking, pet owners loudly socializing with other pet owners after closing hours. no locks on the gates at closing time. Aggressive breeds, not cleaning up after their pets. disregard for the posted rules.

Cost to set up parks.

There really isn't any major problems. Everyone that use the parks regularly are generally very friendly and gracious and its a great social area for people to have visits at.

Noise for those living near dog parks.

Aggressive dogs can hurt other dogs. It would be great to have a separate space just for small dogs less than 10 pounds.

Hardly any drawbacks or negative impacts - except the possibility of dogs contracting some form of disease or ailment from non-vaccinated dogs.

I love animals but we don't need off-leash parks. Owners should be responsible for walking and cleaning up after their animals. It should not encroach on other uses if land is available.

Owners that are non compliant with rules, aggressive dogs. In most cases no matter the breed it comes down to the owner.

As a dog owner, nothing.

Aggressive dogs and owners that don't clean up

Owners that don't manage their animals and are not mindful of being respectful to others in the park. Fortunately, in my experience, this isn't a large and consistent issue.

Dog-poop. Perhaps there are community initiatives that can assist with this, or those required to complete community service hours and tidy up parks and neighborhoods as hours towards community service.

Some owners let their dog off leash and then sort of forget that they still have to look after their animal for potential fouling or fighting with other dogs.

Overly aggressive large dogs. I don't mind some tough play and my dog has had his fair share of nips which I'm perfectly ok with, but there is a limit.

Irresponsible people who don't clean up [waste eliminated from their pets] leave a negative impression and environment for other users of the space.

Really none

The location will not be available to beach users to use who do not want to recreate with dogs nearby or interacting with them.

Dogs will chase and disturb riparian habitat next to lakes that provide habitat for many birds, mammals and other forms of wildlife.

Other forms of wildlife.

Only real drawback would be the use of the space, could it be of better use to benefit more people?

none

Irresponsible dog owners not respecting the park

Irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs and anti-social dogs with owners who cannot control their dog's behaviour.

no negative impacts

none

I don't see any

I don't find anything negative about dogs & their owners socializing

There are NONE provided all users adhere to the rules and regulations relating to off leash parks, especially controlling their dog(s) and picking up after them.

Ignorant dog owners who see them as place to dump their dogs, never pick up after their dogs and don't see the need to train and teach their dogs!

Too many nice parks have been taken over by dogs.

Owners who can't read their own dogs' body language. Can lead to their dogs causing issues with others. This is rare, though.

i don't see any

None. Although I do not own a dog, I used to live across the street from one. It was an enjoyable addition to the neighbourhood.

Owners not picking up poop!

Not always lit well (which is a problem in the winter). Some people take their crazy behaved dogs there.

Lazy owners who don't pick up after their dogs. Often no water supply for thirsty mutts.

Idiot owners with idiot dogs. Not to put too fine a point on it.

Poor ownership is probably the main one. If they're poorly taken care of, or far away then they're not very useful to most intended users

None

People who do not have control of their dogs and letting them attack other animals, not picking up their dog doo

I think they should have doggy pools for the summer, up keep to be taken care of by park users.

None

Dogs should be separated by size. This obviously means that the area for larger dogs would be larger. The owners of smaller dogs may feel that this is unfair. Excessive barking may disturb residents near to the dog park, particularly if the park is a new use of space.

Some people not cleaning up after their dog

People with unsocial dogs ruin it. People who don't pick up after their dog. There's no trees or places to walk around so I don't get much exercise.

To socialize dogs with other dogs and humans thereby reducing on and off lease issues.

When uneducated owners bring their problem dogs. When owners don't pay attention to their dogs and do not pick up the poop.

Designated off leash parks become unusable to others as they become covered in dog droppings and urine.

None. It keeps a section of land untouched by developments making our city a more natural one.

They are not maintained, there are dangerous holes in the ground from rodents or whatever it they are very dangerous for dogs and people running. I would like to see a bit of upkeep

I don't see any drawbacks.

I lived in Calgary for 6 years and they are very dog friendly and have fabulous parks throughout the city. There were no problems whatsoever.

Irresponsible dog owners.

I imagine they can get quite noisy in the hours they are open, dogs barking, parents calling etc. They could smell if waste is not picked up.

People that don't follow the rules with their pet.

None dog owners trying to ruin a good time for dog owners.

Only that some dog owners do not pick up after their dog. Kelowna should adopt what apparently Calgary has done which is all dog owners give samples of their dog when they are licensed and if feces is found they are fined!

Irresponsible dog owners

Owners are not responsible with picking up after their pets; lack of knowledge of proper dog etiquette

Usually a mud hole in bad weather due to rain or wet snow.

Some owners do not clean up after their pets. Aggressive dogs are brought in.

Cleanliness

Past target area for poisoning animals

Inappropriate animals visiting.

Inappropriate owners visiting.

Possible infringement on other nondog owning users

See above.

Tend to be over used

irresponsible owners

When people don't take responsibility of their dog

When people take mean dogs there and don't take the opportunity to train them to be social

I think that they are great and there should be more, as there are currently limited dogs parks that all look a little run down because they are over used.

Noise, parking

Dogs that are nervous to be around other dogs.

None

aggressive dogs, inconsiderate owners

Poorly regulated and way too many aggressive dog incidents. If bylaw was around more this would happen less

People bring aggressive dogs

People with dogs who attack other dogs. People who don't pick up after their pet. People who have no control over their dog. It's the people.

In winter, lack of lights. It gets dark very early and I would feel much safer if the Ellison dog park was better lit.

There can be unruly dogs there. Best to separate small dogs from big dogs. Small dogs always bark at my large dog (117 lbs) they always say, she's just barking, but to a large dog, it's aggression, and they just need to be separated. The biggest problem, are the "gates". The Winfield dog park is a perfect example...all the dogs, charge the gate when a new car/dog arrives. This causes a massive problem for the new dog entering park. One dog vs 10...not fair situation.

None

lack of cleanup (smell), fear of park from small dogs and/or elderly

None

My pet peeve is people who don't pick up after their dogs and should not own as they have no control. They should not be off leash. I have had 2 incidents with owners who can't control their dogs.

When irresponsible Owners take their unsocialized dog into an off leash area and are in control of their behaviour.

None

Some individuals do not respect these spaces. Not to say that they must be monitored, but at times they are not always safe for animal owners to visit. Stricter enforcement of individuals not accepting of these spaces should be taken.

A reduction in parks for families and kids.

No dog control

Big dogs scaring little dogs

None. I have spent many hours at dog parks and they are one of the best amenities a city can offer.

not well behaved dogs or inattentive owners

None

None

People who don't watch their dogs or clean up after their pet.

If there are aggressive dogs.

Aggressive dogs with poor owners, possibility for transmitting illness

I don't think they have negative impacts unless there are irresponsible dog owners there that cause issues.

In the Spring it can be a muddy mess and not all dog owners pick up their doggie poop. Also all dogs drinking out of the same bowls can be a breeding ground for the spread of parasites and illness. Access to drinking water for the dogs however is a must.

People don't clean up after their dogs and you don't know if the other dogs have been immunized and run the risk of your dog getting sick

If there are poor dog owners who cannot/do not control their dog, this can a negative impact on other dogs and their owners. I.e. Dog fights, not picking up after their dog

Traffic noise and mess

fringe, noise and mess

Nothing as long as everyone picks up their dogs poop

none.

I feel the city has much more important issues to address before we paid for parks for people's pets. Owners want to pet they should be responsible for its health and exercise, not the citizens and taxpayers.

Some people shouldn't be bringing their dogs in there. Dogs are aggressive etc

Misuse of the area, irresponsible owners

People who don't have proper control of their dogs and or don't clean up after their pets.

Aggressive dogs. In tact males

biggest drawbacks of current off-leash parks are their mostly small size and bad owners that don't pickup after their dogs

Some irresponsible and lazy dog owners unfortunately don't understand how a proper dog park works...aggressive dogs need to be leashed and muzzled on or off leash until trained properly, as to not place other well behaved dogs and owners at risk.

Just because it is a "dog park" does not give the lazy, irresponsible owners any excuse to not pick up after their dog.

As a responsible dog owner with a well mannered and behaved dog, I would be willing to pay a small user / upkeep fees for a nice dog park with some nice features (Shaded area with gazebo and dog related posting board display for dog owners to interact / advertise / display dog related info. and courses, clean running water, washroom facilities, small pool / cool off area's, dog poo bag dispensers, etc.) Check online at some public dog park designs.

Aggressive dogs. Dumb owners who can't control their dogs

They're often not well maintained/ there's not many of them so they are very high traffic

None

Not enough off leash parks/trails in Kelowna. People abuse them.

If used properly - none.

The size of some existing parks does not allow for humans or dogs to get much exercise

If a dog is aggressive i have no say if they can be in the park.

Maintenance of clean parks

aggressive dogs not being contained

Aggressive non social dogs being off leash

I do not see any drawbacks.

None, really.

Smell. Noise. Litter. Light pollution. (Lack of respect for people and property.)

Not everyone wants to share your dog, in or out the park area.

Lack of attendance by dog owners who then allow their dogs to run freely, in public and private spaces, and neglect their responsibilities of control and picking up waste

During the winter months the lighting doesn't seem sufficient and we don't use the parks as often. Luckily the Rutland park has some street lights adjacent to it which is helpful.

Another issue I have is the lack of understanding owners have when it comes to how dogs communicate and play. My dogs are both extremely gentle and loving but often engage in play that gets very excited - barking, growling, rolling around and showing their teeth. Some people tend to be wary of this and often cause more of a problem than not.

None

nil

Not enough in kelowna

Cost it taxpayer.

None

Some dog owners still won't clean up after pets which makes for a gross area for everyone. There are certain rules for dog parks that people don't follow which can make it difficult for the ones that do. People still need to control their dog in a park but feel that their dogs can do anything evils off leash.

Glenmore dog park is source of ticks for dogs at many times of the year.

People need to use them properly:

Must pick up the poo.

Must not bring dogs that can not be social.

I do not see any negative impacts for local residents other than traffic as people like to use the parks. They are a great way for people to get exercise plus its much easier for the dogs to get their exercise also.

All the barking for the neighbours that live next to it.

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people without dogs get upset. That's all I can think of. I've lived in many cities, and they all had more dog-friendly areas, and swim areas for dogs.

None at all except in Kelowna, present designated off-leash parks are far too small.

none

The little parks are too small for big dogs. I want to see walking paths ie one side of the mission greenway to be designated as off leash so that dogs can walk and sniff and be a dog!

Some dogs display aggressive behaviours and should not be there, some owners do not pick up after their dogs

I see this as an encouragement for people who have dogs and choose to live in a city, expecting more and more provisions for their dogs. There seems to be an on going demand by dog owners. They are never satsafied.

Often they are not given the proper maintenance, which leads to reduced use and therefore dog owners must look for alternatives.

If there isn't one in every neighbourhood, people have to drive and descend on another one, causing parking problems and too many dogs in one park.

Residents in the popular dog pRk area complain because it's so popular and about parking.

None

Accessibility - The only beach access is too far to get to if you don't have a car

Terrain/shade - Ritcher Street park is just a big empty field. Gets too muddy. Sometimes you can't even get into the park because of the giant puddles at the entrance. No shade trees or shrubs

Confrontations with vicious dogs

None.

Irresponsible dog owners who bring aggressive dogs to the park and owners who won't follow the rules ie cleaning up and not smoking

None!!! They will benefit dog owners and non dog owners(by keeping dogs in a contained safe place) alike.

Not much other than taking away space from other potential uses of park land.

Too small of space, gets crowded with so many dogs which can lead to problems

There are still those that do not pickup their dog's waste! Unfortunately there are also some owners who do not care that their dog is aggressive and allow inappropriate behavior from their animal.

Dirt, disease, noise, danger of bites, health, disease

People leaving poop everywhere

There are no negative impacts if planned properly.

I see no drawbacks to investing in dog parks. There is a need however, to develop parks with suitable design elements. They need to be in urban locations, not on the outskirts of town in some vacant, unusable land the City just happens to own (like the landfill dog park). Also, dog parks need to be landscaped to some degree like planting suitable trees and vegetation, making some walking paths that won't be muddy in wet weather, etc. There are lots of design best practices available from other communities.

Awful for those of us who don't own dogs..

Very unsanitary place to spend a day especially with children. Have been to Sunoka park many times which now allows dogs (worst idea ever) and some dogs bark all day long, so annoying.

They pee all over the lawn where we are playing with our children. And some people are taking their dogs into the water where we swim with our kids. The parks workers do nothing about it.

I absolutely hate the allowance of dogs at that beautiful FAMILY park!! It's a family park not for dogs.

Aggressive dogs, sicknesses and illness that can be transmitted since you never know what kind of veterinary care (or lack thereof) other dogs have had

It can be tough when people bring aggressive dogs.

impact on wildlife

excrement

conflict with runners & bikes

Poorly behaved or aggressive dogs

People not picking up after their dogs, aggressive dogs

Dirty, muddy, mosquitoes near Mission Greenway, not enough of grass, too little bark mulch so dogs get very dirty. Often no clean water source, limited safe seating (I cannot walk or stand for long). Only water off-leash park in Kelowna is a very, very long drive out Lakeshore Road and we end up doing this from downtown almost daily in hot weather. Too many cars on the road and Lakeshore Road is congested already.

Parks tend to get muddy and are not kept up to a standard that keeps dogs and owners safe from slipping or falling and are not accessible for some.

none

The odd irresponsible owner who has an aggressive dog, or doesn't pick up after but I haven't found it to be a problem when I've visited dog parks.

None, if people are allergic or frightened of dogs they will not go to the parks usually, however all owners of dogs are very aware that they are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs and keep them in control most of the time.

dog poop (but that is everywhere because of bad owners), unsocial dogs being let loose, unsupervised dogs and children

- negative dog encounters - aggressive dogs or dogs not under the control of their handlers
 - neighbours may not appreciate the parking or the sounds of dogs playing
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As they are generally unsupervised there can be incidents of unwanted behavior or interaction between dogs as some owners see off leash as meaning they do not have to oversee there dogs actions. I have a dog and admit that I rarely go to dog parks choosing to exercise or hike with my dog off leash outside city limits instead.

Mud and dirt when grass is not replaced, bark mulch is depleted, when snow is melting and it is raining. Mosquitoes when near Mission Greenway and puddles lying on muddy ground. No access to swimming in lake on hot days. Long drive to access the only off-leash water park end of Lakeshore Road.

There are none.

It must be away from peoples homes. No homeowner should be subjected to cars parked out front of there home, barking dogs and people congregating with their own noise and trash.

If you put a dog park next to any home, the city should enforce no parking signs, trash cans, and noise by-laws.

This city puts dogs before people. I wouldn't sit in any of our parks because you allow dogs to shit and piss everywhere. Aren't my tax dollars going for parks for people?

Why should there be a drawback ?

The only negative or drawback would be it allows people with untrained dogs to be a problem interacting aggressively with other dogs.

The off leash dog parks are always just a nasty dirt lot. There are no amenities that make it a nice area for relaxing.

They are pretty basic, and only for one specific type of user. Not all dog owners want to take their dogs to a typical off-leash park. Unless is linear and the owner can also walk. Know off-leash park is a good example. It is better to have more on-leash parks, so owners can responsibly walk their dogs in our nice parks. For instance allow on-leash dogs at more beach front parks.

No drawbacks, only benefits for my dog

It's like asking the basketball, volleyball and and tennis teams to share a single practice space - different dogs have varying temperaments, energy levels and supervision needs and inexperienced and/or inattentive owners create high risk for conflicts between the dogs as well as their owners. The park needs to be large enough that different dogs can run and play in separate areas. Many dog owners do not seem to give a thought to the impact of their dog on the other dogs - for example, bringing in an overexcited dog

that dog that creates havoc. I have seen too many incidents at the Rutland dog park to ever bring my dog there again - too high risk.

Irresponsible dog owners (unable / unwilling to control their dogs, do not pick up their dog's poop)

1. People who do not look after their pet's waste.
2. Parks that are not fenced in.
3. Parks close to water where mosquitoes breed.
4. People who do not control their pet's aggressive behavior.
5. Parks too close to houses where people come out and complain about your dog barking. i.e. a nice, small grassed and fenced dog park on Bernard next to a playground, and about 2-3 blocks from the Apple Bowl. A bit more space in between for the residents would be nice. Perhaps if the dog park was closer to Bernard and the playground was moved back to where the dog park is. There is actually room for both closer to the road on Bernard.

None

None. I've been to the majority of the parks and the one beach, and have never run into any concerns. However, there should always be designated separate areas for small and large dogs.

Off-leash area should be fenced so dogs cannot interfere with neighbouring properties

A lack of folks picking up after their pets as well as, I am often witnessing people bringing in their small dogs into the big dog park and chaos ensues. These small dog owners then automatically blame the big dogs for their behaviour. .

I don't see any negative drawbacks or negative impacts other than people being upset that it takes away park space.

Not maintained enough...mainly the parking lots with mud holes, pot holes and in the winter snow removal. The fence repairs are often neglected and some dogs are able to escape thru unrepaired openings. Several entrance gates at present need adjusting and holes repaired.

none if rules are laid out and followed

People bring dogs that may not be suited off-leash with other dogs

None.

Land unavailable for other uses.

Small Dog parks are often unkept, they become very muddy as the grass gets pulled out and full of poop. I would never go to a small dog park, the one on Cedar is beautiful, lots of space so that your dog doesn't necessarily have to be interacting with other dogs. My dog doesn't go there to play with other dogs, just his ball, so having lots of space is key.

Potential for dog fights. I would feel more comfortable if an officer was there not only to ensure dogs/owners have proper licensing but also to ensure owners are being responsible for their dogs actions. Every time I attend an off-leash park I am acutely aware of the lack of respect and obedience that owners do not portray regarding their animals being instigators of fights and then accusing the non-instigators of not keeping a handle on their animal.

Dedicates valuable park space to pet owners who should be responsible for their own costs.

Other than the land usage - nothing. They only become a draw back if they are too small, poorly maintained or in remote/inaccessible locations.

inadequate supervision and or control of dogs by some owners

None!

Dogs area benefit to dogs dog owners and non dog owners. it does the heart good to see such beautiful creatures enjoying themselves!

In general, I don't see any negative effects from these kinds of parks.

People who bring under socialized, under exercised dogs to the dog park in replacement of exercise and proper socialization. Causing dog fights, poor socialization experiences and negative issues due to the above.

People who disrespect the rules: don't watch their dog, don't clean up after their dog, bring aggressive dogs, etc.

I'm not sure. I'm sure there are some but in terms of a direct negative impact on my own personal life, there are none.

I guess we just have to trust that those with aggressive dogs don't endanger others by bringing them to an off-leash park.

Cost and maintenance seems relatively minimal.

I find the use of high priced land for dog parks a poor use. Perhaps dog owners could PURCHASE the land for their dogs to run around and not expect the residents of Kelowna to supply the land for them.

There's the potential for dog fights to break out, but this is a natural process for this type of animal. In all but the extreme cases both dogs typically walk away unharmed, and most owners acknowledge not all dogs get along. The spread of illness is also possible, but it's unlikely. Someone who neglects their dog's health is also unlikely to be spending time with their dog at a dog park, I suspect.

None

I have never had any issues with my dog being unleashed or with the park itself.

The only possible problem I could foresee is when humans bring pets who still need to be trained properly, or have issues with aggression ect. and honestly I think the same of when I bring my children to the park.

People not cleaning up after their dogs or people not taking their dogs out of the park, if the dogs are acting aggressive

None

Some owners don't pick up after their dogs as they feel it's okay to leave it as it is a designated dog park. This is unacceptable, dogs need to be able to run & play without getting covered in poop

I don't feel taxpayers should all pay for the maintenance of these parks when they won't be used by non-dog owners. If we allow this one group to have their own set of parks, how come other pet owners (like horse owners or cat owners) can't have their own parks for those animals as well. You are opening a can of worms so to speak.

none

Noise from barking dogs from dawn to dusk.
reduced property values for adjoining properties
parking problems for the neighborhood

Owners must only take their dogs there, if they have been properly socialized and are not aggressive

Badly behaved dogs. Poorly maintained dog parks that end up as mud baths or dry, dust bowls.

too don't clean after the dog

I live in Rutland and don't live close to any dog parks, there's a serious lack of them or they tend to be just flat barren disease ridden poop fields. It's difficult to enjoy a nice walk with your dog in those few designated off leash areas. Mission creek needs to be more dog friendly, possibly having sections off the main path where dogs are permitted to be off leash if they are obedient. It's not fair that all dog owners must obey the on leash rule when their dog is fine off leash. I wish there was a form of "off leash" license owners could be eligible for once having proved their dog's off leash obedience. Kelowna is definitely one of the most dog unfriendly cities I've ever been to.

Disgusting and not maintained

I don't see any.

No draw backs.

Cleanliness

Taking up space that could be used for more of a broader group of people, not just dog owners.

sanitation can be a problem.

more dangerous for other human park users.

dogs fighting as not all dogs get along with other dogs. Some are more aggressive than others.

I have seen many off leash dogs start to fight and the owners just stand by until it gets out of hand. Most owners DO NOT pick up after their dogs leaves their poop and urine behind as most owners don't even watch where their dogs goes to do it's job. There is also a concern about what diseases a dog may have that could spread to other dogs. I have found that most people just don't care.

if the big and little are separated i see no neg impacts. people who dont like dogs dont need to utilize it. the richter dog park (small side) i can speak to and it is very well looked after from the human owners of these dogs

none

The expensive tax payer funded fields of crap that no non-dog owners are comfortable at due to hyperactive urine leaking unpredictable beasts is an insult to the diligent employment of my property tax dollars. I suggest a user pay system. A small percentage of negligent dog owners have likened my opinion of sharing the great outdoors with man's best friend to scraping the post-park shoes off on the curb before carrying that wretched stink around for the rest of the day.

People not picking up after their dogs, or someone tampering with the water.

People not picking up after their dog

The main drawback is people not understanding that they still need to be in control of their dog, even though it's offleash. We do not take our dogs to off leash parks, and probably never will, because of other people's ill trained dogs.

People who do not pickup after their dogs.

People who allow their dogs to run free in the dog park without making sure that they are well mannered with other dogs and owners.

If a dog is not "dog friendly" or "people friendly" their owners should not bring them to a dog park.

The parks are less appealing for non-dog owners

Some owners don't clean up after their dogs which takes a toll on the park

I suppose it takes a little away from green space, but if there wasn't a dog park there likely someone would develop it for residential or commercial use

They are very small and unfortunately, beyond the cities control, there are often aggressive dogs in attendance.

I don't see one as a dog owner, I can definitely see non dog owners having problems with this

I would expect a certain volume of traffic surrounding the dog park, parking issues, issues with cleaning up after pets or humans, and the risk of animals wandering onto surrounding roadways. What I do not see as a negative impact is the loss of use for other citizens. Anyone is welcome to use our park space, with or

negative impact is the loss of use for other citizens. Anyone is welcome to use our park space, with or without a dog

None dog owners believing that it will create noise!

I really can't see any. There are so many alternative beaches and lake accesses that people can go to if they don't want to be around dogs, designating one that must be shared.

Too many careless dog owners with untrained dogs that are off-leash so I wouldn't trust having my small dog running around with the risk of being attacked.

None

Parking

existing ones too far from many residential areas.

More fights. People need to be aware of their dogs at parks

Overly aggressive dogs with owners who do not know how to control them. Also, irresponsible dog owners who do not "pick up" after their dog.

Minimal. Public may complain about feces, or aggressive dogs. Education remedies this problem.

Health concerns for dogs (ie: people leaving poisoned food), messy (people not cleaning up after themselves as they aren't maintained by the city and there is rarely ever grass that's watered so it's usually just mud or dirt).

People who abuse the area by taking dogs there off-leash who have issues (they should be allowed in, but should keep dogs on leash until socialization issues dealt with). And people who don't clean up after their dogs. If in a residential neighborhood, then I do understand that noise (barking) would be a complaint.

There are none as far as I can see.

Some dogs are too aggressive to be in a situation with that much stimuli and some owners are not responsible enough.

- occasional dog which is not properly 'socialized' & may not "play well" with other dogs, eg., bite

users do not always cleanup after there dog

Parking issues at or near the off-leash park. Too many dog owners are illiterate so can not read the signs regarding what a parking area is and what areas are marked NO PARKING.

Dogs are rarely if ever the problem with dog parks it is the owners which are almost always the problem or create the problems

People who don't control their dogs properly.

I see no negative to these parks

No other development like commercial or residential that may be needed in the area can be done cause of the dog off leash park

there are always bad apples that wreck it for everyone. Poorly trained or not properly supervised dogs. Locals who don't like dogs who leave poisonous snacks laying around (it is a lot more common then you think). Owners who don't clean up after their dog.

None

AS LONG AS OWNERS CLEAN UP AFTER THIER DOGS

Dog poop, unruly/careless dog owners, higher chance of accidents (dog bites/attacks, dogs running other dogs/people over)

None.

None. Dog parks are an essential part of any city

None!

None. I regularly frequent local dog parks (with an unfortunate, considerable drive) and almost all dogs/owners are very respectful of the parks and keep them well maintained.

Some people are afraid of dogs and will not like them

Risk of dogs harming other dogs, spread of sickness to other dogs

None. I have been to several in BC and Alberta. They are needed

My only concern for off-leash dog parks is the freedom untrained dogs or dogs with violent behaviour have.

There are always a few irresponsible dog owners that don't clean up, or don't control their pets. Unfortunately that is a fact of life.

The biggest problem with designated parks is congestion. Too few parks and too many dogs lead to possible incompatible animals putting themselves (and owners) in danger. Negligent owners who do not clean up after their animals also render these parks dirty and contaminate local ares with faecal matter. This can be minimized however by providing plenty of disposal areas and clean up bags.

I couldn't go there...I walk with poles, which some dogs are aggressive towards...I won't take the chance. It's fine for people to say " oh he/she would more likely lick you to death than bite you" but I don't know that and I become frightened. There are other people like me and who are terrified by dogs on the loose. I am even cautious in on leash parks as some owners don't think the rules apply to them and let their dogs run loose.the same goes for poop pick ups?

Possibility of negative interactions between dogs (potentially harmful); however, owners must be aware and accent this risk. Also. due to dogs not necessarily being close to the owners. it increases the risk of owners

not picking up after their dogs; however, those irresponsible owners may be just as likely to not pick up when their dog is on leash as well.

small boxes that don't allow you to exercise with your dog, but rather sit and wait for your dog to find a friend. I can't imagine anything worse than the Mission Sportsfield Dog Park.

The largest concern, I believe is dog poop! Some people just do not notice that the dog has left a pile of poop or they choose to ignore it. if a regime is enforced to have the poop picked up on a regular basis, either through voluntarism or paid help, I believe there would be a wide spread acceptance of dogs off-leash. Dogs with an aggressive history should never be off-leash. Possibly a 2 tier type of dog license could be adopted.

Dogs out of control even the little ones. Owners take no responsibility. To many attacks on weaker dogs and to many of the dog owners that own the dogs attacking not hanging around but running for their car. Seen it to often. My own grand child was bitten by a dog all the owner said was the dog never bit before then ran away. Gr daughter recd 7 stitches on calf.

Untrained dogs not under the owners control. As far as I can think of most dogs are only as good as their owners. Bad dog?? Bad owner?

No safety for the dogs or the owners.

Owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Owners not watching their dogs (letting dog into park and then going and sitting in their vehicle)

Irresponsible people who do not pick up after their dog.

waste of tax dollars.

Complaints from non dog owners of the potential cost to the city

Poor dog owners that do not pick up after their dog

Noise level of these type of parks close to residences or business

I suppose cost could be a deterrent. From past experience there are no other real negative impacts. The current dog parks are neither noisy nor smelly.

Owners that take their dogs to off leash parks that are vicious

Poor owners with dog training and not being responsible for feces pick up.

None

Neighbourhood tolerance to dogs barking during open hours

People cleaning up after their dog

People letting dogs run when they don't have control over the dog. Some dogs do not mix well with others

and if it happens to be my dog that is not good with sudden introductions and another's just runs over and gets in the face of my dog, I don't want there to be an issue or if the roles were reversed

None. If they don't eliminate green space for organized sports

Absolutely nothing, all dog parks should be fenced and have gates on the entrances to prevent run-always, nobody should be objective toward designated dog parks, it gives people options as to what they want out of "going to the park" if you don't like dogs, don't go to the dog park.

none.

Occasional issues with poor dog owners.

Not easily accessible to most neighborhoods, ie We have to drive there.

Due to the confined space the owners do not get exercise.

I can't really see any, maybe noise or the possibility of dog altercations when owners aren't around. But if the owners are responsible and the dog is trained I don't see why not. If there is an issue with the breed or it's temperament, just put a muzzle on it, might do it some good to socialize without the capacity to bite and bark.

It's hard to always know how a dog will react to another. It's harder to maintain control of a dog if you don't have the leash to grab on. Smaller children probably can't use the area as well as anyone with a fear of dogs

None

None

Bad dog owners who bring dogs with behaviour issues or don't pick up after their dogs

Dog owners who have not put their dog through the proper training to socialize them and ensure their commands are followed.

Untrained dogs and owners

People that don't clean up after their dog

I do not see any negative impact.

My only concern is when there is a dog that is a danger to hurting other dogs in the dog park or on the street. Not a specific breed, just an irresponsible owner that needs to learn how to train his /her dog how to behave with other animals and people.

Nothing

Other dog owners not being responsible.

none

Making sure the area is restricted so dogs off leash cannot be in danger if they go outside of the area (roadways) or escape from their owners unnecessarily.

Bad dog owners who do not watch their dogs while at the dog park. No lights at the park - need them for the long winters! The solar lights at the Mission dog park are useless.

Too many people try to bring very small dogs to large dog parks and then complain when big dogs show "aggression" towards them.

Also these parks are worn out and grubby with very little foliage

Most people in Kelowna are anti-dog, so their constant nagging and complaining about it might be a general drawback.

Locations difficult to get to if no personal transportation. Lack of landscaping to eliminate dust and/or mud.

access to all citizens

Owners who can't or won't control their pet causing harm to other pet potentially.

None.

people who can't control there aggressive dogs.

The park becomes only for dogs

They being located on the lake shore, noise and pollution. You may include irresponsible dog owners. We live on the Greenway and witness owners not picking up after their dog. We also on occasion, when owners do pick up, throw the bags on our property or in the bush adjacent to the walkway. Most dogs are not on a leash unless they see people coming toward them.

Area, worst possible locations, have to drive 10km to take you dog for a walk. It is ridiculous.

the only negative is aggressive dogs and ignorant owners

Barking dogs may disturb neighbours

Noise to homes nearby. Irresponsible dog owners leaving a mess.

Possibility of more noise (barking)

possibility of injury if an aggressive dog is in the park

possibility of injury to dogs from poisoning etc by humans

It is best to have the off leash parks segregated between large and small dogs as in the one by the H2O park.

The Park should be equipped with a picnic table and be grassed. A water supply is an added asset. All of this costs money, but is well worth it to everyone to have a place where owners can take their dogs, rather than walk them on a leash on the sidewalks.

I don't really see anything bad about dog parks it's just that sometimes it can be really muddy that all owners that do not pay attention to their dogs when being social and not picking up after their pets not much... maybe feces collection but even that is in a place to be expected so no biggie owners not picking up poop..not controlling anxious dogs

Owners not being responsible with how their dog is in a social setting.

Noise concerns of neighbors.

Failure of people to clean up after their dog as the owner is distracted.

There is no reason why the general tax payer should be subsidizing dog owners.

I am bias to this , but I see very little drawbacks, with maybe one being the possibility of less area's for childrens playgrounds, however I never see an empty dog park, where I do see unused equipment everywhere at other public spaces.

If not properly fenced, a danger to the animal. Lesser trained dogs should have a section for private off leash time, less space but still time to learn. There are no drawbacks to pet friendly parks.

cost/maintenance

Owners not being responsible and supervising their dogs while in the park. It is important for governments to set aside good off-leash parks and planning involved, and caring for the area as it gets 'worn' down from use. Uncontrolled aggressive behavior of dogs in the park.

Dogs and people...especially little kids are in jeopardy from a safety and health aspect.

There are many documented cases of dogs attacking people...and nothing happens to deter.

Also dog poop left behind by owners not diligent in picking up after their dog.This a health hazard and who wants to step in dog poop...especially unaware little kids.

Concern is safety and health

There are no drawbacks to off-leash dog parks.Nor negative impacts.

Agressive dogs

People who don't pick up after their pet. Agressive dogs who intimidate others.

Irresponsible dog ownership.

Owners not correcting bad dog behaviour

Owners not cleaning up after their dogs

My main issue with the idea of a dog park is encouraging more people to come to our neighborhood with their dogs to play at the dog park when the reason we moved here was because the outdoor space

available in Kettle Valley for our children. The dog owners here very RARELY have their dogs on leashes - in 8 years here I have never once seen or heard of anyone patrolling this. All a dog park means to me is less space for my child to play when there is the entire Okanagan Mountain Park that sits adjacent to our neighborhood available for dogs to run free. Leave the parks up here for our KIDS!

The noise of dogs barking can be an issue for people living near these areas. Land needed to have these parks designated could be an issue with people that are not dog people.

They can become extremely smelly

not enough responsible dog owners; parking in residential areas upsets a lot of the residents (understandably) near that park

Irresponsible dog owners who bring disobedient, and potentially dangerous dogs that do not socialize well with other dogs.

enforcement of those who choose not to pick up after their dogs and aggressive dogs.

None providing people pick up

not always in control

right now most aren't near water

Dog fights often a result of competition over toys, people not cleaning up after their dogs

Size mostly they need a forested area for more exploration.

I don't see any negatives at all.

These park have no water access for dogs to swim,would like to see more swim access for small dogs

If it is near houses, noise and parking could annoy them.

none .

Usually requires a parking lot to be built as well

most dogs when off leash are out of handlers control

None

None.

None

None!

Irresponsible dog owners

none

I think there should be more parks that allow dogs. Not all have to be off-leash parks as it is just nice to be able to go to the park with your dog even on a leash

Primarily maintenance. Mainly cleanliness

No supervision

No bylaw to support and problems

A tea party fit for a King!

Please join Laurelee and Lynn as they welcome sweet little cub Clay to the family. Laurelee's house, 399 okaview rd, Friday September 4th, 1-3pm. This is intended to be a casual gathering of the clans. Grubs and a watering hole will be provided. Clay doesn't need much, just a snuggle, a good book or two or a few clothes (currently size 6 month plus) please RSVP as soon as you know.

None.

Kelowna is sadly lacking dog parks and off leash dog parks. Especially dog parks that have access to beachfront.

People that abuse them and do not pick up poo which leads to a negative image of dog owners.

So far they are all just big dirt squares. Fine, if you want to just let your dog loose to play. Not great for walking a dog.

People that don't train their pets or clean up after them

none

None

People not cleaning up. Also large breed males not fixed. Causes fear.

Potential for safety issues between dogs (dog fights)

none

There are already waaaaaaay too many dog parks. Too many owners don't control their pets! Too much money wasted on these areas when other items should be of more importance!

People abusing the "clean up after your pet" rules. All decent dog owners are repulsed by people who care too little to clean up after their animals.

Certain people who should be using them are not so why have them

Violent dogs attacking others

Some owners don't have great control of their dogs. I hate it when people bring their dogs that are in heat and they attempt to mount my little dog.

I really don't see any drawbacks at all. I live by a dog park and there's nothing negative about that. There's no dog poop on the street or anything else that some people consider negative about dogs and their owners.

There is always potential for aggression in dogs that have not been properly trained or handled, as well as owners who may not be properly informed about what it means to truly own a dog and the responsibility and accountability that comes with it. There could also be risks of disease, as well as people abusing the park by not cleaning up after their dog, or leaving them unattended.

Mis use

None

Owners that don't pick up after their dogs

None

Potential for aggressive dog attacks

Dog owner's don't keep them clean.

Untrained dogs off leash causing problems

Aggressive dogs starting fights

-Some owners bring their non-neutered or aggressive dogs which can cause trouble once unleashed.

Dog owners/ caregivers, not taking responsibility for the animal. Not removing feces. Owners acting as the current bylaws do not apply to them. Thinking that a dog has 'rights' as does a human. The human has rights. And one of them should be; not to be forced to accept dogs.

Area maintenance and up keep

Bordum

I don't

People who don't like dogs, or who are afraid of dogs are not going to like having a great deal of them in their neighbourhood. Also, people who live near a dog park may worry about careless dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs.

Most of these parks are not attractive. They are open fields rather than linear parks, trails or beaches. All of those are available in for example Calgary or Nanaimo. If linear parks would be available for off leash walking it would reduce the incidence of negative dog-dog interactions, which is a big concern when dogs are lumped together on a relatively small area (current fields designated as off leash parks) without an activity.

People allowing their dog to poop and not clean it up

Irresponsible owners who cannot or do not control their dogs when off-leash.

I don't see any

Irresponsible dog owners

Most dog owners are responsible and the negative effects should be negligible. The one drawback may be the noise of children and families playing with the dogs and the accompanying barking. But these are the sounds of being in a community.

The small percentage of owners that are not responsible for their dogs behavior or picking up after their dog

Owners, period. Some don't care about cleaning up after their dog/s. Some owners don't have control of their dog and it acts aggressively towards others. What breed is irrelevant, no dog should be aggressive toward other dogs or people.

I haven't seen any drawbacks from the dog parks that I have gone to.

The only problem would be owners who do not pick up after their dogs.

They are noisy and they smell, but if they are in the right location they are fine.

Unappealing places for the general public

unneutered male dogs causing issues

Sometimes, not very often rude, crude, and down right irresponsible dog owners don't understand the parks are for dogs to socialize and not attack other dogs.

Aggressive dogs. Irresponsible owners who don't pick up after their dogs, or allow their dogs to be aggressive or intimidating for both human and other dogs.

I don't see any drawbacks

if they are set up right they should be great

Poor dog owners and not Cleaning up after them or aggressive dog owners

Traffic of people coming and going.

Major drawback is that some dogs may not be as friendly as others

bark mulch. grass needed

lack of responsibility and control amongst some dog owners. You eventually learn which dogs and owners to avoid.

Irresponsible dog owners that refuse to pick up after their dog and also a concern with pet owners that do not have all the regular vet checks and ensuring up to date vaccines. I find that irresponsible dog owners pose a threat to responsible dog owners that do the properly manage their pet

pose a threat to responsible dog owners that do not properly manage their pet.

None

Some dogs that were not socialized properly attacking other dogs

Owner not cleaning up after their dogs, leaving a mess

dog shit

Owners see it as a place for their dogs to run without active "parents", this can be an issue with some dogs, therefore I believe forests, or trees breaking up the landscape, or two different sections for the dogs (small and large) and paths are better in this regard.

Aggressive dogs and people that refuse to on troll them

I don't. There r great.

none

According to the Dog Whisperer all dogs should be exercised before socialization. Problems can occur if dogs are not exercised, or are not immunized or neutered. The Ord Rd off leash dog park near Kamloops airport is about one acre square fenced and has park benches on all sides as well as shade trees along the edge and a water tap and pails near the entrance to prevent the people and dogs overheating in the summer. In the winter they put sawdust on the trail that goes around the edge. If it is not large enough or designed well enough, people will not show up. Dog owners naturally tend to monitor other dog owners who have aggressive dogs or who aren't responsible or not controlling their dogs.

Irresponsible dog-owners that don't pick up their dog's waste, and do not have their dog under their control. And a lack of by-law officers around for infractions.

Type of land and distance to travel

If existing parks are used it will mean less enjoyment of our park assets by the majority who are not dog owners.

nothing

people not picking up after their dogs

People that don't know how to control their dogs. They don't watch their dog and therefore don't pick up after them.

Designates some public space to a relatively small cross section of the community

I do not see any drawbacks as long as all of the dog owners follow the simple rules of picking up after their dog and to be able to manage their dog as well.

None. They are a great places for dogs and humans alike.

Irresponsible owners. le not cleaning up after their dog and/or not having control of their dog and its interaction with other dogs/people

Owners with dogs that are aggressive or not well trained. Owners that don't take dogs to off-leash parks and then don't properly watch them.

There are none.

Not many. Perhaps vehicle traffic and parking (unless there were more off leash parks!)

Too small. Bully dogs.

irresponsible owners

When other dogs are ill-behaved. I don't want your dog to growl and bark at my dog. And it sure as heck should NOT jump on my dog!

It pisses me off that these dog owners don't take any responsibility for their ill behaved idiot dogs. You can politely tell them, and they will go on about how it isn't their dogs fault. IDIOTS. Their dog isn't even insured.

Poorly controlled or aggressive dogs

The biggest problem I have is when they're not maintained regularly... And when enforcement for cleaning up after your dog isn't regular.

The owners that bring their aggressive dogs into the parks. I think that humane muzzles should be mandatory for everyone's safety. I've seen and had too many near encounters with aggressive dogs. I try to go to the dog park when it is not busy because of this.

Owners who don't clean up

none

Dog owners not picking up after their dog relieves itself which I find disgusting and gives all dog owners a bad reputation.

when people bring aggressive dogs that don't get along with other dogs

Non-dog owners can't enjoy the park.

Too many dog owners don't go by the rules. They let their dogs off-leash in many parks and they don't pick up the feces their pet leaves behind.

Some people don't supervise their dogs closely. I'm only ever concerned about this if it's prone to aggressiveness

Lack of poop scooping even though bags are provided.

Video surveillance would be good. ban anyone identified on a video or fine them

So would benches for the humans

Nothing as far as I'm concerned.

Dangerous dogs, owners who don't manage their dogs properly.

If they are properly maintained and owners take responsibility for their animals I don't see any drawbacks.

there should be segregated areas in them for small dogs or large dogs

Dangerous dogs and irresponsible owners

People who don't pay proper attention to their dogs/irresponsible owners

Nothing, just that they are limited

Dog fights if there is not enough areas to separate dog who may have potential problems (little dogs/big dogs or females/males who don't like other females/males) or if people don't pay attention to their dog.

No go area for people without dogs. Dog poop everywhere and animals running wild.

Parks are for people not dogs ---want a dog then look after yourself--waste of taxpayers money for a select few!

Those who do not follow the rules can unfortunately ruin it for all

Not much leeway or to run and with people who have mental health issues can take their dog off the leash

Noise, unsightliness and/or smell if dog owners do not pick up after their dog.

To many owners not paying attention to their dogs

None. We have a lot of unused park space in Kelowna, and even having smaller fenced off dog run areas where people with small yards could go throw a ball in their own communities. Right now you have to drive to one from basically everywhere.

Barking dogs bothering those who live nearby, irresponsible dog owners with aggressive dogs

Really restricts family activities in that park.

Many of them are in too tight of a space. not a lot of room for walking without interaction with other dogs. larger dog parks are a long drive away. don't really want to have to drive dog for exercise.

Owners not picking up after their dogs, the odd dog that likes to pick a fight with the others and owners not having that under control or knowing better.

Some people are obnoxious.

Too many city parks/lands/beaches allocated to dogs.

Irresponsible dog owners. And they are legion! Dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs or restrain their dogs from molesting or harassing other dogs or even other people. It is pointless and potentially dangerous to confront these people. Yet they ruin it for everyone else who uses the park. I stopped going to these parks because I got tired of cleaning my dog's feet and my own shoes before leaving them. What to do? Put cameras in dog parks and encourage people to report the offenders and then FINE them. Fund these initiatives through fines and licensing fees. Soon these people will go back to allowing their dogs to defile the neighbourhoods in which they live (which they do anyway) and leave the parks to the rest of us.

Poop everywhere. Dogs running aggressively at children or smaller people. Owners are generally rude.

Owners not picking up after their dog.

My biggest concern (in light of the nearly DAILY attacks and killings) would be pit bull dogs being allowed in the parks. While we do not have by-laws in place to prevent this, I strongly believe that they should only be allowed in ANY public areas if they are muzzled.

Our governments need to give grave consideration the safety of the public from these breeds.

People and dogs are being attacked and KILLED by these dogs who have been bred to kill.

Let's not wait for a fatality to occur before we take action to protect our kids, our dogs, our seniors, and citizens of every walk of life.

none

No drawbacks

Irresponsible owners not watching their dogs. From my experience, I have found that most people that take their dogs to off leash dog parks are committed and responsible dog owners.

Sometimes they are a little unsightly ie. fenced off.

There are none

The people who attend dog parks have not properly trained or socialized their dogs. Usually it's just a dangerous place to take a dog.

None

Some people bring aggressive dogs

none

People who do not clean up after there dogs , the smell of urine if the park is not sprayed down each night . The problem of not having an area big enough for the dogs to run and seating for people to chat while the dogs socialize.

None

None

None.

The offleash parks in Kelowna are mostly dirt. We need nice grassy areas for our dogs to play!

I dont see any.

It make a two class city. If you want it you should pay the full cost

There are risks of fights and injuries but this is rare and owners know about the risk when they go there

None

Occasionally some aggressive dogs, never sure on how everyone will get along

Some "problem" breeds should be banned.

Aggressive dogs and the spread of non-vaccinated dogs

People that don't like dogs, and politicians that pander to the vocal minority.

Sometimes aggressive dogs are there.

I do not, nor will I use dog parks because people do not pick up poop and there are too many aggressive dogs. I have a small dog, and a daughter who is 10. I do not use dog parks to avoid potential harm to both.

Irresponsible dog owners that let dogs that should not be off leash- off their leash which can cause major problems.

If there aren't enough off-leash parks, the grass can be destroyed (see H2O park), and too many dogs could cause noise issues.

There are 'some' bad dog owners where they do not clean up after their dog. I have seen it many times, especially along the Mission Park Greenway! It disgusts me as a responsible dog owner as I always take bags with me and clean up.

Some owners

They are usually too small and too far apart, and most have rather boring features (for both the dogs and their handlers).

Irresponsible owners

None

Idiot owners and loud mouth schnooks.

Dog owners are not responsible. le accountable for aggressive or cleaning up their own pets.

Aggressive dogs off leash

uncontrollable dogs can be problematic; urine, feces, unfriendly to other dogs and owners

Noise, parking

Owners who are unable or unwilling to control their dog.

Some people may bring a dog that is not ready for a dog park. Some people are overtly aggressive and put out a very scary demeanour if their dog is involved in a scuffle. A lot of people that take their dog to an off leash park do not pick up the poop. I accept this as fact because I take my dog to the park a lot. Therefore, picking up extra poop is an adequate payment for having the privilege of a dog park in the first place.

Humans don't seem to be considered:

It seems the fact that humans with and without kids (carriages), with and without mobility issues, are not taken into consideration when it comes to the dog parks. Every dog in those parks has to have at least 1 human with them...and they have the same needs as are provided in any other park. We've supplied chairs etc. as there really wasn't adequate seating in the dog parks (which is okay, and we can keep doing that but we're even limited by the city when some users wanted to buy proper park benches from the city and being turned down because space was limited in dog parks...WTF?).

Everyone not welcome:

Unfortunately those in wheelchairs, or with walkers, or who might be unsteady, face barriers being unable to get into parks because of soft or uneven ground (an effort to make some sort of level path into or around the park (thinking large dog area of Mission in particular where people like to walk the perimeter but can't if they have mobility issues or their wheelchairs get slogged down in wood chips/mud and can't proceed). I find it heartbreaking when I see a wheelchair bound person who hopes to let their service dog have some fun having to drive away or needing to have someone take their dog for them because they can not get their chairs into the park. Of all the dogs that need access, those ones need access. It would be so easy to offer access to all people not just the fit.

Basic needs not met:

Some consideration for the people is needed (eg. wind blocks, shaded areas - Mission has shade but Ritcher or some other parks don't which makes summer impossible some days...not to mention someplace to cool the dogs off on hot days like a small sprinkler even), lights for winter nights when it's too dark at 4 pm to bring dogs after work...the solar lights at Mission are basically useless given the amount of cloud in winter and only cover one small area of the park when they do work). It's a real safety issue during the winter to have the parks dark. I don't know many people who want to walk in dark areas of a dog park for fear of falling due to lack of visibility or because they are perfect spots for attacks (from creepy type humans). I don't know many communities that want large park areas dark enough for those creepy types to be hanging close to residential either. There needs to be safety/light.

Dog parks often appear as an afterthought/second class:

No thought to drainage, parking, regular park users (particularly in baseball season we risk our cars, dogs,

or kids being hit by over the fence balls; lack of parking/access as trailers and such take over the area). We have had way too many instances of being told to clear out by baseball folks who believe they have more rights than anyone else during tournaments and such. Last summer I personally witnessed 2 cars damaged (one smashed windshield and one dented body) in one day and the baseball players basically told the car owners to get lost. We've seen horses and kids on bikes narrowly being missed by baseballs flying over the fence at Mission's M1 field. Police have been called when the drinking has spilled into the parking areas and things get nasty. It's really dangerous and unpleasant to be on rouge-ball look out so dogs or people aren't hit while in the dog park at Mission. It's particularly annoying when you consider we are the supporters of the park all year round and the out of town teams come in and bully us. Never an issues with soccer or other users, everyone gets along, but overcrowding and too close proximity of baseball is a problem when the parking and space can't take the large number of users a tournament brings.

Weed/bug control:

We've noticed the city playing fields and parks are kept beautiful, yet the dog parks right beside are left to go with weeds, mud, no watering (or flooded during spring and then mosquito filled during summer). They seem to be second class areas, yet they are used by humans every day, all year, unlike the gorgeous grass playing fields which are very much seasonal. Dog owners are people and tax payers too, yet are not given the same regard when it comes to public parks simply because they have dogs? I will say that since RDCO took over things have improved a lot but they are dealing with pre-existing landscaping issues which need to be addressed when considering/planning dog parks. It's more than just needing a fence around an empty lot.

Perhaps grass is not the best option out there? Some other ground covers exist that don't grow quite as high or need as much maintenance and might work better to provide an answer to some of the heavy traffic of dogs/people and budget issues.

No bylaw presence:

The lack of bylaw presence to encourage people to follow the basic rules is a problem. The bad reputation dog parks have is often down to the bad behaviour of a very few users. Some folks seem to think it's a free-for-all with no regard to picking up poop, paying attention/having control of their dogs, or what having control of an aggressive dog means...and I don't mean barring them if they are trying to socialize and train, but some folks just don't get that if they aren't big/strong enough to pull their dog off when it needs it, they need to get some professional guidance or avoid the park. Sitting/walking while distracted texting/talking on the phone, or having their backs to what their dog is up to doesn't work when someone is in the park. Although other users do try to educate some folks, having bylaw around occasionally might encourage better behaviour from those who just aren't getting it. My guess is 90% of users are great, but it only takes a few to take the pleasure out of it and they are often the inexperienced who fear no consequences.

It might be nice to have the city supply bags to the parks as they do for the trails...one private citizen had been supplying all parks for a number of years but that is no longer the case. Some supply (as on the trails) would help.

Bad planning:

From previous experience in another city, the one thing that shut down one of the most popular parks was lack of parking. Communities won't tolerate traffic and overcrowding due to street parking by park users. This must be taken into consideration when planning parks.

It would also help if there were handicapped stalls near park entrances. At present I don't believe any of the parks have designated spots near enough to the gates for those of us with mobility issues and certainly there are none which reserve enough space for those who have wheelchairs to be assured they will be able to load and unload when they need to.

No negative

Most off-leash dog parks in Kelowna are very unattractive and provide little shade for dogs and their owners

Currently people do not clean up after their pets and bring aggressive dogs to a social environment

Lazy dog owners, dog fights, not picking up after their dogs and traffic in residential neighbourhood.

Dog owners are not always responsible for cleaning up after their animal

encourages more dog ownership, when we already have too many in the city.

Some dog owners do not pay attention to their dogs and are too busy having coffee/texting etc and miss when they should be picking up after their dogs

A drawback with designated off-leash dog parks is that there are not enough in Kelowna. It would be nice to have more options especially considering that so many people own dogs and enjoy taking them somewhere that they can run around and not have to worry about keeping them on-leash.

Some dog owners do not have control over their dogs and want to bully other dog owners when they are confronted. I see it all the time.

I don't see any, to be honest. It may not be the best environment for people who are physically impaired or very young children. But that has more to do with your own duty of care to yourself and others than the actual aspects of dog parks. The only negative impact of a designated off-leash dog park is that some owners don't think it's necessary to pick up their dogs' waste. I've mentioned this to neglectful owners personally, and carry extra bags with me at all times. More dog parks = less people exercising their dogs in school yards and large public space that is not designated or fenced in.

None

Irresponsible dog owners (once I was at the park and a lady brought her dog who was in heat) could lead to dangerous situations.

1. The size should be large enough to allow lots of space for dogs to be able to move around freely and not

be congested. A small area has the potential to lead to poor dog interaction.

2. For responsible dog owners who pick up after their dogs, it is frustrating to see others not do so.

None

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Owners that show up for their coffee klatch and don't supervise their dog's behavior as well as those that still believe the bylaws (such as cleaning up after) does not apply to them.

none

we need dog parks were there is no dog toys allowed dog fight over balls and frezbies

Can't think of any drawbacks.

if they are not fenced, owners would not be picking after their dogs. Like the on leash park beside my home, no matter what dog owners state, the majority of the walkers do not clean up their dog's mess. Locating a dog park in a residential neighbourhood would reduce property values on the surrounding lots. Even a dog owner would be wary of purchasing close by as they know first hand how inconsiderate dog owners can be when it comes to picking up after a dog's bathroom break.

None, more are needed. IF you don't like dogs, don't go

none

Irresponsible owners who think their aggressive dogs can do no wrong, harming other dogs.

The only drawback would be not having a designated off leash area for small dogs only.

Some people use these areas to socialize dogs with aggressive behaviours and can't control their dogs. This is relatively rare though.

None

Injuries to dogs because of small dogs and big dogs having to share the same space, dealing with untrained, rude, or aggressive dogs in the park

Negative draw back is dog owners don't seem to use them. They are too lazy to take their dog there and prefer to use local school grounds.

They complain that their tiny poor precious dog gets beaten up at the dog parks, and they pay taxes ad don't gave children so should use be able to use the school grounds for their dog to GP to the bathroom on.

None

Uneducated owners unleashing untrained dogs can result in dog fights, and strained personal relations

between owners.

This type of exercise is not always the best for the dogs without good supervision by the owners. It can be seen to encourage a pack mentality when they all run free.

None

1. Kelowna has horrible, depressing off leash parks that you have to go out of your way to get to. nothing inviting or stimulating for the dogs or the dog guardians. I've seen balcony's that are bigger and nicer than some of these dog parks.

2. Just like non-dog park areas, bad dog owners bring their unlucky dogs to these parks

None

None

could possibly restrict non-dog people from comfortably enjoying that park

Dogs help owners create community networks/culture through common ground. Outside of owners not cleaning up, there are no draw backs to liberal dog policies.

Only those one or two people that ruin it for the rest of us

Poor set up, lack of up keep and no benches

Wood Chips in the dog parks. It should be grass.

Level of cleanliness. Some people don't pick up after their dogs.

Also owners do not deal with poor behaviours by their dogs. They simply allow their dog to attack and not do Anything about it.

They are over crowded.

People who do not have control over there dogs that results in negative outcomes

Good people beaches are already crowded. Families with children can't be 100% comfortable sharing a park with off leash dogs

Other "not friendly" dogs

The only drawback I've found is that not everyone is responsible. Small children running and screaming and charging at dogs in the park is all too often a sight many of us see. When somebody brings a small child in like that, you can watch the mass exodus of almost all of the dog owners leashing and leaving immediately.

Lack of volunteers to help maintain off-leash parks

Dog owners who fail to clean up after their dogs as they hopefully do on their own property

I see no drawbacks to off leash dog parks

Kids run to dogs and dogs run to kids which equals a stressful disaster!! Not to mention my little children

often step in dog poop! Kids should have more rights to parks than dogs!! If I see an off leash park I avoid it all costs. Dogs do not belong in parks or beaches where children play on the grass And sand and don't watch for dogs or there poop.

See above.

Keep it clean

Dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs or bring in dogs that are not socialized and can be a threat to other dogs. A blocked off area for smaller dogs would be essential.

None as long as the majority of parks are left as dog free or dog on leashes only

none

People not paying attention to there dogs.

Cats don't usually attend ;)

I don't see many drawbacks. The positive benefits outweighs any significant negative impact.

the dog owner people get far too much great beaches and parks given to them. Its time people took back the land - the dog issue is just ridiculous. Beaches, trails and prime land is not for walking your dog its for the people and taxpayers to enjoy. Dog parks are a necessity but should be located in a spot that no one e;lse wants to go to such as the land by the city of kelowna dump. Therefore if I do not own a dog i do not have to go there-they do not get a beach.

Cleanliness. Owners not watching their dogs and not picking up after them.

Dog parks (like public spaces for humans) can be breeding grounds for illnesses.

Unfortunately, there are also pet owners who bring dogs who have not been properly socialized to off-leash parks. This can create problems.

Off leash dog parks negate the property being used for much else (like picnics or sports) because of irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up dog poop.

People with untrained and/or aggressive animals.

Irresponsible dog owners. Owners that don't pick up after their dogs. Dogs brought to the park that are not up to date on their immunizations and/or sick. Owners who bring their dog to the park to play knowing that their dogs Behavior is unpredictable around other people, kids and dogs. This causing dogfights or someone to get bit. If your dog is brought to a off leash dog park it should be well socialized with other dogs and not brought there if it's Know to cause issues. Owners and their dogs should be able to relax enough leash dog parks and have fun not worried someone's going to bring their dog knowing that it will cause trouble.

We need a dog beach

Off-leash parks are often small and restrictive, not to mention limited, and therefore are often over-populated. Also, as this is often the only place a dog has the ability to socialize and run freely, there is often feelings of over-excitedness and dogs often engage in normal pack behaviour. While this is not an issue to most educated dog owners, it breeds the perception that dogs are inherently aggressive or dangerous, breeding the restrictive nature of our community towards dogs. Also, dog parks are not exactly appealing, as there is nothing for the owner to do. Dog parks need to be bigger, and need to include areas where the owners can also engage in activity (like hiking trails). This will allow more people to engage with their dogs and the dogs of others in real, fun, and interactive ways, and promote a healthier perception of both parties.

Often put in undesirable land use areas (i.e., areas prone to flood, far from city, by the landfill). I would see the main drawbacks/impacts as i) smell (smell likely doesn't travel far, but the Mission dog park stinks), ii) lack of vegetation/beautification (generally since there is little maintenance and high usage), iii) traffic. Depending where the park is, there can be dog-other conflict (other being people, wildlife, etc.)

Not being taken care of

Dogs that can't socialize in groups putting others at risk

None

Dogs who are aggressive in nature

we have a small dog and require a small dog type park.

People who don't have control over their dogs or who mix little yappy dogs in with the larger dogs. Larger dogs may not start a fight but they can finish it

the only negaitive impact I see is possibly dog fights.

None

I don't see an issue with the parks themselves, however it is difficult when owners are not educated on reading canine behaviour and are not familiar with appropriate ways to introduce dogs. Unfortunately that cannot be regulated

none

I prefer parks like the one on Bernard that has spaces for off leash and regular park. That way you can enjoy the park no matter what you are there for.

lack of swimming, lack of maintaining over growing weeds and increased dog attacks from aggressive/unsocialized dogs. Irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs.

Potential for conflict between dogs.

People leaving dog poop behind.

Irresponsible dog owners who don't follow the rules (which are clearly displayed upon entry to off leash parks).

Nothing. Non dog owners should be happy space has been designated as such.

agressive dogs

1. The only beach access park does not work for small dogs because most of the beach access the water level is over their heads.
2. Should you decide to go into the water the rocky access is extremely difficult to navigate especially if you have mobility issues.
3. Only those very few local residents can access it by walking the reminder of users must make a significant drive and pray you have selected a time that is too popular as parking is very limited.
4. Still are some owners who are not picking up after their dog.

Mostly poorly controlled dogs ruining the times of other visitors. I feel the impact of the park itself to its surroundings are minimal, having lived near some in the past at other locations. It is little trouble to take a small section of a larger park and dedicate it to dogs. The majority of owners are well-meaning.

None

Owners who won't or don't know how to handle their dog

Owners of Aggressive dogs allowing their dogs to attack other dogs.

Dogs might get hurt while roughhousing with other dogs

Bad dogs..Bad owners...some Owners do not train their dog properly..ie to come when called ...Also certain breeds like pit bulls can be bullys..especially with a bad owner

Irresponsible dog owners. Always just one open space instead of a couple separate fenced areas so say small dogs aren't frightened by the big dogs.

I do not see any drawback or negative impacts.

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Irresponsible dog owners not controlling their pets.

Breeds like pit bulls and Doberman's attacking smaller dogs

Breeds like pit bulls and Doberman's attacking other pet owners

Breeds like pit bulls and Doberman's attacking unsuspecting children

There are none. Responsible pet owners get on the non-responsible pet owners. Let them manage themselves like parents manage their children at the play ground.

Dogs that are not trained intimidating smaller dogs. This can be alleviated by a larger area being available as opposed to a small fenced area.

Some noise from barking. Increased local traffic and need for parking.

None

none

None

Irresponsible dog owners and aggressive dogs. Unfortunately there will always be a few bad apples in the bunch no matter what due to human nature. It's not the dogs it's the owners.

They tend to be muddy or icy in the winter and are somewhat barren due to the costs associated with to maintenance of a more landscaped space.

Not all dogs are have the right temperament be at the dog park.

Obscure places

When owners don't have control of their pet. Aggressive dogs should not be in dog parks

vicious - aggressive dogs should not be allowed in off leash parks like pitbulls, rotties, etc.

The occasional dog fight, perhaps having areas for small and big dogs would help?

People who don't have control of their dogs.

None at this time

Owners who don't clean up after their pets

Not sure if I see negative impact as now many people use non off-leash parks to allow dogs to run free.

They are hardly maintained

There are not enough of them

Blanking out...

2 small?

None

only the nimby

People not cleaning up after dogs.

Drawbacks are people who bring their un-trained dogs to the parks and just let them roam free bothering all the other dogs because they have no training. Dogs that do not listen to their owners when they call them.

there are too few of them so the concentration of dogs and the erosion of the ground from over use tends to make them not very attractive

To much dog crap

Aggressive dogs, people not cleaning up after their dogs, and muddy trails from overuse. However these are negatives within all parks within the city

people need to be more active in picking up there dogs poop. but thats in every park wether it's an off leash or on leash park.

Inattentive owners

Careless owners not cleaning up after their animals and poorly socialized dogs could be a threat to other dogs.

Dogs attacking other dogs

None, love them

It is a place that pet owners can take their animals and allow them to defecate in an area and not clean it up that is not a residential neighborhood or park.

No draw backs what so ever. The more the merrier.

Too many aggressive dogs, too many owners not paying attention to their dogs

Crowded due to lack of choice currently

None

None. However, the parks now are too small. We need off leash hiking trails which will allow people to walk and enhance their health and well being. A dog is a prescription to better health as it forces you to walk and exercise.

None

There may be upset from people living by the park of barking. Tourists may complain if they find out on of their favorite beaches is now a dog par.... BOTH avoidable if the park is placed in the correct area.

Interactions between conflicting dogs and between dogs and humans.

The negatives are two-fold. Firstly there are a few irresponsible owners that will fail to pick up after their pooch or that will have aggressive dogs that should not be off-leash out in public ever. Secondly, the regulations are too strict, and unless there is a specific requirement, all parks should allow off-leash dogs.

None other than people who don't clean up after their dog.

Owners who do not understand that even though their animal is off-leash, that the animal is still in your care and must be supervised at ALL times.

owners themselves. Not cleaning up behind the dogs.

people that only bring there dog or dogs to the park and let them run free with no disaplent.there are owners that dont train there dogs to be nice to other dogs.

None,other then most of our dog parks are poorly maintained, eg. Enterprize park , fenced in area is not fully fenced,airport park is all dead growth .one beach park lol.we cant walk our dogs at any park close to our home ,walking our dogs means drving some where,really the beach park is a good drive away , enterprize means crossing hwy 97,rutland dog park is a fair walk away

Despite the advantage of sanctioned freedom areas, irresponsible owners and dogs can still be encountered. We prefer to walk our dog leashed and hope all others do the same.

I don't really see any negative impacts of dog parks. I hate it when people don't pick up after their dogs so I guess stepping in poop but as far as the community goes I think anything that brings us together is a good thing.

??? nothing

none - provided the dogs that use the park are properly trained and not aggressive

none

I have observed people bringing aggressive dogs to the off leash area. I have seen a couple of incidents where one dog attacked another dog causing injury, and there were small children within a few feet of the incident. I worry about other persons, myself or my dogs being injured by an aggressive dog.

None

People that don't pick up after their dog is a big drawback, would you leave it in you own yard like that?

nothing unless your an animal hater - why should anyone that hates dogs or doesn't own a dog even have a say if they obviously won't be going t those parks anyways

I've seen some negligent dog owners drop off their dogs in unleashed dog parks and drive away. For good dog owners, I don't see drawbacks. Well exercised dogs also mean less aggressive dogs, which is better for the public.

People taking thier aggressive dogs there, so other dogs get attacked. People not picking up after thier dogs.

If it's too small then it can only be for smaller dogs.

The most negative impact is not with the dogs but with irresponsible dog owners who don't pick up after

The most negative impact is not with the dogs but with irresponsible dog owners, who don't pick up after their dogs and have no control over them.

Limited numbers available, location

A very small number of dog owners do not have control over their dogs, which can cause issues

As long as they are not taking up room that would otherwise be used by people.

Owners who take their dogs to the parks because they think that they do not have to look after their dogs while in the park. People must remember that any dogs in these parks must have no aggression. People need to know their dogs in social settings. Quite often ball, toys, sticks can bring out aggressive behaviour in some dogs. The owners must be aware of this and ready to react accordingly. I would like to see dog training made an important affordable option for every dog owner.

Misbehaved dogs, ugly scenery at dog parks,

There are very few of them. There is never enough parking for all the users who are trying to use the park. (There are 4 spots at the Ellison dog park in the winter because the other parking lot gets cordoned off)

The fencing, benches often look to be in poor repair. On doesn't get the impression the city/rdco "cares".

People do not supervise their pets e.g. cleanup

None

People bringing their dogs who are aggressive, or play rougher than the typical dog, poor maintenance.

Just people not picking up after their dogs.

none.

People not cleaning up after their dogs.

None

I don't see any draw-backs - if people know an area is designated as off-leash, they can choose to be there or not. I feel it is very important though to have separate small & large dog areas. Small dogs can be easily hurt by large dogs at play and if there is ever an issue between 2 dogs (usually unpredictable), a small dog could be severely injured (or worse) by a large dog in an instant.

occasional dog fights and dog-do

Potential dog fights, noise, and of course dog doo

With 85 dog parks in Kelowna why do we need any more of them? They use up enough of our green space as it is.

We pay tax dollars toward these things to be maintained, I pay registration fees for my dog every year and they don't even provide bags to pick up the poo. About 90% of the times I go to the dog parks, the bag holders are empty.

None

None

Some people don't clean up.

the late night drug usage, find needles in the parks in the morning (especially summer months)

They are limited to dog owners and their pets.

The main downside is that the space really can only be used by dog owners. So it's public space that excludes non-dog owners. However, this might be a plus since it allows non-dog owners to also have public spaces where dogs are not allowed.

It makes it feel like dogs are not welcome in other parks.

I don't see any negatives in having an adequate number of suitable off leash dog parks

none

People abusing them, not cleaning up after their pet, or not having proper control over their dog.

Specifically regarding the dry dog parks - I find the owners who frequent them to be quite lazy about exercising their pets, and themselves. What happens is the parks get really dirty with dog waste. The parks are also not well taken care of, so within a short period of time, they are mud pits. I'm not a fan of the off leash "play pens" (and honestly, neither is our dog). I wish more of our forest parks could have designated trails where dogs are allowed off leash.

Absolutely none. We've been this for our kids for along time. As long the dog is trained and obedient it shouldn't be a problem.

People should help with the poop problem.

The only drawback, not all dog owners are as responsible as other and maintenance and cleanliness sometimes can be an issue

None

None, if they are in appropriate areas, there is so much unused land in the black mountain, kirschner area...put a dog park there and it will be well used.

.would not want to live next to one. The smell of dog feces would be unbearable

I no longer use a dog park as my dog is small and the big dogs get too rambunctious and rough. I've been

No longer use a dog park as my dog is small and the big dogs get too rambunctious and rough. I've been jumped on by a big dog and so has my dog. My dog could have been hurt. He was rolled in the dirt and the dirt had oil of some kind in it that wouldn't wash out. My dog is white and had recently been to the groomer, which is an expense, so I didn't appreciate that at all. In spring the dog parks are a muddy mess so I wouldn't go then either. I resent having to drive to a dog park when there is a small park at the end of my street where dogs are not allowed. That makes no sense to me!

There are sectors of the community with a strong bias against dogs and dog owners who will complain heartily about space they probably don't use, or use minimally being designated as off leash dog space. Strong emphasis should be placed on educating the public that off leash dog space remains a fraction of the usable public space in Kelowna.

The possibility of dogs being denied access to any other public places or events. We need more freedom to take our pets to more than just a dog park.

I don't really think there are any? There are lots of parks in Kelowna for on-leash dogs and for people, but not very many off-leash ones where dogs can run wild and free!

People bringing aggressive dogs, not picking up after their dogs when they poo.

People who bring dogs that are not friendly or people who can't control their dogs off leash and cause issues. I have witnessed this before and it is upsetting but the majority of times we are at off leash parks there aren't any issues. The good has outweighed the negative for us and we frequent the off leash parks weekly.

None

Makes Kelowna a unfriendly dog place to live. Dogs get frustrated, just like human beings do, if they are not allowed to enjoy an hour of their play time.

Honestly, as a large breed dog owner, The problem I encounter all the time is owners with small dogs. They bring their dog and let them go and don't pay attention to them because they are SMALL and CUTE!! These dogs tend to go up and start barking and getting aggressive with larger dogs. Yes, you can say that this is natural, instinctive even. However, as it has happened so many times, the larger dog growls back at the smaller dog. Instantly the small dogs owner starts calling the larger dog aggressive or vicious!!! And unfortunately, it seems that is what is believed most of the time, because the dog is BIG. Because the majority of small dog owners don't/can't see that what their dogs are doing is a problem/bad. I will not be going to a dog park anytime soon.

Nothing

none

It makes the park unusable by those who don't want to be surrounded by dogs and their poop. It would be OK if all dogs were well trained and all dog owners were responsible, but unfortunately, they're in the

minority. Unless attitudes change, fenced in areas is the only viable option.

Apparently we need an aggressive, engaging campaign to "encourage" picking up after your pet. I'm disappointed in the appalling amount of unscooped poop at my local (Hartman Rd) park. How about an incentive to "Always Take Two" ... meaning always take 2 poop bags when leaving home with your pooch... also meaning always take 2 looks at your pup in the park. Many deposits are left in the field while owners chat or check devices...take your 2 eyes off'a that and ON2 your poodle 😊

Stupid people or aggressive dogs. But I have never accounted this in Kelowna, all the dog park goers are seemingly on the same page and very respectful.

aggressive dogs may be out of control

1. Unfortunately a lot of Dog Owners fail to clean-up after their pets.
2. Unfortunately, some pet owners do not pay attention to their dogs nor do they take time to train their dogs adequately to be off-leash without attention. (This is not to say they are aggressive, but usually they are not obedient enough to be called off when another dog -- or another Owner -- might have "had enough attention" from their dog...)

I don't see any negatives with off-leash dog parks, if we don't have them, people are going to take their dogs somewhere else off-leash, and thats where the problems arise.

Dog owners that do not take responsibility for their dogs actions if they are out of control.

It's important to ensure that barking dogs don't disturb residents that live nearby. Parking could also be an issue.

- 1) opportunity cost as the area can't be used for any other purposes
- 2) maintenance cost - fencing, water, tables, bags etc

Valuable land used for frivolous use, sanitation reduced

how crowded they are,
the unsupportive neighbourhood that could lead to poisoned treats and water bowls like ive seen in the past

Right now, the design of dogs parks simply doesn't work. Many people just let their dogs run while they stand in one place. This leads to packs of dogs milling about and this can lead fights and a host of problems. Parks should be designed in such a way that people and their dogs are walking circuits. When a dog owner and their dog keep moving, dogs are getting exercise and interacting with their environment. Dogs have less pent up anxiety because they can move and this leads to a better and safer environment for dogs to socialize. Another negative about dog parks is a lot of people think the rules are not for them. I think dog parks should also not be one big field, rather, the parks should have at least two separate exercise areas for dogs that are fearful or don't mix well with other dogs. And in addition to separate exercise areas, there should be a park monitor available to make sure that dog owners keep control of their dog, pick-up after

their dog and be aware of all the park rules.

people who do not have socialized dogs do not do well

dog fights

We have to be sure the other dogs are not sick, but most dog-owners who take their dogs to an off-leash park are caring, responsible owners. Our dog is little, and all parks have a barrier between the large breeds and the small breeds, which is a good thing.

One park on Lake Okanagan is no longer suitable for kayakers

Not being maintained or being creative should create a park where there is a activity course for the dogs to go through so regular folks can train there dogs there

People who bring their dogs and leave them on leash since the to my want their dog playing with other dogs ! If you don't want to have your dog play then don't bring them

I really don't see any negative impacts, assuming all of the owners are picking up after their pets, which I know is not always the case, but all in all I think a good 98% plus do.

some of the existing dog parks are too small for the number of dogs that are taken there and that can cause conflict. If the parks have to be small neighbourhood centered ones then there needs to be more so that barking and traffic are reduced.

Dogs will wreck any existing landscaped park by tearing up the turf and plantings.

Dogs off-leash will exclude anyone else from using the park - who wants to be in a park with pit bulls running around off-leash?

The vast majority of dog owners will not use dedicated off-leash dogs parks. Part of the problem is poor by-law enforcement; I see dogs off-leash every hour of every day in Sutherland Bay Park (not an off-leash park), and no by-law enforcement.

None what so ever....

None

Owners not being responsible.

Pet owners disrespecting the rulings:

1. so very many refuse to poop scoop
2. not controlling aggressive dogs
3. leaving trash and cigarette butts randomly throughout the park

When people that have aggressive dogs and can't control them come and sometimes attacks or fights do break out - this is down to owners. Maybe if we were charged a small fee to use the park this might deter bad dog owners.

not enough over-use muddy area

not enough. over use, muddy ect

I really fail to understand how there could be any negative impact, as long as it's a fenced area. The only negative thing would be, I think, is if a person who disliked dogs was forced to walk through them in an off leash setting, such as a dog beach- but if the area is designated and fenced, that wouldn't be a problem.

Most off-leash dog parks don't have enough water for the dogs.

individuals not cleaning up after their dogs

- PET OWNERS WHO DON'T PICK UP AFTER THEIR PETS, MAKES FOR A GROSS PARK
- PET OWNERS THAT CAN'T CONTROL THEIR PETS, THEY CAUSE PROBLEMS IN PARKS
- PET OWNERS WHO DON'T WATCH THEIR PETS FOR GOOD/BAD BEHAVIOR
- KIDS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN DOG PARKS AS DOGS CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE SO I DON'T FEEL ITS SAFE FOR SMALL CHILDREN.

Very few drawbacks. They may be a bit noisy at times (but mostly they are quiet). They might annoy neighbours who dislike dogs. At peak times, there may be more traffic than desirable (but this is only for very limited hours on weekends).

Some dogs are very unfriendly and aggressive to other dogs and even humans. Some owners continue to bring their aggressive dogs to the parks even when warned numerous times.

Maintenance of the grounds; some parks are very popular which puts a great deal of pressure on the grass/ground. Some are not large enough given their popularity. Access to drinking water can be a problem at some.

People that do not keep track of their dog, bring an aggressive dog and let it bite, people that do not pick up after their dog. When dogs do get a bit rough, some owners will not call their dog and that's what makes the aggression turn worse

Dog poop and more dog poop and more dog poop..... Extra cost to the city and tax payers.

Lack of off-leash parks in Kelowna.

Aggressive dogs. But, most owners that understand their dog isn't as sociable have them on a muzzle.

Dog fights. Possible aggressive dogs. People who don't Clean up after dogs

Increased liability for owners and personal or property damage to the public

non enforcement of by-laws and regulations

Size of them is typically small, clustered, boring and unkept. (poor lighting, drainage issues, access issues)

dog aggression - seems more noticeable at smaller off leash parks

Potential for vicious dogs to attack others.

The existing parks seem to be too small. In some cases there is no grass able to grow because of high traffic. These areas do not need to be mowed regularly like other parks, but need to have some ground cover.

I really don't see any draw back from off leash parks, as long as the users are responsible.

They may encroach on public park and beaches

the parks require a significant amount of space which is often not very pretty to look at. I assume this is due to the city not wanting to put funds into landscaping/trees if dogs may be heavily using the area. I can understand that such unkempt open spaces may not be desired by those living in the immediate area.

i don't see any

Waste of land, dog owners should buy their own land, it's not fair to none dog owners & there are always irresponsible owners

-uncontrolled animals running about
-dog poop and urine

Depending on the area, traffic or parking congestion.

I don't believe there are any drawbacks or negative impacts.

Tax increase.

If you bring your dog to a public dog park you have to realize its just that, public , a place for dogs to socialize and play with each other, you can not expect other dogs not to come near your dog or take your dogs ball or toy.. people have to realize these are parks for our animals to have fun..
Dog fights will happen, they are animals
people argue over their dogs

none

I think that dogs that are considered a dangerous breed should not be allowed at off leash parks. They should have the parks divided into 2 so small dogs have one area and large dogs another area.

Don't see any but people should be fined if not following rules of courtesy

They're too small and boring for both dogs and humans

dog poop not picked up by owners. muddy areas from overuse in wet weather where grass doesn't grow back.

might be nice to adjoin dog park with a playground or another aspect of a park, and have some sort of fence separating.

None! Unless the owner is a dope then they should not have a dog! Probably they should be screened for licensing eh!

Dog fights and danger to the public. More unnecessary noise from barking

Not a thing.

They are a bit of an eyesore.

The only negative I have is the off leash park in the mission, it has a beach. We took our dog there, it was full of dog poop....not picked up. It smelled horrible. This is owners fault, not dogs. Wouldn't go there again.

Can't think of any

Dog fights would be my main issue.

If not fenced and its in a park where people can also go dog shit that is not picked up and we know that happens people who are afraid of dogs with nt be able to access that particluar park barking all the time

People who don't pay attention to their dogs or pick up after their dogs.

nothing

None

owners who don't have well trained pets, that become a problem

possible conflicts with aggressive dogs.

ESCURATING PROPERTY TAX. WE ARE TAX POOR.

Some people are NOT dog people. And they get frustrated by those who enjoy dogs. I can't really see a draw back as the off-leash dog parks can be beautiful parks as well.

1. Land cost
2. Cost to control and administer.

Possibly noise or traffic for surrounding neighborhoods.

Area is not large enough so ground gets chewed up. Dog fountains need to be installed.

Only drawback is Agressive dogs in the park.

The negative impacts could include that aggressive dogs may not be allowed in the dog park because of their behavior or if a dog were to attack another dog it would be a negative impact to both the owners.

None!!!!

not all owners have control of their pets

None, except for the people that bring aggressive dogs to the off leash parks; but this could happen anywhere in town.

none.

Dogs that have not been properly trained or socialized, and irresponsible dog owners.

Large dogs

Irresponsible owners

Aggressive dogs who have not been socialized

Dog/dog confrontations with owners who have their head up their ass insofar as gosh not my dog is the problem

None

generally dogs are healthy if my dog was not well I would not take him to a dog park nor would a good owner of a dog . People do have common sense believe it or not . Give the animals a break they deserve a good life to

Cheers

Not much select. The dog beach is far away. The Enterprise one is open to the swamp and dogs can get in there. The H2O one is great. The Glenmore one is not good for small dogs, my dog could slip out under the gate and ran out on the highway. The Richter one is good but no shade on hot days and no lights at night.

Ignorant owners might let the their dogs run wild, spoiling it for everyone.

no bylaw and accountability

Irresponsible/egotistical owners letting dogs run loose while not paying attention. A dog park is not a day care for your pet. Thus causing other dogs and owners problems. Example behavior issues. Ceasar Milan said it dog parks arnt good.

N/A

None.

There are few other than the odd skirmish between dogs and people who mostly aren't minding their dogs and are too distracted doing other things when they should be paying attention to their dogs. These incidents are few compared to huge number of daily visits the parks get and the number of benefits.

None

None

Traffic to get to the parks as there isn't one in every neighbourhood -- if there was, the other ones wouldn't be as busy either.

None. They are a critical part of our community and my personal outdoor and exercise time. They are fundamental to healthy communities.

In a hot city, nothing close to water without driving long distance. No water source in the park for drinking in hot summer months.

Smell & state- they can turn into stinky mud pits when ppl don't pick up

opportunity cost of the land I guess

There is not enough dog parks within this vicinity with grass fields. Dogs enjoy running and walking on grasses. It should be essential to provide sufficient green off leash area for dogs. The importance is having the owners cleaning up after their pet's business.

Nothing. Anything to get people outside and moving is good.

People with aggressive breeds

(Not just pit bulls and staffys) but the dog owners that have NO concept of proper dog behavior/etiquette at the off leash dog parks. I think there should be a large sign to the point clear facts of rules to enter. And we (owners who have obedient well mannered dogs) should have a direct number to call (with someone to have a quick response to) in case of an out of hand or dangerous situation arises.

Not sure.

I can't think of a single negative.

Chance of dog fights.

Less parks for others who do not have dogs

Should we not take these green spaces & be a little more creative such as incorporating garden plots amongst areas to sit & enjoy nature ?

Many designated dog parks are small and too confined so the soil gets turned up and muddy. Need more naturalized areas where you can hike and have access to water such as along Mission Creek. Not enough off leash dog parks that you can walk to.

People who don't clean up after their dogs, or are not there for their dogs they are there for social hour and let their dogs run around without supervision. It then in turn causes dog fights.

People who do not keep an eye on their dog and leave a mess. Increase the fine

Nothing for my point of view.

The off-leash parks are too far removed from residential neighborhoods and result in long drives to get there and lack of use. Every off-leash park should have a sectioned off area for small dogs. The City does not allocate any funds to maintain dog parks.

I think to have a dog park you need to have a large plot of land which is not always available. And it needs to have trees and access to water to be natural and pleasant.

People who have untrained pitbulls and other known dangerous breeds.

1. Irresponsible guardians don't properly socialize their dogs before visiting (or they think the dog park is a good place to socialize their shy dog - which is a bad idea)
2. Irresponsible guardians do not clean up after their dogs.

None.

misbehaved dogs

Can be messy but we are all prepared for that. Can be aggressive dogs but most of the time they are on a leash if that's the case.

Loose dogs running deer. The upper portion of Dilworth Park accessed from the walkway at 2145 Chilcote Crescent is a mule deer grazing and 'birthing' area. There are no signs on the walkway the same as the lower part of the park . . . dogs on leash, no smoking and park hours. We have seen three injured deer in two years. One had to be destroyed by Conservation Officers on our property. Probably the result of dogs running deer. Yes, there are too many deer but death by dog is not a very humane idea.

N/A

Fewer parks for the rest of the population

None

Cars coming and going constantly. If there were many more of these parks, it would be easier to walk to them and cars would be spread over more parks. I think what is crazy is people having to DRIVE their pets to safe areas to walk or exercise their dogs. Also. Driving to the lake to let your dog swim makes me crazy. The parking is very limited unless you get there early. This indicates that there are many people who need this type of park and can't get to it because they have no place to park their CAR.

Owners that bring aggressive dogs

None.

I don't see many, however I have noticed that smaller fenced in dog parks seem to end up smellier and full of poop. Build a beautiful large dog park and people will respect the space and its beauty.

People don't pick up after their dogs

I do not see any drawbacks, other than the small cost to the city to create and maintain the park in usable condition.

Meeting up with the unknown either another dog or person. A vicious dog or a person who is afraid of dogs. You don't have control of your own dog.

Dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs.

Dog owner doesn't keep "control" of their dog and the possibility of "poisoned" foods being left about as has happened in the past

There are a few owners who do not pick up after their dogs or control their dog, however in my experience this is rare.

None

I cannot think of any negative impacts of having designated off-leash dog parks.

Possible noise complaints depending on location.

Owners and dogs that shouldn't be at the dog park (aggressive dogs, inattentive owners)

The ONLY negative impact is that there seems to be no enforcement in Kelowna to make it known that it is not tolerated to not license your dog and to not pick up after your dog.

In addition to the nude sunbathers who continue to use Cedar Creek dog park to do their sun worshipping in the buff despite families and children frequenting this park with their dogs.

None really

dog/ animal owners that do not heed the laws about dog care and control.

Owners that don't poop and scoop, but generally, they are few and far between.

Can't think of any - just that I wish there were more.

The possibility of untrained/unsocialized dogs there.

The people continue to be respectful and pick up after their dogs and don't bring vicious dogs to the parks.

Irresponsible owners who don't pick up after their dogs, and people who own dogs and don't understand them, resulting in altercations. This includes aggressive small dogs who often instigate problems.

None of them have a place for dogs to swim

Absolutely none

Can think of nothing negative, except maybe a bit of mud at certain times. No big complaints.

None

Nothing.

Danger to wildlife, primarily birds, and vegetation. Some people are afraid of certain dogs and would not want to visit. Cost of fencing. Fencing creates wildlife migration barrier.

The negative drawbacks are that they are often located on the outskirts of town and long drive to get there. The sites are too small so that many dogs are lumped together. A square bit of land does not make a good off leash park. It needs to be long and with varied topography. All users must pick up and this should be monitored. Heavy fines for those who leave dog poop on the ground at any time of year. Some people seem to think that dog poop vanishes in the snow!!

I do not see a drawback.

People have to use sense deciding if their dog will interact well with other dogs. People MUST clean up after their dogs or it is a disgusting mess at the parks

There are TOO FEW of them. In some there is NO protection from the sun, rain or ? The ground cover is terrible! wood chips make for slivers in the dogs paws, wood chips freeze in winter and make for damaged paws

I see none.

Owners not cleaning up after their dogs.

sometimes people who shouldn't be there, are there ie: people with disabled dogs, people who keep thier dogs on a leash inside the park, people who bring treats

None

Occasionally there are people who don't pick up after their dogs but some of us will do it in order to keep the park clean. I have seen people mention to those who don't pick up that it is mandatory and these people have cooperated. I am concerned from time to time about over-crowded conditions at the park I visit, but more from a position of comfort rather than safety. Also the park is on low ground and gets very soggy in winter and spring. It would be nice to have drier space. I note that the playing fields around CNC are used much less use than the dog park for the amount of area specified for dogs and their families. It would be nice for the city to acknowledge that the parks are not just for dogs, but for their families to enjoy.

It's been said before, but irresponsible dog owners ruin it for everyone else. The obvious annoyance is dog poop. I always clean up after my dog, but clearly there are a lot of other people who view the dog parks as a convenient canine toilet. It disgusts me and I worry that their lack of consideration will result in all of us losing the right to use these parks with our dogs. With the recent warmer weather and the snow melting, I've been dismayed and disgusted to see piles and piles of dog poop revealed in the parks, both on- and off-leash.

One suggestion that may help is having more disposal bins available. While it's no excuse, some people complain that they don't want to walk along with a bag of poop. So they either don't pick up at all, or they drop the bag on the ground. If there were more bins available (in on-leash areas as well as off-leash), it could help.

Unfortunately, there are some more serious issues than dog poop. Several times, my dog has been surrounded and victimized by aggressive dogs in the off-leash parks. Their owners sometimes seem afraid of their own dogs and refuse to get in there and help to separate them. Others seem to enjoy watching their dog act aggressively, which is even more frightening. Once, at the Rowcliffe park, I saw a couple of kids pull out a phone and take a video of their dog being aggressive with someone else's dog. They didn't have an adult with them, the dog was clearly out of control, and they were laughing and enjoying its aggressive behaviour.

Sometimes the dogs in these parks also get aggressive with people, which is a very serious concern. I've had dogs growl and snap at me when I tried to pull my dog away from them. It can be very intimidating.

For me, due to situations like this, it's reached the point where I try to avoid using the off-leash parks whenever possible, because you just never know what kind of people and dogs you'll encounter there. I would feel better if there were more visible signs of "policing" the parks -- regular visits from a bylaw officer, for example. If bylaw officers could drop by these parks at the busiest times (i.e. mornings and between 4 and 5 p.m.), not necessarily to "throw their weight around", but just to let it be known that they are around and keeping an eye on things, I think it would help.

Of course, to an extent, the dog owners must also try to police themselves. As an owner, I do speak up, politely and respectfully, when I see aggressive behaviour or someone not picking up their dog's poop. And I've seen other owners do the same. But it rarely helps. The usual response is for the person to scoff, swear and walk away.

In terms of specific parks, Knox Mountain, being centrally located, is incredibly popular. However, the parking lot and the dog park itself have been dangerously icy this winter -- so much so, that I worried about people (myself included!) slipping and getting injured. I saw one poor woman clawing her way down the hill, gripping the fence the entire way, because she literally could not stand up, the ice was so bad. I realize Knox is environmentally sensitive, but even if the City could put down some bark mulch to assist with the footing, it would really help.

Also, the lack of lighting at Knox is a concern. The dog parks are most valuable in the winter, when it can be difficult to exercise a dog by walking on the sidewalks. But it also gets dark a lot earlier in the winter, and the complete lack of lighting at Knox means you're often having to wander around in the dark, on ice and snow. Coupled with the relative "isolation" of the park, it can feel a little scary using Knox after dark.

many people using dog parks simply turn the dog loose and ignore it. it can be a highly dangerous environment as there is no education or rules other than to pick up after the dog.

not much, long as each owner minds their dogs manners.

mud

The dog owners do not always put their dogs back on leash when they exit. Knox Mountain park is a prime example. I no longer feel safe taking our grandchildren hiking there having encountered off leash pitbulls 3 times. The same applies for the on leash path on Royal View Drive.

Limited user base.

They are dirty, muddy, and messy.

Not picking up after your dog

Aggressive dogs

None what so ever other than you don't have doggy poop bags as other dog parks do.

Possible aggressive dogs that may not be controlled

it is a risk to combine small & large dogs in a single dog park as small dogs may be seriously injured (or worse) from large dogs at play or aggressive large dogs

Parking issues. Pet owners not picking up after their pets

If a previously existing park suddenly becomes a designated off-leash area, it has the potential to aggravate an existing, long-time user of said park who would prefer it to remain dog-free.

Irresponsible people that don't pick up after their dogs.

none

I don't see any drawbacks etc. Some people who are not dog people feel they are losing green space, but we have plenty of green space for people to take advantage of

None. Happy dogs, happy dog owners, happy non dog owners.

Most dog parks are boring to walk in for the owners. I'm sure the dogs don't care where they run, but it can get pretty boring walking around a field for hours. Also most have no where for dogs to swim. Dog parks are not big enough. It is not possible to get away from dogs that are not compatible with others. Many are flat, again not enough exercise for the owner walking the dog.

Lack of control of pets and clean up.

None

No drawbacks for anyone, aside from the dog park users who find themselves picking up after other dog owners who suck.

People don't pick up the poop, and they are often a bit too small or muddy for me to enjoy myself.

The main drawback of designating an area as an off-leash dog park, would be the expense of returning it to its natural state.

I don't see any

Waist of time, money, energy and land.

None

1. Space. I love the space of the dog park in glenmore and on richter, but one is a long drive and the other turns into an absolute mud pit in the spring and fall. Knox mountain is small, albeit lovely, but the steep terrain can be problematic in the winter.

2. Access to water. Fresh drinking water should be available at all dog parks, especially in the summer months. And a dog park on the water, which would allow pets to swim would be amazing. I love the one in the mission, but it is s long drive. Having a dog park with lake access that is centrally located would be ideal.

3. Hiking areas. I know a lot of people that love to hike with their dog off leash. It would be so fantastic to have a place where there were hiking trails that allowed dogs to be off leash and not confined within a chain link fence.

The space they take up.

I do not wish to pay with my taxes for a dog park. Make the user pay.

bad dog owners allowing their dogs to chase wildlife and aggressive uncontrolled dogs

Can be difficult to maintain the grass/wood chips etc if the park is overused.

Negative if it takes up beach property as there are not enough beaches in Kelowna for people

dogs disagreeing

None (as long as owners are responsible people).

negative people

Misbehaved/poorly trained dogs getting into fights, or attacking persons.

Not enough of them. And a few other trees and things for them to do would be good

Owners not looking after there dog. They don't control it and its not a nice dog

No drawbacks

Limiting off leash to ridiculously small areas.

Irresponsible owners, may it be not cleaning up after their dogs or keeping an eye on their dogs.

Most of the offleash parks are barren dry pits of worn grass. Coming from a city that had amazing offleash parks(moved from Edmonton 5 yrs ago), Kelowna's are pretty sad. Many feel like a glorified kitty litters for dogs.

Only the Ellison one by the airport has natural trees and scrub to create multiple paths and allow us to explore. Is has much more interest for dogs and their bipeds.

A personal pet peeve of the parks is that many people bring balls and Frisbee from home for dogs to chase. This can often lead to confrontations with dogs (and owners) who are possessive over these items. I have seen dog parks that have communal items so it's less of an issue.

Another pet peeve is many people also bring quite small children and let them run around the park around unfamiliar dogs - this can provoke prey drive, particularly in dogs larger than the children. We've had some of these kids run around unsupervised and whipping the dogs in the face with sticks.

1. There are always the few who do not pick-up after their dogs, but in my experience in other communities with wonderful dog parks it is somewhat up to us - the users - to encourage all to pick-up after their pets. Sometimes that even means saying something to those we see who are not picking-up.

2.After many years of using dog parks in Victoria and Vernon, BC as well as Canmore, Alberta I can say it is quite rare for an owner to bring an aggressive dog to an off-leash area. However, I have seen it happen.

Every dog park we have visited has been pleasant .99% of the dog owners are responsible people who value the space their loved furry family member(s) are running, socializing, playing in. If the space was unpleasant , dirty, we would not go. The 1% either conforms to social rules or meets with a bylaw officer.

Aggressive dogs, poorly maintained parks, no small dog area

Maintenance isn't kept up in a timely manner.

None. No negatives.

The off-leash areas currently in use in Kelowna are small, packed with dogs and none of them give much of a chance to walk/run with your dog.

Perhaps if a person lived adjacent to an off-leash park they would not enjoy the continues noise and activity, but NIMBY isn't an excuse to provide this option for citizen dog owners.

No draw backs

lack of facilities in the dog park and where misuse arises:

i.e lack of garbage cans in several locations so they are handy and dog owners do not hen pick up excrement and discard, lack of lighting so that in low or evening lighting conditions dog owners miss seeing dogs doing their business and then miss picking it up, lack of water water so dogs become dehydrated and this changes their mood to sour and can cause fights, lack of suitable shelter for pet owners - dogs can handle the weather - humans less so, and when weather is inclement the dogs get short outings and less

handle the weather - humans less so, and when weather is inclement the dogs get short outings and less quality of life

I have not been in a dog park where I have been in close proximity to homes - perhaps in Rutland on Hartman Rd - so not sure of any noise complaints -I have not heard of any issues

Many people are irresponsible idiots and either don't treat their dogs properly, or don't understand animal behavior. Then there are the lazy irresponsible assholes that don't clean up their dogs shit.

If dogs not well controlled I guess dog fights

Maintenance and clean up.

Owners who aren't conscious of their dogs behaviour.

1. Aggressive dogs potentially injuring others
2. Potential impact of noise on adjacent neighbourhoods.

A system for keeping the area clean. Perhaps volunteers to clean up

Parking congestion for those in the neighborhood. Some people say noise but I've never heard much excessive barking in the existing parks...certainly less do than car alarms, less than adequate mufflers or sine diesel trucks.

People not having any control over their dogs. No authority being taken when dogs are not friendly or when owners refuse to take control of the situation.

Generally they are too small and if there is an aggressive dog it is hard to avoid them. It would nice to have a walking trail that was off-leash friendly as opposed to a small closed off area as I have found that dogs tend to be less aggressive on trails. Also nicer for the humans to get some exercise out of it as well but still able to have the dogs off leash

A great example is Kin Coulee Park in Medicine Hat. It has a paved trail that you can easily take strollers or bikes on as well as walking. And it is a huge area with a creek for the dogs to play in.

BX dog park in Vernon is also excellent. You are able to follow a trail off-leash as opposed to just a large field.

Something like either of those would be so fabulous in Kelowna :)

I really like the paved walking path idea that they used in Medicine Hat due to the fact that Kelowna dog parks get SO MUDDY!

None

None other then they are usually in places that are far distances from home.

Using up land that could be used for other things. However, there is enough land to go around.

The mixing of large and small dogs. There needs to be a small dog area separate from the dogs 40 lbs and over to prevent unpredictable conflict with the various dog breeds.

Owners not controlling aggressive dogs or bully dogs that are picking on another dog.

None

I don't think there are

Dogs and dog owners fighting. Dogs and dog owners and others being hurt requiring medical care.

People who previously viewed a park as their own will be upset if it is "taken away" from them for another segment of the population.

Less owner control of animals/aggressive dogs.

Kelowna's locations are poor too far from the downtown a walk by the city dump is not appealing and the location off Harvey has no shade with no appeal as a dog walk area. Cedar creek is nice but some distance from downtown

People don't clean up after their dogs. But many don't clean up along sidewalks either.

not enough of them

The biggest thing is the people that do not clean up. The parks should be policed for offenders who don't clean up and those that come there with unlicensed dogs

None

I see no negative impact for them. I could see, I suppose, if I lived right next door to one, that they could be noisy and/or smelly. Given their use, they are also not the most attractive "vacant" lots to have nearby.

None

Small dogs mixing with big dogs can be a bit nerve racking for both owners.

Just irresponsible dog owners that claim to have their dogs fixed when they aren't because we all know dogs like to do that even just for fun. And plenty don't pick up after there dogs.

Increased vehicular traffic and parking that may annoy neighbours adjoining a dog park.

• I have witnessed the odd dog becoming aggressive and dogs with bad to no manners being disruptive. In most cases dog's owner will take control of their dog

• I've also seen adults band together and in no uncertain terms tell dog owner to (especially with aggression issues) remove their animal immediately.

In my experience these issues are few and far between

Irresponsible pet owners, not picking up after their pet, allowing poorly behaved/aggressive dogs to be off

leash

I don't think there are any negatives other than the odd irresponsible owner whom does not pick up after his dog or has an aggressive dog

None

Humans that do not pick-up after their own dog.

Perception of limited use.

There are only a few drawbacks of the off leash dog parks that I can see from using them over the last 7 years. First, it can get ugly when an aggressive non-neutered dog shows up. I had a fellow with an aggressive pit bull show up and after watching what was going on for a short while, I took my dog out of the park to be safe. Well, the fellow with the dog started yelling at me and threatening me because I was leaving after he arrived. That's nasty. The only other negative comment I could make is regarding the dog owners. Some business here in town has been leaving "dog poop" bags at each of the parks only to have some of the dog owners grab handfuls of them to take home. These are new bags packed together like new plastic bags where one centimeter would be about 100 bags. They're being provided for free, do you have to take them?

It encourages people to own large dogs and make them feel off-leash in public is okay. Large dogs belong on farms or in the country. The city is for small dogs, on leashes.

Quality of surface (i.e., muddy in spring; icy in winter).

Recognize that neighbours may have concerns with barking dogs (i.e., the one on Richter and Sutherland).

The small ones are always muddy.

none

There aren't enough of them. They are giant and in far reaching areas that you need a car to get to. Because of this, there ends up being lots and lots of dogs and cars showing up and it impacts the neighborhood and the environment (for the driving). Instead, if small areas of many parks had designated off leash areas (like in Victoria, for example) then dog owners can just spread out and give the dog a run about and have less impact on the neighborhood and not have to drive to take the dog out for a walk.

Irresponsible owners that don't pick up after their dog (s) or bring their unsocialized dog (s) to the off-leash park.

using land that should be for humans-why on earth do dogs need parks? people with dogs should have enough property to have the dog run around.

size of dogs, need segregation of small dogs from large dogs.

I don't see any drawbacks. I do not live next to one or anything but cannot see how anyone wouldn't like to see happy dogs and people in a field playing.

cost to maintain

Possible dog attacks (injuries) but this would be at owner's risk at out of pocket expense (not the public or city).

Non really, keep the dog owners in specialized areas that cater to their needs.

I do not see any negative impacts of designated off-leash dog parks - problems only arise from bad/irresponsible dog owners and those types of people visit both off-leash, on-leash and general public city areas. Creating off-leash areas will not increase the number of irresponsible dog owners.

None

None

It seems hard on the ground - grass has difficulty growing, they tend to be muddy, not very visually attractive.

People may not like the noise of playing dogs. However, my husband and I don't have children and we aren't particularly partial to the noise and mess children make either.

None.

None.

NIL

Owners that cannot control their dogs which may end up in a bad situation

-If it's land close to busy areas, it could be used to real estate or housing land. Which would generate more profit.

-Off leash parks have their share of negative publicity from dog attacks to loud dogs close to residential areas

The main drawback of enclosed off leash dog parks as these currently exist in this city is that often too many dogs are within a restricted area, and dogs are often forced to interact with other dogs that they may not really want to interact with. This is because there are not sufficient off leash dog parks.

traffic, mug, dirty, space no longer available for non dog owners. Dogs are hard on the environment as it is (food, poo bags, etc, etc), it seems like it encourages people to have more/get a dog.

Small amount of dog owners may not be respectful of others and don't pick up after their dogs.

Sometimes dogs pick up bad habits at the parks (like kids in preschool). There is also increased traffic in the area and an increased need for parking. We live a block from a dog park and our only negative impact has been that a lot of owners/dogs walk down our street to the dog park and don't pick up their dog poop on the way (especially if they think no one is watching). It is bad enough when it is on the boulevard but when it is on the sidewalk it really frustrates us.

I'm drawing a blank here. I love the off leash parks.

isolate areas that non-dog people may visit

I think people get more exercise when they walk their dog rather than stand around with their coffee watching the dogs run. Off leash areas typically make the space unusable by anyone else and require a large amount of park space.

The off-leash dog parks are only as good as the people who use them. That being said there are many responsible pet owners but there are people who do not take responsibility for their actions or their pets behaviour and don't correct undesirable behaviour.

People bringin dogs that are not properly trained and/or are aggressive to dog parks.

People bring SMALL dogs into the LARGE dog park.

People bringing CHILDREN into the dog parks (risks their child being bitten and a dog potentially being put down)

None, as long as it is fenced and doesn't take away beach access.

Total sun in the summer.

negative would be more of the quality and maintaince of these parks.. from what I see they are often very much used and are in the poorest shape... they could benefit from much better design and function and with better maintenance and upkeep would improve anything negative about the off leash parks

People who don't clean up after their dogs, and people who do not know how to control their dogs (ex. If the dog is aggressive, or it the dog is too excited and jumpy and can't calm down)

If there are not enough of them throughout the city, it puts too much stress on one neighbourhood.

The main drawback for me is the use of dog parks by dogs that are aggressive and owners who do not think this is a problem. Those of use with well mannered dogs are not able to comfortably utilize the parks which are available to exercise our dogs.

After a decade without a dog, I now have a 14 month old very friendly and good tempered dog that requires a high level of exercise. I am a runner, but also would like to be able to allow her to run and play freely a few times a week. On several occasions at the Cedar Creek Dog Park and Mission Dog Park there have been aggressive dogs ands my dog has been attacked, even as a several month old pup. Just a few weeks ago another dog and mine were playing; a dog approached and bit my dog on the upper rear back where she now has a scar. Oh, the older women owner says, he won't hurt her, he's just protecting his friend.... I find many owners have the attitude that aggression is ok and normal and the dogs will "work it out" as I've heard many times. I would like to somehow see more "policing" of these parks, maybe we don't need more parks, just money put into ensuring the ones we have are safe and accessible for well mannered owners and dogs to use. I don't know how many times after driving to a park to "have some fun" I've left the park to take my

dog for a walk as a dog that is there or arriving is highly questionable in it's behaviour. I don't want my dog injured and vet bills to pay. Or, for her to become aggressive due to the experiences she has with other dogs who are aggressive toward her.

Perhaps noise and smell if not taken care of. And dogs not being leashed while entering the park.

Some homeowners may be concerned about dog poop in and around the area.

Aggressive dogs. People not cleaning up after their dogs.

Congregating owners and dogs in a small area as there are so few dog parks

People not controlling their dog's behaviour and respecting dogs who do not want to be harassed by their dogs

contact with aggressive dogs, cost, it is an intensive use

location. needs to be in a location that is treed or out of the general view of the public. careful thought needs to be where they are.

people still need to be able to keep their dogs under control

Primarily the most common negative at the off-leash is poop. Too many owners do not pick up after their dog. But perhaps this is due in part to the sparsity of garbage cans?? At Glenmore there are two, one at each entrance. I do pick up after my pets and other dog piles when I've come across them (stepped in it) and it's not fun carrying the poop bag for the next 15-20 minutes until I get to the garbage can. Other impacts would be parking, noise and dogs that are not well-socialized

I don't use them as I feel they are too crowded and if I throw the ball for my two dogs I am in fact throwing it for every dog in the park. This would likely lead to a fight.

Accumulation of feces if people don't pick up

Possibility of negative interactions between dogs (although personally I've never seen this and again it's a case of responsible owners - if your dog is aggressive they shouldn't be off-leash. Aggressive is not the same as normal dog interaction which can involve growling and even snapping.)

Possibility of baiting or poisoning

Mostly though I think the drawbacks are more to do with the design of the parks themselves - i.e. too small and not enough of them.

Go ahead have off-leash dog parks. My gripe is ...that specifically at Ben Lee Park owners of dogs seem to think that "on-leash" does not apply to them and that they can just let their dogs run off-leash whenever they like....any time of the day or in the cool of the evening in the summer and in the middle of the park where they can throw a disk or a ball and their dog can have a fun time running. Many times when I have been walking at Ben Lee park I have seen dogs, off leash , running up to children (toddlers) and knocking them down... of course the dog owner would be coming up running and calling their dog and saying "Oh, my dog is so friendly ..it wouldn't hurt anyone" meanwhile the child is crying...maybe not hurt just scared but still not a

good experience for the child. Another thing that is worrisome is that seniors with walkers come to Ben Lee park for exercise and who wants a dog running up loose from behind to startle an older person. Maybe it wouldn't hurt to have the locations of off-leash parks posted at on-leash parks sitesjust in case people really do not know where the off-leash dog parks are.. Sorry I can not be helpful with any solutions for negative comments regarding off-leash dog parks. I do not go there.

The owners that don't pay attention to their dog while at the park..

Dog fights

Large dogs can be quite intimidating to small dogs. Should be separate areas.

- possibility of negative interactions (fights or attacks) between dogs
- owners not controlling dogs' behaviour
- owners not cleaning up after their dogs

None

e don't need any dog parks. Owners should have their own properties to take there dogs to crap on there property. Why not cat parks? Or chicken, or pigs parks. How about enough dog crap in the parks. Has anyone noticed the growing amount of dog waste in the parks now that dogs are allowed? Stop wasting my tax dollars on stupid issues like dog parks.

Enough of the dog parks!!

Owners who do not properly control their dogs. These dogs become dangerous to others and cause other park visitors to have an unplesasant time or have to leave/avoid coming.

People who do not clean up after their pets

They can be noisy and barking dogs might bother people living nearby.

Owners not watching their dog or removing a dog causing fights issues with another dog.

requires cleaning and maintenance, which could come out of the excessive dog control budget. convert some dog control officer positions to park clean-up and maintenance. Better use of our tax dollars.

None

None ... designated land use which will exclude other uses in these open areas.

People who don't pick up after their dogs

There are no downsides of off leash parks! There are irresponsible citizens who inhabit public spaces and leave cigarette butts, candy wrappers, pop tins, beer containers, needles, and many other pieces of garbage that detract from the experience of public spaces. These people use people parks well as well as off leash dog parks. there are now dogs which visit old age homes and hospitals so people get the experience of a dog fix as could none dog owners at an off leash park. Is the city doing a study to see which types of parks produce the most garbage? One of the most commented upon items about dog parks in

general is the doggie doo. The municipality of Delta, BC puts doggie doo bags in parks where Kelowna expects people to donate extra plastic bags! This addition of bags supplied by the city at dog parks, off leash or not could help improve the doggie doo problem. Are dog parks on leash or off leash subject to being cleaned by city workers as are other parks in Kelowna? All that is supplied by the city at some dog parks are a few picnic tables, benches, empty bag containers, many signs and a few garbage cans which do get emptied on a regular basis. I have never seen a city worker doing trash cleanup at Cedar Creek and I have been using that park daily for 10 years! The city creates many of the problems at dog beaches. As for the comment on allergies, people are also allergic to pollen, dust and other allergens found in all types of parks.

There are too few of them in residential areas, and because they were never developed as parks with good fencing, grass, and paved parking, they appear unsightly so non-dog owners blame the dog owners for the poor state of the parks. The 64 or more sports fields in Kelowna are well maintained, dog parks, only 9 of them, and that number stretches credulity, because little places are hardly parks, are not well maintained. They are called natural places, meaning weeds, cacti (like on Knox Mountain tiny strip) grow there, and are rarely mowed.

Parking concerns

Noise

There are none.!

Too many different dog personalities in a space where they usually can't effectively avoid each other. Ellison is the only park I know of where my dog can be off leash without interacting with other dogs very much since it has quite a bit of trees and brush.

Over-use of off leash-parks tends to degrade the park surface.

Often people need to drive to them, and they don't get any exercise walking their own dogs.

The parks crews weren't emptying the waste containers frequently enough. The grounds should ideally be covered with hog fuel (bark) as it would keep the grounds cleaner. All that is needed is a properly fenced area with a double gate entry. Anything else is bonus. Responsible dog owners would bring their own water and doggy bags. In the past we have donated lawn chairs to the various sites.

could be bigger.

If there is only a few dog parks...or beaches...then parking may be an issue. But if every neighbourhood had their own area....parking would not be an issue

The city spending my TAX \$ on dogs ... NOT KIDS .. we need exercise, sports, fresh air, and family ... SPEND MY TAXES THERE .. stop this .. If Dog owners want park .. RAISE the licence fee to \$ 500 / month ..., and REALLY " The Interior Health Authority states that dog owners tend to spend more time walking and engaged in physical activity than non-dog owners. " HELP PEOPLE BY PROMOTING HEALTH .. NOT DOGS ... Any survey can say anything it depend who you ask

Not all are maintained and become muddy and overgrown.

Not all dog owners follow the rules.

Some well used current parks are temporary. Currently not enough parks and not all are that accessible by walking.

Potentially some barking for nearby neighbours. Poop (if people don't pick it up).

People who don't pick up after their dog

None, other than those few who are not responsible owners.

Unresponsible dog owners. Those that don't pay attention to their dog's behavior and allow them to be bullies or get into fights. Or those that don't pick up after their pups. I do however feel that these types of owners are few and far between. Especially those that don't pick up... there's far more disgusting goose poop in our Kelowna parks then I've ever seen at an off leash dog park.

Dog guardians whom are ignorant or lack respect for other people, pets and parks. From my experience at a good dog park - for example at Michaelbrook off Lexington Avenue the regular dog guardians will normally alert and advise those whom are not obeying the rules of the park or permitting their dog to exhibit bad behavior..

For the most part they are too small. The larger parks, such as Glenmore and/or Cedar Creek/Lakeshore drive, where off-leash is allowed, with no barrier between big and small dogs, provides an environment of great risk for smaller dogs.

Also, the parks are not maintained in the summer time, dogs pick up spear grass, incurring tremendous expense to the owner to have spear grass removed from paws, ears, and eyes.

There is limited shade, making parks un-usable during the hot summer months and no lights for safe evening use.

A waste of space

Dogs not being attended to by owners. The field becomes a mud field, and owners do not pick up after there dog. Unless an artificial turf is laid down,

Driving to one location and too much activity in one neighbourhood.

People not being respectful and not picking up after their dogs.

Dangerous dogs attacking.

Uneducated public. Many cities (Calgary) offers a discount on dog license if the dog passes a Canine Good Neighbor test. This test requires the dog to learn basic obedience and how to interact with people in public. We have several talented CGN judges in Kelowna. Contact Hyper Hounds or The Whippet club of BC. The public needs to be encouraged to invest time and energy into dog training.

I don't see any drawbacks, but some may think they are smelly and noisy. I would estimate that caregivers with dogs in such 'parks' are more responsible than those in non-designated areas. For example they clean up after their dog more readily, they ensure their dog(s) are playing safely with other dogs; & they bring water for all the dogs to share when water lines are closed for winter. At the 2 off-leash dog areas that we visit regularly I do not notice that the dogs bark more than in along a street walk, etc., so I would not consider dog parks noisier. In fact dogs on their own property bark way more.

The relatively few people who do not think it necessary to pick up after their dogs. They give other dog owners a bad reputation.

None

the restricted use of the space assigned to dogs

aggressive dogs.

As in every park that dogs owners go to there is always someone who doesn't have a dog under control. Signage and reminders of what under control means would help with that.

Unfortunately, downsides include:

Health risks due to dog interactions with un-vaccinated dogs (disease, viruses, parasites, etc.).

Injuries from playing.

Dog behaviour issues (undersocialized, fearful, anxious or aggressive dogs).

People behaviour issues (undersocialized, fearful, anxious or aggressive people)!

Potential for noise &/ liability issues.

Maintenance costs.

Poop.

Their isn't enough of them.

Dog owners do not clean up after their dogs, Dangerous dogs are always a concern.

Off leash parks are single use - no one other than dog owners can use them.

Owners that don't pick up after there dogs, but this happens on or off leash.

may be more traffic in the area

Re: Off-leash dog park areas decrease potential conflicts between park users and dogs. For example, some people have health concerns that would be impacted by close interaction with dogs, such as asthma and dog specific allergies. Some people may also be fearful and wish to avoid interactions with dogs - even if the dogs are friendly.

How likely is it that someone with asthma or dog specific allergies will be impacted out of doors? Also, if people want to avoid interactions with dogs, they can walk along any street, where dog owners must walk their dogs on leashes. Neither of these claims seems strong enough to negate a further conversation about

off leash dogs in large areas.

Off-leash dog parks need to be much larger, as in, a whole section of Knox Mountain. The style of off-leash dog parks that the city is proposing does not address the reality that many dog owners want to hike and explore with their dogs, not stand around in a fenced area while their dog gets muddy and plays with other dogs.

Dog bites.

I had a personal experience this past August at the Cedar Creek off leash area. My daughter was visiting from Ontario with her little dog. A lady came down the hill with 11, yes 11, dogs off leash. I expressed my surprise to another couple & they replied "oh, that is canine cardio". However, there was not 1 poop bag in her hand & I witnessed a very large dog make a very large deposit, which I am sure remains there today. There is no way she can watch all those dogs running everywhere, & appeared to have no intention of scooping, not even an attempt at "bend & pretend". Pretty gross that feces will make it into the lake.

The only drawback is to not separate the small dogs from the large dogs in an off-leash park. Otherwise, there is every little difference in impact to the general public.

Irresponsible dog owners create problems by not training their dogs properly and not cleaning up after them. The problem is with the owners, not the dogs.

Cost to taxpayers. Dog owners must pay ALL expenses for implementation and maintenance of dog parks. Parks must be located in suitable areas which do not conflict with surrounding neighborhoods and habitat.

Dogs who do not socialize well interrupting others with aggression, danger, and injuries. Making other dogs and owners fearful of using dog parks.

Having to drive to a park when distance or walking is an issue.

When unsocialized dogs ruin things for the good dogs.

Dog Poop

some dogs are not properly socialized and can scare/hurt other dogs, and people. That most dog parks in Kelowna are muddy messes for most of the year.

Noisy, parking a problem, park is only used by dog owners, rather than all citizens.

people not picking up after their dogs/ uncontrolled dogs

Non owners getting pawed and sniffed

Feces all over... Walk in Knox Mtn Park to see piles all along the trails

None.

The drawbacks or negative aspects to off leash parks can be that they are not green park space because of

the frequency of use and that it's hard to maintain grass in these areas. Also they tend to not be spaces that are as aesthetically pleasing to many so why not add trees and benches so they are "real" parks. Also some might be concerned about safety of children or the elderly interacting with dogs and owners that are not as respectful of the public space it is.

I find that some dogs are not well behaved and can get aggressive with other dogs. Our dog has been attacked by other dogs.

Not picking up after dogs, potentially harmful dogs on the loose, annoying people with noise etc.

Irresponsible owners who bring dogs that are young/untrained or vicious/dangerous to other dogs or people. Same as everything else in life - the 10% of population who are selfish idiots ruin it for everyone else.

Noise.

It just means more proper fencing and proper signage. And that's all...if a beach was properly fenced and the public knew that they are walking into an off-leash area then there's no problem.

The worst thing I've seen in 20 years of having a dog is a child getting knocked over because the dog wants to lick the child's face.

Dogs getting dirty, muddy if the park is too small and too wet

Overuse in some locations, lack of parking, impact on neighbourhoods (traffic, parking, noise, etc.)

Chance of some dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Chance of some dogs being aggressive.

For those with a fear of dogs, off-leash parks can feel intimidating. And there is a higher likelihood that two dogs may fight, but this is still very rare (in my experience).

Absolutely None.

These parks are important to have.

My only concern would be owners who bring dogs that are not suitable for the dog park. For example, if someone has a dog that they know is "not friendly" with other dogs, they should know better than to bring that dog to an off-leash park where they know there will be other dogs. It just creates a tense environment for everyone at the park.

Safety issues such as debris, vandalism, dogs with poor behavior/irresponsible owners

the fact that we as all residents of this city have to help provide some city space for these parks.

People who don't follow the simple guidelines

I do not see any drawbacks to off-leash dog parks.

You can't control non-trained dogs, or those with aggressive behaviour that can attack other dogs without warning. Also nervous with people who choose to try and poison dogs by leaving it along fences or

warning. Also nervous with people who choose to try and poison dogs by leaving it along fencelines or treats.

Dogs that are not suitable for the situation, presenting a danger to other dogs and people. I don't currently own a dog (have owned 3 in the past) so I don't know if this is an issue or not.

They are overcrowded, since we have very, very few off-leash parks in Kelowna.

Aggressive dogs, people aren't always good at cleaning up, not all dogs like to play with other dogs (even if they aren't aggressive), they are often small or out of the way, wide open fields are less inviting than walking in the woods (for the humans and the dogs)

Unfortunately too many dog owners do not pick up after their dogs. Parks cause increased traffic congestion in the neighbourhoods.

They require parking areas. They can be muddy.

Not enough budget for maintenance of these parks.

none

Dog owners who don't abide by the pick-up the poop rule!! Also, last year there was a problem with someone who didn't have a love for animals and that person/persons was using poison. Unfortunately, that could happen again as the dog parks are not supervised by anyone in particular other than dog owners when there.

Dog owners who don't pick up after their pets

No drawbacks

As soon as you don't transform the no-dogs parks or the on-leash dogs parks into off-leash dog parks, it will be no drawbacks. They should have their designated areas, not everyone wants to cope with dogs while enjoying nature.

Long drives to get to them. Once there, I stand around freezing while my dog ambles around? It's stupid, not healthy, and the dog will come home with fleas.

All dog owners have different views on how a dog should behave and what is aggressive/ rough play

None, especially if they are properly taken care of.

they get fouled.

some dogs do not get on with others. A fight may ensue at a distance from owners.

None

Owners of aggressive dogs who do not respect safety of other dogs and owners.

Too small, muddy and uninspired for the number of users. We stopped using them.

Dog behaviour

Cleanliness

None

Potential for increased waste, noise. But put up a sign with clearly stated rules and appropriate garbage cans etc; bylaw officers if necessary to ensure rules are being followed (dogs licensed; owners picking up after their pets etc) and hopefully owners will be responsible.

People with exceptionally aggressive dogs (who terrorize smaller / younger dogs) and those owners who do not pick up after their dogs.

If the parks are too big and owners lose sight of their dogs there will be a lot more neglect in picking up after their pets. Irresponsible dog owners ruin it for others.

Too many dogs in a small spaces. Off leash in a provincial park I do not see any drawbacks.

Too scary to big a small dog because of the huge large breeds running amuck.

not a thing

The down side to off-leash is I must have faith that other people in the park with me are educated enough to only bring in non-aggressive dogs. That makes me quite nervous at times as my dog is on the smaller side, but not small enough I want to restrict his running by keeping him in the small dog park.

owners that don't have any way to control or call back dogs that are not behaving
small dog owners not keeping smaller dogs in the small dog area.

No drawback.

Odour potential

Need to drive to get to them currently

None

Dogs and owners have different personalities and not everyone is considerate and there may be conflict.
concern for dog safety (and owners if other owner is aggressive)

I see no drawbacks or negative impacts. My whole family, in Kelowna and those that live in Vancouver and Calgary got to the Mission dog park every time they are visiting. A dog beach would be even better.

Bad pet owners who don't care if their little dog bites and is aggressive.

People that don't clean up after their dog, and maintenance.

Too busy with ONE dog beach

They aren't always safe... Bacteria, swamp, small and large dogs together,

The obvious, biting, mauling etc.

Money that could be better spent on other programs/needs.

Takes up valuable land/space

Dog owners who do not train their dog properly, do not pick up after their dog or bring aggressive dogs to the park

Some designated parks are located in prime locations. Also there are too many of them.

None.

aggressive encounters

-single use space

Too messy and muddy - should be cleaner ie: wood chips, grass, hay etc something better than mud and dirt

People who won't pick up after their dogs

There needs to be areas for small dogs.

Owners not obeying the rules

Too much noise

Noise to neighbours

Dog fights, dog owners who don't control their dogs or understand dog behaviour is dangerous

People not cleaning up after their dogs

If the space is vandalized in a way that's harmful to dogs.. eg leaving poisonous dog "treats"

Like a children's playground, many times there are unruly, unmonitored dogs that create havoc for others.

Irresponsible owners who do not supervise or control their dogs, small children in the parks with large, excited dogs who may not be used to children. This drives people away from using the parks, as it may not be safe for them to do so.

dog attacks. dog waste & contaminating water. dogs chase away natural wildlife.

Aggressive dogs

None

People don't pick up their dog's poop enough. Which ruins it for other people who do.

Some owners do bring their unfriendly dogs to the park for some reason. Also, some of the parks we have right now do not have enough shade or fresh water available for the dogs.

I don't see any drawbacks or negative impacts.

none

kelowna residents complaining

None

None really

Owners who don't supervise their dogs, owners who think a dog will exercise itself at a dog park, owners who take dogs that aren't properly trained to the dog park, dog parks that are poorly maintained, dog parks that are neglected and left to go to weeds and dirt, dog parks with no shade trees, dog parks that are too small

They need a bit of maintenance. New grass, fences, covered areas for the dog owners in order to stay out of the rain or snow! Specifically designed troughs for dogs would be a great investment that would help many people. As well as more seating for everyone to come in and relax for a while would be perfect! Ideally, every dog park would have a large covered patio with seating and a cement floor to make sure that it isn't muddy and the dogs can play around the park.

As the majority of dog owners seem to be irresponsible, concentrating all of these users in a small number of parks will likely result in those parks being destroyed (and left full of dog feces).

Unruly dogs - though I have never met one at a park.

No draw backs - these parks benefit out animal loving community and we need to join other cities by accepting our furry citizens.

None.

Since there are so few of them they tend to be congested.

The fenced in dog parks are not great without a proper field and trees to roam around. Just a big fenced area is better than nothing, but need more stimulation for them to be able to roam freely like they should

none

Forced segregation aka the only place a dog can be off leash becomes an off leash dog park. Similar to the children's playgrounds, Elderly exercise grounds etc. It does not enable tolerance for people other than people like myself (aka dog owner). It moves people apart. I will not ask a question or talk to someone but rather avoid or fail to act (silent bystander bias) and refer a (perceived) problem or deviation to "officials". such as bylaw officers or police. This does not enable running with the dog etc. Also, it does not give

children or people not used to dogs an opportunity to learn to interact with them.

Driving to and from (depending where one lives) adding CO2, SOX NOX.

Currently, most off leash parks are so small and heavily used that they are barren dirt. This creates an uncomfortable environment for both owner and pet. Larger spaces such as Cedar creek allows the pet and owner to interact with their surroundings. Unfortunately, this is the only off leash beach and thus it is heavily used.

Unsupervised dogs being aggressive

Lack of enforcement for people who bring poorly socialized/aggressive dogs to the parks and those who refuse to clean up after their dogs.

Aggressive dogs attacking other dogs.

Lack of understanding from non-dog owners. Dog owners who do not pick up their dog's poop.

Owners do not always clean up after their dogs

it's vital they be appropriate parks and not wilderness parks where wildlife are encouraged
off-leash dogs are not a good mix with people who are not 'dog people'
not all dog owners realize they should always have control of their pet, even in an off-leash park
many people are effectively barred from using such parks if they have concerns about off-leash dogs

Locations - the only beach access one being way out in the Mission.

Owners who are inattentive and allow poor behaviour.

overcrowding , messes not being cleaned ,

Irresponsible dog owners who bring aggressive dogs into the park.

none

none

Mixed sizes of dogs at the same park. Small aggressive dogs attacking larger dogs.

people not cleaning up after their dogs (knox mountain is full of dog poop)

the impact on parking in neighbourhoods

adding to the business of a neighbourhood

The two main thing I have witnessed are the yelling (loudness) of dog owners and the smell of unpicked up dog feces.

We live near Sutherland park and when that park was a dog park previously, the noise of yelling owners and reek of dog crap (especially in the summer) was enough to keep all other visitors away.

Parking associated with off leash dog owners.

Exclusive use of valuable park and open space.

As they always say "location, location, location" There are no drawbacks if the park is properly located, properly designed, properly fenced, has sufficient parking and easily accessible. I would like to mention that the Cedar Creek park is a lovely park "however" it is too far for many owners and really is only great for the Mission area people. I live in Old Glenmore and it is approximately an hour of my time just to get there and back which works out to be a lot of fuel as well. The parking on the lower level is dreadful and hard to get in and out. The parking on the upper level is not user friendly for older people or anyone who may have walking issues as the hill is very steep and also for any dogs with hip and leg problems. I have two large dogs and one is 110 pounds and has had major leg surgery. If something happened at that location, I would never be able to get him back to the car. The lake shore area there is also very rocky and somewhat dangerous for a dog's legs and paws for running in and out of the water. The designated off leash park at Knox Mountain is a joke, long narrow,, can't even throw a ball as it rolls out and down the side hill. The long narrow part can be a little tricky for getting in and I can see it might be a problem for dogs that are extremely nervous or have aggression problems. A wider entrance space is much more desirable and allows the dogs to meet and greet at their own pace,, and not confined to a small area.

not enough parks

park space provided is too small

improper fencing

more beach access parks are needed

Drawback would be the city may designate small areas as designated off-leash dog parks. And currently all the off-leash dog parks in the city are small from our perspective. We have lived in several cities in Canada and Kelowna is the least dog-friendly city so far. Most cities have big natural parks as off-leash dog parks or at least big part of natural parks (not like tiny area in Knox Mountain). I have never seen this many no-dog signs in a city either. - not even on-leash.

None.

!) Essentially no negative impact other than the fact that there is insufficient access to parks for dogs so the parks may be over used

misbehaving dogs, aggressive behaviour

Available space within the City. I have lived in many Cities/Municipalities in B.C. and other than Nelson ... Kelowna is the most dog unfriendly City I have lived in.

No poop bags

Owners who don't have control of their dogs or don't pick up after their dogs, dog fights (which are rare, but happen), takes public space away from people afraid of dogs

People not picking up after their pooches.

Bad owners that won't remove their dog if it causes issues with other dogs or people.

Unattended children that could get bit.

Can get mucky if it rains or high creek levels (eg. Mission dog park).

All the parks are getting over run with off lease dogs and there is poop everwear

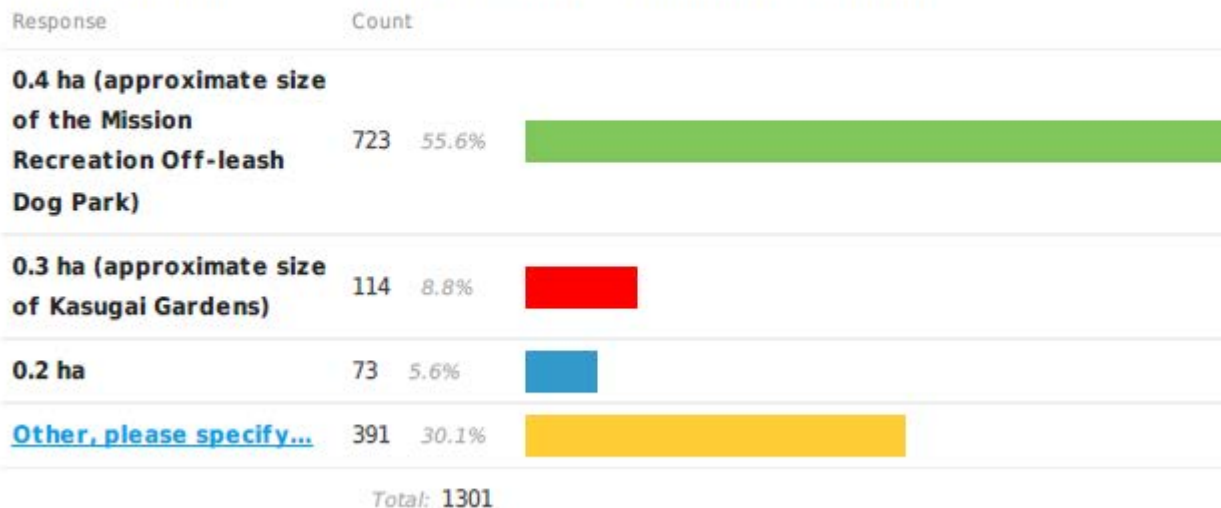
None

Aggressive dogs or unsocialized dogs. Dog owners who don't respect the other owners and clean up after their dogs.

cost

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1 ha

As large as possible to give space and there should be no seating as dog fights are more likely to occur when owners are standing still. If you must attend a dog park walk the perimeter with your dog constantly and don't stop.

Any off-leash space is better than none.

no opinion

larger, nearer the size of the park at the Glenmore landfill

Ideally larger.

Glenmore Dog Park

Pet owners backyards.

They don't need to be massive ! Just big enough for dogs to run

at least 0.4 ha or bigger

I would prefer a bit larger than the Mission Dog Park

You could scale it based on classification like you do with parks (neighbourhood parks, community parks) Large as possible then dogs can walk around as well.

larger area in remote location, 1.5 ha in size or larger

Is 0.4 the total for both dog areas at Mission park? If yes, then I vote 0.4 Please ensure two separate areas: small dogs and larger dogs.

Large dogs need space. Small dogs could get away with less space.

Make the majority of the parks off leash and designate a few .4 on leash parks

A lot bigger! And with trees, bushes and variety in landscape. Dogs and dog owners appreciate trails to walk on in loops.

A minimum of .4 ha

Bigger, with long walks and a loop

Much bigger where people can hike or walk without going in circles!

much larger such as Glenmore dog park (5ha) or Ellison (14ha)

none

Same size as the off leash park in Ellison, anything smaller is too many dogs which could cause conflict, we need larger areas for larger dogs

There already is an off-leash dog park in my neighbourhood. No need for another one.

Off leash trails where dogs can walk along with their owners

.4 ha or preferably larger, similar to the Richter St. off leash park.

It depends on the type of dog park. If it is a dog beach then there could be less land space because dogs would be in the water.

different sizes allows people to decide what works for them

depends. if there are more of them then they can be smaller... greater park space per dog population that way would mean fewer parks necessary.

Should be a long linear area so that you can actually walk with your dog. Eg. Trail east of cottonwoods bridge. At least 1.5km long

Size depends upon location, eg not to be too near wildlife habitat. Normally .2ha would be OK.

A long linear park - the size of the 3rd phase of the Mission Greenway

it is important to have a small dog area separate from a big dog section. With uninformed owners of both small and large dogs its too risky to have them together.

Larger

The larger the better especially for big dogs so they have room to run and play.

bigger the park the more time I spend there.

minimum .75

Any size possible

Mission size with 3 separate areas - one for small or timid dogs but also need enough length for larger dogs to run hard for a distance

There needs to be a variety of sizes. To choose one size and have that minimum size utilized would be wrong. As long as a minimum size did not become an over used standard it is OK. All sizes are required including larger.

.5 ha

Please have a dog beach more centrally located

The bigger the better

Anything would be better than nothing. I live in South Pandosy and I have nothing.

Anything

1 ha

My size would be better than no size. Maybe smaller parks could be designated for small dogs only.

If it needs to be smaller to fit in a small space, go for it. It would be better than nothing!

Why are all the options the minimum and lower. In Red Deer (a city with less population), there is a dog park called 3-mile bend. It is a beautiful place that dog owners love to be at. It runs 3-miles along with red deer river, on a paved pathway the whole way. Then it loops back so you don't have to walk the same 3-miles back. I think dogs parks should be as big as possible. City of Kelowna always tells us how many parks they have and how many pathways; where in reality they are very small. And what's with the fenced in parks... not necessary for big dogs (not everyone has small dogs that run away). Bigger spaces also mean less need for fences.

Trails that are dog friendly lethbridge has a great trail system

1 ha

doesn't matter to me

Larger

1 ha

Larger

over 0.4 ha. Dogs need space to both run and have their own space to run, without hitting or interfering with another dog.

size of the Ellison dog park near the airport

Whoever maintains the property shall determine the size proportionately to the effort with which they will put forth.

The larger the better!

I love the park behind the airport, its a great park for the dogs and i get my exercise too.

The Ellison dog park is a great size, lots of room for foliage also.

anywhere that's appropriate and has enough space for dogs to run

The Glenmore one is good size, just is next to the dump...

at least 1.0 ha. Look to Calgary for examples of how well this works.

The bigger the better. Just because they are dogs doesn't mean they have to be limited. Get real.

The size of the park should depend on it's specific use. If it is a designated small dog park then the size could therefore be reduced.

It depends if each neighbourhood has one or if there is just one or two in town.

Even though dogs can run further in large parks, it also means the owner is further from their dog and less likely to control it. Mission dog park is a good size.

not being a dog owner I have no idea

The bigger the better. Hopefully some shade areas and moderately maintained trails.

None

Multiple areas for sized large and small dogs.

Beach accesses for dogs could be smaller than the .4 ha

The Mission Dog Park is too small for the number of dogs which go there most of the time. If there were more options in the area, perhaps it would not get so crowded and therefore be acceptable at 0.4ha

minimum at least 04. ha, most should be much larger

Should be larger than suggested.

Depends on the location, the catchment area, and the surrounding. There are small off-leash parks in Manhattan and work quite well. It is about the context and the need.

1 ha

have never been to mission or kasugai to gauge, but the bigger the better

0.4 ha if for all dogs. If just for small breeds 0.2 ha is sufficient.

Certainly no less than 0.4 ha

a long narrow area could be less area but still provide benefits. The worst design is rectangular with no topography or vegetation, no matter the size.

At least 0.4, the bigger the better

.5ha

I don't think we should any of-leash dog parks, period.

Two of the best off leach parks are Glenmore & Ellison, parks should be at least this size, for everyone's enjoyment & safety

depending on the area available

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If you can stand at one end of the dog park and throw a ball over the fence on the opposite side of the park with a chuck-it, the park is too small. (Chuck-it's launch them verrrry far)

That is an appropriate size for that kind of dog park. However, there should be larger areas set aside for dogs to walk free with their owners on forest trails, so both owner and dog can enjoy a walk and exploration of nature.

their own yard

Size of Glenmore dog park or airport dog park

any size, there are just so few of them.

Pick a trail that dogs and humans can walk on about 2km.

.4 ha - 1 ha

Larger the better

0.5

should be dependent on area - urban areas with less free space should be able to create smaller off leash areas as something is better than nothing

I would like to see dogs off leash in areas like knox mountain. it is rediculous to put dogs and people in a box, there is no recreation there for either party. Just walking in a box.

The quality of the park enviroment should be a greater priority than size.

Should be at least 1 acre minimum

Zero

.4 ha is good, but also areas such as the one on Knox Mtn. are great too.

Above 0.4 ha. The dog park in mission is merely a fenced in dirt patch.

min. .5ha

At least one or two parks of 1ha or more in the south mission area

no smaller than the MRODP as above

no opinion

Big for a typical dog to sprint a couple hundred feet before hitting a fence.

I would like to see an off leash linear park.

Location must be considering when determing size but not exceed 0.4ha.

should be some larger as certain breeds are far too active for small parks

or .3 not sure

.4 although, the one by the airport is exceptional.

0.5 ha or more with 0.1 ha for training/less social pups

I am not an expert in this area...suggest 0.4 ha

The larger the park the better for all. .4 is too small.

Walking corridor, not only small open fields for off leash areas

1.0 ha

At least 0.4 ha, preferably bigger

1 not point something

The larger the better but even a small park, less than .2ha would be better than nothing.

Or larger.

.8 ha or greater, and water access!

2+ hectares a multi use area

... ..

Would prefer several smaller dog parks in various locations rather than just one large park.

larger areas with woods, lakes and more challenging walking or hiking.

Rather than the square park could it be a long thin park so you could walk off leash on a path? We have enough play parks.

.15

Of a size suitable to the percentage of the community's population expected to use the park

The bigger, the better

Whatever size is available

Richter street dog park size

enough where the animal can get the exercise needed for health and where the owner can keep up.

Parks should be larger, at least 0.5 h. and up.; they are all very busy and crowded, increasing chances for aggression. And larger dogs need space to really run.

The bigger, the better

1.0 ha would be the preferable minimum

any size

All dog parks need to have a separation fence like the dog park on the old K.S.S. property so that owners of small dogs don't have to fear aggressive big dogs. Little dogs sometimes provoke big dogs by barking and an aggressive big dog will then attack the little dog. Therefore, the size of any park no matter what it is must have a separation fence where owners of little dogs won't be in constant fear of attacks by aggressive bigger dogs.

Larger than both. Size of the one at the dump.

Grassed area

1 ha plus to allow the area to cope with the volume of people and pets. ie less muddy

More than .4 ha. Cedar creek field is a great size for larger dogs.

none what so ever

The old kss field is the perfect size it has a small dog park and a large dog park it has small dog park

I have no opinion on minimum size. In large urban centres, I have seen some pretty small dog parks.

1 ha, canines are born naturally to roam and survive across all grass lands

2 k trails

0.5 or more

size doesn't matter - so long as the dogs are comfortable.

Mission Park is quite large, a mix of both that size and smaller is fine... like Knox Mountain

None. Public space should be for the general public to use and enjoy. If you want a dog, pick one that is the appropriate size for your personal property.

Too big and you can't see where your dog has pooped to pick it up. :)

none

no parks

best practice if it includes large dogs, but much less than this if the park is only for small dogs.

Depends on space. Have a few smaller ones, and few bigger ones.

Not worth having.

larger or more longitudinal areas. I can walk around mission park off-leash area 10 times in the amount of time my dog plays there. not a good incentive for my own exercise.

Size of Mission or bigger.

.72 ha

Much larger

Or larger

You can have smaller size parks if you limit the dog's size

1.0 ha.4

Richter dog park is a good example of positive size, it can get very busy and would be overwhelming if the park was smaller. Mission park is a minimal size.

dog park behind airport, except for access to water, the most enjoyable park for dogs and owners alike.

More people parks, dog walking on crown land.

at least 0.5 ha.

Dog park behind airport is the best except for water access.

Or bigger and they park is so muddy and not well kept and not user friendly due to the mud and water there.

Bigger, the Mission park leads to a pack mentality and chasing of smaller dogs

None, this is a city for people not animals, animals belong in the country on the owners own land.

It should be the Size of the off leash park at Ellison

I think half the size of the North Glenmore dog park would be an ideal size.

.5ha or larger, with beach!

Should be some allowance for # of dogs using the park. Too many at Mission for the park size.

same size as rutlands dog park

0.6 ha

..4 or smaller as long as it is fenced and patrolled by by law officers

there could be a mix, in denser populated areas, smaller dogs usually?

Depends on space available

minimum .4

There should be a trail for dog owner to run off leash. It would create significant tourist opporitnuities if done to an excellent degree of experience oportunities for the owner and the (safe/friendly breed)

All of the above. Each unique community needs one

At least an acre

More space is always better. The deafly wouldn't go any smaller. The landscape is also crucial. Big square open area is not as good as an area with trees shrubs different things for dogs to sniff smell play around

If possible, they should be larger than 0.4 ha. In some circumstances that is fine, but there should be opportunity for vast areas.

0.4 ha or bigger

a big an open space to give all a time to run and play but not be too over crowded. this is when fights happen.

I've never been to Mission Park but Ellison Dog park is a perfect size.

Not sure

7.0 ha (Ellison Dog Park)

2 acres

0.10 ha..they need more room plus need a place with proper drainage and good grass

No off leash parks should be considered.

Section of the mission creek greenway e.g. sutherland hills park

Any size that is available within city limits that can reasonably accommodate

2 small

If it includes beach area it could be smaller than 0.4 as lots of dogs swim

as large and diverse as each site allows, dont rule out a park location because you are trying to pigeon hole a size factor

none

0.6ha-parks are getting crowded and need more room

big enough for lots of room to run, and for all dogs to have enough space to feel comfortable with each other

designated hiking trails

All parks should allow off-leash

Bigger the better , as population grows so will the dog population

any designated spaces helps

Inbetween The Glenmore dog park and the mission dog park would be nice.

As large as possible

Bigger. We frequent the Ellison off leash dog park. I want a park I can enjoy. Smaller ones are boring to walk around.

bigger if not as big as the park behind kelowna airport

or larger than 4 ha. Vernon has a very nice park in the BX

over 1 ha

1.0 Ha

The park by the airport is a nice size.

Nothing wrong with smaller parks as long there is enough for all dogs. I'll drive to a big park no problem.

larger to accommodate more and more pet owners

I think the dog park near the Glenmore landfill is the perfect size. So either that size to roughly half that size.

At least 0.5 hect. I would like to see them as big as possible. Our favs are Cedar creek and The airport one. Both have ample space for owner and pet to walk around freely and for everyone to have space.

1 ha

Munson was a great place to go, now no Dog signs have gone up. Through a couple of people who dont want you there.

Area of town that is available should dictate, the bigger the better, but if a smaller area is available. So be it!!

Don't know or care, just enforce on-leash in other parks

The bigger and more natural the setting, the better... Dallas Road in Victoria is a perfect example of a great community-based off-leash dog park. But, at the same time, Ellison is great as it FEELS like a park due to the treed areas... Soemtimes adog needs a run in the woods!

0.5 ha

the bigger the better but at this point any additional are in Kelowna would be a huge step forward

no dog parks would be best

I think you need to consider 5 hectares... room to have separate monitored runs

not sure

I find this park a bit small for larger size dogs, but have used it and its nice for dog socialization

as large as possible. I like to walk and the Glenmore landfill and airport dog parks are a great size for both humans and dogs.

The size of the park beside the Rutland is good. Enough space for older or quieter dogs to enjoy time alone from the ones who are extremely playful.

1 ha

.4 ha or larger

None, all parks should be available and useable to all

.75ha

Should be at least 1-2 ha

Much larger than the mission off leash park

The larger , the better,

The one by the airport size, great exercise for the human too. Plus you can determine which dogs are unbalanced and avoid them better

1 acre. It should be designed loops and trails with trees. Bigger and more natural is better.

It should be larger so the owner has a walk as well. Ina. From Calgary and the dog parks were a path, park.

.5

happy with any of those.

Dog owners are not using the mission off leash area as evidence by the large quantity of dog poop in the walkway path behind and beside h2o .

The size depends on the area it is in

At least the size of the first choice 0.4ha, you need to have room for smaller dogs as well

over .5

0

Larger trail type

Any size would work in Oyama. We are not that picky when we don't have an area.

min 0.4 ha preferably larger

All of the above; Mission Park is a good size but if other areas are available for dog parks, these too can be utilized

at least 1 ha

none

There should be many different sizes to allow and assist people of all abilities

Any space to run and play is better than nothing.

It depends on how many parks there are. With more parks, the size of each one can be smaller.

No park

1 ha. It has to be a real park.

If there were more in the city, I think smaller ones would be sufficient. I like the Knox Mtn one where you can walk thru and dog can run -- then leash up and carry on up the mountain.

The size of the Ellison dog park. Allows for different areas to be utilized in the park & paths created which are great for dog training

the size of the current dog park at the old kss site

The bigger the better. More room to walk further and longer, and also not to be sardines in a small area with lots of people and dogs

larger than 0.4, Mission off leash park is often flooded and muddy and area is not entirely usable at times. there is a great opportunity to expand this dog park to include part of mission Creek. Calgary has done this along the Bow River.

The size of the Ellison dog park is perfect.

Large. So dogs are not forced to interact if desired.

.4 ha or bigger

No comment, not an owner

If you have more of them, they can be smaller. le downtown vancouver

They need enough room to run and explore. A dog park with trees would be nice instead of just an open field. BX off-leash dog park in Vernon is incredible.

.4 is a good start but they could be so much bigger. I have visited people with dogs in Calgary and I have gone to 4 of their off leash dog parks and all four of those were enormous with no fences, and a beautiful ramble for both humans and canines. I was quite astounded actually - so much better than the designated "dog parks" in Kelowna.

Larger.

The area called Mindy Tran should be a off leash area with signage at the entrance stating such

Ideally .4 ha but any size is better than no off-leash dog area.

0.4 parks are small and often the dogs may run into each other. A larger park enables those dogs that wish to run have space and older, quieter dogs are very comfortable as well.

The size of the off leash park near Cedar Creek. Room for owners and dogs to exercise and walk. Consider a large park or hiking area similar to Mission Creek park with walking trails in nature as opposed to a .4 ha cesspool as is the Mission Recreation Off-leash Dog Park. In either a .4 ha sized park or a large park it needs to be patrolled and tickets doled out to those who do not clean up after their dogs.

larger than 0.4 ha as this is a min not an optimal size.

I love the one out by the dump. More for me walking. It would be great to have hiking parks that are safe for off leash walks

Haven't researched this myself.

the larger the better

Unless there could be another off leash park in the Lower Mission area, 0.4 is adequate if not swampy - as noted in previous comments, the low level of this park makes the space less usable

2 ACRES

0.3 or 0.4both very nice!

approximate size of Ellison off-leash dog park

Cedar Creek is wonderful

0.4 ha min for large dogs & 0.2 ha for small

4.0 hectares or 10 acres

Or larger than 0.4

Much bigger,

A lot bigger than that. That is awfully small and really only good for smaller dogs. Cedar Creek is a better size.

Great outdoors past 201 off main.

none

All of Knox Mountain

At least an acre - with trees and other vegetation, multiple paths to avoid dogs that may not be as social

I have to admit I find the Mission Rec park rather sad - it is such a weird fenced off spot and the plastic chairs kind of top off how odd it is for me. It really does not give one the feeling of being in a green space and engaging with the outdoors with their pet. 0.8 ha would be awesome!

At least .5 for large dogs. The Mission Rec Park u quote includes a fairly good chunk for small dogs.

How about an area where owners and dogs could walk together?

1.0 ha

Larger. I would like a dog sport area for dog training so people could realize there are lots of dog sports and perhaps join in resulting in better trained companions. This could lead to the city hosting dog events which would bring in tourism dollars. Dogs are huge business. Just look at all the dog food outlets and pet stores

More smaller parts in nested areas of town might help give locals more options

Larger!

0.4 or bigger. One by the water would be nice so dogs can fetch and swim

A bit bigger than you can throw a frisbee

At least 1 km of walking ie the greenway could easily have an off leash area

at least 2 ha like the glenmore park

At least 2.0 ha.

I'm not familiar with the sizes of other dog parks, just the one on Richter and Rowcliff which I think is a perfect size.

The bigger the better!

I would suggest that the larger the park the less confrontation.

I've never been to those parks... I use the Rutland dog park and would say that dog parks should be at least that size if not bigger. What average Joe is going to know what 0.4 ha is. You should use measurements that people relate to,

Size depends on location. If it is a beach park then obviously the size doesn't need to be huge as they are utilizing the water to burn off steam. However, there are a lot of "hikes" that would be wonderful if they could be off-leash. We should be focusing on rewarding/encouraging the responsible pet owners, not seeking out dogs off-leash in a non off-leash area.

What about linear parks, like trail to Paul's Tomb? Also think that if there are more options they can be varied in size -don't all have to be maximum).

I find the Mission off-leash park to small.

If there are many dog parks, the size won't matter to me because they won't be crowded

no off leash dog parks

1.0 acres

.75-1 acre

we just need more, could be the size of a tennis court. Just need more.

The Ellison park is by far the best park in the area. It is 7.0ha. Which gives room for people with social dogs, and people who would rather be on their own and avoid contact. Small parks aren't a good solution

The bigger, the better.

minimum 1.0 ha. (Mission Rec is 0.85 ha and is still too small)

A dog park/beach.Or any LARGE area for dogs to run in

Not sure how big mission dog park is, but i use the Richter street park and i feel that is a good size.

0.7, big dogs need more space to play, 0.3 or 0.4 would probably be big enough for smaller dogs, but it is hard to find a place to bring larger dogs to

0.4 ha is nice, but a mix throughout the city would be fine

Larger is better as kelowna is a large city with a lot of dogs

anything that fits...could be a 10x10' leftover space in the urban core that provided jsut enough space for a dog to do its business.

I like a bit larger than 0.4 ha

the more the better irregardless of size - if you have many size could be smaller as its spread out - its situational

Linear off-leash dog park at least 5km in distance

No more dog parks! Dogs should be doing it in the bush!!

At least the same size as Sutherland Park; room to run not an insult!

The Mission Recreation Off-leash Dog Park is about 0.72 ha, NOT as you say 0.40 ha. Check and compare to Duggan Dog Park which is 0.32 ha I believe Duggan may be smaller thanb 0.32 ha as your posted figure may include the playground. Dog park mininum would be 0.80 ha and should include a small dog section similar to the one at the Mission dog park..

Larger

0.8 ha

Larger

There could be small green spaces in many neighbourhoods

Keep American Kennel Association in the USA , this is CANADA

Right now we have so few options anything would be an improvement.

.4 ha is a minimum size, especially if divided between large/small dogs

Nil

The more options the better. It's ok to start small

As mentioned in a previous page, if there are more 'off-leash' parks I would estimate even 50 metres by 50

metres would be fine; not sure what that is in hectares but I think 50 m x 50 m may be half the size of Mission Rec Off-Leash Park

0.5 or 0.6 ha

As big as possible with separate spaces with trees or shrubs for privacy

whole hiking trails designated as dogs off-leash

larger is better

Zero

0.4 and up

Quantity over quality.

No particular size should be mandated, especially if there is water access for the dogs to swim.

I don't think size is much of an issue if there were to be more easily accessible dog parks around the city. From 1.5 ha upwards would not be an issue if there were more parks available for off-leash purposes.

The minimum size seems fine but, in some situations, it may be possible to have a larger one, depending on the location. If so, I think a slightly larger one would be nice.

If there can be more of them but smaller that works. Vancouver good example

Anything ..it is better than the size of the average lot in Kelowna.

Larger than 0.4

1 ha

I want to be with my off-leash dog on trails, not in an open boring space. So like the Endowment Lands or parts of Stanley Park in Vancouver with leash optional trails.

I don't know the size of a ha so all I can say is that the off-lease parks need to be at least the size of the one in Rutland on Hartman Road.

The size of a proper park! Ellison is the only half decent one.

should not be gated at all

I think it should be sized according to what is needed in the space or neighbourhood allowed

1 ha

Would need two areas within the park (small and large dogs) and .3 would be fine.

Designate small dog and large dog ares

We are new to owning a dog in this day and age, so unsure.

That would depend on the amount of dogs that use the park. The larger the amount of users the bigger the area should be. I think an open area and a trail system would be much nicer than a field.

.3 is okay if there are many parks otherwise they need to be larger.

.6

0.7

This should be dependent on the area. I agree large areas are ideal but in downtown areas, smaller parks would be great for those living in apartments/condos with small dogs, etc.

bigger. at least .7 ha

for larger breeds they need a MINIMUM of 1ha in order to run, chase balls, go to a corner and learn new skills.

The size of the Glenmore dog park

The mission park can become very busy, it is already over crowded at times which can be very overwhelming for a dog that may need to take a moment and calm down. 0.4 is too small. You need space to RUN!! We stopped going there years ago as it gets too congested

.75ha

Perhaps a dog park should be based on general population density and estimated dogs in neighbourhood, rather than x hectare. Further, usability is affected by many factors including soil type, geography, accessibility, roads nearby (no fence), shade/snow/water/swimming, ease of getting to and parking, etc.

Larger...a forested area or natural area

North Vancouver (Princess Park) and Prince George (Moores Meadow, Guinter's Meadow) have large forested parks available without fencing with loads of trails for off leash parks.

Duggan Park is much smaller than the designated area but it still serves a very important purpose. It gets used very frequently and even has organized meet-ups of certain dog breeds. It shows even small spaces have value as off leash parks.

a larger area even than 0.4 ha

1ha

Most cities have natural parks as dog off-leash parks. When you compare to that, the question sounds quite ridiculous (0.4ha is quite small).

1 ha

Some cities have created smaller off-leash parks for dogs in urban centres. For example, Calgary recently developed its first fenced, urban off-leash dog park (Connaught Park Off-leash Area), that is approximately 0.12 ha in size. In your opinion, what should be the approximate minimum size for an off leash dog park in an urban centre?

1 ha

The smaller the dog park the more likely you will have incidents with dogs

0.25

larger. Concern is dog fights with misbehaving dogs (no where for the good dog to escape)

Larger. Sustainability is driven by green space.

0.4 ha.

.3-.4ha minimum.

only for smaller dogs would you want a smaller park

none of these sizes is appropriate for large numbers of large breed dogs, which are abundant in the downtown corridor of Kelowna

0 , no dog parks in downtown area

Increase in quantity more important than size

Would that be one area for both large and small dogs? I see that there are trees too! That would be great.

.12-.15 ha. as long as there is room for 4 - 5 dogs at a time to run & chase a ball.

0.15 would not be ideal for larger breeds.

We need room for them to run! Otherwise why bother! Certainly there are some small breeds (they still need to run) but to have a well socialized and exercised dog leads to fewer potential issues! We need a reasonable size to accomplish this.

We are not an urban centre to be compared to Calgary

As big as possible' to avoid crowding... And a long loop is best so people can walk around and not have to stand in one place. You can also recommend a limit of dogs, so people take turns and don't end up with too many dogs in a small space.

The minimum depends on the size and number of dogs in the area.

If it is small, you need a max number of dogs

Much bigger! Kelowna is supposed to promote healthy lifestyles. Smaller areas concentrate bacteria and opportunities for dogs to be frustrated.

Depends on the size of dogs allowed in there. The small dog park by Bankhead store is great for smaller dogs

dogs.

smaller off leash parks are not useful at all, unless it is for very small breed dogs in amongst condos.

Bigger than 0.15ha

none

No, Kelowna is hardly that scarce with space.

not certain, maybe smaller size for smaller pets but how to enforce?

that small should be for dog specific sizes and bigger dogs go to bigger parks

With the many beach accesses along lakeshore abbott it would be nice to designate one or two of these as dog beaches.

.4 ha

Small parks Only good for small dogs. Does nothing for bigger do

.4 ha

Bigger is better.

Definitely much bigger than that. Dogs need room to play and run otherwise they will have problems. There is a lot of large parks in Calgary as I have been there. They have huge paths and field scattered throughout the city. are you kidding me about the size of Stuart Park rink. that could be so much bigger also. it is very busy and people don't have room to move.

big as possible

Any size possible

More smaller ones in the 0.15 to 0.2 ha range would make them more accessible to more neighbours without having to drive.

Any size is better than not one at all

Should be large enough to throw ball for large dog.

It needs to be larger. I have seen this in Vancouver, and small areas = small pools of bacteria, as the animals pee poo in same area as play, then all animals get sick. It's like playing in a litter box. Although, I have noticed Kelowna is much better at maintaining dog parks, via bark mulch. Still need to separate big vs small dogs, and use caution at gates.

Please have a centrally located dog beach

I would love anything. At this point I have to drive to any off leash area. It is the only reason I need a car.

Anything

See comments above

Those are all small.

Again, you are forcing us to choose only small or smaller options. This survey is poorly written and is just going to get the answers you are looking for. All of those sizes are very small. We are not in the middle of a huge city like Calgary. Make the dog parks as big as possible. The one out by YLW is nice. Again, fenced which is not necessary. And not along any water which is unfortunate. But it is a nice size. Kelowna has large areas that could accommodate. It's like Kelowna doesn't want dogs or to invest in what people really want. But it tries to make you think it is.

Bigger

0.3 ha

Larger

Larger

.4 ha

Larger unless only for small dogs

Given common sense, a park's size will ultimately determine the clientele.

Larger. Why create something that doesn't allow for dogs and owners to move away from other dogs and owners that want to engage in a different type of visit is. Socializing vs fetch etc

.25 ha

Most dog parks have a small area for small dogs. I prefer a large park so dogs have room to explore.

.25 ha

as large as is affordable especially in an urban centre.

anywhere that's appropriate and has enough space for dogs to run

Much larger! These mini parks work well for small dogs but are completely inadequate for medium to large dogs and more energetic breeds.

Make it huge big park. That way the dogs can do their own thing. Treat them like with humanity. Have foresight NOW. Set the example, people come here from all over the world and pets are important. Make their pets feel welcome too.

none

At least the size of Stuart park.

Any smaller than the 0.4 I would not use

Mission Creek dog park size

Why not tailor it to the available space. In some urban areas, the parks could be smaller and in other areas larger.

likely as small as possible but again not being a dog owner I am not sure

None

a smaller area is ok for small dogs but not for big ones

In highly urbanized areas 0.15 to 0.10 is sufficient, especially if there are plenty of them.

0.4 ha is minimum - anything else is much too small and there will be problems

0.4

No enough! Muzzle the dangerous dogs that kill small dogs.

Too small for a group of dogs. Parks do not limit number of dogs

0.5ha

0.2 ha

0.12 seems awfully small. Would be interesting to see how Calgary makes out. Seems pretty small for large dogs. Okay for small breeds, but not for both.

equal to Rutland dog park..ideal size

anything is better than nothing. That said, a variety of vegetation, hills and valleys, different footings, and available fresh water all make for a great park

I personally wouldn't go to a small one, I like to move too and doing laps around a tennis court is lame

Take them elsewhere. The land is too valuable.

.5ha

The more confined the space the more likelihood for problems between dogs

As I stated above, none. Fence their own yard .

0.4 ha

They need to be bigger

0

Again, some small off-leash parks are appropriate, in say local neighbourhood areas, for quick runs. But they should not be the only off-leash parks/size.

their own yard

.5ha

Has to be larger than rink or tennis court

.4 ha, if .4 ha is not available within urban centres, then place the off leash dog parks outside urban centres

0.3

1 acre minimum

Zero

This may be ok for small dogs, but bigger dogs should have more space to run.

.5ha with seperate small dog area included

As big as the land/community can handle

no smaller than than the Stuart Park Rink

no opinion

Not sure if sizes but the smaller the area the more chance of possible fightssspible

.4

bigger the better

The location.

no opinion

larger is better stuart park size is way to small

I do not believe Kelowna is urbanized enough to need micro dog parks

0.3 ha

No less than .5 h

bigger, big dogs thats not big enough and crowded

.4 ha

.3

Too small for larger dogs, at least; limited ability to chase a toy; risks increase in dogs fighting

.4

Again, any size off leash park is better than none.

Parks can be smaller if there are more available to dog people.

too small for most dogs. only good for miniature breeds

Too small except maybe in downtown area

I like larger parks even for the minimum requirement.

Any size

A Stuart Park size would be the bare bones minimum. An urban centre like Calgary may have greater constraints on land acquisition or availability than Kelowna

for large dogs, or very active dogs a larger space is better.

As large as possible

larger

As already answered above. A "small" park is by far 100% better than no park.

The bigger, the better

All three too small

.25 ha

Ideally there would be sections (as in Vancouver) of linear parks designated as off-leash

Again, there should be more large parks. See above.

Those are way too small. Should be at least 0.4 ha

any size

Again, all dog parks need room for both large dogs and small dogs. Each dog park must have separation fences. My small dog has been attacked three times by a rottweiler and two standard poodles. The owners of the aggressive dogs didn't understand they were at fault for not controlling their dogs. Until I contacted the dog control people.

none

That's too small! If there is 10 to 15 dogs then the space has to be expanded

That's too small if there's 10 to 15 dogs they're there too crowded

.4 ha

See my answer above

Smaller than .4 ha is not an safe option.

0.4 ha

Big enough to run

don't make it too small.....

See previous question

0

0.3h

none

none

no aprks

.2 ha, but only if it is restricted to small dogs.

None.

0.4 mission park is the smallest I will go too. There are often too many dogs there to comfortably spend time there whether alone or with children due to density of dogs.

Too small! In progressive cities in Florida, they are 4x the size.

Half a ha.

Non of the above

.4

This sizing has to do with the type of dog and the area . For example if you have a dog that is 40 kilos do you want that dog being with a 5 kilo dog?

Bigger is better becouse in Urban centre it would be very busy, to many dogs in smaller park creates problems. Besides small parks would only be good for small dogs. ex, Bernard park.

depends on sizes of dogs using park

Should be .2 ha

I'm not sure there's any value in smaller off-leash parks, urban or otherwise.

Not Acceptable

small parks are not very helpful for larger dogs who need some space to run and play. They may offer some relief for urban dwellers but should not be the norm. .12 size would be adequate for small or less active dogs no problem but you need to allow space for the humans that come with them too.

Smaller ones would be fine if they had more parks

Good for small dogs only

None, the city should not provide space at all, it should be privately owned and outside city limits.

I believe it should be larger. Calgary also has more non-fenced designated off leash areas

Better than nothing but we won't go there, big dog

absolute minimum 0.15

these sizes are too small for med and large dogs

all too small , might as well rent the CNC indoor fields

please differentiate, most people would not know these dimensions!

No smaller than .2 ha

minimum 0.15

0.2

We should create an amusement park for dog and owner and create opportunities for retail options for additional revenue streams

The size again, depends on the community it serves. They should be designed according to the individual needs of the users in the area.

Is he completely unrealistic comparison. I lived next to that park in Calgary and the density of the surrounding community is way higher than any community in Kelowna. Work on densifying Kelowna first then maybe you can have a small dog park

.3 ha

Small is better than no off leash park

If nothing else is available, 0.15 ha is fine, but sincere effort should be made to make legitimate spaces for dogs and their owners to enjoy.

..

the bigger the better to give dogs more room and decrease attacks

.5 ha

Not sure

i/2 city block

My tax dollars should be spent on people not dogs.

Would be nice to have a few smaller fenced areas for off leash training purposes

Personally I'm not concerned with the size of the park as long as we have dog parks

0.06 is fine, as long as there are many of these small ones to choose from as well as larger ones for bigger or younger dogs who need more room to exercise

2 small

0.4 ha

dogs are not fussy, that is a human trait. any location should be considered

none

0.3ha

Put them anywhere where they will have enough room to fetch a ball without the risk of overthrow into people's yards or onto streets

Size doesn't really matter, but limiting those smaller parks to smaller dogs is an issue. The size of park shouldn't necessarily limit the size of dog allowed in it.

All parks should allow off-leash

Larger than those specified

.3 ha

Bigger the better

American Kennel Association minimum

0.2

as large as possible and could be split into 2 sections, large dog and small dog areas

As large as possible

~

Don't care wouldn't go.

Calgary has amazing riverside parks where you can walk for a long ways,

.15 minimum for urban

0.4 ha

1

.4 Ha

.2

The bigger the space the healthier and safer it is.

0.4 ha as stated above. Smaller parks are preferable to no parks, but not as conducive to proper dog exercise.

Minimum should be .3ha

0.4 . Big dogs need space! A small dog park like Connaught is best suited for little dogs

munson now we are restricted.

see above answer

Don't know or care, just enforce on-leash in other parks

.15 ha may be suitable for small dogs but not others

no dog parks is better

i think these sizes are all too small

.5 ha

not sure

You shouldn't expect dogs to be couped up and play in such a small confined space. They have energy and need room to run around and be active. That is not a suitable size for large dogs to play.

I think it really depends on dog size and how heavily the park is used

I would not use these very small dog parks

would depend on allowable number of dogs. Not good to be overpopulated per square meter. I do not know if there is that sort of statistical information

Stuart Park's rink is not even close to big enough to adequately exercise a large dog. I could throw my dog's ball twice that far. At least double that. if not more. If we're going to put effort into a new park. then let's

can make it worth it. make it worth it.

0.4 ha

None, all parks should be available and useable to all

.4ha

Larger

Large enough to support reasonable ground cover in relation to the potential traffic

None the space should be used for humans who pay taxes

I think .15 is too small and that is when there could be problems

.3, .4 o smaller , they need to run

If it works in Calgary it would work here but I like on leash better.

.5

.2

happy with 0.15 or 0.10. tennis court is too small for them to get a good run.

See above

If the shape of the park is linear, or if there are interesting features like trees and a shoreline, then the total area can be smaller. But if the park is a featureless, grass, fenced off square, the total area needs to be larger.

At least the size of Stuart park rink, if it's any smaller the owners back yard is better

small shouldn't exist..just a giant playpen

at least the size of the one by BMW dealership

0

River Park

0.4 ha

If there were more of the smaller parks, it may work but not in exchange for the larger parks. Big dogs need more space to run

at least 1 ha

.4 ha

100 feet square

n/a

0.3 ha

0.2

0.4 a dog cant run and chase balls in something the size of a tennis court....really?

That's pretty small won't be used much.

Larger than 0.4

It should be dependant upon the amount of people/animals using it. Having large groups of dogs in smaller areas will cause problems

Size of dog would dictate.

.4 ha or bigger

n/a

Again better than nothing, but bigger is better.

Whatever size is available

0.2 ha

.4 or larger

The concentration of dogs matters, not the size. If we have MORE options, they won't be as crowded.

0.25 ha - innercity off leash parks will be very busy and the city should plan for future density

I would not frequent such small parks unless I had a Chihuahua

I appreciate any space allotted for off leash

I haven't researched this.

the larger the better but anything is better than nothing

0.2

Small parks might help with socialization but cities need accessible parks where dogs can run - at least as large as the Mission park

1/2 ACRE

I am from Vancouver, we have good size, fenced, off leash... they are great!!

Maybe more effort should be spent on parks for children

Cedar creek dog park

1 hectare

Much too small of an area

Much bigger. All dogs need to be able to run.

In a city the size of Kelowna, where the Richter dog park has been a great, albeit temporary dog park essentially downtown, we know the bigger space is better. 0.3 would be better. And we can't discriminate based on dog size. A park that small is no good to bigger dogs that actually need the off-leash time.

Great outdoors past 201 off main.

larger area preferred

0.25 ha

0.2 ha

These all seem too small.

None of these sizes are very useful for medium sized dogs that want to run.

dogs will use and take what you give them with thanks - if large breed in a small dog park it will be socialization only - if one understands that the dog will need its exercise elsewhere and preferably before arriving then even small and large breeds will be served well - otherwise you may be better suited in small parks to limit the dog size... probably ok in a very urban area as small housing usually leads to small dogs - other wise for exercise the answer is .2 for small dog and another .4 for large ? if this is looking for support for the tiny DP on the new development on the old HS property, it will not be there as the existing DP there is so nice and large now it would be sorely missed - if this survey answer jumps up in support of this then it is misrepresented

.5 ha

Too small!! Dogs that need it most need larger areas . Too small and crowded will lead to aggression and running in small areas is very hard on a dogs joints. Small parks ok for little dogs or just a place to per but not good for recreation. Also I love to walk in the dog park so larger area better

Something the size of Stuart Park would cause congestion and force dogs into possible conflict. For larger dogs this is far too small A minimum for medium sized to larger dogs would be at least 5X this size.

At least that big. Would not work for big dogs

.4 hectare I don't think they should be smaller

0.2 ha

Big enough to throw a frisbee and for a dog to get a good run in.

All too small depending on how many people are there and the size of the dog

Richter Street or Hartman road are of a preferable size in my opinion allowing for separation for example, gregarious playful dogs and quieter or more elderly dogs and the same may be said for the owners in my experience.

Again depends on location. These small off leash areas in urban centers are great for ppl to get their dogs out for a quick bathroom break.

0.4 I was in a "lot" sized park in Squamish, couldn't even throw a frisbee

Off leash should not be allowed in a City.

Again, as noted above, it may be better to take into consideration what is available. That said, I think that the 0.15 option seems like the smallest.

Those sound too small...

If there are many dog parks, the size won't matter to me because they won't be crowded

.3h. For a larger dog these other sizes are too small.

none

Smaller dogs could definitely use smaller parks.

Is this the same question? just smaller measurements?

As large as is possible.

at least 1.0 ha (approx one soccer field / Hartman dog park)

0.2 ha

As large as possible

see "other" in question above

people will never be happy - just do it

At minimum 0.2 ha

not applicable - I do not have small dogs

fenced area sounds great to me

None Owners should use there own yards!

Any - this would be great to have more urban dog parks, even if they are small.

Dogs need to run so the mush bigger than 3 tennis courts!

0.40 ha Pls take into account that Calgary allows dogs in almost all of its parks, so the 0.12 for small dogs must be for extremely small dogs like Peekes.

0.2 ha would be OK for small dogs, though this is too small for larger breeds

Anything is better than nothing

NO PARKS .. SAVE MONEY for SCHOOLS & CHILDREN .. If dog owners liked Calgary so much .. GO BACK

And how many of these would replace a large well-used dog park in Central Kelowna?

0.4 ha - smaller is not suitable for large dogs who require the most exercise

Whatever the area available allows. There should not be a stated minimum.

I welcome any size. The more options dog owners have the better.

At least this size

Nil

Any new park would be appreciated

See my answer above; I would even be amenable to ones as small as the Stuart Pk ice rink

n/a

Only small if associated with water access

More parks small and large would be great.

smaller is not needed, larger is

All off leash dog parks should be large ie. .4 ha. and away from residences

Zero

Again, quantity over quality. Get enough parks into the right neighbourhoods as a first step.

At least this size! These parks can be crowded at times!!

.2

.2 ha

If that size is working well for Calgary, I see no reason to differ. If not, the lessons learned should obviously be incorporated.

As above, have more but if need be smaller, .15 ha

.4 ha higher population means more dogs and owners, why would the size be smaller?

No comment

The size of the Hartman dog park which is larger than a tennis court, so my answer is larger than 0.15

0.15 but divided so that small and large dogs are not forced together

These options are ridiculous. How are bigger dogs supposed to chase a ball or hike in these little areas!

0.20

Calgary has a good idea with this area! - Nicely buffered as well

larger than 0.15. that barely enough room to turn around

.4 ha, as my dog couldn't be bothered with anything smaller. There's grass elsewhere to pee on.

If the area is too small I do not see the point. I think 0.3-0.4 is minimum

.4 ha

Good size for small dogs

See answer from above. Same.

0.5 ha

Unknown

0.20

This smaller size could house a dog's water park playground.

bigger. at least .4

for a large dog off leash area - 1 ha.

The bigger, the better

0.2

It depends on the area. Since we are desperate for more urban dog parks it could be flexible depending on the area. Better to have several small ones than none at all.

0.4 ha, we do not have the population base as Calgary and should not be compared to them. Obviously the person looking at this has come from Calgary.

0.2ha we are nowhere near as urbanized as Calgary

Smaller parks require good ground cover to prevent wear and tear and weather. Also, in big cities such as Calgary and Toronto is the dog population similar or different? e.g. lots of handbag size dogs vs larger ones here? See comments above.

Big enough that active dogs can have balls/ frisbees thrown a good distance (.25-.3 ha)

.3 ha

0.5ha

Calgary has so many off-leash parks. Unless it's for smaller dogs, any of the above don't sound minimum.

It is essential to increase green space for dogs and therefore dog families. I would suggest each area access on its own merits. Better to have a smaller space then none at all.

There needs to be room for a dog to run, as far as you can launch a ball with a typical chuck-it .

I think any form of freedom for animals that are always tied up is beneficial

0.4

0.4

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions regarding Kelowna's dog parks in the box below.

Parking - ample and well constructed - no park user likes a muddy lot.

Well designed dog park entrances. This is often where conflict occurs. There are good solutions available. Example, large rocks close to entrance to lessen ability of other dogs charging when a new dog arrives. If possible separate entrances to small dog areas. The parks can be busy, more than one entrance could be very useful and help lessen conflicts.

Proper construction in new dog parks - specifically, proper sub base material to allow sufficient drainage and lessen effects of urine affecting turf. The right material in the right place. Entrances may be best suited for material other than turf. Pathways for people could be crush or gravel.

Don't forget that dog parks are used by people for exercising. The design should account for how people use the park too, not just the dogs.

Park monitors - authorized/sanctioned volunteers with some authority to administer fines for unlawful behavior, or if this is too difficult to achieve, to help educate users on expectations and proper use of these

parks. Some users do not fully understand dog behavior in this type of setting and their lack of knowledge leads to unwanted behavior at the parks. Often this behavior escalates and conflicts arise.

This may be achieved by initiating a user pass system to access the parks - people could sign form for acknowledging all behaviors that are permitted, those that aren't, and the repercussions of contravention. This could also be used as an opportunity to provide educational/instructional material on how the owner can best prepare their dogs and themselves to use the facilities. Example, when I use a city ball field I have to sign a form acknowledging rules and expectations and my responsibilities when I play ball with an organization on the ball field. If I break these rules, I may not be able to play on the field. A similar approach to dog parks could be a way to educate and raise the level of awareness for people, not just letting them walk through the gate and letting their dog run free with no direction or control. Some people just don't know....Also, a way to let owners know they will be accountable for their own behavior, and their dog's behavior. The intention is to raise the level of behavior of users to build good parks, the goal being that the rest of the public will see the park as an asset to the community.

Cameras installed in all dog parks to help achieve these goals.

Munson pond might be a good location.

I live near the downtown core. With richter park being removed I would love to be able to still walk to a park. Also I find it quite silly that I have nowhere that both me and my dog can swim in the summer, that isn't gross or difficult to walk on. There's many side beaches along the shore line and all I'm asking for is one that I can enjoy as well instead of hurt my foot on jagged large rocks or swimming in waters thick with junk from the mill.

Too many people own dogs who should not. They are a nuisance to non-dog-owners.

As much as the philosophy about dog parks makes sense, the realities of health and safety for the dogs is in jeopardy.

rutland dog park has alot of the things mentioned.

it's the one i choose to go to.

People need to pick up after there pets. that's my biggest issue.

it would be nice if bags were provided. sometimes people forget to bring one and then you're out of luck.

i don't like the sand or wood chips. sand is messy and wood chips give the dogs splinters in their feet.

more grass would be awesome!!!!

thanks.

I may be willing to volunteer, depending on how well run the park was, and depending on whether I thought I could use the park (ie it met my needs). An example would be a large park that had lake access.

I do not regularly use off-leash parks now because of badly behaved dogs (owners) and concern that my dog would become injured or ill. If I do use an off-leash park, it is when I notice there is no-one else there, and then I have a concern regarding my personal safety.

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I do think we need a park that allows dogs in the water (lake/pond/river) - especially with their owners (ie lake, swimming). It is hot here in the summer. Responsible dog owners would always pick up after their dog, especially near water! I recommend poop bags and a garbage for disposal.

I do think there is a difference between large and small dogs (I have a large dog). I consider my dog friendly, but I am always cautious when a group of large dogs is socializing with a smaller one.

The idea of pay for use is a good one - but my expectation is there would be control over, or ramifications for, misbehaving dogs.

I would prefer to see more off-leash trails and dog swimming areas Dogs need to cool down in the Summer too!

I would favour quantity over size when it comes to parks. I large park is great when there is a large number of dogs. But those numbers decrease when there is more availability. Have in parks closer to ones home will increase the odds of people walking to the park, decreasing vehicle traffic and a need for lots of parking. As much as I would enjoy agility equipment or structures I feel like it is a liability. Not only for misuse by animals, but also from children who frequent the parks with the family dog. The basics are fine. Fenced, water, shade, and a site the is well drained.

We need another off leash dog beach before another dog park.

This may be hard but someone patrolling these areas to ensure safety from aggressive dogs and rude/lazy owners.

I think we have plenty of parks in a good mix of areas. The only thing lacking (terribly lacking) is a park on the lake closer to town center. Or even to the north of town (the northend or McKinley). The one in the mission is too far for us to travel to. An off-leash lakeshore park is desperately needed in this city for those of us with large dogs to be able to adequately exercise and cool them off in the summer months. Would be so happy if this were to happen. Would even consider paying a small fee for it.

Access to the lake for dogs is badly needed in Kelowna. This would make tourists happy too.

Why are tax payers paying for people's dogs activities?

Before dedicating funds and personnel to the creation of additional park space to dogs, how about enforcing dog licensing and fines for misuse of parks and BEACHES under current regulations. Kelownians are acclimatized and feel justified and entitled to disregard civic laws regarding their dogs.

I am pleased that Kelowna is giving time and consideration to this issue.

Dogs need an accessible off leash BEACH area. Its hot here in the summer and they need a place to cool off. We are seeing more and more people-dog conflict on public beaches and we need beach areas that have dogs separate from people uses.

responsible dog owners use dog parks effectively but it's the irresponsible owners that ruin it for everybody

I would like to see regulations changed to allow for leashed dogs in baseball/soccer fields so we can enjoy watching the game without having to leave Fido at home. This may help take some pressure off dog parks.

It is very important to me to have small/big separation in the large dog parks. The small ones can get hurt so easily by accident from collisions with bigger dogs.

Separation is not necessary with beach dog parks as fetching in the water is the main activity. Beach dog access is very limited in Kelowna and it is very disappointing.

pit bull type dogs should be banned from all parks including dog parks and the green way

Being a dog friendly community is important for tourism, among other things.

I know that artificial turf is expensive. However, I had it installed at my previous home and I had two dogs. The artificial turf was ten times easier to clean up after the dogs than real grass which got ruined very quickly. In the long run, the artificial turf was cheaper and easier to maintain.

People need to be more responsible when it comes to taking due care of their dogs at the park. That includes picking up after them.

There could be more on-leash parks for dog owners to use. It is very hard to take my dog to family outdoor activities or walks. It would also be nice to have more doggy water fountains around town. Kelowna could be way more dog friendly! We need to keep working on this! It shouldn't be hard for people to own animals!

Great survey, it's clear much thought is going into this process. The idea of an external body running the park is a worthwhile exploration.

Regarding a dog beach access - it is in such high demand that it must be done carefully to mitigate any community impacts.

I would prefer areas that are more adventurous. Somewhere with walking trails, trees, hills, etc. Standing around in a big muddy square where dogs just run around in circles peeing on chairs and humping each other isn't the most enjoyable dog orientated recreational activity.

Most of us that know better don't use any provided seating because they just become urinals for the dogs. Having water troughs so dogs don't have to fight over the same tap would be nice.

Entrances to the parks get really muddy quite frequently. Gravel or something may help.

The portable human toilets that are provided become known public washrooms for crackheads. I'm scared to even look in them. If they stay can they please not be located right beside the entrance? They smell terrible and I'm scared of the people who stumble out of them.

It's awesome that poop bags get provided however, as with everything that is left outside in this town,

people just take the entire stack home with them and nobody gets to use them. Maybe dispensers that just dispense one bag at a time would help.

I would certainly support "pay dog parks" if we also had "pay children's playgrounds".

Dog parks are used every day of the year (despite the weather); they require little beyond fencing and water (no expensive playground equipment).

I don't know what some of the options for surfacing were but it needs to be something that a ball can bounce on and it must be kind to their feet - turf works well.

Cedar Creek off leash offers a chance of a swim but it would be nice to have a sandy beach. Well, actually it would be nice to just HAVE another beach! We are growing and our dog population is also growing!

Please let's work to have happier, healthier people and dogs by increasing our options for family parks!

Kelowna desperately needs another off-leash dog beach! The beach at the base of Knox mountain would be the best place. The ONLY off leash dog park with water access where dogs can swim is on the very outskirts of the city. It is a very long drive for those who live in Rutland or Black Mountain, even those living in the downtown area. Westbank has a very nice dog-friendly beach in the main beach area. It has a combination of on and off-leash areas. The on-leash side is great for anybody, families etc. and the off leash side offers dogs the opportunity to swim, which they deserve in our hot Okanagan summers! A similar park could easily be developed at the park at the base of Knox mountain.

Membership cards with rfid tags that the owner must purchase along with dog licences and then use to 'swipe' in and out of parks. Therefore the dogs and owners who are in the park are known, on record, so if there is an incident of a violent dog etc the owner would be easily located. Also, it would enable bylaw to block or not allow known aggressive or problem behaved dogs/ owners into off leash areas.

This city is backwards when dealing with dogs and their owners. We have created an environment where people are leaving their dogs in their homes all day long. A 0.4 dog park is not sufficient.

We should be offering lots of outdoor areas. The beaches should be dog friendly from October to May - this would help control all the goose crap that is now covering these beaches.

We could learn a lot from Victoria and you will see dogs are welcome everywhere and if they are behaved and off leash no one cares.

It's time Kelowna stopped thinking about a big field as a holding area for dogs, and starting thinking about interesting walking areas for people and dogs. We all know the stats about dogs being good for people's health... But that doesn't mean sitting in a lawn chair in the middle of a field! Off leash trails are incredibly good for people moving and dogs exercising. In a field, dogs have nothing to do except congregate in a pack, which can lead to fights. Better to design stimulating environments with paths and trees and bushes, and walking circuits, so people can walk with their pets.

Don't forget that almost one third of pet owners have children... And more than half of the people who have children have dogs too!

So separating children and pets isn't practical for families. Consider dogs on leash in playgrounds too...

Something that was not address is the fencing around the parks. Especially in the small dog parks the fencing is either too big or there are gaps in which dogs can get out.

Something else that was not in the survey is having poop bags available. These are not always available for those who forget to bring there own and so they just leave their dogs poop.

I also think that the parks should me monitored more frequently for unregistered dogs, or those who are not following the rules (i.e., aggressive dog, a dog that is not spayed or neutered, etc).

The city of Kelowna has always been unfriendly to dog/pet owners. Even before I owned my dog I noticed the length that friends and strangers had to go to find dog friendly spaces. Many times they would give up looking and just stay home.

I pay city taxes which go to public infrastructure and amenities, the majority of which I will never use, such a schools for children I don't/wont have, docks/wharves for boats I won't/don't own, activities that are inaccessible either by location or time, etc.

It would be nice to see the city opening it's immense number of beaches to dog/pet owners as ON LEASH PARKS. It would be nice to see by-law enforce the regulations for people not picking up waste. It would be nice to see the city provide waste bags to the public so that owners could pick up their waste (Like Penticton) if they forget to pack their own.

Make sure all feces are picked up by the owner, otherwise give a stiff penalty or barred from the dog park

The off-leash area should be accessible to people in wheelchairs.

The off-leash area should have water for the dogs to swim in.

I wouldn't support a not for profit or profit based dog park because I could take my dog somewhere else for free. Though I would imagine this does sort of depend on the amenities as well, if you are going to put an agility course out, or structure for the dogs to play in, then I could see through maybe paying on occasion, but I'm not sure long term it would be financially viable. Building a good park and relying on a concession stand would make more sense to me, sort of like what is in Ben Lee Park.

I have a small dog, and I do enjoy the park near Bankhead store on Bernard. It would be great to see water available to the dogs there. Also some sort of beach access in around Downtown would be great.

With the city growing off leash&accessible areas are necessary for the mental health&physical well being of dogs....they need recreation.. With so much development where would dogs go...aids in responsible ownership. A fee would discourage that.. Then fairness should I pay a fee to go to a park?

Kelowna needs a dog beach near downtown. I think the majority of dog owners will agree this is the top priority for the city when it comes to dog parks. Right now owners feel the need to allow their dogs in the

water on hot summer days, and are using normal beach access (willingly against the bylaw) in order to give their dogs that play in the water they need. This creates conflicts with other beach goers. There are so many beach access parks, surely one of them could be designated a dog beach. The one dog beach we have is great, but it means the majority of people in the city have to drive 20 minutes to get there. It's not environmentally friendly to drive all that distance many times during the summer, and it is far too far to bike with a dog. We live in the hottest place in Canada. Our dogs need a centrally located dog beach.

What Kelowna needs is a more central off-leash dog beach. The only reasonable location is Sutherland Park. I lived in that neighborhood for years, nobody uses the north section of the park except geese and a few kayakers. Because of the geese the water is disgusting. When dogs were allowed there, the geese avoided the park. Nearby homeowners' biggest opposition is about parking on the street - when dogs were allowed in the park, many (including mine) were walked there & back. The parking lot was sufficient nearly all the time - the vehicles parked on the street were and are always trucks & boat trailers belonging to people who use the boat launch. The southern section of the park has tons of space for non-dog use (including the playground). Anyone who complains about noise is being disingenuous, since Sutherland Park is right next to the mill & just a block away from the cement plant & other industry.

To many people use Rowcliffe dog park and are not considerate of the neighbor's. It's time to respect the people who live nearby, not the irresponsible people who visit.

If there is land available for parks, great. Use it so that all residents have additional park space

Look into the Marymoor Park in Redmond WA. This is the kind of park that would make Kelowna a go-to place for dog owners

We never use them. Should have been an option for the questions.

I would love to see Kelowna become a model town/city that is dog friendly. Many studies have shown the positive effects animals have in our lives. Residents of Kelowna should be able to experience this outside of their homes.

With increasing City encouragement and subsequent development of high rise urban dwellings & hotels [tourism] within our city, attention to creating accessible spaces for people with pets residing in Condo, Townhouse and shared accommodation ...as well as visitors ...to walk-exercise (themselves and their pets) and, engage with 'community' is important. It's vital for Kelowna to be considered "pet friendly" yet, inclusion of people with pets in other areas of the City is important as well. People love their pets and pets offer a lot to people (physically & psychologically) so a healthy community includes all of our citizens and their furry family members. Thanks!

I would love to see benches and a covered area for people to sit, I spend a great portion of my week at the park and when I am too busy with work s, my dog goes to one of the local daycares

There are lots of dog parks in Kelowna and I think that the city is doing a good job of providing recreation opportunities for dogs and dog owners.

If a dog beach is created downtown it should be done with care to determine a location that will increase the

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use of a currently underused beach.

Dog parks are necessary and important for a community. While I do not personally own a dog I can definitely see where they are important.

need access to beaches that are more accessible than present

We desperately need an off leash beach access park closer in than the Mission. Sutherland park is the logical place, as it is lightly used now and is always so littered with goose dropping, making it an unhealthy place to picnic or play for kids. It is big enough to be split up into two parts. I realize that park had an off leash designation years ago, but at the time it was not completely fenced in, and no signage to separate the boat launch. It would work best if the part left of the boat launch was used.

We need more dog beaches in Kelowna. Home owners who have beach property have dogs in the water all the time and walk them along the shoreline - example - from Blue Bird to Mission Yacht Club on Hobson - but we have to drive to Cedar Creek Park for the dogs to swim. Surely one end of City Park, Rotary or Gyro Beach could be roped to allow dogs to swim with their owners. Vancouver Beaches seem to allow dogs as do US Beaches. Why not Kelowna?

Need more bylaw officers to fine people that don't clean up after their dogs.
It's the few that ruin it for all dog owners.

If there were to be a fee it would be good if it were an annual or as part of the dog license fee. This money would go to dog park maintenance, SPCA support, etc. Also there should be a better selection of off leash dog parks as well as off leash beaches. IE the Knox Mountain off leash park is too small, on a hill, no shade. This would be better off down below or up higher. Also there should be more parks that are easy to walk to unlike the Glenmore dump park.

We need a dog park somewhere with access to the lake other than 20 minutes out of town. Way too far of a drive for people who live anywhere other than the mission. It gets much too hot in the summer for this to not be an option at any location in town/downtown.

We need a hiking area or trail for owners to take their dogs on off-leash trail runs or hikes. There isn't anywhere (even within an hour of driving distance) that I know of that actually allows owners to go on off-leash hikes or trail walks. Ridiculous considering how many mountains and trails there are throughout the Okanagan.

Every community in Kelowna should have an off leash dog park - even minimum size. It's sad that "we" have to drive to the dog parks so our pets can get exercise, socialize and be trained. Living in the downtown area I've encountered several pet owners who don't drive and they can't take their dogs to the beach. Apparently geese can poop on the beach at will, but dogs aren't (weak argument but I think you get my point). The added bonus of community parks is the socialization factor of people; you know "get to know your neighbours!"

Did I mention the beach issue? I'd pay extra to have a "doggie-beach-pass" to certain beaches in the summer that many people don't swim at because of swimmers itch. Example: Sutherland beach! Ewwww goose/duck... back to that argument again.

Hope this helps!

The health authority is concerned about dog feces and urine in the lake....what about the boat gas and oil and fish feces and dead things and garbage and children's urine and feces in the lake???

Really really want a dog park where both my dog and my kids can swim. It's a family dog and it sucks having to break up our family so we can all enjoy the heat.

More 'small dogs only' space, please. :-)

More dog-friendly access to the lake.

I for one think we need more 'leashed' access to public parks. A well-controlled dog on a short leash is no danger to anyone, and any self-respecting dog owner picks up waste immediately. I'd be fine with no more "off-leash" space, if we were allowed "on-leash" access to many of Kelowna's restricted parks, fields and green spaces.

Thanks!

We pay a lot of property taxes and licensing fees, support many local business (pet and otherwise) and are generally a responsible, hard-working group. It would be nice to have that rewarded with more than some small, far away, poor quality Parks for good dog owners. Thanks

Kelowna needs accessible off leash dog friendly beaches and some off leash hiking trails.

I recently moved here from Langley and our dog park Brookwood off leash park is on an old dump site and has power lines around the property. Everything in the park was donated from people who use the park . Kia donated over 20 trees, Someone built a huge cover for when it rains so we can stand underneath it someone donated 6 park benches it is all chain link fencing 4 gates we have a washroom on site with fresh running water and a toilet that some one from the city comes nightly to lock up. There is fresh running water with a hose so people bring old pots for dogs to drink out of when water restriction is on water is turned off by city workers. We have a trail all around the site on by the gates there is pea gravel and in the middle and the edges is grass the city guys come and cut the grass in the summer months. I would be willing to hold a fundraiser and perhaps talk to my clients and see if they would be interested in donating there time and materials to get parks built. Also last summer someone paid to have the gravel parking lot paved which holds around 30 spots I don't think that is a really smart idea as asphalt burns puppies paws :(

The dog park on Richter is a great place! I take my friends dogs there all the time. I keep hearing that its going to be gone soon, is that true? I think if thats the case, it's a big mistake! That is one of the busiest dog parks in Kelowna! Just my opinion.

Need places to go for walks that are off leash. Maybe sections of greenway early in the morning. Before 8am for example. Many people don't want to just go to a dog park and watch their dog run around, they actually want to exercise as well.

Persons who live in apartments, condos or other similar housing should not own large dogs, then complain that the City is not providing a place for them in a park area.

When owning small dogs and walking them on the Greenway, I became so nervous with all the large dogs running loose there, I had to stop taking them there, although I could see how much they enjoyed running and splashing in the creek.

At least one place in Kelowna where dogs should be allowed on the beach leash free, should definitely be allowed. The Canada geese would just have to look after themselves, I guess!

Each neighborhood in the city should have an off-leash dog park. there also needs to be more access to the lake for dogs and their owners. There should be at least 3 - north end, downtown and the Mission because just having one will put too much stress on the park and the neighborhood. There needs to be a park - much like Calgary's Nose Hill park where users can walk or run with their dogs.

There is already dog droppings all over the city in residential areas. Good etiquette and compliance to dog by-laws is pretty low. I am unsympathetic to the plight of dog owners.

I would pay a fee to use a dog park if there were dog agility/dog activities at the park. If it were just a muddy field like Richter I would not pay a fee.

I would like to see people be accountable for leaving their dogs mess at a public dog park. There has to be a way to enforce picking up your doggie doo, most people are good but there are a lot that are not.

This is a much needed service as there are many families with pets in the city and they need a facility to play. It is very healthy for families to get outside also.

Ground maintenance especially during snow melting time.

Adopt a program where DNA of dogs is taken with licensing and owners are fined if feces is found. So many owners don't pick up. You could even share info with other cities who use it as we are such a tourist centre

More of them

PLEASE put a water access dog park downtown. PERFECT SPOT WOULD BE NORTH SIDE OF BRIDGE ON THE BEACH, EASY WALKING AND BIKING ACCESS, PARKING NEAR BY. Handicap accessible. West of the Delta would be ok too.

We need at least one downtown off leash park on the water. If you want to encourage people to go downtown in summer, they need a legal place to let the dogs swim. Penticton has a terrific location by the hotel. Go look at it. Could not have cost much, just some fencing.

Our water access parks are too far away (Kalamoir), too rocky (Cedar Creek), And generally inaccessible if

you don't drive or are unable to hike.

I would love to swim with my dog in more than 2 feet of water.

Do not put it on Sutherland Bay - that is a dreary swamp and you would need to give your dog a bath when he came out of that water.

Stay tough on non-licensed dog owners and those that do not pick up in or out of all parks. If they don't do that, they are a bad owner. PERIOD.

When making facilities, keep in mind that not all big dogs are aggressive, and not all small dogs are calm and timid. Make facilities that actually work for the dogs, the owners, and the community.

Lighting at the parks is a waste of money. At least North Glenmore. The lights are vandalized, the base of the poles are rusted from urine, and they never were really any good. After dark users are few if any as I never saw any after dark users. If a park is to be utilized for dog agility it should be set up for that purpose. To the extent that it can be used for competition. It is possible that revenue for those competitions could be used to finance and maintain those (that) park. This could be a user pay (pass) so enthusiasts have the environment they require for this activity. I know all I am looking for is a place to let my medium sized sporting dog legally, and safely stretch her legs.

I would like to see Kinsmen park become an ON Leash dog beach like the one in west Kelowna.

I believe that revenue from dog registrations should go into funding dog parks, with less than 50% of the funding coming from general city revenue. Not all people have dogs and hence this burden should not fall fully on the non-pet owners of the city.

A park with lake access

There are small parks, specifically off Bluebird Rd. with a beach that would make a great swimming area/dog park. We need several other beaches for dogs as I don't have access to cars all the time, and pets aren't allowed on busses. If people can't swim by the Mill, I wouldn't want my pet swimming there. Also, can you walk a dog through Rotary Beach to access the walkway, when there are "No Dog" signs? Swimming in Mission Creek, designating an area, would be great. Stiff fines for not cleaning up after pet, not controlling pet.

Thank you for keeping the dog parks well maintained and clean. It's quite a treat to have such great spaces to spend time with my dog. She thanks you too!!

We live in an area with scorching temperatures during summer months. Bylaw officers and busy ticketing people for having their dogs at the beach to try and allow them to cool down. Have bylaw officers spend more time ticketing people smoking cigarettes at the beach than dogs trying to cool down. I am begging for an area that residents can bring their dogs to swim that is centrally located for the warmer months. Additionally, older dogs who are unable to run can get cardiovascular benefits from swimming which is

easier on their joints.

I think more trails and parks could have waste containers every km or so.

I have worked hard for many years trying to fight to simply walk my dogs through the Parks on leash. I live in the South Pandosy neighbourhood.

I am a senior and I have 2 little dogs. I am surrounded by green spaces everywhere ...yet I have to drive to take my dogs to a Park.

I can walk to my Doctors, dentists, bankers, hair dressers, lab, grocery store, several restaurants, bars, drycleaners, dog groomers, pet supply shop, liquor store, drug store, lawyers, accountants.....get the picture...,I need to drive to walk my dogs in a park!

Every neighbourhood should have a green area where people can spend time with their dogs!

I believe this should be a requirement of a city to have accessible amenities available for animal owners, not simply those on the perimeter of a city. It should not be within the realm of having to ask for these - they should simply be available. The minimum support available in Kelowna for resources of this kind, as well as acceptable accommodations for families or individuals with animals is pathetic and is getting increasingly worse as years go on. The city is creating sub-par living conditions when it comes to supporting animals.

The main issues are the dog beaches not running space! A main reason I left Glenmore is the distance to a dog beach.

Considering Kelowna is a lakeside community with some of the hottest temperatures in Canada it is embarrassing that we are all crammed into one dog beach 20 mins from the city for 8 months of the year.

The city needs to look at allocating another beach for dogs. Vancouver has many downtown but Kelowna likes to build million dollar homes on the beach before allocating for families.

Need a dog beach in/around downtown

Many young people are delaying parenthood and are likely to have dogs instead. Please keep in mind that many dog owners are either young adults and seniors so parks should have amenities for both types of dog owners.

It's great to see Kelowna making progress with dog parks! I live in both Kelowna and Calgary and it's shocking how commonplace dog parks are in Calgary. They are everywhere! Regular parks have off-leash areas for dogs, without fencing! The one thing I would say Kelowna could take from Calgary is that the off leash parks don't need to be anything fancy. All you need is a regular park, with signs that say 'off leash area' and you've got a dog park. That is how the majority of off leash dog parks in Calgary are set up. Out of the 4-5 dog parks I frequent in Calgary, only one has a fence around it. The rest are just nice, green parks that allow dogs to be off leash. Go for it Kelowna!

Water access is a must.

This was a stupid survey. Dog parks are natural and big. Essentially they are like regional parks but that encourage and promote itself as an off leash dog areas. Welcoming to dogs but yet still a great place for people to walk. It is clear by this survey that the city has a different view of dog parks. We don't have to act so modern and civilized with fenced-in, artificial grass areas that people pay to get into and paid to fund. Just give the people more large park space with pathways and call a couple of them 'off leash areas'. Done. Not everybody are rich small dog lovers. They do deserve their own fenced in areas because they often like to be special. But don't just cater to those people and forget about what the majority of other people actually want. Which was very difficult, if it weren't for these comment boxes, to get across in this slanted survey. Shame on you for that. You will only get the answers you wanted to get from this survey. Eg) bringing up a tiny Calgary urban dog park (with a city population of over one million) and not providing other examples or best practices. There's so many more options and creativity out there but very little displayed here.

In a town that is very hot in the summer, for tourist and locals there is no where legal to take their dogs for a swim in the lake other than 16kms south away from downtown. One place in all of Kelowna! This is very un dog friendly! Many people base their travel and move decisions on their dogs. A suggestion is to have a dog park fenced off at sutherland park on the beach so dogs can swim. There are signs swimming not recommended so let the dogs swim there.

If people choice to swim with there dogs, it should be allowed... Children benefit from interaction with there pet in all aspects of life. Dogs should be allowed @ the beaches in the kelowna area.

There needs to be more off leash swim areas for dogs. It gets way too hot in the summer to not have those accessible.

If the city calls Cedar Creek Park an off leash park then it MUST have a fence placed along lakeshore road so the dogs don't chase wildlife or another dogs across lakeshore road and potentially get hit by a car!!!! All other off leash parks are in an enclosure where dogs can run free without fear of being hurt. I love this park it is well maintained and used. With the option to swim our dogs there it is a great park to freely walk,swim,run and play with our dogs on the trails and in the beautiful large open field there!

I would ask the city to please consider setting aside money for a chain link fence so we can protect our pets from injury!

Thank you for asking the public their opinions on this matter!

People need to pick up after their dogs and keep them under control not sure how to enforce that without it costing a lot of money

This is an important feature for this area of town and it should not be downsized in scale. Settings like this create happy, vibrant, healthy communities. And this kind of place would draw appeal to people who would consider living and shopping in this area.

Kelowna has many residents with dogs. The city should cater to this demographic and use the tax revenue already collected from this population to support dog friendly parks.

I'm shocked that this is a concen to the city. I do not supposed my tax money paying for other people's pets.

We should be using the money to help other citizens with less before we spend money on dogs!

More hiking trails should be off leash

We pay taxes so asking for more funds annoys me. You should be asking people with kids to pay extra for play structures and park area for them to play as well.

I use the Ellison Fields and the Hartman Road off-leash park. I really enjoy the Ellison Fields off-leash park but would wish it was larger. I find the other off-leash parks are generally too small. I also have a problem with the number of dog owners who let their dogs off-leash on the Mission Greenway or in Chichester Wetland Park

We badly need a dog beach that's central- like Sutherland boat launch. It's not safe for humans to swim in anyway and dogs need to have a place to swim freely and cool off.

I'm disappointed that this survey did not address the lack of beach access for dogs. One dog beach so far out of town is ridiculous especially with our climate.

More areas for small dogs who have social anxieties that is still large enough for them to play.

Many people (taxpayers), both young and old are dog owners, but do not have children. The dogs in our lives are where we spend a lot of time and money on, it would be fabulous if the city became even more dog friendly.

Additionally, Kelowna is HOT in the summer. My dogs need water to cool off, as I do not have air conditioning. It is often not feasible (gas \$\$ and time) to drive way down to Cedar Creek to go to a dog beach. The addition of a dog beach near Knox Mountain is requested.

One very important fact to consider. Smaller dogs become chase toys for larger breeds, many times resulting in injuries. Separate facilities are a must-have with adequate signage denoting the maximum shoulder height for the small dog enclosure.

Anything to encourage the control of owners responsibilities and accountability.

Poor control is the fault of the owner.

Feces. Noise. At large-big or small.

When they poop, you must scoop.

Resources used appropriately for reported infractions, i.e. Dog Control.

We pay a fee to license our dogs in Kelowna. As a responsible pet owner I think this is bullshit and the only reason I do it is because I do use the dog parks. In my opinion this is what pays to keep our dog parks a free amenity. Imagine telling the general public they have to pay to use a park? You'd have a whole other obesity problem on your hands. Don't even think about creating a dog park that you have to pay for

I already pay taxes and run a business in this city. I feel that the city should be providing more off-leash dog parks at no cost to the user that has access to the lake that does not require a long drive. Somewhere downtown by Knox Mountain would be an ideal location in my opinion.

Need another park with beach access closer to Kelowna

So much energy on dogs. Cats should also be regulated

Ellison dog park needs upgrading. Seating areas, shelter and small bridge over the creek. I have been going there for 9 years and it is a good place for people and dogs.

I never had a dog, I'm afraid of them and am also allergic. I'm in favor of dog parks but in remote areas. The one on Richter frequently has off-leash dogs running to the car or around the area which makes me anxious and I also feel bad for the residents in the apartment buildings who hear barking all the time. That would drive me insane! Dog parks shouldn't be near people's homes for that reason. Barking causes stress to many people (me included) and where we live should not be a cause of stress.

One of few drawbacks to living in Kelowna is that I feel it is one of the most dog unfriendly cities I have ever lived in. There seems to be one set of rules for small dogs you can carry and another for anything larger. Dogs are at the mercy of their owners to pick up after them - the dogs are not dirty, it is their owner's who are negligent, and I truly believe owners that do not pick up after their dogs are the minority. Education is key. Making it easy to pick up by providing both bags and garbage cans as they do on Abbott Street is key. People will continue to respond better to carrots than sticks.

I want to be able to WALK my dog off leash. Give us trails like one side of the mission greenway. I don't need turf, benches, or any of that other crap, just let me walk on a path with my lab. He doesn't want to walk in circles in a cage with a bunch of little ankle biter yappy dogs. Thank you for asking. My dog thanks you too because he hates his leash, woof!

There are sufficient number now

This is a recreation for families and their pets. It should be treated as a sports activities in the city. This is what we pay taxes for.

Thank you

Beach accesses should allow dogs after 8 pm. It takes me three minutes to walk to my closest beach access and 20 minutes to drive to the dog beach. This is not right.

Please put a dog park in the Kettle Valley area. There is a perfect area between the sports field and the children's park which is well away from homes, has parking and would be cheap to maintain. It would be easy walking access for thousands of families.

I feel that owners/dog walkers should fund the dog parks as there are other more needy projects to spend with our tax dollars. For example; the walking path through city park is in great need of improvements. Let's spend some of our money on maintaining/improving what we have before you spend more money creating more areas for dogs that will need maintaining and improving. I put human safety and pleasure ahead of dogs.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

I think dog parks aren't the only problem facing pet owners in Kelowna and the city and by-laws needs to seriously look at the lack of housing for people who own pets - of any kind

There was nothing asked about additional off leash beach access for dogs. I feel this is a high priority for a city that is surrounded by water. Having to drive from North Glenmore to Cedar Creek park so my dog can have some water time is crazy. There should be beach access down at the base of Knox Mtn or by the Lumber Mill..

If dog owners want dedicated off-leash parks, they can organize to purchase private land, fence it off, and enjoy their communal poop-in!

Make a place for cats too

Please create another dog beach that is more centrally located. Even a small one by the mill where humans can not swim would be ideal.

Dog parks should be provided and maintained by the City just like any other amenity which is taxation funded. They are an essential part of a healthy community. They should be free of charge and strategically located in multiple neighbourhoods so they are in close proximity to residents homes. While it is an expectation that users respect the parks, dog park users shouldn't be treated like a burden on the City and be expected to contribute time or additional money in the way of user fees.

Please maintain the best parks for the people only especially the best swim parks. Leave the dogs for other areas that are fenced or more rural.

There are some brilliant human/dog park models in the USA. For example, in Austin, Texas several dog parks combine private membership dog parks with human café/restaurants. I LOVE this idea and would absolutely pay to join a private club that would allow my dog to play while I sit in a different are and can have a snack. For example, check out <http://www.muttscantina.com/> or <http://yardbar.com/>. Yearly membership to the Mutts Cantina is \$120 USD per dog plus tax. Would something like this be permitted in any City of Kelowna zones and approved by Interior Health? I think it would be a huge hit.

too many dog owners have proven themselves to be irresponsible in managing their pets in public areas. expanding these areas will only create more conflict.

Dog parks have many positive benefits for both the dog and owners. Would like to see more fenced dog parks and another dog beach in Kelowna. The dog park behind the airport is a great example of a low maintenance dog park.

I think there needs to be more emphasis on encouraging people to pick up after their dogs, not only in dog parks but everywhere dogs are walked, like residential areas and wild/park areas. This is a big problem in the city and on walking trails. People also need be aware that their dog may be aggressive to other dogs and not bring them to dogs parks if this is the case or keep them on a leash.

More dog beaches needed too!

Just that it would be most beneficial to have more even if they are smaller so people aren't having to drive to them, plus some at the lake would be great for summer time.

The one thing you missed out in this was the provision for bags to pick-up pooh.

Desperately need access to the lake for dogs. Dogs should be allowed in all outdoor public areas onleash - many parks ban dogs even onleash

There are people who will always oppose off-leash dog parks or even the very inclusion of dogs within the city centre. Unfortunately they can be a loud voice and often overpower the quiet people who love their dogs and simply wish to be able to take them to a park.

It would be appreciated if we could use the sports fields during the winter months of November-February and then clear off prior to their use again in the spring. This is done in other cities. They don't need to be fenced and could be used only with dogs who have a good call-back.

Access to the lake is important as swimming is excellent exercise even for dogs who have problems with mobility. At this time the only dog park with lake access is approximately 20-25 minutes from downtown Kelowna.

A dog park is much cheaper to outfit than a children's playground with its costly equipment. A playground is only used during certain months of the year while a dog park is used 365 days a year despite the weather. Dog parks need to be considered as important as playgrounds since dog owners are tax payers too and many dog owners have chosen not to have children.

Some dog clubs may be interesting in helping as well.

Each area in Kelowna should have off-leash parks for dogs. Downtown needs a water park for dogs off-leash. Mission needs one as end of Lakeshore Drive. We spend too much time driving our dogs to water. Our dogs swims year round and we drive from the bridge area to the only water park. Sometimes we drive to West Kelowna. That is foolish yet nothing we can do.

Love the off leash dog park at Cedar Creek. So many interesting things for the dogs to do.

Kelowna should re-name ;their parks as Dog Shit Parks.

You are catering to one aspect of the City and that's dog-owners. Not everyone likes dogs, some people are allergic, some are afraid. GEt the dogs out of the parks completely. I have sitting in my lawn chair only to visually see a dog take a crap in front of me.

If you actually enforced your by-laws, then we could move forward. But all I see is more privilege been given to dog-owners and not to the general citizens of Kelowna.

You are not doing your job.

The dog park in the mission at Michaelbrook is too small for the number of dogs using the park.
That park is not well maintained. It is often a mess.

Another park in the mission would certainly be used and appreciated. It would be nice if it could
Be larger. I think the comment about dog parks being a problem for people with asthma or
other problems should not be a problem They have parks where dogs are not allowed.

I would love to see Sutherland Bay Park be opened as a partial dog park with water access for the doggies:)

The survey should have included 'on the water' and 'swimming' as activities.

Fees only for a dog park with special amenities such as agility equipment.

Unaltered male dogs should not be permitted in dog parks.

Consider a linear dog park that provides actual exercise for larger dogs (1km min)

Mini dog parks are only good for dogs in apts/condos to do their business or elderly/disabled dogs - not an
alternative to a full dog park.

Need to address people bringing small children and letting them run loose, swing sticks around in dog parks
- potential for incidents is huge and parents seem oblivious to the danger (obviously their dog is fine with
kids, not so others).

Need numerous biodegradable doggie bags and garbage cans stations in parks. if too costly to provide for
free, I would be willing to pay a fee - maybe a quarter for 10 doggie bags?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input

If a dog park does not have a fenced area for small breeds only, it is of no use to me. My dog has been
attacked by larger breeds before and I would not go to any park where the sizes are not separated.

Need more off-leash parks where dogs can swim

There are many people, young and old, that are alone these and a dog fills that void. This is becoming
increasingly more the norm. It's time to think of dogs as a family member. They keep many people from
becoming depressed or to help lower their stress level. Some people can't even leave their home unless
their pet is with them due to high anxiety issues. Dogs get hot and deserve a place to play and swim but
something that is substantial and is NOT like Penticton's poor excuse for a beach park for dogs. It's so small,
you end up tripping all over each other. Having a dog beach and park, encourages communities to meet and
work together. The City is all about community interaction. As the saying goes, 'It's time to put your money
where your mouth is'. Dog parks/beaches help communities grow and come together. For those who have
lost a loved one or who may deal with various other issues, or those who are alone, a dog park/beach
draws them out and helps integrate them into the community. Thank you.

Consider

Munson Pond area - fenced off towards the west side and away from the pond

Also the vacant land north of the Gyro parking lot

I think Kelowna does a better job at accommodating areas for small dogs. I would like to see a large breed area remain in the downtown area, as driving to Glenmore and Ellison is not always possible. I would also like small dog people to be restricted to remaining in small dog parks. I have seen many times where small dogs are brought into the large dog area and chaos ensues. Large dogs do not like small dogs yapping and snapping at them and if a reaction occurs, it is almost always the small dog owner who gets upset.

Another dog beach would also be great! Again, driving up Lakeshore is not always an option and sometimes can be overcrowded because alternates are not available.

Better patrolling by Bylaw would also be fantastic! Lots of inconsiderate people deserve to receive a reasonable fine if it can be proven that their dog's feces are not cleaned up prior to leaving the park. There are also many unlicensed dogs utilizing these areas as well.

I do not support having agility or other equipment present, as unless properly trained, a risk of injury to the dogs would be present.

The solution is to make more parks available (especially a closer beach area). As a dog owner, I personally don't walk my dog off leash ever if I am not in a park, but I know this is a huge issue and I feel if more parks are created (even small ones I just moved here from Toronto so I am used to that) it will be a huge help!

Regarding the beach info as written above..with temps in Kelowna's summer there is needed a section closer than in the Mission that will allow dogs to swim and it needs to be on a side of town that is easier access to those of us from Rutland etc areas.

The last request is about the Shaw Dog Park off Enterprise..please note the duck pond is to be off bounds for dogs. Chasing the wildlife is a natural occurrence but by-law officers hand out fines if the dogs are in the water after the ducks. WHY IS IT NOT Fenced off to stop them from getting at the wildlife?

There needs to be parks in every area of the city so people can walk to them and do not have to drive and that could avoid parking issues. I am also wanting to have parks designated so you can walk your dog on leash and enjoy the park and avoid the busy streets. For example Penticton allows dogs on the walk way along Okanagan beach during the off seasons just as we could walk thru Gyro park for example during the off season as there are walkways for you and your pet. You can also walk your dog on leash along the lakefront in West Kelowna. I Prefer to walk thru the parks with my dog on leash as she is well behaved and feels more secure when she is besides you . We have many beautiful parks that we are unable to go to at this time and I feel there is a need to open them up to pets on leash. My pet is a sheltie and likes to walk with us.

A lake access park is necessary close to downtown.

With the surface of the dog park, it's so important that the surface does not get scorching hot in the summer,

some artificial grass, and sand, will burn their paws. A combination of real grass, sand, and the lake would be amazing. Just like Cedar Creek, but close to Knox mountain

Dog parks must be paid for from license revenue not funded by non owners.

Although I appreciate this survey the scope is far too narrow. We live in one of the most beautiful places in Canada and people with dogs are relegated to dirt lots if they want to walk their dog off leash. Given the fecal coliform count in the lake due to ducks, geese and the human waste that the city deposits in the lake, an on beach dog park would not be significant contributor to bacteria/disease (for more information about this please see the city of Bend in Oregon they have multiple water adjacent dog parks). In addition, the dog parks need to be more accesible. Currently, one must have a care to access almost all of the dog parks; this is a luxury that many of us don't have.

Kelowna has a reputation as a very dog unfriendly city. It is such a beautiful city to live in why tarnish it with a negative view of man's best friend. Remember ALL the publicly over the rabbits, please don't let this happen over dogs. Create a dog friendly city NOW!

I think that a lot of the existing parks could become dog friendly, on-leash parks. Ben Lee Park is an excellent example of this.

Existing parks could have a section designated for dogs.

At this time, the off-leash parks are few and far between - I'd like to see this changed.

Currently, there is only one beach park for dogs (that I can think of), which is away out in the Mission, and access from the parking lot is hard - almost impossible for the elderly.

Dog owners support a lot of businesses in Kelowna and also pay taxes for amenities. I think that a few vocal nay sayers should not outweigh the voices of dog owners on this issue.

Perhaps the city could consider bylaw officers that patrol the parks at times when they know they are busy or at times when people/dogs who have been the cause of complaints in the past are likely to be there.

Some complexes have dog enclosures. The Verve in Glenmore has one . One just has to walk on the sidewalk along the Verve to see how well they use it. Disgusting. Where are the by-law officers.

Since owning a dog is associated with the improved health of the owners, I think it's a good idea to lower the barriers to entry of dog ownership. More places for dogs to play and exercise lowers that barrier, and as a result, will help the population stay healthy. Aside from physical health, there are countless scenarios where dogs help people immensely with mental health - more amenities for our furry friends that ask for so little back from us can only be a good thing in my opinion.

parks with lake access would be terrific.

A forested area where dogs could run through the trees would be great. Refer to the 3 Mile Bend dog park in Red Deer, AB- the best off leash park I've ever seen

There is a big problem with owners letting their dog off leash in parks and area that are not suppose to be.

Like Mission Ridge Park and Myra-Bellevue, where off leash dogs are running after wildlife and jumping on people doing other activities not even mentioning the owners not picking after their dogs. Maybe the signs need to be bigger.

Noise

there is greater need for conventional parks in the city, especially on black mountain where the main park is a catch basin for drainage and is a mud hole most of the time.
build the dog park in Mission or Upper Mission where everything else gets built

Having a safe, clean, free place to walk dogs off leash is a right not a privilege. Dog owners and the city need to co-operate and make Kelowna a better place to be a dog/owner.

Just be Clean and Safe!

I strongly agree with the Health Authority that dog owners are more active and are the biggest users of parks. And there are lots of dogs in this city. Dog walking is also an activity that should be encouraged, to get people in general out and walking/exercising. Even dog owners would use parks more if they were enjoyable both for the dog and the owner. In addition, there are many park spaces in many cities in general, that are not used as much as they could be. They would be used more if they were made attractive to dog owners. Cherry Beach Dog Park in Toronto is very large and includes several beaches and different kinds of water access. People come long distances to bring their dogs and spend time at the park. Cedar Creek in Kelowna is also a great park for dogs and people; we need more of them.

Dog parks are great. We need more dog parks! As long as all dog owners always pick up their dog poop. Dog etiquette is paramount.

In my opinion there are already lots of parks for dog access. I regularly use the greenway and am continually annoyed watching for the dog poop and I am not in favour of more access.

I know it would likely cost too much but there should be a person to monitor the people and fine the ones who do not pick up after their dog or keep their dog under control. This money from fines could be used for wages to the monitoring person and for clean up.

I would love to see a dog beach!!!!

A user pay system would be the only fair way to use the tax dollars of non-dog owners and dog owners.

We need another park that has access to the Lake. Cedar Creek park is far too long of a commute.

I like the Mission dog park very much as it provides separation by size, shade, parking - in short it offers accessibility in a parklike setting close to the Greenway.

If there were a fee for every visit to a dog park, it may discourage people from using the parks.

While we do enjoy the use of the Kelowna Dog Parks, after living in West Edmonton for many years where the off leash dog parks consist of miles and miles of trails and open fields and beach access we do see the

city lacking a bit for the dog community.

I think the dog parks should be treated the same as any other park. I don't see why the dog owners are asked to provide the labor and/or funds to build and operate a park when other parks throughout the city are not subject to such requirements. If funding is an issue, perhaps the regional district could be asked to contribute funds collected through dog licensing fees that are charged to pet owners.

Great that you are doing the survey! Kelowna needs to acknowledge that dog's are an important part of people's lives for many reasons: As a family member, get's people out of their houses so they are socialising, gets people to do some exercise.

Kelowna is a great place to live for us humans, but very restrictive for our loved four legged K9 friends!

Dogs are important members of many households. Our dog, before passing away, was like our child. It is important that they get to socialize with other dogs. They need to be free to run around, swim and learn how to behave in public. What better place than an off-leash dog park.

Would love to see some dog parks, especailly ones that separate small from large dogs! My dog loves playing with smaller dogs, but is incredibly timid and submissive with larger dogs so we're always hesitant to go into a dog park where larger dogs are playing as he simply hides or cowers.

Dog parks are fun for dogs and for people! Great way to meet new people - we all have one thing in common at the dog park!

Leave the area around Munson Pond as a off leash area for dogs to run free. This is used by hundreds of dog owners without any issues so leave it as such. Munson Pond is more a slough than pond the dogs are not a hindrance to it.

Dogs are never the problem at dog parks. It is dog owners who are always the problem. Dog owners can not read parking signs, hour of operation signs and have no idea of the bylaws regarding parking in front of driveways and alleyways.

If a new dog park is in the downtown area it should be smaller with more than ample offstreet parking and should be privately created and maintained through a user pay system or through licensing fees.

If a new dog park is out of the downtown area it can be larger but the same comments apply regarding parking creation and maintenance.

Under no circumstances should any city owned beachfront property used unless it is unfit for human use and/or currently not used by humans and no human used beaches are in close proximity.

There needs to be more locations throughout the city. It needs to be convenient for everyone.

Think a higher fee for dog licences like \$25-30 per year with the extra money going to maintenance of dog parks. This may be easier accepted than fee to enter parks on each visit.

Kelowna is not a pet friendly city in any way, shape or form. I moved here from Edmonton and I continue to be disappointed in all areas by all levels of government.

PERHAPS DOG OWNERS COULD DONATE

Many dog parks away from lake in Kelowna are virtually useless in summer as they have no shade. Knox mountain dog park has no water or shade... and limited area for dogs to play..

Most dog owners are very responsible people who pick up after their pets

How about off leash hours in the evening and/or winter months in some lakeside parks?

Dogs are excellent for keeping geese and ducks off public beaches and cost the taxpayer nothing.

Dog owners in Kelowna would like a more friendly attitude given for their pets.

An off leash park in the upper mission is desperately needed. With the growing population this area is severely under serviced for many municipal services.

We need to push for this. This town is far behind when it comes to a pet we need places to take them off leash and have it just as nice for the owner

As a law-abiding dog owner, I am frustrated when I constantly see families bringing their dogs to "no dog" parks and beaches. I would like to have my dogs with me as well, but I leave them at home. Either make all parks accessible to responsible owners, or enforce the laws that exist. In addition, this city (being a tourist town) needs a beach that includes dogs. Penticton has them and their fantastic!

Please leave it as it is.

I believe an off leash/swimming area should be implemented in the North End near Knox Mountain. This would balance the other swimming area in the southern mission so that owners could choose depending on proximity. In addition, many people walk their dogs on or around Knox mountain during the summer and would benefit from the chance to have their dogs cool off with a dip, and the area is already not recommended for human swimming.

Too much effort is being put into creation of "dog parks". Unless it is waterfront, then dogs save your money. The City should consider changing its Bylaw to a model similar to what Nanaimo has recently introduced, where dogs are allowed on Trails off leash so long as they are under control. This would save a bunch of money as we wouldn't have to build new infrastructure or purchase land to accommodate dogs, but rather re-purpose existing areas like the Greenway, Knox Mountain, or other trail networks.

This type of forward or out of the box thinking would also compliment the City's initiative of "Active by Nature".

If you are forced to keep dogs in a box, the dog park next to the airport is a half decent example of what could be created.

More visible enforcement before human tragedy occurs

Perhaps the area at the bottom of Lake Ave as a designated dog swimming beach. I think the water flow from Mill creek would flush the area?

Anyone abusing the privilege of a dog park should lose the privilege.

A park like Dilworth Mountain Park would be my idea of an off leash park, once properly fenced. An empty lot or field with no trails trees or terrain is a waste of time. In the 30 plus years I have lived in Kelowna I can count the number of times I have used the dog parks on one hand.

No more dog parks needed. get rid of the ones that we now have. Waste of tax dollars.

I have a small dog and there is a dog park very close to my house, but I don't use it. There is too much dog poop not being picked up by the owners, and I don't want my dog to get sick. Not sure what the solution is, but this problem needs to be looked at. Perhaps surveillance cameras?

There is so many parks in Kelowna that do not allow dogs, which I think is incredibly unfair. Yes, there is the few people who ruin it for everyone else by not picking up after their pet, however the city should not let that affect the people who are good pet owners! I frequently take my shih tzu to Paul's Tomb or Francis Beach to go swimming. We need MORE water/beach accessible dog parks in town!! (Not 45 mins way out on Pandosy)

It would be good if people who use the park would use the colored collar system to state what type of dog personality their pet has

Parks sometimes have to many holes not filled in that dogs can get hurt by while running. A dog beach in the north end of Kelowna would be great. The lakeshore area is to far to go for many people

I answered no for paying a fee to use the dog parks, but I would not be against a rise in the fee of dog licensing or a membership fee, multiple garbage cans with waste bags would be essential, I don't think the parks should have lighting, that could conflict with noise bylaws if dogs were to be barking and the parks were located in a residential area, there would be a lot of factors to cover in order to keep all members of the community happy

i am suspicious of the continued questions about volunteering and donations. i pay taxes that are used to support a lot of things i don't use. i don't complain about that because that's the best way for the system to work. i don't use the pool or ice surfaces in Kelowna but i don't have a problem with my taxes going to support those facilities for people who do. my concern is that if there is not a lot of support for volunteers or donations that this will be thrown back at us as a reason for not constructing more dog parks.

We need dog parks available within neighborhoods. Having to drive my dogs 20 minutes to access the lake is counterproductive when I live within a 5 minute walk of the lake.

I am not ok paying to use a park, parents of children do not get asked to pay to use outdoor space. My dogs are part of my family and make life healthier for me, my taxes should contribute to a dog friendly community.

There are not enough off leash dog parks.

There needs to be more water access (beaches) for dogs.

There should be a place where you can take your dog off leash on a trail.

There should be more compostable dog waste bags throughout the city.

Our dog licensing fees should pay for additional resources/amenities for the dogs in the city, maybe they need to be increased.

There definitely needs to be an off leash waterfront park besides the mission area. Also the no dogs on grass areas is ridiculous for city parks. Also provide water sources for dog parks that are not attached to the lake. A dog park in the vicinity of Mission Creek would also be awesome.

Please check regularly all the fencing and gates!!!

Yes

Have personnel keep them clean

Some parks with individual dog runs to play ball for non social dogs so they can run too.

Signs with rules.

Supplied bags so no excuse not to pick up after your dog. Kamloops vets supply them in that city.

A yellow ribbon program ways to show apprehensive dogs so that everyone can use the parks.

Parks are to be free, the land is owned by Canadians and needs to be kept free, tax's are for the upkeep and most tax's are wasted with alot of surveys

Regarding swimming areas for dogs - which I believe to be essential in the heat of summer - I strongly suggest the south side of the Mission Creek from Gordon Drive to Cassorso Rd. should be part of the Mission off-leash area. Most pedestrians use the north side of the creak in this area as the walkway is continuous upstream from Cassorso. I believe it is very rare for a dog to defecate in the water and people do not swim in these shallow waters. I believe this would be the most significant contribution the city could make towards the wellbeing of the canine population and it's owners.

Please create a Beach off-leash dog park in the down town area or close like the Pandosy/Mission area. One that is not such a far drive all the way up Lakeshore. There are so many people that have dogs in Kelowna and many tourists that we need more off-leash dog parks and one or two more Beach dog parks.
Thank you.

We need off-leash parks so the dogs have a place for lots of exercise. They should be as much a part of Kelowna as bike lanes and trails.

The amount of dog parks should be proportionate to the amount of dog owners. We should not be increasing dog parks as the majority of citizens are not dog owners.

As a parent of a child who was extremely fearful of dogs growing up, I appreciated all the presence and efforts that City staff (bi-law officers) and signs made in the playgrounds, beaches, school yards and soccer fields that we attended. That being said, the ignorance of dog owners to ignore the signs and continue to bring animals to events and beaches was always evident. You can't blame the dogs for not reading the

bring animals to events and beaches was always evident. You can't blame the dogs for not reading the signs, but the more that City of Kelowna can do to educate and advertise to dog owners (even if this means stiffer penalties for breaking the rules in non-designated dog areas), the better. Smokers have had to adjust their habits with the change in smoking laws and dog owners must adjust their understanding of letting dogs roam free and off leash in areas where others may be impacted by their presence too. (ie. beaches) Education and information is a great start. Thank you.

You should convert Mary Ann Collinson Memorial Park into an off leash dog park, I live in this neighborhood. There are many dog owners in the area, it is very rarely ever used by anyone (especially the playground), is in a low traffic area with lots of room for street parking, and very central.

I have an idea - sell the playground equipment that doesn't get used to pay for the fence.

I wish there was a large safe dog park in the Rutland / Black Mountain area for dogs to be able to run and possibly swim!!!

Regional district already uses our tax dollars to support dog owners, therefore if you want to own a dog do not pass the costs onto us who no longer own dogs. My family have owned dogs until our four children left home for further education. We paid all the vet bills and any other associated costs until our last dog died of old age.

Our comment, regarding Interior Health, about dog owners getting more exercise does not apply when there are dog parks. Most owners drive to the dog park, let the dogs run loose while they sit on benches or chairs to socialize. Non dog owners usually go to the coffee shop.

be more dog friendly, eliminate the nazi regime of the regional district as the public has been screaming for. More parks, open up the city for enjoyment with their dogs

there is desperate need for a dog beach closer to downtown Kelowna for residents of Glenmore, Rutland, central Kelowna, Dilworth,

Sutherland Park would be ideal as it is not a popular swimming area and is a very industrial area

I live in Mission Park Assisted living at 4433 Gordon Drive. We have about a dozen dogs in our complex.

Across the street is a newly designated park where the dogs must be leashed.

I recommend this area be designate off leash and segregated between large and small dogs.

It would greatly improve our lifestyle to have this park redesigned. There are no other Parks nearby where residents can walk to and many no longer drive.

We will be forever grateful if this park is created.

With the huge number of dog parks, which is commendable for a city, I feel dog owners do not need more, they just wish to have them located in more convenient areas. Our children's parks, and schools are over run with irresponsible dog owners that for their convenience allow their animals to be off leash and leave their waste for our kids to roll in and track into schools, cars and homes.

Doas love the water so anv that could work for doas would be welcomed.

The city of Kelowna spends an lot of resources catering to dog owners, personally I am tired of dog owners who sole purpose in "walking " their dog is to have it excrete its feces on someone else's property, be that public or private property.

Why is this an acceptable practise?

Even if the dog owner picks up the stool in a bag, as some of them do, not all of the excrement is removed.... Who wants to sit or come into contact with the grass knowing its have thin veneer on dog feces on it, as it surely does in parks where dogs are allowed.

Would be nice to see more in conjunction with main travel ways. Would love to see one beside the bike track on mission creek .

Don't punish people for having pets. Instead, punish those who mistreat their pets or other's pets.

An off-leash water park is needed within the Central part of Kelowna - in the north end and if possible one near downtown. Consideration should be given to allow dogs at certain beaches in the off season (Oct-April). Other municipalities are doing this. At least do it as a pilot.

Off leash parks need to be big and better cared for so they don't become a 'mud pit' when it rains or snows.

Dogs are left by owners to swim in beaches occupied by kids and adults.This is the case at West Beach...people ignore the signs and let their dogs in the water regardless of the swimmers or signs. This is also the case with people smoking...ignore the signs...smoke and leave their butts.

It is ridiculous that dogs are not permitted in Okanagan lake except in a very small area. Kelowna is far too hot in the summer to restrict their access. Very bad for dogs.

Interior Health's opinion is not based on the truth nor accurate science. I have had dogs most of my life in many parts of Canada and find Kelowna one of the most backwards in it's attitude to dogs.

Much of this comes from the RDCO's idiotic and unjustified approach to dogs. I have been to many cities in both Canada and the States where dogs are very much accepted in public with fewer issues than here, possibly because the general public polices acceptable behavior .

I foster dogs and most owners I meet at parks despise the RDCO and Kelowna's heavy handed approach to dog management . I can confidently say from experience that The RDCO is not competent to manage the issues. There is no reason for the bylaws people and Bruce Smith to be so fearful and aggressive.

Kelowna is in need of an off-leash corridor where people can walk with their dogs off leash

Please, please, please do not put a dog park in Kettle Valley. Residents here have plenty of space to take their dogs - there are access trails to Okanagan Mountain Park at the end of Chute Lake Road...this is EASILY accessible to everyone who lives here. As good as dog parks are in theory, Kettle Valley is too far outside the city to be patrolled properly and the dog owners here already walk with their dog off leashes enough...dogs run up to my toddlers a few times a week while we are out on walks and its uncomfortable

telling dog fanatics who think their pets are the best things since sliced bread to keep them leashed, even though it's the law. We don't need more irresponsible dog owners specifically coming up here for a dog park. These parks up here are for CHILDREN, not a destination for all the mission area dog owners to turn into a poop pit.

I wonder if it would be possible to have a booth or two at these parks for people to offer their knowledge, or ideas to assist people with their dogs if they are having issues. For example, massage or chiropractic, training etc.

need multiple, accessible beach access dog parks - not 1 or 2 to service all of Kelowna; not 3 in downtown and none anywhere else; need to be spread out - like 7 smaller beach accessible areas all along the waterfront with sufficient parking amenities that do not encroach on the residents of a neighbourhood (it is also annoying that people constantly yell at their dogs and that can be annoying to residents as well. It must be fully fenced and not in an area near a playground or boat launch or boat traffic - unsafe for everyone.

Since moving here, my opinion is that Kelowna is not the most dog friendly city. We need to change that by offering up more opportunities for tourists to bring their fur families.

we need a dog park in black mtn

Sutherland bay (goose shit beach) at the end of Ellis St and Poplar Point used to be off leash dog park it should be again on water close to downtown nobody swims there because of geese population make it off leash dog park again

Don't put agility equipment in a dog park. Dogs need to be properly trained to use this equipment and can be easily hurt, otherwise. Even small jumps can be harmful.

Make a dog beach dam where it's close to downtown so I can walk on leash to city park

Dog friendly cities are popular and encourage a sense of community.

Kelowna has a bad reputation for being very dog unfriendly. It is really disappointing that there are not numerous decent places for dogs and owners. We have so much space that it is embarrassing the sad state things are for tax paying dog owners.

Mental and physical health is enhanced by pet ownership. As well, providing a social area for the dogs and owners would be positive for the community. Even non owners love to stop and watch dogs play.

My family and friends visit every summer and it is sad to have to send them to Cedar Creek or West Kelowna for a beach access especially when we live in Glenmore. We also need a handicapped accessible area. I have met several individuals who bring their guide dogs there to run and socialize when not working. After spending 4 months last summer on crutches most dog parks were of limited use for me. I use the KSS site at least daily, it is flat and accessible.

Have a look at the off leash parks in Edmonton

Need another dog beach park.

As condo development is increasing in Kelowna, less back yards for people or dogs to exercise or play. Parks become even more important for health, happiness, exercise and space. Older people would be beneficiaries of off lease parks. Making it legal to walk your pet in these spaces would be less stressful than keeping an eye out for the by law officer. These parks would improve general living quality for the community.

I think that being a responsible dog owner you should be able to take your dog to a park without having to pay and you should be fully responsible for making sure your dog is under control and clean up any mess. It sucks that the people that do not pick up after their dogs make it hard for good people that are responsible dog owners

As a tax payer I feel that dog parks should be build into the infrastructure in Kelowna, especially when new communities are being designed some forethought needs to go in providing the necessary recreation spaces for people, children and dogs.

There is very limited water access in Kelowna for dogs. For a city with a huge amount of beach front more beaches need to be opened up for dog access, maybe during certain off-peak times.

At designated dog pick-up stations where bags should be supplied they rarely are available.

Crawford needs to become an off-leash dog area and horse owners need to pick-up horse shit just like dog owners have to.

My taxes go into the creation of parks for various groups and interests. Playgrounds, outdoor hockey rinks, tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts and many other outdoor facilities are created for all to enjoy. Why is it that a dog park can not be provided to the public simply as another facility. I do not see why even an option of privatization of a dog park (presume from the news it would be the ONLY beach access park near downtown) would even be mentioned. The way I see it if you allow a fee charge for the use of the park you might as well install charge meters at all the other outdoor facilities (I would like to hear what parents would have to say if you started charging for playgrounds).

In Calgary there are places like nose hill park. A very large park with trails throughout where you can walk your dog off leash. We have lots of trails around Kelowna but they all seem to be on leash only....

Whether or not home owners have children, they all must pay a school tax. Why not fund dog parks the same way? Just a thought.

It's not fair for dogs to be confined to contained spaces, like parks, yards, apartments. They were meant to be wild, not owned! I for one don't want to have to walk thru areas of feces and pee. It is unhealthy especially for children! Looks gross! And more!!! Stop wasting my money!

Kelowna boasts to the rest of Canada how pet friendly it is yet we have ridiculous license fines and extremely limited options for our dogs to swim and play. If you are going to take the time and resources to provide this survey; at least act on the positive input you are getting from some of us.

I live by the Rowcliffe/ Richter dog park and although I don't have a dog, I just love watching how happy the

dogs are there. That park is used so much and at all times of the day. I love it. Please keep it there.

While I am not a dog person, I definitely have heard and understand the struggle of many frustrated Kelowna dog owners. It's about time they were able to be heard and even hopefully receive something they have been asking for for so long.

It would be worth the time and money to build an appropriate park for people and their four-legged friends. It would not be a drain on resources, but rather, a long-term investment - especially for the community.

The park at the base of Knox Mountain should be a 'dog friendly' off-leash park to allow residents/tourists a place to let their dogs swim. It is not suitable for swimming/people.

I don't have a problem with all parks being 'dog friendly' on a leash. But the fine for not picking up should be substantial, and enforced. Also...if it is not an 'off leash' park, people should be fined for not keeping their dogs on leash.

We need the water park next to the mill for dogs

I think the priority should be a new central dog beach. The dog beach in the mission is too far from most residents.

Kelowna definitely needs another off-leash beach somewhere between Mission Creek and Knox Mountain. Cedar Creek is fantastic but it's a long way from North Glenmore!

I would like to applaud the city crews on the way they maintain the Richter Street off-leash park.

Dog owners that hold a valid dog licence should have a dog park and be able vote on any issues. Owners whom choose not to support and maintain the required ownership duties should not have a say in the outcome.

There are too many animals kept as 'pets' only brought out when the owner/caregiver has time or believes it is necessary. Being in a house or apartment for extended periods of time is unfair to the animal.

The old Quigley Elementary would make a nice park on Hollywood Rd.

I use the small dog park at Mission Sportsfield almost daily. I'd like to thank the City of Kelowna for its prompt response to any request we (the frequent users of the small dog area) have made to the maintenance guys. They have always been very accommodating and friendly.

I would love to be able to take my dog to a beach for some off-leash fun, but Cedar Creek is not really fenced in and is pretty hectic with the boat launch and what not. It scares the little dogs. I'm afraid my dog would go running off into the bush or up onto the road.

It seems a bit strange to me that we don't allow dogs on the beaches - even leashed - because of fears of poop and yet our beaches are a mess of goose poop. Seems to me that if we let a few people with dogs on the beaches the geese wouldn't want to hang around.

It is offensive to think people should pay to access a dog park when everyone else is able to access parks free of charge. A very large percentage of the population own dogs and your survey acknowledges the social and health benefits of walking a dog. Why should this group of citizens be charged. No one would

suggest to charge admission or a user fee for playgrounds....

Further, dog parks are a regional asset as well as an asset for tourism as more and more people travel with their dog.

May be a bylaw officer could patrol more often and catch people not cleaning up their dog poop and fine them to make up at the dollars

Need more access for swimming.

Be nice to have place downtown for dogs to swim. Maybe north end?

Please support the ownership of pets (cats and dogs) as they contribute to the quality of life for many people especially older people whose pets may be their only family.

We live in an area where outdoor activities is promoted and on a lake and much of it isn't accessed if you own a dog.

Video security would be excellent as it would be useful when disputes occur. A fine example of this is the recent attack on Glenmore rd.

Would love more off-leash walking trails or off-leash times on the Mission Creek Trail. This is done in Coquitlam (where we moved from) at Mundy Park which is a large park with trails and 2 lakes within it. Dogs are allowed off leash on the trails from dawn until 10am every day, and on leash all the time. I prefer to walk trails rather than be trapped in a small fenced area as my dog likes to steal balls so he does not do well in the fenced areas.

I'd prefer to see more money spent on parks for people, and then keeping those parks (and existing parks) safe and clean. I think dog parks should be 100% funded by dog owners. Raise rates on dog licences and use that to fund the dog parks. Don't we have more pressing issues in this town that could use public funding?

My priority is accessible, quite, clean, lake-access parks for PEOPLE - with policing to truly deter off-leash use by dog owners. I live near two beautiful parks that are constantly over-run with off-leash dogs. Further, off-leash dog parks should be in less desirable areas, away from homes and funded (at least in part) by fee for service.

breed restrictions should not be enforced at dog parks as that is unfair to good dog owners who train and socialize their dogs regardless of breed

Having a separate small dog area is very important. We have a small Shih Tzu.

All dog parks should have a separation fence where large dogs are separated from small dogs e.g. under 16inches for small dogs

Water stations should be at all dog parks

Seating for owners is a real asset as many great relationships/friendships evolve at dog parks

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Toilet facilities for dog owners are a good idea

Where there is mud, wood chips should be brought in and spread out

Lighting would be great as our Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons find they often are under darkness due to the seasons. Most people get off work or go to work when it is dark during the above seasons therefore lights for safety purposes would be a real asset.

Dog fences separating large and small dogs should be such that small dogs can't poke their heads through the fence. The K.S.S. dog park is an excellent example of what a dog park should be like. Only missing lights and enough wood chips to cover the mud.

Doggy bags for excrement would be nice, but I'll not get too excited as I bring my own.

I think for what us dog owners pay in licencing we should be getting better services. We should be allowed a dog water park (by the mill is best as no one wants to swim in that water any how - the argument about feces and urine in the water is a poor argument when we have boats that spew their raw sewage right into the lake illegally not to mention the fuel residue)

As well we need to encourage those that want to partake in physical fitness with their dogs. By providing a track that would allow you to run/walk off leash with your dog. Also a covered arena rented or provided (this could be a member fee) for the winter/ mud/snow weather months.

Provide extra signage reminding pet owners to keep a eye on their dogs and to pick up after their dogs.

I do use these parks and like them for the most part

It would be good to have enough off leash dog parks in many neighbourhoods to decrease travel time and take the pressure off of popular parks that have very heavy use. It would also be great if the designated off leash parks had better amenities and more park like, less rudimentary.

I do believe that dog owners need to clean up better after their dogs when they have a poop
Providing waste bags would help

dont privatize dog parks. Older and poor people use them a lot.

I wish irresponsible pet owners to be caught in the act a bit more - owners letting out dogs in urban areas "off leash" "not picking up after their dogs do their business" letting there dogs run free.
It really does ruin it for the responsible pet owners.

We would love to see a better dog beach, possibly by Knox mountain.

I think it would be good to have a lot of small parks, close by so that people can take their dog there daily as some dogs need that.

Come to rossland, the whole town is an off leash dog park

Would really appreciate another park with access to the lake for dogs to swim.

I think kelowna should put more effort into their dog parks making it more available for people that walk as well parking is important for people that have disabilities that needs to take their service animals for a walk

well parking is important for people that have disabilities that needs to take their service animals for a walk and things it be nice if the park somewhere like the Vernon parks with grass trees not wood chips cuz when your dog eats wood chips they can get sick in the pea gravel is a terrible idea same with the fake plastic grass and if your dog ingests who's responsible for vet bills.

It would be nice if gonna take a look at the Vernon park see how much their city cares about their dogs having things like pea gravel is terrible it'll get smelly and dirty and not cleaning it be nice if they put a lot more effort into it I'd be willing to pay an annual fee like your dog license you get you know what taxes are allowed in the park and people that can get ticketed if they haven't paid if they haven't paid their annual fee except for people that come from out of town and don't know those people should just get a pass like you're coming in for Tod I don't know you have to pay to the dog park but if it kept it more clean garbage picked up you know sprinklers going off to keep the grass clean it just be nice I mean I'm willing to pay up to like \$200 a year why not and for people that are low income you know that have animals if they bring in their paychecks they should get a low income right or raise the dog license tax you know you have to have your dog license why can't some of that money so maybe \$20 a year a \$30 whatever it is maybe charge 60 that pays for the dog park and people complain that oh I don't use the dog park why should I have to pay for it well I don't drive a car in yet I have to pay for parking you know there's a gas tax a carbon tax on everything.

I feel the facilities of dog parks for the community is equally as important as provisions for biking and walking for residents. The number of petitions to this effect over the years should count for something - or do you never intend to listen to them?

Other than trails along the river Kamloops has 42 dog parks, 19 of them off leash. Although I've only been to the one on Ord Rd. by the airport, it seemed to have all the basics. One square acre shaped like a square bowl. The centre and sides of the square bowl was grass. Around the edge of the bowl was a dirt trail about 8 feet wide. There was a bench and a trash bin on each of the 4 sides and another at the entrance along with a water tap. Sawdust chips were put on the trail when it got too muddy in the winter. I believe that an off-leash dog park should be just that; a dog park. It should be a place for dogs not picnics. It should probably be somewhat rural but not more than 15 minute drive from anywhere in Central Kelowna. People don't mind driving across town to give their dog exercise, but any farther than that, it will probably only get used by the people closest to it.

What is most important to me is that the parks that are designated as off-leash are properly maintained in every season. The City currently does an adequate job, but it could be better. I pay my license fee and I expect that those fees are used to maintain the dog parks.

I am very uncomfortable with dogs encroaching on my personal space in a park or any public space for that matter. The dogs are not the problem, it is the inconsiderate owners which is a minority. I do have allergy problems and that is part of my concern. The problem in Kelowna is enforcement.

dogs are a man's best friend

Use the money that is collected for licence and fines purely for parks. My dog matters program is not fair to small business owners, government collects the money and pet owners are rewarded at the expense of small business. I have no children and pay for school programs, but support my community. It is

unreasonable for you to collect fees and continue to expect pet owners to pay for more. How much money did it cost to hold the dog that was killed after a year, 100,000 I've seen reported. The management of the RDCO is substandard and should look to other urban areas for help. The RDCO is ignorant and uneducated in almost everything to do with dogs. How much money does it cost to chase expired licenses at peopleshome, whatever it is the amount is too much.

More beach parks!!

A dog beach close to downtown is very important to me. Driving way out to the current one is frustrating.

If dogs were allowed on the grass in existing parks so that they could play on leash or walk on leash in parks on areas other than sidewalks/trails I would go to parks more often.

Why would you even ask dog owners if they would be willing to contribute personal resources to support off-leash dog parks? That's not something you ask of users of other parks, is it. Dog owners pay taxes. What more do you want?

It is important to consider allowing leashed dogs on sidewalks in more areas. Gyro Beach comes to mind.

Thank you for taking our feed back.

Ban aggressive breeds. More lake access. More shaded parking.

For fee dog parks are a great idea to help keep it nice, clean, and maintained

I would gladly pay per use a dog park that had mandatory humane muzzles enforced.

Would also be willing to assist with developing a policy which would include among others things responsible owners picking up after their pets. I view this as a serious problem currently in our off leash dog parks.

Dog parks should be funded through the city with the property taxes people pay

Grateful to have them. They help people of all generations mingle and giggle about the silly things their dogs do, get them outside and exercising.

Water dog park more centrally located is most needed!

We need more, another dog beach specifically as the lakeshore one is very far away from many people....

I use the dog park mainly as a place to play fetch. I think it would be important for dog parks to have at least one or two fenced long channels where someone can play fetch and not worry about another dog attacking their dog or a fight occurring about the toy.

I don't like the tone of this survey ---appears to be promoting dog parks with all the info. about other cities, sizes etc.--- this survey does not appear to be neutral, which it should be.

More off leash areas will benefit all citizens of our city. Less conflict. Cost minimal as compared to conflict

A priority for me would be another dog beach before another dog park (maybe just for small dogs). I would be willing to pay more for a dog license to help pay for regular maintenance (i.e. poop-scooping) of the dog beaches.

More lake access. Some off leash trails to take out dog out of the city a bit would be nice:)

Do not believe any dog parks are necessary, healthy, or conducive to family activities.

Dog parks are not very expensive and taxes are high. The upper part of the dog park by the dog beach should be fenced so that dogs can't run on the road. Some sort of barrier to protect traffic. Otherwise, dog parks, like parks for children or sports, should be part of the city budget.

I understand the need for dogs, (enforcement, service dogs, companionship etc.) however there are too many irresponsible dog owners who demonstrate a lack of respect for others by not keeping their dog(s) on leashes, allowing their dogs to run free in businesses and not picking up their dogs droppings. Nothing worse than taking a nice walk along the waterfront and have to dodge land mines and watch countless dogs urinating at every corner, post or tree. I'm tired of hearing dog owners boasting that their dog won't bite. Tell that to my cousin who almost lost her face. I'm tired of dog owners allowing their dog to sniff ones leg, butt or crouch and think it's okay/funny. Yes there are responsible dog owners however there are just as many non responsible owners. Take a walk along the waterfront or the Mission path way and you'll see for yourselves. Yes I'm in favour of designated dog parks however there also needs to be a limit placed on the amount of land allocated. I don't dislike dogs however I do dislike irresponsible dogs owners. Far too much time, energy and funds are being devoted for dogs when we should be allocating this energy to better civic issues such as the poor, homeless and those suffering from addictions and mental illness.

Off-leash dog parks--like much else in this community that betrays a lack of foresight, leadership, and sound planning--are in a woeful state. Kelowna is reputed for the long, hot season of summer and the large body of water that is Okanagan Lake. Shame that locals and tourists alike have so few options to enjoy either with their dogs. Thousands of seniors with companion pets and innumerable other families with pets are effectively shut-out from enjoying the very reason for living in such a place. I hope you get this right, I really do, because what you have now is wrong. Happily for me and my family (and that includes our dog), we will have moved on to a more progressive place. Good luck, and thank you for the opportunity to give voice to the frustration of living with a dog in the city of Kelowna, "one of the most dog-friendly cities in BC", or so goes the infamous survey.

There are way to many dogs in the city. When snow melts have a look at the side of pathways. They are covered in crap. Dog owners should be paying for their privileged 4 legged hounds to run around and make a mess of city property. More by-law presence and write tickets under zero tolerance policy. Mean or aggressive breeds typically have the same type of owners. Please fine these people when the dogs rip off a kids calf muscle!

I think less amenities and more parks, a garbage can, water tap for digs, a portable toilet, bags and a fence. These are for dogs not children, access to the fenced in space is more important than extras.

I was not sure what the difference was between crusher chips and wood chips.

It would have been nice to have a question that asked if I actually use dog parks or what the chances are that I would use one in various situations: ie. if it was bigger, closer to my home etc.

Another dog area with access to the lake is really needed. Penticton has a small dog park right on the beach in their down town park. So does Okanagan Falls. In Kelowna, the beach area close to the bridge in City park is underutilized and could be a good access point for dogs. Or Perhaps below Knox mountain at the park there (although that park has limited parking)

Ellison dog park behind airport is a good size and I like the terrain..good exercise for dogs and people. Only downside is the muddy ditch going through part of it. Cedar creek beach is good also. Size of park is important for medium and large size dogs.

I think it is fantastic that we have the existing facilities for dogs

I would like to see grass areas with a hose to wash down urine and lots of bags for dog owners to dispose of feces when their dog has an accident in the park. Also parks for small dogs and one for large dogs. This does not have to have beach access.

These parks should be funded just like any city park...making dog owners pay for use is discriminatory! If you do that, charge also the children for using the water park which would be much more expensive to operate.You could charge the homeless for sleeping in the parks.
Its totally unfair to single out dog owners.....

Fenced off-leash parks are needed. There are plenty of on-leash parks, but few off-leash.

More dog parks...dogs are part of our community they need a place to run and interact with other dogs. It also encourages community with people.

I would prefer more dog beaches than dog parks

"user fee" for off leash dog park? NO way!! Dog owners pay tax's too!! Do people who use tennis courts in parks have to pay "user fees"?? No. Do families with children who use play grounds pay "user fee's" No. Seriously, Kelowna is embarrassing when it comes to lack of (off leash) dog parks. To me a "dog park" is a off leash park, for people with dogs. You used Calgary as an example, great, they have been opening more off leash parks paid for with the licensing fees and fines. More Kelowna dog owners would be "compliant" if they knew where there \$dollars were going. Allso, we live in a very warm dry climate and Kelowna has only one off leash beach access park. Located way out in the south end of town. CRAZY! Many tourist's who spend money in this city are shocked that its hard to find a beach to cool off your dog, without getting a ticket. Beach access parks along lakeshore are closed to dogs (even on a leash) but home owners on either side of said park are allowed to cool there dogs off?? The beach is NOT there property. Look at the number of Vets and pet supply stores that are in this city now. Pet owners are big business. Kelowna needs to "open it's doors" to people with dogs. Thank-you for reading my comments.

Kelowna needs more off leash and dog friendly parks! Most people using parks have dogs! It promotes a healthy community, encourages exercise and reduces crime by having more people around and using public facilities. Kelowna needs more dog beaches! Kids pee and poo in water far more than dogs do.

I would be more than happy to help create event fundraisers to help fund this new park.

They are currently overburdened. If there were more of them, people in the neighbourhoods where they could potentially go would be less afraid of them because there wouldn't be the same noise, or parking issues. The park by the dump is unusable much of the summer because it's a dust bowl. An ideal location would be a segment of the park at Gordon and DeHart.

Good survey

Water for dogs is paramount. Shade is right behind.

Dog friendly family beaches

I believe there aren't enough off-leash dog parks in Kelowna, and especially not enough swim areas for dogs so they can cool down. In the future development of off-leash dog parks, I suggest the incorporation of shade structures and motion detecting cooling pools.

I believe that the beach opposite the mill and the log boom should be a dog beach with an off leash park to the right of that. There are not enough places in Kelowna for dogs to access the lake.

Pardon my diatribe but I have a nerve or two still twitching and you have been good enough to provide a lot of space on this survey...so I'm going for it. Sorry for being so wordy, but I am so appreciating the opportunity to participate that my brevity switch is broken.

I want to clarify a previous section for rating surfaces. I did not choose any of the softer materials given my concern for access by the less mobile folks. I have zero issue with any of them as long as there are entrances, paths, areas where people can access at least some of the park on a level hard surface (eg. grass or gravel (smooth and not too small as to get caught in pads of feet) is fine if there is a hard flat perimeter path. Wood chips can be a problem as some dogs eat it and it does poke through shoes and make life walking through a bunch of it not sandal friendly at all. Sand or gravel is very difficult if not impossible for anyone with mobility issues.

Just some experience from being part of Calgary's open houses on dog parks a few years ago. One of the big factors they learned was that having any idea of multi-use parks with off-leash included was a very bad idea. Many of their off leash parks/trail areas had jogging/bike paths, kiddie parks, playing fields in the same park. It didn't take long to realize that was not a good idea. Everyone really wanted fenced off-leash to avoid issues with others who were 'just passing through' and not appreciating dogs running around (and dog owners not appreciating bikes etc. whizzing through the dogs). Off-leash dog parks needed to be dedicated to the dogs and the people who were there for no other reason or expectation than it was for dogs to play without their leashes. Kelowna's model does well in this respect.

They also got a lot of requests for parks to include areas to climb, jump, etc. I see the large dogs loving rolling in large piles of wood chips when they are in the park here. They all love it when there is something new in the park (for instance they love mud...their owners not so much). My concern with the idea of agility type features is whether they'd be safe given how nuts dogs can get when chasing a ball or in full tilt running around like goofs. I guess I've just seen a few too many injuries (a couple of broken backs) when there was too big a jump and a hard landing. It would be interesting to see what could be incorporated for some extra activities though. I did bring an agility tunnel to our park. It was a big hit for a while but mostly when it was getting blown around and could be chased. The dogs never cease to seem to just want to run and wrestle or zoom through the pool. Mostly they gravitate to playing by the humans or chasing balls or eating wood chips (a worry for many owners). We've often thought something like a remote something or other (thinking how greyhounds chase a mechanical rabbit) they could chase would be a hit as they all love it when there is something to race along the fence with. The other activity is digging but most of the owners discourage it as a habit although they may change their mind if the digging material didn't require a bath to follow.

Okay, the thorn in my side. Kelowna is one extremely hot climate with a lot of dogs who need the ability to cool off both in parks and at the beach. Those dogs are family (furkids if you will) to us and deserve some consideration because they are part of the community whether non-dog owners like it or not. We count too and are part of this city.

The dog parks could have various water/cooling options for sure and the city should be able to provide something (we do appreciate having running taps now in the summer). It doesn't have to be fancy, just usable. So many options like sprays, misters, small pools (we have brought in small kiddie pools and they are great but don't tend to last very long (they've been stolen and some get mashed by park use). The upside is they are easy to fill and empty and not deep enough to be a worry...cheap and easy although not very permanent). Even a hose with a hole in it could be a blessing some days...some imagination could go a long way without a lot of cost.

My understanding is there have been funds raised for a water park of some sort through Brenda at Doggytopia, but not much luck after years of trying to get the city on board. The proof is there. People would be willing to contribute if they thought it would be put to use.

We absolutely need lake access for dogs - right in the city. Reality is there is more goose poop on the beaches than dog poop and you will never see a dog relieve itself in the water (unlike kids and adults are known to do and I shudder to think how many times a day that happens in the summer), so IH concerns are a bit over the top. We are talking reality here, and reality is there is already poop and pee in the lake and it isn't from dogs! The sand is already covered with poop and it isn't from dogs! Anyone expecting a pristine area around a large natural lake used by the public and large flocks of birds etc. is just being unrealistic, dogs or not.

Now what if dogs could have a beach access or two? What about that sand? Again, if bylaw would show a presence, those who don't pick up now would be encouraged to start so the beach sand needn't be an issue. When there are bags and garbage cans handy, and with a little encouragement, people won't be leaving poop on the beach. Let's not forget, the majority of dog owners do pick up and the majority shouldn't be punished because the few aren't learning their lesson. Some slaps on the wrist from bylaw on occasion would really help those of us who try in our most diplomatic way to get others to pick up.

No dogs and kids together at the lake? Are you kidding? I think it's shocking that families with dogs who are living or visiting here can not go to the same beach. What are they to do when they just want a day out at the beach...either no dog or no kids? Who gets left in the car? We aren't talking access to every beach, how about 1 or 2? Those who want to avoid dogs still have lots of options. Personally I'd be more concerned about my dog being in the water with a bunch of humans who are doing all the polluting but then again, I think my expectations would be that is just the way it is at a public beach so accept the risk or don't go. Any kids on that beach are the ones living with dogs for heaven's sake. The chances of them being exposed to something they don't already get at home are what?

I wouldn't be surprised to find a lot of tourists just keep driving to other parts of the Okanagan where the whole family can go to a beach, with their dog, when vacationing. The hotels here welcome dogs. Airlines welcome dogs. The statics (yes, pure black and white verifiable numbers) have shown more people are traveling with their pets now to the point of planning their vacations based on pet friendliness. This city which thrives on tourism continues to make them unwelcome. It's not making sense. You are vilified if you have your dog in the car on a hot day, but you can't get your dog to water without a car in Kelowna...go figure. Oh yes, let us not forget, not everyone has air conditioning at home. I'm one of them. This city doesn't leave me a lot of choices other than my hose and it's a real shame considering there is a major lake near.

It's one thing for those of us who live here, but what the heck is someone traveling through for the day or staying at a hotel supposed to do? Kelowna is very inhumane when summer temperatures and dogs are considered. Seems to me the city says they aren't even allowed to walk on the grass in downtown parks...nice when the cement is 40C +. This whole summer thing really makes me crazy...I wish there were some actual fact/science behind the beliefs that go on in this city's thinking about dogs.

I see no real logic, just uniformed bias, when it comes to how dangerous dogs are in the presence of a gigantic lake which really wouldn't suffer one iota from some dogs being allowed to swim or dip in a couple of places.

I live 2 blocks from the lake but must drive a min of 17 km if I want to take my dog to the water. Cedar creek is very busy but I have to say you won't find anyone with disabilities there. It's not conducive with it's rocky beach. So only the fit can go. No option for the rest of us who could manage quite nicely at some of the other access points in town and absolutely no way a wheel chair or walker can use Cedar Creek. The other option is traveling to the west side, same distance or maybe more depending on which of their 3 water/dog areas I choose. To me it's pure insanity when I can see the lake from my house but it's going to take gas and

travel to let my dog get her feet wet!

How is that for green living or feeling like part of a community? The banning of dogs from lake access on this side of the lake is just junk science when you consider what yucky stuff goes into that lake and onto it's beaches that has nothing to do with dogs. A couple of designated beach entry points closer in, available to families isn't too much to ask .Those who are fearful or with allergies would be fully able to access any one of almost 80 other lake entry points without any effort or hardship.

I'd love to see some common sense enter the picture because there are a lot of dog owners in this city and many of us are not taking kindly to how we are being treated when it comes to the lake and feeling like we are unwelcome in Kelowna in summer.

I will say (to end on a positive note), that when I was choosing where I would live one of my top criteria was dog parks. My dog and I visited a large part of BC with that in mind. Kelowna has been doing well in providing fenced dog parks which are split to allow small dogs some freedom without worry of inadvertently being run over by a dog 10 times their size. That was a huge selling point to me and I hope to see it (fenced and split) continue so it becomes a really good example to other municipalities.

I can't say enough about how much I enjoy the Mission dog park and people. When I was recovering from some medical stuff, that park got me outside in the fresh air and sun, and did wonders for my recovery and disposition. I give it full credit in my healing sooner. Being entertained by the dogs, the people, and the beautiful lush surroundings was the best medicine (and I had a very happy dog who would have really suffered had there not been such a good park to go to when I couldn't walk very well).

If you are still with me and haven't nodded off by now, thanks for your patience.

Living in Langley for 5 years we used several dog parks 3-4 times a week and they were so wonderful. After moving to Kelowna we quickly found the dog parks to be dirty unkept lots of un social dogs, small, and not user friendly ie. No gravel or ash fault walking path or walking loop. We have not been to a dog park here in years now. We choose to head for the out skirts of town and not bother with the local dog parks.

close this pandora box before it is to late!

We need more maintenance. I go to mission dog park and often it's a mud pit. Not a pleasant experience for the dog or owner. As such you can go to the park and it's empty because it's a mess
Fines if people don't pick up after their dog. This applies to dog parks and other areas. Make dog owners responsible- if I can pick up after my dog so can everyone else

I love that there are available dog parks in kelowna. I go to the mission dog park up to 4 times a week with my golden retriever when the weather is nice. I wish that there were more dog parks available. I don't like the idea of having to pay for dog parks. As a low income citizen I rely on the option of having access to

outdoor activities to stay fit and also keep my dog healthy. I can't afford having to pay for visiting a park so often. We are not charging people for going to mission creek park or on the boardwalk, it would seem like an unfair situation to charge dog owners to enjoy being outdoors; especially when being active and getting outside is something that is encouraged. Charging for park use it going to turn people away and spoil it for so many. Please keep the parks 'entrance charges free'. :)

A good dog park would attract tourists to the area as would dog friendly amenities, cafes etc. Many more mature, bigger spending travellers have dogs and a city that caters to them would benefit. The health risks to humans from dog faces and urine in the lake are vastly overstated. There are no statistics to confirm these old ideas. How many human infections from dogs faeces and urine are reported in Kelowna each year? Let's be realistic about this we are more at risk from infected human urine in the lake from swimmers

There should be some sort of signage (some parks don't have this) with guidelines enforced, if there was anyway to ensure people picked up their dog poop, that would be amazing...if the park was for-profit and they had someone there making sure the dogs were vaccinated, and dewormed, even better!

I appreciate the opportunity to have secure off-leash areas in an urban environment.

We need a downtown off leash park that has a beach, maybe the bottom of Knox? There's so many geese humans can't swim there anyways.

More beach access is needed - it is pitiful that with a lake the size of Lake Okanagan is only one dog park with beach access and that is on leash.....please let me know how dogs are supposed to play and access the water on leash!

There is no charge for children to use a park why should dog owners be charged?
Kelowna is the least dog friendly town I've ever lived in.

any land deemed for dog use should be paid for by the users. Perhaps they could purchase an annual or day use pass to use the facilities - then we will see how interested the dog owners really are. People do not pick up dog poop. Living beside a park that allows on-leash pets, I witness this everyday. The park has become unusable as a park for my children to play in due to the dog crap. If the City provides additional land for off leash parks steps should be put in place to eliminate dogs in other parks. There are good reasons why dogs are not allowed on school fields, although parents continue to bring the family pet to soccer and baseball games each weekend, the same reasons are true for non school greenway areas as well. Dogs should be restricted to fenced dog parks only and not be allowed to foul parkland throughout the city

As a taxpayer I should have a park that would accommodate my family for a day at the beach, including our pets. I do not expect to pay additional funds to be able to bring our pets to the beach!!!! If poop and scoop are adhered to (most responsible dog owners do), there is not an issue for interior health, our greatest threat is the goose shit that shows up everywhere, have you considered that including dogs at parks where the geese are an issue, that you may even deter them from the beaches for free! The lawns are watered, so will be rinsed off regularly!

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Dog owners seem quite militant. I'm not one of those. I am still amazed that some people don't pick up after their dogs. I do not take my small dog to an off-leash dog park.

Let Kelowna be known as a reputable, intelligent dog friendly City

A volunteer "sheriff" type position for peak times to enforce rules and to educate dog owners would be great.

Currently there is one off leash park that is for small dogs only and several that have both an "all dog area" and a "small dog area", it would be nice if there was a park that was for large dogs only (maybe 50+ pounds) or if the parks that have a separate area for small dogs only didn't allow small dogs into the bigger area. It's not fair that there are areas where small dog owners can avoid big dogs but there are no areas where big dog owners can avoid small dogs. A lot of small dogs are aggressive toward big dogs and even if the small dog starts it the big dog will always be blamed for a dog fight. I've had small dogs attack and injure my big dogs many times and the small dog owners always found it funny. Luckily my dogs are fairly tolerant but not all big dogs will put it up with it then they are at fault when a small dog attacks first. Also even a big friendly dog might injure a small dog by accident (120 pound mastiff accidentally stepping on a 3 pound chihuahua could be fatal for the small dog) so it's a serious safety issue when all sizes of dogs are mixed. So maybe dogs under 35-40 pounds and below 15 inches tall in one side of the park and dogs above that weight and height in the other side? Or a park divided into 3 separate areas (small dog, big dog, all dog)

The Verve in Kelowna has dog kennels for dogs to go to the bathroom. Dogs can be trained, just like a cat.

These should be mandatory in the city. Especially in condo complexes. Any new development.

Lazy owners do not walk their dogs. They take them to the closest sidewalk and let the dog poop on the cement.

These type of owners would never use a dog park let alone a dog washroom.

Dog parks and family parks should be kept separate at all costs. (It's a health and safety concern.)

And both dog and family parks should be mandatory in Kelowna development that allows children and dogs.

Keep the shit and urine off the streets, and out of our Parks!

Increase bylaw officers and employ them on weekends please:). Funds need to come from dog owners. Not tax payers!

With no enforcement what good are rules!!!'??

Wheelchair access ability is important.

There are lots of people who would love to go to the dog park but there are no way to push chairs through the grass or dirt

the grass or dirt.

In my opinion, Kelowna is in great need of a dog beach that is more central to the downtown core of the city.

These questions are insane. I've lived in Kelowna since 1990. I had relatives visiting this summer from Alberta and we had to drive to West Kelowna to use their dog beach. How come provincial health laws don't shut them down? I pay enough taxes that I will NOT pay for use of a dog beach park and that's what we need in Kelowna at one of the beach accesses on the lakefront somewhere between the bridge and the Eldorado. Oh but the millionaires wouldn't like that... I'm a senior and walking up and down high terrain is not an option and neither is it for people in wheelchairs. Why don't you pay someone to do a survey at Tugboat beach where dogs go in regularly to bathe. Oh, you don't have enough by law officers... Mr. Basran, this year's tax increment is beyond my means. What about an area beside the rowing club. There had to be a big fight to keep that green space on the lake and the people won. How long before you approve another building permit for a high rise there as well. You have grand plans to make this city look like Vancouver. I am not against progress but green spaces are important for everyone in this city and WE NEED A BEACH DOG PARK that is ACCESSIBLE to everyone in our community.

although I have had both large and small dogs in the past, I find it concerning that dogs now seem to be 'everywhere' and their owners seem to feel they are equal to humans -- regardless of how much we care for our pet, it is still a pet, an animal, not a human. Except for specific exceptions, dogs should not be in restaurants, stores, or next to me in an airplane.

It would nice if there was separate areas for dogs who strictly like to fetch. A lot of times other dogs are playing and collide with those dogs who only want to fetch. It causes fights and accidents as well.

Do not take existing park, create new one.

It would be pretty neat to have a small waterpark like area in a dog park kind of like the one at Ben Lee park. During the summer it would give dog owners a chance to keep cool with their dog without having to worry about being off leash and not fully fenced in. Just operated during the summer during peak hours.

I'm frustrated that dogs are gaining more importance and influence than children!! Kids spend too much time indoors and play centres are too expensive. Dogs should be kept away from the public beaches, trails and parks so humans (the kind that pay taxes) can play without fear of stepping in poop or being attacked by a dog. There is nothing more frightening than seeing a dog approach and knowing my toddler will run towards it. I have to keep my child away from the dog, but how do you keep an off leash dog away?!? Plus 9 times out of 10 owners never pick up the poop. I'd rather deal with smokers in a park than dogs and their poop!! Dogs do not belong on public spaces. It is not fair to our kids that hardly have any access to the outdoors unless you own a mansion with a huge yard! Lots of kids now live in apartments and suites so free accessible parks are a necessity!!

Dog owners must pick up waste. That is probably the biggest issue for many owners who do so. It is not appropriate to bring unsocialized dogs into a park where other dogs might be attacked. If that happens a call to the proper authorities would be appreciated.

More dog friendly areas for them to swim and cool off. Summer time after a few hours playing at the dog park or a hike it's so hot and to take my dog to cool off its a 40 minute drive to the nearest off-leash dog beach on the opposite side of town.

The money allocated for the HOV signs should have been used as a more prudent investment toward the improvement of an under recognized, well utilized recreational, research based, community health and wellness building initiative.... Just an opinion.

The dog parks are totally out of control. There are too many beaches and prime land being used for walking your dog. The taxpayers should be able to use the beaches and the dogs should have their own parks for their needs. The dog poop issue-most owners are responsible but lots are not. I have been to dog parks where there is a horrid amount of poop around. Its disgusting. They should have their parks away from where the people are ex: the dog park by the city of kelowna dump. I agree that owners/pets need their space for a variety of great reasons but ...they have too too much prime land.

1. We are in dire need of an off-leash park with beach access that doesn't require a car to get to it.
2. I would support a not-for-profit running the above mentioned park as long as any money made was going back into animals in need in the community. For example, Paws It Forward or the SPCA.

I strongly disagree with charging an admission fee to the dog park. We don't charge for parks humans/kids play in. I think dogs should be able to enjoy nature as well, besides there back yard if they have one. Also if people are charged, not as many dogs and people would be able to pay and use park therefore affecting exercise for human and dog. Etc.

We Need an off leash Dog Beach

Please - an off-leash dog park with water access, other than Cedar Creek boat launch.

How is it that we can support sports fields and children's parks yet looking at charging users of dog parks?

We need off leash hiking trails

There needs to be more , dog parks by the water as the one on lakeshore is tiny and has very minamel parking

More beach access parks with decent fencing to keep the dogs safe.

More bylaw policing

A more accessible dog beach would be so beneficial. There are so many dog owners and lovers here and we are a hugely un-dog-friendly city as it stands. Being a young adult, I rent in Rutland where it's most affordable. I'd like to go to the beach as much as anyone on a hot summer day, but making a half hour drive after work adds a lot to the day. I've even heard of a dog water park! That could be amazing! Pets can so easily overheat running around in the summer at the parks. I enjoy the use of the current off leash dog parks as well as walks along mission creek greenway. The okanagan has such a long beautiful HOT summer and I think we need some more options for our longest season!

People like to use parks with their animals. Parks should accommodate both animal and non animal lovers. An separate area for both means all have a space to play

I would like to see an etiquette list for parents that bring toddlers. Just because their dog is used to their kids chasing their dog with sticks or running up to their dog, does not mean that every dog is. When that occurs parents get upset if dogs bark or scare their children and accuse the dog owner of having an aggressive dog when the dog is just scared from the actions of their children.

Doggies need a place to swim close to downtown please!

A dog beach closer to downtown would be great! Lakeshore is such a long drive, it would be best to be able to walk the dog to have a swim.

Downtown area needs an off-leash dog park/beach.

The dogs need to be monitored in the summer at Mushroom beach by city by-law officers. I will not walk my dog that way in summer as there are to many dogs off leash anyway. I have a little dog.

Would be a great location potentially. It would defer the "shenanigans" that goes on in the park/beach.

In my opinion dog parks don't have to be amazing or expensive. I just want a place where I can bring my dog to run around with other dogs off leash in a contained place. In black mountain would be lovely!

Beach access which keeps in mind the needs of small dogs and it has easy accessibility for owners to access the beach and a BBQ area but also within a central location of the community.

Thank you for moving forward on this important issue. Dogs are very important contributors to our community. The mental health benefits of spending time with our pets has been proven to enhance our personal health. A cost reduction to our health care system that cannot be measured. It is entirely appropriate to utilize tax dollars to provide off leash facilities to reward these unsung heroes.

All the present parks need to be resurfaced as the mud and poor grass are a hazard to the dogs, people and make an awful mess and is a great place for bacteria to grow

I think it's absolutely ridiculous that I can't take my children to a park and at the same time bring my dog either on or off leash. When we go for family walks we like to bring our whole family with us, including dogs, we are forced to ignore the no dog signed and take a risk in order to enjoy our family time together. Maybe having a play area for children at the same location as the dog park (separate and fenced for safety)

Beach access points along Abbott to be dog friendly. People use them all the time in the summer even though they are technically breaking the law. This should be corrected, dogs need more space to swim, one beach is not enough. People who don't want to be close to the dogs can use the bigger beaches still but smaller ones should be dog friendly.

My taxes should be enough to pay for more off leash dog parks....dogs deserve to be able to run and play freely...they are such a huge benefit to many and to society..I have traveled along California coast and dogs are allowed on beaches..we need more dog parks on the water as it gets so hot in Kelowna and they need to cool off and swim..Cedar Creek is a long way to go for many...lets start giving them what they deserve..they do not ask for much especially compared to what they give.

Who will be liable for damages when one of these dogs attacks and injures or kills some one?
Why are security cameras not in the current parks and parking lots to determine which individuals are causing problems?

There is a need for an area where pets and owners can go to the beach together (for example an area of city park - area closest to the bridge). Cedar Creek dog park is a good concept however very far from many areas of kelowna.

Health units comments re dog poop and public beaches is poopycock compared to what the geese are doing. The geese are a huge problem compared to dogs.

It would be wonderful to have more beach areas for dogs. The people swimming defecate more than the dogs (in the water), and I only know of one beach, far south of town. It is easy to designate small areas along the beaches, it could be as little as 20'.

It would be nice to see the first few metres inside the park have a cement or paved surface for wheelchair users.(not necessarily at all the parks but maybe some of the main ones) I have a service dog and I'm in a wheelchair and it's a reward for his hard work to have some free time at the off leash park. If you have portable toilets at the parks it would be nice if they are accessible.

Our city needs to be more dog friendly bigger cities with more people are able all over the world to do this Kelowna needs to get with the times and look at all the thriving communities that manage well and imploment it already! Starting by evaluations on the existing dog parks which are used and which are empty year round get ride of the one we use and shut down the ones we don't put more time and resources into or urban dwellers who use these parks

If money & resources are spent to create & maintain off leash dog parks it may keep them out of parks & off beaches. I would like to see the same amount spent on by law officers to enforce current laws re these places as clearly there either aren't enough officers or they aren't doing their job. I walk daily & see by law offences constantly regarding dogs. Let us not forget they also have access to all streets & sidewalks in the city!!

The more dog parks we have, the less problems we would have with non dog owners on the streets. If possible have a separated area for small dogs.

More off leash dog parks in West Kelowna please

There must be more than 20 beach access parks between the Hotel Eldorado and City Park. Dogs are not allowed in anv of them. One of the beach access narks in this area ought to be dog friendly so that dogs can

have access to the lake on hot summer days. I live on Abbott St. I ought not to have to get in my car and drive my dog to a beach where she is allowed. At the very least could the City of Kelowna not do as Summerland does and allow dogs on the beach (or some beaches) from October 1st to April 1st?

I feel that any park in the city should be maintained equally by the city if they are city parks.

What kind of city do you want to be known as??

Stop play game ? We need more water parks 4 dogs ? The city of Kelowna hate dogs ?

If the city of Kelowna has any desire to reduce it's carbon footprint, there needs to be 2 more off leash dog areas at the lake side. One in city park (beside the bridge) and one in the north end. During non-swimming season, all lake side parks should be open to dog use.

I think we could fit a lot more smaller fenced off dog parks in urban areas in Kelowna.

I moved from downtown vancouver and there are literally about 20 off leash dog park areas in downtown vancouver.

I used to bring my dog to the small park at the corner of mountain ave and clifton where there are tennis courts. No one ever uses this park. I brought my dog here for almost a year until people started complaining about my dog.

Never once did my dog bark. Never once did i not clean up after my dog. Never once did my dog even come close to the playground area (that is never used). There could definitely be a small fenced off area here for dogs even just to chase a ball.

Why use Calgary as an example, totally different city and population? How about Sooke or Nanaimo if you want a dog friendly area to compare. Quit trying to ask questions that imply dogs and owners should somehow pay extra for the parks. This is a function of the city to be inclusive of all tax payers and residents. Dog owners are not a special needs group.

All beaches should be open to dogs from October to April. Any area can be a dog park and all parks should be on leash parks.

Politicians should try to contain dogs and their crap not spread it around

Dog owners are also tax payers. You cannot ask them to pay more for parks that they would use, over their neighbours who don't have a dog, but are also park users (such as tennis players). Why not charge the tennis players? Why create a 2 tier system in the first place? It's not rocket science - If you start to charge money for the use of a dog park, then you will notice an increase in the use of the other city parks (whether dog parks or not). By increasing the number of dog parks (no-fee) it will decrease the use (by dog owners) of all the other city parks ensuring happy park users throughout the city.

I am trying to understand why there is talk of charging dog owners to use an off leash park when I'm pretty sure its more expensive to build a play ground or run the water park downtown. dog parks don't take much to build compared to parks that don't allow dogs. there needs to be more parks closure to neighbourhoods. Even if some of the parks now were converted to half dog park. As a dog owner, it is getting harder to

exercise my dog with out the fear of being find an outrages amount.

Dog parks should be located in ALL areas of our city

There are multiple parks around town that could be changed from no dogs to on leash dogs allowed as I see many local families using them that way anyways

If there is a fee involved I would be more inclined to take my dog for a hike through our vast back country vs spending my hard earned money to sit in a park

If the city is going to provide these resources then the city should ensure that all animals that use these services are properly registered and licensed.

I was not able to rank the priorities in the previous questions. From memory:

1. Drinking water for dogs and people
2. Space for small dogs
3. Picnic tables for owners to sit and converse
- 4.toilets for people
5. Must have good lighting and trees...no shrubs.... no shrubs ever.
6. A little attachment that holds bags that people can use if they forgot one and bring some to put in for others to use. Also enough garbage cans.
7. Limit the rules..... humans don't need to be controlled in dog parks....
8. About rules though: there should be signs to make owners aware not to bring their pet that is in heat to the dog park... and to remind owners to dicipline their dog if it tries to hump other dogs incessantly. Oh yeah there should also be a sign that says... "pick up your dogs poop. Others are watching and they can tell you to pick it up themselves... but let's not let it come to that"
9. Don't make us pay to go to a dog park. I don't pay to take my kid to a park. If a city worker needs to come by and grab a couple extra garbage bags so be it.... let them work.

The answer to the dog park situation has nothing to do with money or trying to save it. We all know where most of the money that is taken from us goes. Where the other money goes we aren't sure. All I know is no matter where I live I have to pay 30k in taxes every year no matter what.... it's hard enough trying to maintain a good quality of life with the money we have left over after all our other expenses. Leave us alone with your crowd funding volunteer debate your trying to impose.... perspective.... should we have more dog parks?

Yes. Should we have to pay for them more than we already are? No.

Our elected and non elected officials are the ones making the big cash to make the big decisions.

Until we can see plans for a self sustaining community that would make it cheaper for us to live here, I don't want to hear any more about plans to take even more money out of our pockets. I want to hear plans to make this place better for us... not cheaper for you.

Feedback given

Thanks for listening hopefully with open and empathetic ears.

Current dog parks require better maintenance. Surface areas have lots of holes and dogs can be injured. Aggressive dogs should not be allowed.

As a lakeside community one of the concerns you should be looking at is dog beaches not just dog parks.

I have no problem asking dog owners to pitch in a little time to help with creating/cleaning up the dog park. I think you must consider what you ask other people to contribute to their favorite spots in the city. I don't play sports or use the sporting fields in the city, I don't dirt bike or use those areas of the city, I don't have children who play in parks or on park equipment; however, I do have a dog. Are you asking any of these other groups of people to contribute to the aspects of the city they use? If you ask dog owners to contribute time, money and resources than you should be considering asking these other groups of people to their favorite parts of the city. If that seems unreasonable, it probably is, so why ask dog owners?

Love the dog park at Cedar Creek. Needs a garbage can close to the north entrance off Lakeshore Drive, possibly close to the poop bag dispenser along the north fenceline.

By the nature of dogs and humans there will always be conflict, but less restrictions will encourage more responsible actions by all.

I do not currently own a dog as he has recently passed; when I take another animal into my home, I would be willing at that point to volunteer my time. At present, I am still grieving my loss.

We really need a dog friendly beach closer to town. having to drive out to the current one is limiting for many people.

we all pay for dog licences, where does that money go. the maintain of dog parks suck big time. yes they take the garbage from the garbage cans but that's about it. the grass grows long before they cut it. water should be turned on a lot sooner than it does in the park. pay to use the park is retarded. should everyone pay to walk through city park then. should people riding their bike on the road pay for insurance then too, it's only fair. do bicyclist pay for licences like we pay for licences for dogs. pay, pay, pay.

We pay a fee every yr for both our dogs and receive very little for it other than we won't be tickled even more, and I have heard the term pet friendly, not this city

My general view is that the current popularity of dog ownership is faddish and promotes both irresponsible owner and dog population growth. I fear the problems will only multiply and ultimately present unpleasant decisions and situations in future. We are approaching saturation for both dogs and people in this formerly green and pleasant valley.

I think the North End needs an off leash water park, be it a beach which I think we would be the best or a park with water structures for the summer. Currently only the Mission and the Westside have areas at water edge for dogs. I think if one was created in the North End, that would satisfy a lot of dog owners...at least the many I've talked to.

Closer dog beaches downtown area please

We need more, many more, and especially dog beaches to keep the fur babies cool in summer

if the grass is worn off of a dog park, it means it is overused. Most dog parks in Kelowna are dirt. There is

obvious need for more dog-friendly locations. Some dog owners want to exercise their dogs, but don't want to have to give them a bath every time. So nearby non-dog friendly parks (like school yards after hours) become an obvious choice. Allowing dogs to integrate into other green spaces means there are more people there too. Which means these spaces are being used instead of vacant. Vacant spaces become appealing places for illegal activities.

Please give us a dog beach and more dog parks!!

The dog park in rutland is to small and to muddy

We definitely need an off-leash park in the Kelowna north end. Infact the park area to the north side of the boat launch would be perfect, if fenced the dogs could also have access to the lake.

We desperately need a dog beach located in Kelowna, Cedar Creek is an unreasonable distance for most people and since it is the only one, gets very crowded. There are always going to be a small percentage that do not pick up after their dogs - just as there are a small percentage of the population that disregard the laws, but amply garbage cans and a supply of bags would go a long way to help that. We pay our taxes, pay for dog licenses, obey the rules and feel that we and our dogs should have the opportunity to spend an afternoon at the beach together. Off leash parks are great but a dog beach is needed badly

I believe that dog owners should be paying for the use of the space that will only be available to them.

I think it is essential that due to our climate in the summer.....we need dog beaches. Dogs need to get cooled off too! Kids are allowed to get cooled off, some urinate in the water.....my dog deserves to get relief from the sun and heat too!

I think that dog training should be emphasized as an essential part of having a dog, especially in public settings. Any aggression in a dog should be dealt with as soon as it is noticed.

Most dog owners know for a fact that dogs are better at meeting each other off leash.

We could learn a lot from Summerland dog beach.....they have the best one. It is amazing to see all of the dogs enjoying the water and beach along with their owners.

I would like to see trail systems made available for off leash dog walks. Perhaps some of our parks could be made available for dogs in the early mornings and later summer evenings.

Another water dog park please.

If you don't provide one people will just go to whatever beach is closest and ignore the rules. Make it possible and reasonable for people to follow your rules, maybe people will.

They're best if fenced - and should have a place for parking because people drive from all over to use various dog parks.

Our current dog parks i find are usually in good condition, we are offered with many options all around town, it's great to see so many available options, and i think the dog beach is great! it's a great way to introduce my dogs to the water without having to worry with other people.

definitely more parks in residential areas would be nice, even if they're smaller. There are many view

properties that are good on the environment as they require less water; but that also creates a need for more parks for dogs to run and play.

I'm very concerned about the soon to be lost (temp) dog park (large & small) on the old KSS site. There are so many people/dogs who utilize that park daily who live in mid to higher density housing that have no where else take their dogs. I live out in Wilden (North Glenmore) but still take my dogs there because it has the large & small dog separated areas and it is stress free to keep my dogs in the small dog enclosure.

Relative to normal parks, dog parks appear very cheap to build and maintain. Having seen the year round use compared to normal parks and the money that goes to normal parks, I believe the cost of dog parks could easily fit into budget. Thank you

There needs to be more dog parks with water access. With all the lakes surrounding us we need to have more of these. It is not acceptable to only have one dog beach. I have to drive 25 minutes to get to this dog beach and my husky does not do well in the car on 30+ degree days even if it is to get to water.

City of Kelowna is doing a very poor job.

Only that there should be a lot more.

Edmonton they have a beautiful off leash park with axis to the river so the dogs can swim in the summer, I think it would be very beneficial for kelowna to have a off Leah dog beach where people can spend time with their dogs and let them swim on the hot summer days. It was severely decreased the amount of people who breaks the law and bring their dogs to non dog beaches

A designated off leash hiking area would be a great addition for pet families.

I'd prefer to see more on-leash dog parks all around town, and along the water. There should also be more dog cleanup stations and patrols enforcing owner cleanup after dogs.

My comments is in regards to whether or not people should contribute extra time/money, or the possibility that a fee be charged, or that parks be run by for-profit or non-profit organizations. I think that parks and recreation is in the purview of the city. There are so many features of off-leash dog parks that benefit both dog owners and non-dog owners that the creation and maintenance of these parks is truly public benefit. I think that property taxes should be sufficient to cover the creation and maintenance of a dog park, in the same way that they are sufficient to cover a park for children, or people to play tennis (again, areas that are not used by everyone, but do benefit everyone with a sense of community and health). Not to mention that a small number of off-leash dog parks are probably needed service a reasonably large population.

I live in the Kettle Valley area, and I think this would be a perfect area to create an off-leash, fenced-in dog park. We have numerous dog owners, many of us are walking distance to the existing parks that have ample area for a medium sized dog park. I think it would add to the already strong sense of community in our area.

Thanks for listening!

We like dog parks and we wish there was more off leash options. Somthing on or near mission creek. Possibly one side of the creek can be used by owners with dogs off leash. A closer location for a dog beach, possibly near Knox mountain.

Kelowna is a great city! I find it dog friendly already, however with the sprawl in the city, the parks are not convenient to all neighborhoods. I do not think they need to be as big as the Glenmore dog park and think even the size of the small dog park on Bernard is an appropriate size for some neighborhoods. It is great to walk your dog to a small green space where you can let them off leash to run around, maybe chase a ball and smell some trees. As long as there is decent lighting (which is an issue at most parks currently) and trash cans, any off leash space would be a great addition to our neighborhoods!

do a better job please about building community than RDCO with their negative message of fines for "responsible pet ownershpip: - RDCO is not the Gestapo - neither should the city be, instead build community

Keep up the good work! Us dog owners applaud you!

A beach park closer to the north end of town is essential and lacking. The most important thing for a dog park - GARBAGE CANS and lots of them. I really feel dog owners who use dog parks tend to be lazy and fail to pick up after their pets.

We have a lot of amazing g dog parks but we need more off leash and water parks. My kids and I swim with our dog. It's amazing exercise and great bonding time for all included. I really like the idea of Ben Lee park being integrated with a dog park. The infrastructure is already there. It would help clean up the drug dealers from being there as much hence we would have a much safer environment for everyone. Win win situation.

Proper warning and informational signs and access to adequate garbage disposal. IT would be great to have the ' have a bag? leave a bag' containers as well.

These parks should be provided as part of our taxes. Lots of dog parks on and off leash all over Vancouver. Kelowna is getting better as pet friendly city but long way to go.

A good city to look at is the city of parks...that's right VICTORIA. They have beautiful dog parks of varying size as well as beaches where dogs are allowed, areas where they are not. They have a similar infrastructure to us as well when you look at the map.

Please try to provide areas for these people that are obsessed with owning all these dogs. It is a mystery as to why so many people are turning to dogs for what? protection, companionship, a trend, what they do not realize is that NOT everyone loves their dogs. I see so many dog owners breaking the rules?? Because their dogs are special. So if there were more dog parks available hopefully more dog owners would use them. 2008. 20.

and keep their dogs off public areas.

Thank you for this survey.

I'm very encouraged that this topic is FINALLY being addressed by the city. I have considered Kelowna to be the most dog unfriendly place I have ever lived, and have had many negative experiences in regards to being a dog owner here. This is an important first step in changing the city's general attitude towards dog owners. Changing the focus from segregating and isolating dog owners from public space to public education of the responsibilities of dog ownership (training, cleanliness, safety, etc), would be a good first step in changing the city's bias against dog owners.

They need the people who bring their pets to pick up their pets poop and not bring aggressive animals into the park unless they are on a leash and in control which means they need to have bylaw officers checking the parks more frequently or a means that private citizens can have a safe means to keep one another in check. The parks also need to be cleaned and kept up by the city on a more regular basis. We have stopped using any of the parks because of these issues. I'm not sure more parks are the answer when the ones we have are such a mess, finding a better way to interact with pets and people everywhere within the city should be everyone's right. I've heard the European way is much like this. They are only dogs for heaven sake not wild animals.....

I think all dogs should be happy and if that means more off-leash dog parks, then you should make it happen!

Would love to see more dog parks on the lake more centrally located where families can go and enjoy with kids and pets

Hi put back Munson, Also another beach area which is closer to town Everywhere you go In Sidney on Sea, is dog friendly, and older people accept. A lovely place to be. I love Kelowna but it is coming a unfriendly place for our lovely dog to enjoy his time with his friends.

Kelowna must be run by people who dislike dogs. My family was surprised also, we won the friendliest dog town. NOT TRUE. Get the respect of dog owners as well, and provide somewhere for them to go.

Dog owners are citizens, tax payers and voters in this city. We enjoy time in the outdoors with our pets. I would be out raged if we I were to have to pay a fee to be able to enjoy our outdoors/lake. I already pay a fee in the form of a dog license. If it is determined that their needs to be fees, I think it would be fair to everyone that people enjoying the beach, skate park, board walk, tennis courts ETC..... ALSO PAY A FEE. Its only fair, I as a citizen should have the same right to enjoy my time with my dog, as a citizen has the right to walk the greenway or play tennis at the rec centre under the lights at night.

I keep hearing about "responsible" dog owners, but in my experience, the majority are not. The rules simply don't apply to them. If your stats don't agree, that's because they are smart enough to avoid getting caught. Have enforcement officers stationed halfway down the trails and you'll see what I mean. And make sure their vehicle is not visible in the parking lot.

Would love to see an additional dog beach ... my #1 priority !

They need a place to go too, especially in an expanding city, that in the summer as well, is extremely hot (cement and roads not ideal for walking)

the main need for an off leash area is lake access ie. a dog beach. the best locations would be immediately adjacent to the bridge ie. the south end of hot sands beach, which could be cordoned off from the swimming area for people, or the mouth of Mill Creek.

Make them more natural -- like a park!

We desperately need another dog beach, and will need a off leash dog park in the downtown area once the one on Richter closes for all the development.

We need more beach parks for dogs. The CedarCreek park doesn't have enough shade and there is no partition between the dogs and the cars. You REALLY have to be careful not to run them over, especially when you're backing up to launch your boat. We also need parks that have seating for owners to sit while the dogs play. We need more sturdy fences between large and small dog areas. Kelowna is definitely not a dog friendly city and yet we have so much available space!!

use of valuable beach areas for dog parks is unsuitable, keep them away from beaches
bigger fines for failure to pick up

Please consider privately run dog parks on farms. I would happily pay a fee to exercise my dog on a private farm that insisted on the following:
dogs must be vaccinated
dogs must have had obedience training
owners must pick up after their dogs

I think they r a good thing

I love Westbank's dog park where the dogs can go into the lake for a swim. The only one in Kelowna is a poor example when contrasted with Westbank's. I would like to see more accessible areas on the lake where dogs, as hot as any other being, can find relief during the hot days of summer.

I think if people are concerned about dogs at a dog parks, allergies, or sharing a park with an animal - then don't go. There are plenty of other parks in Kelowna that don't allow animals you can use. We have limited places we are allowed to take our pets to how it is. Limiting them further is taking away from their wellbeing. As for charging pet owners to use a park... It is absurd that you would try to capitalize on a dogs exercise and interaction.... Anything to make a profit eh?

As a pet owner, we love and appreciate these parks and would like to see more off leash parks, but also would be happy if we at least kept open the ones that are now available.

Re. Health benefits for off-leash dog parks: Turning an existing Park into a dog park will reduce the use of the park for others, meaning less recreational opportunities for the general public. This means that except for dog owners, others may not have any health benefit of the open space, indeed may decrease the health of

dog owners, others may not have any health benefit of the open space, indeed may decrease the health of the population that previously used the Park.

There needs to be more parks with access to water for swimming .Essential during the summer months.

There are not enough well designed off leash dog parks in Kelowna. Cedar Creek is not contained therefore it's not usable as an off leash for many people and the distance is hard for most. For people living in the downtown Kelowna area the Richter park is the only one close by - the knox mountain park is small and dogs have escaped from there - it's steep and narrow.

We REALLY need some more dog accessible beach areas. I live in Rutland and the current dog beach is a 45 minute drive from my house. It's easier for me to take my dogs to Oyama and find a beach there, but they're usually small and rocky. I'd love a park where my friends and I could take our dogs swimming and playing while we can hang out on a bench or sit on a sandy beach.

An off-leash dog beach that is closer is much needed. Also in the summer the off-leash dog beach is so busy that it's not even enjoyable. Additionally, some sort of notice that off-leash dog beaches/park are meant for playing. Dogs running, sniff, and play. Some people bring their dogs, but don't want other dogs near them, which inhibits socialization.

I LOVE THE DOG PARK BEHIND THE AIRPORT. THERE'S LOADS OF ROOM, PLACES FOR THE DOGS TO EXPLORE. IT'S HILLY SO ITS GREAT EXERCISE FOR THE PEOPLE TOO. IT'S A GREAT PARK OVERALL EXCEPT FOR THE OWNERS WHO DON'T PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS!!

I would like to see many more small parks throughout the city. Would prefer not to have to drive many km to get to a park. I think park opponents greatly overstate the negatives.

Although it may be hard, there should be a site that warns owners of unfriendly dogs that go to specific dog parks, just in case they come across them, they know to stay away from there for safety reasons. We have told a owner multiple times to not bring his dog to the Richter dog park as his dog has attacked my dog and several others more than once, and keeps bringing his dog back.

As a founding member of OKDog, I installed fence posts and fence wire at both the Ellison and North Glenmore off leash dog parks. I have done my share (for now). My disappointment was always that the City didn't keep the dog park at Sutherland Bay. It was extremely popular (therefore heavily used). The dogs got blamed for the goose feces. The north end residents complained only because dog owners were blocking their view of the lake and the City never took the time to really understand and resolve the issue. It was also irresponsible of the City to use the dogs to try to evict the nudists from Cedar Park beach, the only off-leash dog beach in Kelowna; it is also a long way to travel for those in Rutland or Glenmore (huge carbon footprint) for those wishing to swim their dogs. Finally, PLEASE force the regional district to enforce the bylaws with respect to off leash dogs on school playgrounds and city sports fields. I often see dogs (and their owners) on the Rutland soccer fields when their is an off leash dog park only meters away. (and please do something about the cities "free range" cats. They should be licenced and leashed like dogs; they eat more song birds and deficate where they shouldn't more so than dogs).

I would like to see some climbing structures for dogs at the dog parks and way more maintenance on where the city places wood chips, also they just leave it in a big pile, I would like to see them spread it out evenly over the dog park then there wouldn't be so many mud holes

I think we have sufficient dog parks and never use them myself. I am tired off the mentality that has people feeling they are "entitled" simply because they own a dog or several. Many are not tax payers....

As stated before, all parks should be available and useable to all, we all pay for them in taxes and we should all be able to use any and all parks, unless the dog owners want to buy the park for their exclusive use. Once a park is designated for off lease dog use it become unusable for anything else because of the urine and dog feces left on the ground.

They should be within walking distance of district cores :ie Downtown ,Rutland, Mission, Springfield/Spall. Parkinson Rec.has a lot of useable space like where the old school was or the rarely used shotput field or Lombardy if you moved the playpark over to the ballfield area you could use that area for an off leash park. or a linear one along the old rail tracks.These areas are already partially fenced, have trees and a water source.

The Cedar Creek facility is superb. Need more like that one.

We also need more off leash beaches for dogs- perhaps one in lake country and one closer to downtown.

The city needs to do a better job with the existing fountains - the Glenmore dog park fountain turns into a mud pit

More garbage cans in the middle of the dog park at Glenmore park

Dogs should be completely banned from any part of City Park, even if leashed. They do not belong in a people park. Owners who take their dog tomCity Psrk should be fined.

I pay a fee yearly to licence my dog which is supposed to help maintain the off leash dog parks, so if there is expected to be payment to use a dog park then why should I pay to licence my dog? Also, people don't have to pay to use our many parks in the Okanagan, should there be a charge to use them to help with maintenance?

Dogs should be kept at home as there always are owners where ever I have travelled that don,t respect the rules of picking up or leaving them of leash late at nite

As a long time resident and dog owner in Kelowna, I have watched the dog park issue evolve over the years. I do appreciate all the resources for off-leash and on-leash parks that have been used or considered; thank you.

I believe the area must be large enough so that dogs can run, fetch sticks, and for dog owners to walk with their dog. The ideal dog park is located by the airport. I would not be interested in a smaller sized park because if you get too many dogs in a small area there is the potential of issues such as noise, dog

aggression, etc.

There is an area to the left of the parking lot in the old Dr Knox site that would be a good location.

Please remember that these are dogs! What's next Kelowna cat parks?

I would support the park for a fee if it had lots of amenities such as bathrooms, agility equipment , night lighting , dog showers etc and was kept clean.. maybe monthly membership

There isn't enough access to water for the type of heat that is expected yearly in Kelowna. All the beach access area for people only. Saskatoon has a dog park that is specifically on the river for the dogs to cool down and provides large treed trails with great parking.

I do not think if you own a dog that you have to pay for a dog park. We do not pay extra for a human park or a children's park it comes out of our taxes or from government so therefore this should be the same.

Kelowna needs a dog beach

I like the idea of smaller dog parks, in more areas. It's nice to walk your dog in your neighbourhood to an off leash area to play, and then walk back.

(not like my dog is equal to my children, but it's kind of the same idea. I used to walk my kids to the parks to play in my neighbourhood and walk home).

Cut the IHA bs! Dogs are well kept and are not filth.. People that use the parks bring more filth!

Taxes ufor normal park maintance is high enough already never mind burdening the tax payers with more for dog owners. Maybe institute dog licence fees to cover things that dog owners want and to cover costs of other animal control things. Why should I pay for animal stuffowners of animals should be responsible for things they want and not all taxpayers.

Until you have bylaw officers enforce the existing parks and laws, there's not much point.

Dog people will go wherever they want with no repercussions.

I can't say how large or small a dog park should be without knowing the location and other features available. Is the park linear? Along water? Is it just a big square area? It would be silly to make a 0.2 hectare park near the landfill (I know one already exists, just using this as an example) but perhaps a meandering 0.2 hectare park with a trail and trees is a reasonable idea in the Mission area somewhere.

I would be unlikely to support a fee based park and even more unlikely to travel out of my way to attend the fee based park for the soul purpose of supporting that park.

I really don't understand how much resources it could take to maintain a dog park. There is obviously the installation of the fence, but after that I don't see much maintenance that would be required. Re-stocking inside out baggies.....? Unlikely. Perhaps if there was better clarity with respect to the O&M costs associated with operating a dog park, I would be more open minded to paying.

That said, I don't use many of the different parks / park services in Kelowna. For example, I don't have any kids that I take to the water park in City Park. Users there don't pay a user fee. I suspect the operating and maintenance costs for the water park in any given year far exceed the operating costs of all the dog parks combined.

Ultimately I pay for the water park, downtown parks, the boardwalk, and some of the playground structures in the City and whatever that "pop-up, travelling kids park" is that operates in the City in the summer time. There are many others too. None of which have any user fees at all. So to put a user fee on a low cost dog park, when no other park users are paying user fees is discriminant and I can't get behind it.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on the Dog Park idea.

I would love a off leash beach for dogs, closer than the mission. But I would fine people who don't pick up after their dog.

We have enough dog parks. More control should be given to fine ignorant owners who take them to parks where they are not allowed. We are constanly picking up dog shit on our front lawn when we ask owners not to allow there dog to do this we get a smart ass response

In addition to off leash dog parks, there needs to be additional dog beach access in Kelowna. Considering the size of the lakefront and population having only one dog beach at the far south end of the city is unacceptable. In addition, if you look at a small city like Osoyoos with smaller population and lakefront, they have 5 dog beaches, as well as dogs are restricted on public beaches only from June to August but allowed all other times. Another point is having sun shades in the parks. Again, Osoyoos has recently installed one in their off leash park with the heat we get in the summer, it's a necessity.

providing bags for poop duty is a bonus for those that forget or run out while at the park. fines for not cleaning up after their dog could be a way of funding

City has a piece of property beside Dr Knox school on Drysdale which would make an excellent site.

IN THE PAST, WHEN WE OWNED DOGS, WE USED NO DOG PARKS. WE WERE NOT A FINANCIAL BURDEN TO PROPERTY OWNERS + BUSNISSES.

I would like to see the park next to Tolko made into an off leash dog park. The water quality is not suitable for swimming. ALSO when making a beach off leash dog park please do not put it on a rocky area - while that seems good for dogs we enjoy being at the beach with our animals. And while I get that Interior Health says its not a good idea to swim at a dog beach - I feel any local beach with duck feces, humans peeing and whatever else is happening in the water is much more of a concern than our own dogs. I trust most dog owners would feel that way. Thanks this is a GREAT survey!

Cheers!

Good in Kelowna.....not so in Oyama. Need a park for us taxpayers out here.

Vernon Area

It would be nice to have a dog park that is on the water an off leash park like summerland has at peach orchard park and beach it might be wise to have look at that sight

I don't see the need for people to have to volunteer at off leash dog parks. Do people have to volunteer at any other park in the City? There are parks available to different groups of people, dog parks, skate board parks, water parks, basketball courts, tennis courts, sports fields, baseball diamonds, flower gardens, walking and bike trails, beaches, picnic areas, hiking areas... do they have volunteers?? Some people complain about contributing City funds for dog parks because they don't use them. There are many parks that the City maintains that not all residents use.

There should be more access to the lake for families and their dogs. The one beach park for dogs is a long way from the city. Maybe make one of the beaches in town or a beach access dog friendly. Some of the beaches could allow dogs at certain hours; before 9:00am and after 8:00 pm when families without dogs aren't there.

If there was an annual fee for using the dog park, I would be willing to entertain that idea.

Charging fees will be a deterrent - it is very social to meet neighbours in these parks - brings engagement to a neighbourhood - healthy routine for owners as well as dogs to make the weeks a daily outing \$ suggests a dog unfriendly city and go elsewhere on principle

I would donate by choice when I take pride in the value of something - not another tax

Put city funding into advertise opportunities to donate such as doggy bags

I think the lake area adjacent to Poplar Point Dr should be designated as a dog swim area. I also think Knox Mountain should have a larger off leash area.

Off leash parks are a good amenity, but more access to the lake so that our dogs can swim would be appreciated!

there is not enough supervision and accountability of owners so far and bylaw officers to enforce proper enforcement at this time in kelowna

Kelowna has enough dog parks. Owners should get off they're behinds and take a hike with they're dog in one of the many parks /hiking trails kelowna and surrounding areas has to offer. Want your dog socialized take it to training. This is a better more controlled atmosphere. Where both owner and dog can learn.

We need an access to water in the Kelowna area. South Mission is too far away.

More important than off-leash parks is (are) additional off-leash beach(es). The only current one is located too far away for many people to access without putting additional vehicles on the road, further stressing Kelowna's overtaxed road system and creating unnecessary pollution.

Until Kelowna provides better facilities for dogs, its highly unfair to blame and fine them for being in non-designated places.

Regarding cost to build & maintain dog facilities, it is unfair to ask dog owners to pay anything (other than a small nominal fee) for use. As an example, I don't have children but still contribute tax dollars and other funds to children's playgrounds and such. It would be a double standard to ask dog owners to pay usage fees.

A better approach would be to consider the importance of making Kelowna a dog friendly destination to bring in additional tourism dollars.

Also, if relevant here, \$150 fine for failing to pickup up dog poop is far too low. Should be minimum \$300 and higher would be preferred.

Thank you for considering the downtown residents and many others in central kelowna, rutland and many areas who are in need of greater access to dogs parks especially with proximity/access to the lake and water for hydration and cooling off in the summer. Tourists and the much higher density population living in the downtown area who are encouraged to live downtown and not use vehicles need significantly greater access to dogparks wihin walking distance and with lake access. Tourists and residents should not be subjected to fines for letting their dogs go in the lake to cool off and have a drink of water when there are no reasonable dog park facilities with lake access for 10 miles.

I would love to see more parks to walk through. For example, the park at Knox Mountain -- enter at one end, walk through while dog can run, exit at the other end and carry on for an on-leash walk. Something like that in different areas of Mission Greenway would interest me. Also smaller off-leash parks in neighbourhoods. I would enjoy talking my dog to the dog park on Bernard, but it is small dogs only -- it is a large enough park for my 70lb golden retriever to chase a ball, but we are not allowed to use it even though there are rarely any small dogs there. Of course a dog park along the lake at the north end (I don't understand why it was taken away several years ago) would be ideal.

I selected no that I wouldn't support the park financially or pay to go to a park as I believe it is an important thing for our community that my taxes that I pay should cover. I use dog parks at least 5 times a week. The Ellison dog park should be the standard for any new parks created. Thank you for taking the time to put together this survey.

I lead a quiet life with my dog and pay lots of taxes that don't benefit me directly. I believe there are many in similar circumstances and yet it seems getting areas that are safe and accessible for me and my dog is difficult. There is a small park in my neighbouhood but no dogs are allowed. For the most part we walk on residential streets, many of which have no sidewalks for safety. In the hot hot summer walks decrease . An area at the lake would be more than welcome.

centrally located preferred like the old Dr. Knox site not out by the dump as the park won't be used, look at the popularity of the old KSS site versus the park out near the dump....

Must ensure a sufficient cleanliness level to minimize the chances of health hazards and contamination to dogs and dog owners.

Also a visible sign alerting pet owners that only dogs with no sign of previous aggression is allowed in off-leash parks.

I really feel dog parks are completely underutilized. They are absolute gold mines that are not targeted yet. When you drive around the city numerous parks dedicated to just people are completely empty. However, rain or shine dog parks are hopping. Groups of people gather, visit, share stories, relieve stress by mingling or watching their loved ones play. Groups that meet regularly sit on tattered chairs and tables and VISIT. VISIT is the key word. People should be lining up with food trucks, hot beverage stands, dog treats accessories, heck whatever. There's a major market there. The city could even charge the vendors a small fee that went towards maintaining and improving the parks. I even know of non dog owners who go just to see animals play. People lighten your hearts. Pets are good and great for the community. They keep you active and healthy. Best health promotion out there.

only having running water in the parks for a few months out of the year is dangerous for the health of dogs who are exercising.

This would be just one of many perks to having a dog beach close to downtown. Dogs need a place to cool down in the summer time, a place to drink water and swim and have fun.

I wish there was a way to educate people to stop dog-shaming. So many people will yell and verbally abuse owners of extremely well behaved dogs who are off-leash and not bothering anyone. Yes there are bad owners out there who don't care if their dog bothers people. But having more and more convenient dog parks, and dog friendly beaches will help prevent this kind of abuse.

Mushroom Beach is unofficially dog friendly, but this is a particular place where dog poop could be a big problem. Could the city consider providing poop bags at certain locations?

Please, more off-leash dog water parks for our hot summers. A section of Mission Creek could be used for this. Calgary successfully has done this along a section of the Bow River

I would like to see that Munson Pond Park is a dog park with an off-leash area somewhere on the property.

. Better signage indicating Dogs Must Be On Leash in designated parks .

. More communication with public, via newspaper that dogs should be walked on street On Leash.

More signage regarding Fines.

. More active enforcement in parks.

Dog Beaches are sorely needed!

I only know of two. The one on Knox Mountain is too narrow - dogs have no choice but to interact with other dog. The other is on Lakeshore Beach and is wonderful for the dogs that like the water but no room other than the water.

I own a house in the hospital area. I live here because I like to be able to walk most places and not have to drive my car to get out and about. There need to be more off leash parks in this area so that people can access them without having to add to polluting the environment by getting in their car and driving across town. We need access to a beach and the lake. To have to drive out to Cedar Creek dog park is ludicrous. In Victoria, Cadboro Bay beach has a long stretch of beach designated as dog friendly. I wanted to move to Victoria for this very reason. Guests and vacationers to Kelowna always find it to be a very dog unfriendly city and have a hard time with their dogs because there is hardly anywhere to take them. :They are also shocked we do not have a central beach close to the city where dogs are allowed to access the lake.

Please make another park with access to water so dogs can swim!

Given the size of the lake, I would like to see an additional off leash area with water access. I use the Cedar Creek area all the time and as I live in the Capri area, it would be nice if I had an option closer to home for a quick swim when it is very hot.

Providing poo bags help keep the areas cleaner& a board for people to advertise localservices, dog boarding, daycare and training.

Due to deer population all parks on Dilworth Mountain must be ON-LEASH

I seriously object to the obvious dog lovers bias in the questions presented. In my opinion the city currently has enough space dedicated to dogs-especially off-leash parks. We are overrun with dogs of all sizes in this city, particularly SMALL dogs whose owners use every bit of boulevard for their pets personal poop areas..

We need access to the lake in town and so do many tour it's who cmoment yo me about kelownas negative attitude to dogs.

Having a water source for dogs to swim and cool off in the summer is needed. It is difficult to take dogs anywhere in the summer because it is too hot and many dog parks are an open field, which is too hot for dogs and people in the summer. A park along a creek with walking trails through the trees for dogs and their owners to enjoy. BX off-leash dog park in Vernon has just this and there have been zero issues that I have heard of.

As mentioned previously, until I visited the dog parks in Calgary, I had no idea how great dog parks could be. The only two dog parks that I am familiar with in Kelowna is the one downtown which is some sort of ugly vacant lot, and the one by the Mission playing fields which is quite small and can be quite swampy. I think the other thing in Calgary is that some of the parks we took our canine friend to were just ordinary parks that didn't forbid dogs - I don't think any of the parks that we visited had that forbidding "No Dogs Allowed" sign. I actually just talked to my daughter in Calgary to clarify - she hasn't seen a park that says no dogs allowed - there is just a sign that says dogs on leash or dogs off leash. River Park in Calgary is one of the off leash parks that I have visited and it is enormous and there is this nice gravel walkway down the center which is well lit so even if you go there after work and it is already dark you can go for a great walk. And if it is

daylight there is a beautiful view. And you meet and talk to so many people - it's a great "get to know your community" stroll. We actually take our dog to a farm here in Kelowna where he can run about because the dog park situation in Kelowna is not very good - dare I say pathetic.

My ideal dog off leash area is an off leash walk area, not a penned in area. Being able to get exercise myself by walking plus have my dog get to run is my top priority.

Having a larger number of small dog parks is preferable to having a smaller number of larger dog parks. Ideally, there would be a fenced dog park within a 15 minute walk of any residence in Kelowna.

We would like to see designated times for dogs to be off-leash at current parks. This is what the City of Vancouver is currently doing. Why buy more park space? Use what you have.

We need an off leash dog park with a swimming area in the North end of town.

Off leash dog parks should be accounted for through our City taxes. Additional fees should not be charged.

We need to have more access to the small neighborhood parks while walking our dogs in our own neighborhoods rather than having to drive to a dog park - that would eliminate a lot of work and expense if we could use more of the current parks. Most dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. The geese make a bigger mess than what is left behind by the odd irresponsible pet owner.

I'm saddened to see new no dogs allows signs around Munson pond...I was told this land was donated specifically for dogs.

Kelowna's dog parks get more use than any other recreational activity. The money spent on other facilities such as baseball diamonds, soccer fields, hockey arenas for the benefit of a very few privileged users should be directed to benefit the estimated 30,000 dogs and their owners in our City. These owners all pay taxes, either directly or indirectly, and are shunted into pathetic canine facilities that are an embarrassment.

Maybe if we could teach our dogs to skate things would improve?

Need one with water access close to downtown

There needs to be something done to ensure people are accountable for cleaning up after their dogs. I am a dog owner who is so grateful for the off leash parks we do have in Kelowna and use them regularly up to five times a week. Consistently there are people who do not clean up after their dogs. I don't want to step in dog feces any more than a non dog owner or have my dog or myself exposed to dirty dog parks.

Remember, the dog parks are not just for the dogs, they are for the dog-owners to use to enjoy time with their pet. The dog-owners who are also tax paying residents of Kelowna. I would prefer more of the existing parks allowing dogs on leash rather than dog off-leash parks. So many parks do not allow dogs. Most people I see are very responsible & pick up after their dogs.

Please work to make a SAFER and more accessible dog beach! The dogs should be able to swim and interact without owners worrying about proximity to vehicles.

There needs to be more places in Kelowna where dogs can swim

The punitive nature of the language / communication used by City of Kelowna staff is disappointing. People respond to positive well described arguments, not threats and negative consequences. I

I can't see that we would need any help at the Ellison park. Many of us now get together a few times a year to help pickup and spread the wood chips.

Things are better since I moved here in 1974 but there is still much to be done to improve dog exercise and socializing sites. The BIG need is beach access for dogs downtown not way out in the Mission. This should be the city's #1 priority. The loss of tourist business due to the fact that they cannot get their pet cooled down in the summer by letting it enjoy a dip in the water should mean a lot to those who can improve this situation.

We need larger, more accessible off-leash areas with grass! I would pay a fee for such a place. People who own large breed dogs have such limited, poor options when it comes to off-leash green spaces, especially in comparison to other similarly sized cities such as Kamloops, Red Deer, Lethbridge, etc.

The best scenario is having a natural and large area like the walking paths in a park like Sutherland park so the dogs can really run about. I realise this is not always possible. Shade is important in our climate. Being useable in winter, not flooding and swampy, the entry gate area included. They are often like a mud pit!! A place where humans can enjoy an actual walk with their dog and don't have to just stand around while the dogs play.

I think the rock beach area along Poplar Point Drive should have a sign allowing people to let their dogs swim. People seldom swim in that area since it is so polluted from the Mill. I live on Poplar Point and like to see people tossing balls into the lake for their dogs. Bylaw officers waste our time and money telling people to stop.

the beach dog parks are great but they could use better barriers

I am very concerned about losing the off-leash dog park that is now at the old KSS site (Rowcliffe and Richter Street). It is very popular at the moment, and hopefully the City can make sure we continue to have separate large dog and small-dog off leash fenced areas on this property. I don't think a wide open grassy park would be used much (shown on the proposed plan for this area), and certainly downtown needs this off-leash dog park. Also, the proposed plan for this area does not show any parking, which we really need for the off-leash dog park.

Thank you for looking at this issue. It is a very important part of a livable city for my family.

putting agility equipment in a public use area is a terrible idea! ! agility is a highly skilled advanced form of training that subjects a dog to potential injury daily.

what the city needs is a dog training facility with indoor and outdoor areas that dog trainers can use to help educate the public on how to manage and understand their dogs.

there are 21000 licenced dogs in the regional district and not ONE city funded place to train all those dog owners how to deal with, train, or understand their dogs.

Thank you for the survey!

There is a great need for another dog beach

I have tried this twice and the data does not export to you. One more try....let's focus our time and resources on parks for children to interact in.....3/4 of the parks allowing dogs is more than ample. Check out the dog poop on Knox Mountain...walk down the road and it is everywhere. Not all people want dogs around them in parks. The males piddle on the trees we love to lean on and we expect toddlers to crawl on the grass that has had dog poop laying on it. We need to focus more on children than dogs. Are dog owners making all the rules? Maybe more bylaw enforcement need to be hired. Please, people first, dogs second. They are not children.

We need more beaches and parks for dogs. We go to west Kelowna for their fantastic dog beaches. And our dog park we go to every day is only a temporary- the nearest location is a drive to klo or Knox mt

more off leash dog parks (with small & large dog areas) are desperately needed - I drive my small dogs from the North end of Glenmore to the old KSS site dog park just for the small dog area - we also need more dog access areas on the waterfront particularly in the north end of town

I think the vast majority of dog guardians would be inclined to have a secondary dog beach...likely in the downtown area. As it stands, it takes me roughly half an hour to drive to the closest dog beach, and I think that's awfully ridiculous.

We need an off-leash park with beach/lake access closer to the city.

You do not need volunteers for a dog park therefore, why would u need to charge to use?Mission dog park is useless in the spring as it is flooded for weeks at spring runoff, and a mud bog. It needs wood chips or sand spread where there are low spots, not just dumped in one area that creates a hill. This does nothing for the mud. I think dog toys, balls etc, should not be allowed, u get some dogs that are very possessive of their toys, and this can create a fight. Also some dog owners, bring very small balls for their pet, however, the park is for big dogs as well and these small balls are dangerous in that they can be easily injected by bigger dogs. Small dog toys should only be allowed in small dog parks only.

Please please please... Put a dog park in kettle valley or upper mission!!

It would be nice if we could walk to dog parks, rather than having to drive to them. Glenmore has nothing in walking distance.

Kelowna already has some great areas, but we need to be more creative with them. If a take a city like

Kamloops, some of its crown jewels are open to off-leash dogs. Plus, they have dog beach access that blows Kelowna away. In Kamloops, Peterson Creek Park trails are completely off-leash, and it works amazing. The only dog owners that are going to go hiking are good dog owners, so there are no mess problems. Peterson Creek is the same as Knox Mountain. I think Knox trails should be set aside as off-leash, and if not all of the trails there, at least some of them. Or, make them off-leash before 8:30 in the morning, and perhaps in seasons that aren't summer. The same goes for the Munson Pond area. There's no good reason that should not be an off-leash area.

I strongly recommend Kelowna look to Kamloops for guidance. That city is a mecca of hiking trails and walking path where you can let your dogs run free, but at the same time there are other trails strictly off-limits to dogs to make sure people who don't want to be near dogs have a place to go as well.

The city is about to lose its only real downtown dog spot for big dogs to get a run, once the Richter park is gone. That's a tough lose to a place that has brought a community together. We should look to find a substitute spot near downtown where people who live in those areas aren't forced to drive somewhere to socialize and let their dogs enjoy a play. I know we can do this, and I'm happy to pay an increased dog licensing fee or something to make it happen.

I really really like the park in Ellison because it is a nice place for me to walk too. I also wish there were more legal ways to let my dog swim in the hot summer months.

The existing by-laws regulating dogs in parks, and in areas adjacent to beaches, do not go far enough in controlling dogs, and their owners. It would be nice to see all dogs in public parks leashed and muzzled. Actually, it would be nice to see all dogs leashed and muzzled when off their owners' property, in any public area in the city.

There is no need for any more dog parks.

We have already dog parks, what is next cat parks?

Some trails in either Knox Mtn or Knox Mtn North need to be off leash areas. People have been using Knox Mtn North as an off leash park for years with very few problems. This would allow an area for trail runners and riders to use other than Crawford.

As stated earlier do not agree with taking up beach property for the dogs such as the one on Lakeshore

I think dogs on leash should be allowed everywhere

As the dogs parks benefit the citizens of Kelowna, I think that the park and maintenance should be funded by the City of Kelowna. If there are add-ons to the parks that the citizens want (ie. extra lighting), then a not-for-profit society should be used.

looking for an off-leash dog park in the Hall Road area

We really need good lights in a dog park. Personal at the mission dog park with all the lights around. For the sports feilds it should not be difficult to add one or two or even keeping them on helps.. Dogs need a safe

place to run.

People should pickup better after their dogs and don't just ignore what people leave intentional or maybe just didn't see.

Put up sign that states that it's ok to pick up even when it's not your dogs doo.

More off leash areas are needed, not just closed off leash parks.

We also need more dog accessible beaches. If IHA is concerned about the health effects of dog waste in the water, then they should also limit small children whose waste goes into the water, get rid of Canada Geese that defecate all over our parks, and prohibit motor boats that pollute the water.

Dog restrictions in Kelowna are onerous, unreasonable, and counterproductive. They only benefit the a small minority of people with an anti-dog agenda.

Couldn't do the rankings questions from an Android.

I hope these surveys aren't for not. It's time the city took this issue seriously. Not only is it important to have safe places for our dogs to run play and socialize , it is also important to consider the human socialization that goes on in these parks. Parks are needed in all the main areas of Kelowna , I live in the downtown area , driving to the Mission or Rutland for a daily socialization with my dog is out of the question , never mind the folks that do not drive . I remember the old dog park at the base of Knox mountain on the other side of the boat launch, the dogs could swim and play on the beach and grass while be separated from the other side of the park. This would be a perfect solution for a dog beach.

The Mission dog park is great and so well kept, bringing all other current dog parks up to that standard should be a priority over creating more parks.

Keep any dog parks away from parks that don't allow dogs.

We need a doggie beach closer to town that is fenced off. The entrance to Mission Park is always a quagmire at this time of year. (thru the gate area).. Please can a machine come and spread the heaps of wood chips that are piled up? Many thanks.

I would like to see more off-leash areas that include walking trails. I'd prefer to be walking with my dog than trapped in a small enclosed space like the current off-leash areas

There is reference in this material to "beaches" PLURAL. Kelowna has only one and it is not accessible. With the amount of lake frontage owned by the city I think provision should be made closer to downtown for dogs to swim in the hot weather.

Kelowna needs more off leash parks/areas that are in town. We have been considering moving away from Kelowna for its lack of dog friendly anything. There are too many kid friendly places in kelowna as well.

I would love to see anothwe lakefront off leash park. We only have one in kelowna and it's on the outskirts of town. Something similar to the fenced, off leash, lakefront park in west kelowna. Theirs is GREAT!

I believe that the corporate community - many of us which are dog owners would be happy to provide funds on a dollar for dollar or even dollar for 50 cent basis against another form of taxation already charged by the city - this could be a one time offering or more often if chosen - to allow the city to fund a long fund for maintenance, upkeep or design. This could be for property taxes or business licenses - only those that want to could - alternatively then a separate tax donation receipt would be avail however we know those can be limited to their effectiveness by the amount that is allowed by tax authorities - so offering some rate even higher - like 35-50 cents on the dollar would be attractive - I wonder why these questions and requests for funding would be targeted at individuals only with after tax monies - surely we can have a charitable society approach with tax donations receipts - as a business owner and dog owner I would be pleased to have my business contribute to the health and well being of dogs as it pertains their greatest joy - going to the dog park

Consider dog sports as a potential industry for Kelowna and the parks. Also remember dog parks are for the PEOPLE too and I want a nice park for ME and my family to be in with my dogs. It is not a dog park it is a dog and person park. Don't exclude the owners from your thoughts. Have people on your committee that understand dogs as a business And sport in addition to pet owners. As a tax payer and licensed dog owner I feel I do contribute to tax structure and don't really feel I should pay extra per say. Otherwise the kids soccer fields should come with fees . But if an instructor was teaching in part of the park you could potentially ask for fees

I don't agree in asking park users to pay for the dog parks. The city doesnt ask parents to pay for kids on playgrounds. They don't in Calgary. Having in lived in Calgary, their dog parks are fantastic! Kelowna is full of dog lovers but there is not a beach dog park downtown. Major problem! I shouldn't have to drive south of the city to let my dog cool down.

Equipment for both general and small dog parks would create more fun and stimulating experiences. If there is a pay park, Having a signup system for a park so you know the other dogs are vaccinated would lessen the blow of having to pay to use the park.

Make them central within city limits

Kelowna purports to have a large proportion of dog accessible area, but they are very unevenly spread over the geographic area. For example, the downtown area south of the bridge has almost no park into which you can take your dog (even on a leash). In the summer, this leaves a person, who doesn't wish to break the by-laws, with nowhere that is not on asphalt or concrete to walk and then rest your dog in the shade. Yes, there is Abbott but I (and the dog) go crazy with boredom walking up and down that small stretch for 1.5 hours a day, day after day. Plus, you're not supposed to step off the pavement in city park. Pandosy and Richter are crazy busy with traffic and are hot, for me and the dog. The other streets and sidewalks are short and force you back into Abbott or Pandosy. As such, I usually load my dog into the car and drive her some place shady and not on asphalt/concrete. Irony because I moved into this

neighbourhood to be greener...so that I didn't have to rely on the car so much for my day to day activities, and now I use my car to drive my dog to a decent place for a summer walk. I realize that Abbott is quite nice, but at least one or two (portions thereof) of the parks could be on leash (and they don't have to be on the beach) and these would be nice simply as a place to cool down partway through a summer walk (and yes, this holds true even for the evening) and say hi to others.

Would be great to have another dog beach due to the distance to get to cedar creek.

Dog parks are important for dog owners

A dog park is a place for dog owners to let there dogs excercise and socialize with other dogs and socialize with other dog owners. It's not a money making place to charge admission to use. I thought this was what dog license fees were used for. It is nice to have a dog beach or areas for people to go to to take their dogs as most areas in the city to not allow dogs . You can't take your children and dog to a park it's one of the other. They also shouldn't be in the most undesirable locations either.

We need an in city beach area for dogs, especially considering how many beaches there are in the Kelowna. Also, any time there is a dog park, where mixing different breeds of dog are concerned there needs to be a separate area for large and small dogs or two separate beaches - especially in a beach setting where smaller dogs could be pushed under the water by larger dogs. Either with a dog beach or dog park the dogs safety needs to be priority, and so should designated areas for small and large dogs. Thank you.

We need a nice beach, water access area with both sun and shade and grassy areas as well. A place with a tap to rinse and clean dogs paws too. Ambleside in west Vancouver is the perfect example of an awesome dog park!

I would really like an off leash dog beach closer to downtown.

With kelowna summers, it's often too hot to do anything with a dog besides take it to the beach/swimming, and the current dog beach is quite far away and i spend so much more time and gas taking my dog out there all the time. It's very frustrating. Being a single dog parent, working full time, time to get my dog the exercise and socialization he needs is limited. It would be great if there was a dog beach closer to downtown.

Beach area would be nice and not just crappy beach where families would not want to spend time

Like I said, dogs who are dog aggressive or have people aggression, also need a place to play in a fenced area with a high enough fence and a gate to keep the dogs safe. Not everyone has a fence or can afford a fence, plus some people rent and don't have a fence.

Everyone needs access to meet their basic needs, why should dog owners or their dogs suffer?

See remarks re Victoria's dog parks and off leash off season rules

I have visited most of the dog parks in the area. I have found the Glenmore/Ellison one by the airport to be the best. It is large, it has shade trees, wood chipped trails through shrubbery, a flat area for playing fetch, a separate area for small dogs (though no one ever uses it), water, portable toilets, ample parking at both entrances, buffer gates at both entrances, seating for people, and a muddy creek for dogs to splash about

entrances, buffer gates at both entrances, seating for people, and a muddy creek for dogs to splash about in. I know that I and many other users of this park often clean up and check fencing when our dogs are playing. I really see no reason to look at parks in Calgary or other cities when Glenmore / Ellison is really quite a perfect example to set our standards to. If you create "pay for" parks, some people may use them, but many will just resort to using golf courses, school yards, or the mission/knox mountain trail areas that are not truly designated as dog off leash areas. I also don't see why the city should hire a consultant or "NRG" or whatever to set up standards for this type of city land use. I am certain there are many dog park users (I for one) who would come forward to work with committee or council on setting up a standard and maintain or change the parks that are currently in use.

I don't believe we should have to pay extra for dog parks. Our taxes and the dog registration fees we already pay should be put towards this. We are not asked to pay extra for ball parks, city parks, water parks, etc. Why should we be asked to pay extra for dog parks? I just want somewhere that I can legally and safely let me dog run. I live in Fintry (postal code V1Z, which was not one of the options given for the first question) and I have to drive 45 minutes into town to get to the Rowcliffe park which I don't mind doing so that he has a safe place to play and socialize with other dogs but if I have to start paying for use of the park, you can bet I won't be driving into town anymore to go to the park. Well, not unless you start charging a pay-for-use to ALL other types parks as well, especially since the other parks cost more to build and cost more to maintain. We just want an empty lot, with a secure fence and some garbage bins. Dog parks should not be treated any differently than any other type of park.

PLEASE MAKE MORE!

Dogs are enjoyed as are all pets not just by their owners but by people who are not able to have a pet. In a perfect world all dog parks would be situated where the elderly, infirmed or shut-in could have a view. My grandmother in her later years had such a view and the difference in her mental health and outlook on life was remarkable compared to her previous accomodation. I strongly disagree that any fee be charged. I don't play tennis however, there should be tennis courts for people who do and I know there are more people in Kelowna that own a dog versus know how to play tennis. Respectfully, P.

The City should be ashamed of the off leash water park on Lakeshore.

I go there with my dog and the beach (term used loosely) is poorly maintained and to walk into the lake barefoot is impossible - it is all large, sharp rocks that are very painful and dangerous to walk on. I have slipped and fallen, been badly cut and bruised. Because I have a dog I'm treated like I don't matter and have to swim in an area that is not fit for human use.

shame, shame, shame

Kelowna is lacking in dog parks with water or lake access. This would be an important factor to consider as our summers are hot and the option for dogs to cool off in the water is important

The ex-campground at the base of Knox Mtn., on Poplar Point Drive, we have always thought would make an excellent, almost ready-made off-leash dog park. It is rarely used for anything else.

Don't encourage any dog owner to allow a dog off-leash in the City. Encourage the people to think about a large dog's quality of life and support small on-leash dog's protection in town.

Need more with lake access, as well as linear trails. Need to think beyond the 'sandbox' (:

I am very fortunate to live across the street from the Cedar Creek dog park. I wish all the other dog parks could be as beautiful and as large as this one.

I don't need any amenities except a garbage can and maybe a sign indicating that it's a dog park. Keep it simple and keep down the costs.

The city needs to allow dogs a beach for swimming that is closer to town. But if you make one big dog beach in town it will be overrun with people and dogs and cars and the neighbors will hate it. So set yourself up to succeed and allow a few small dog area along the water and it won't become an issue for anyone.

NOBODY SWIMS at the beach beside the pulp mill at the base of Knox Mountain - please just designate a small area there as a dog beach and put proper parking signs up to keep the neighbors happy. Those people live beside a pulp mill...a few dogs won't kill them :)

Also, nevermind what IHA says about dog poop/pee where people swim - have you seen the geese?! Have you considered that dogs chase geese away?

Can you consider allowing dogs in certain parks at some times and not during others?

dog bites, feces, off leash etc are huge sources of complaints. why have more?!!

Regarding the Fee for use. How much a visit are we talking. Is the non-profit going to look after it? I would imagine not as they are busy doing what non-profits do, helping others. So the city would look after it anyway. I think once the parks are established there is not a huge amount done, but then I may not be aware. Turn water on and off (2 times per year). Empty garbage cans. Add some chips when the ground is muddy etc. I have never seen city crew at the dog park when I have been there but I work full time so why would I. How much time does the city spend looking after dog parks. These statistics would be good to know. I am not opposed to spending more for my dog license per year. \$20 is very reasonable for what we get in return as well as funding the dog shelter so might be an option if others feel the same way. We need these spaces. I feel that off leash areas should be added to current parks so that families can enjoy whole days together at the park. The dog can go to the dog park nearby with the family or a member of the family while everyone else is enjoying playgrounds, beaches or whatever. The dog can then be with the family on leash when he is finished running around etc. Anyone going to the Cedar Creek dog park and watching the kids and the dogs and families together, laughing and splashing is the happiest place on earth in the summer. I think some footage of this family/dog interaction and all the people who love dogs enjoying exactly the same activity would go a long way. Many people love to interact with other dog owners and their families. There is no doubt that more water access for Kelowna dogs is a necessity. People can go to any of the beaches in Kelowna while the dogs have access to one. For people without vehicles or work full time, driving all the way

to Cedar Creek is costly on gas and time. Wonderful on weekends but for busy families and singles it is not feasible. Upon visiting Kamloops last summer, one of the best experiences we had was their dog park which is on the river. It is a whole treed park with river access. Fun for the whole family. It should be looked at here in Kelowna. Talked to some people visiting Kelowna from Kamloops one day and they were shocked at how little there was for dogs here. I have no idea why people without dogs bother to be a part of this survey. Comparing children to pets, etc. It is very controversial and collars get very heated. We need to work together to figure this out. More green space for dogs even if they aren't as large. Saying there is 85 green spaces for dogs is ridiculous. It is off leash areas we need more of. While it is so nice that you can walk thru a park or downtown with your dog, Kelowna still has a long way to go. I am glad you are having this survey, I hope the feedback from many owners helps move things in a direction to be good for all. Thank you.

I think it's a positive experience for everyone. Even people that are afraid of dogs (like I was until I got my first dog last year) could go by and observe the dogs playing. See different types of breeds of dogs (they may ever be interested in getting - if they are looking). Dogs playing would make people joyful - they are fun to watch. The dogs get exercise, the owner's can socialize and meet other people (which if very hard to do in this city). I think overall how can it be a bad thing? There are a lot of dog owners and they pay taxes too and need to be able to enjoy the city as well.

Dogs really need access to an off-leash swim area. Summers are hot and not everyone has a yard.

not enough. Need more dog beaches

Dog park areas attached or on the lake would be great. Dogs could swim safely and away from sunbathers and crowds.

More smaller off-leash parks in parks that are not used very often would be great.

It would also be great to be able to take your dog to the beach/waterfront parks - the dogs wouldn't be allowed in the water or maybe even not on the sand but it would be nice to be able to take them to the grassy areas of these parks.

As we are taxpayers, and tax dollars go towards parks, I'm curious to know why dog parks should be funded by further money from us. That this is even a suggestion infuriates me. Do families with children pay extra money for using playgrounds, skateboard parks, beaches, etc. This seems discriminatory to me. I pass many parks on a daily bases at different times throughout the day. It is rare that one will see a dog park empty for long, however people parks can go days with no use.

If getting new dog parks means we as dog owners are expected to pay user fees or inkind contributions, I would expect the same to occur for people only parks. Again, dog owners pay taxes too and instead of, say using a skate park which is also for a select group, we have more designated off leash parks, our city taxes should help pay for this.

A happy community is made up of happy families...dogs are family.

1. Facilities for dogs and dog owners are part of healthy communities. Dog owners have every right to expect that the fees we already pay through various taxes including our property taxes are utilized to

expect that the fees we already pay through various taxes including our property taxes are utilized to support facilities for us and our dogs. As a taxpayer, I seldom use other recreational facilities the city provides, such as swimming pools or skating rinks, and I do not have children that are using these facilities, yet my taxes are supporting these facilities, that meet other peoples' interests but not necessarily my own. As responsible dog owners, we also already pay fees to license our dogs. So no, I do not think it's reasonable to expect dog owners to pay additional fees. Unless of course, you feel it would be appropriate to start charging people to take their children to community recreational facilities as well.

2. Having moved to Kelowna from Kamloops one year ago, I can say that the state of Kelowna's dog parks are disgraceful compared to Kamloops and most other cities that I have lived in or traveled to with my dogs. The lack of beaches for dogs to swim is especially disgraceful. Kamloops has several wonderful beaches where dogs are welcome to swim off leash and to play on the beach. Most of these beaches are also utilized by humans during the summertime, without too many apparent ill effects to the humans. The availability of the much touted dog beach at Cedar Creek is a joke. It is in such a far-flung corner of the city that it is inconvenient in the extreme to commute to this beach unless you happen to be affluent enough to reside in the Mission or East Kelowna area. For example, if I were to rely on this dog beach, I would drive 20 to 30 minutes home from work downtown, through the rather horrific rush-hour traffic on highway 97, to pick up my dogs and turn around and drive 30 minutes back through the city to reach Cedar Creek Park, and then another 30 minutes to return home. I do not consider this convenient in any sense. There should be access to the water for dogs on every body of water in the regional district and in Kelowna at multiple sites. And there's also no good reason why dogs cannot be allowed to access the beaches at certain times of day when human swimmers are unlikely to be frequenting the beach, such as early in the morning during the summer, and between Labor Day and the end of June.

3. Kamloops also has natural park areas within the city limits that offer miles of hiking trails where dogs are permitted off leash. As a member of the natural areas community advisory board for several years in Kamloops, I'm very familiar with some of the challenges involved in providing dog facilities within an urban setting. However, these are challenges that every municipality must learn to manage in order to provide its citizens with dog facilities. I am dismayed that a major center such as Kelowna seems to lack both the will and the expertise to address these challenges in a way that meets the needs of the many, many dog owners in the city. Perhaps something like a dog facilities advisory board would be appropriate to help advise the city Council on an ongoing basis.

In case nobody in Kelowna City Hall has noticed, dogs are becoming more and more popular. The numbers of pet dogs are increasing, and this is not likely to change anytime soon. It's high time that this city Council gets its head out of the sand and realizes that you are creating more problems by having such limited facilities for dog owners to exercise their dogs, than you would have by providing adequate off leash parks, walking trails, and swimming beaches in all corners of the region, that meet the standard set by other towns and cities in British Columbia. As things currently stand, you are forcing people to break the regulations and take our dogs off leash where they are officially not permitted, because you have created a situation that is unliveable for many many responsible dog owners who are otherwise the kind of citizens who would not dream of breaking a city regulation, but that is the position you're placing us in.

If dog parks are going to happen, they need to be small and scattered throughout the city so that traffic to one area doesn't congest -and it will keep people out of their cars.

Why should dog owners pay a fee to use a park? Parents with kids don't pay a fee to take their children to a playground for kids. If you choose to charge dog owners then you should be charging parents to take their kids.

There are parks/playgrounds in my neighborhood that rarely get used but are not open to dogs. Having people with dogs around lends to less crime in the area because there is usually someone around. But with parks not being used, criminals find opportunity due to lack of people traffic.

Since we provide a special spot for small dogs...It would be nice to consider a spot for non-social dogs as well. An independently fenced area where a dog can run and play off leash with it's owner without worrying about direct interactions with other dogs. Our dog was previously abused and attacked and is fearful of other dogs getting close to him. Our yard is not big enough for him to run more than a few steps. He has very limited off-leash opportunities at this point. Of course, it would need some rules, like one dog at a time and 15 min time limit if someone else is waiting. We know of 2 other timid dogs just on our block. There is demand for this sort of thing. Just something to keep in mind for future developments.

A lake access dog park in the North end of the city would be excellent for our hot summers.

You should also involve RDCO (my employer so I'm trying to be delicate here...) to see if they can donate some of their green space. There are opportunities to identify areas in larger parks that have public trails that do not connect to other trails, dead-ends, that hikers and bikers may be willing to 'give-up'. Also a 'mixed-use' concept should be explored. Prince George has a nice example (Moore's Meadow) where they clearly state 'mixed-use' and not only ask dog owners to be responsible, but hikers and bikers to slow down and be aware that there are dogs off leash.

I'm not sure why the City needs to be so accommodating to this user/lobby group. Perhaps people should assess the access to open spaces prior to getting a pet.

Please considering adding FINES for people who bring CHILDREN under the age of 12 I to the dog parks. Not all dogs like or are good with children; and it put both child and dog at risk. Especially people who bring toddlers and allow them turned run around screaming. It is a DOG park not a place for children.

quality of and proper design and regular maintenance programs of all off leash park are my main concerns..

There is not a lot of consideration for larger dogs, there are a few parks that are strictly for small dogs only and it is very inconvenient as I do not drive, so my dog misses out on interacting with other dogs just because she is too big to enter the park and other parks are too far to walk to.

We walk in Kelowna for at least an hour every day and every day we see dog poop on the trails and sidewalks. And everyday we encounter many dogs off of their leashes on the Greenway, in the city's parks and on the other trails in Kelowna. There appears to be no one monitoring this. There is some hope that off leash dog parks will reduce the number of off-of-the-leash dogs in our parks and on our trails and reduce

the dog poop and urine residue on the grass in our parks.

The only beach for our dog is about a 30 min. drive for me from Glenmore. Many breeds of dogs like to swim so it is really necessary to have a off lease dog park close, outside of lower mission. I am not in favor of user fees to pay for these additional parks. Perhaps the city could recoup some of their costs by hiking up the dog license fees.

It would be great to have 1/2 of Sutherland Park reserved as an off leash dog park and in addition dogs could have beach access

It would be nice to have a dog beach closer to the downtown area. I like how the old kss dog park has an area for small dogs and big dogs as alot of older people have tiny dogs. If they were mixed I feel there is risk of the older people getting knocked over by the big dogs when they are running around

I think the current off leash dog parks in Kelowna are pathetically inadequate. I have a dog who needs to run and fetch without being in a small space with other dogs jumping at her. She does not want to play with them. She loves to swim and hike and is very well behaved and stays with us. I am tired of not being able to allow her to enjoy her life because there are so few places we can take her in Kelowna, and have to drive long distances just so she can have a run. I think if people have their dogs under their control and the dogs are behaving well, leash laws should be relaxed. I am tired of my dog being attacked by idiot dog owner's dogs in dog parks and this is where militant bylaw officers should focus. Kelowna is so dog unfriendly, we do consider moving from this city.

I have been a regular walker at Munson park off KLO. Recently I have noted that there is a sign stating no dogs. I am questioning this as I feel that it would be in the publics best interests to allow dogs around the pond on leash only. When I contacted the city re the above they indicated that they were thinking of putting in a dog park in the middle of the field adjacent to Munson park. I would like to state my objection to that plan. There is no shade and the aesthetics of the area would be destroyed. That beautiful natural area would become overused and would take away from the natural beauty of the area. The nature reserve that is being created needs to extend into the surrounding area and not become 'full' with other activities. Please take this into consideration. Kelowna has many other areas to have dog parks. I am respectfully requesting that you allow dogs on a leash around Munson pond and that you abstain from putting in a dog park in that area. Thank You.

I think we need to respect that all areas should not be off leash as my experience in Kelowna parks is people do not have their dogs under control. I have just recently had surgery and the one thing I can do is walk. However, I have had several encounters on on-leash areas with dogs off leash with dogs bounding towards me and jumping up to greet me with the owner saying don't worry he is friendly. I don't care how friendly the dog is - a dog jumping up on me post surgery would be a major set back. I too should be able to enjoy some parks without fear of "friendly" dogs jumping up on me. it should be noted most incidences are in areas that are designated on-leash - people just disobey the rules. I would like the city or RDCO to develop a system that I could take a photo of the license and send it in and the owners get a warning. Kelowna's parks are for everyone. I love dogs - I just don't think they should be allowed to run freely

everywhere.

Dog park maintenance could be added to current dog licensing fees

I absolutely appreciate that space is limited and land is expensive; particularly waterfront. That said, the most important factor to me in terms of dog park usage is proximity to home (and being big enough to be worthwhile for my active dog to play fetch); currently Knox Mountain is the closest dog park, and it's a 25-30 minute walk away; our typical morning/evening round trip walk is an hour long, so not enough time to get to the park, spend time there, and get back before work. Driving to a dog park seems asinine and lowers the amount of exercise I get. Access to the water would be incredibly welcome. For narrow fenced parks like Knox, a simple gate partway along the fenceline would be fantastic for retrieving balls and frisbees that accidentally get thrown out of the park....

Thank you very much for giving this matter consideration.

upkeep for fenced areas for dogs could be a consideration for city taxes. Sorry I'm not interested in providing the initial costs...that should be up to the dog owners....(maybe up their dog licence fees)

Reduce the amount of dog parks! Or none at all!!

Would like to see another more dental beach off leash park

I would consider having a fee for the park; however, then other parks should also consider charging a fee...then you're going to negatively impact health because folks won't use the parks. I think all parks should be accessible for dogs as long as dogs are under control, ie. immediate recall on command from owner or on leash. I am disappointed with the negative approach Kelowna takes to dogs. the 0 tolerance for not having a license, the negative signs, actually having dog control patrol various parks looking for folks not following the rules...all regressive. many of Kelowna's approaches to implementing various programs is regressive. perhaps city hall should take a course on how to motivate and encourage folks...I believe Kelowna has a lot to learn. year after year I am disappointed with the way Kelowna enforces and reinforces policy. I love Kelowna, other than this aspect.

As a City initiative, this type of project needs to be prioritized and paid for within the City Budget via my current tax payments - no incremental charges.

Believe it or not, dog owners pay taxes! Is the city going to seek help with all parks as to the last few questions--assistance from dog owners--we already pay enough taxes to have reasonable dog park--non-profits or for profit organizations should also be a question for all parks as well as paying a fee. I do not use parks other than Cedar Creek because that park is the only reasonable off leash park in the city of Kelowna! Can I have a tax rebate? The questions asked have been asked and answered many times in Kelowna. This survey is another attempt to do nothing to improve off leash parks and gather data to cut back on reasonable off leash dog parks of which there is only one--Cedar Creek. Go to the off leash dog parks and see how poorly dogs and dog owners are treated in Kelowna. The large park Cedar Creek was created to stop nude bathers using this area!

Every sector of Kelowna should have its own off-leash dog park. The dog park should be at least 0.80 ha in area and include a section for small dogs. The park should have a grass surface. The park should have benches and shrubbery planted along the black-coated chain-link fence. Pick up poop signs should be posted along perimeter of park. A water tap must be in both the large and small dog section. A sign suggesting dog park users use the far half of the park on even days and the entry half of the park on odd days will help preserve the grass. And, no grass is not destroyed by dog urine. Male dogs pee against upright objects, and females who are allowed to run do not stop and release the entire content of their bladder in one spot. The yellow circles one sees on lawns outside condos are from dogs who live there and have few opportunities to urinate. When they are brought out of their owners' condos they cannot hold it in any more and empty their bladder in one spot. It looks unattractive, but the grass is greener there after a couple of rainfalls. Keep dog parks well maintained and no one will complain.

Couldn't answer the two questions involving priorities due to the use of a tablet.
There are a lot of playgrounds for children that are only used a few months of the year. These are costly and paid for by taxes. Dog parks are used every month and cost less but are fewer in number.

Would be nice to have more access to water. Just like us humans being able to cool down on a hot Kelowna summers day by jumping in the lake, dogs love this and need it too.

I wish I could attach a photo showing you Skye running into the lake as she retrieves a stick or her favorite ball.

I am sure that every dog owner out there considers their pets as a friend, companion and a member of the family.

I am not a dog owner. I would like to see more enforcement of people violating the on-leash rules for certain parks. I frequently use the trails on Knox Mountain, as well as the Mission Park Greenway. Many times I encounter responsible dog owners picking up after their dogs, and keeping them on-leash as required by the signs posted. However, just as frequently I encounter dogs off leash running up to me and the owner saying "don't worry, he (she) is friendly". I don't care if your dog is friendly. Keep it on leash if that is the type of park in which you are walking your dog.

Only that I have walked dogs in every province and most states. the most important issues are parking and dog park security. A proper double entry gate. Shade of some kind. Preferably wood chips as the dogs stay cleaner and the chips can be recycled. Sand is not good. For example Cedar Creek park is ideal because the beach is larger rocks. The dogs get wet but not too dirty.

Water is a plus but any responsible owner should be carrying dog leash, dog toy, and water.

Interior Health = For people not Dogs .. STAY OUT .. spend money on Rec Ctrs.

Calgary - If you like the parks MOVE THERE

American Kennel Association - It would be nice to have local research , private not gov't.

STOP SPENDING MY TAX DOLLARS ON DOGS ... GET THE DEER DEALT WITH INSTEAD

Accessible and large dog parks are an important part of owning healthy, active and well-exercised and

socialized dogs. Exercised dogs are happier and less aggressive than those who are exclusively walked on-leash with no opportunities for independence and decision-making. Shade structures or large shady trees are vitally important in our climate. The footing needs to be safe for dogs to run without risk of injury. Needs sufficient space to run after a ball or frisbee. Access to water or beach is also preferable given how hot our summers are. I would prefer to drive a short distance to a large and well-designed off-leash park than a closer small and poorly designed urban park, but there still needs to be options for each neighbourhood.

I think it's important that an off-leash dog park be a place where owners feel just as comfortable as their pets. We need to be able to relax and enjoy the park with our dogs. Being able to hang out for the day at the beach with a picnic and my pooch would be amazing!

Given the significant health risks of waterfowl in waterfront area parks it would appear a compromise in the attitude towards allowing dogs in these parks would reduce the overall risk to the public's health.

Improved access to the lake is very important and could easily be facilitated if parks were SHARED with restrictions to dog owners of certain hours, ie: 6:00-8:00 am or 8:00 - 10:00 pm. Where parks are allowed to be shared during these times, a volunteer "poop police" agent be in place to ensure the folks pick up. This SHARED time should include other parks such as school yards that are left empty throughout the summer months.

I would be more than happy to participate in these discussions. The City of Kelowna/Regional District is NOT dog friendly and your propaganda suggesting otherwise is misleading. The size of the (temporary) dog park @ Richter is barely of optimum size, allowing for both large dog area and small dog area. Sadly, folks don't pick up especially on the large dog side, this problem needs to be managed by the users, shaming each other into due diligence. Anything smaller is close to redundancy.

There are too many dogs in parks now - we need more dog control.

Every day there are dogs running off leash in the parks. They run in and out of the water on the beaches every morning - especially Tugboat Bay - no control!

Dog manure is prevalent on the walk ways.

Too many un-responsible dog owners in the city - if they clean up their mess maybe dog parks might be considered.

We need to have at least three dog parks opening at the same time so the traffic and the parking is not absorbed all by one park.

Do not burden one or two neighbourhoods with a couple dog parks.

Sutherland Park is a really bad area to select because we have taken two water samples in the last ten years and the water is highly polluted with crypto and various other bacterium. The city could be sued if dogs fall ill from going into the water.

I like your array of questions in this survey. You should explain what 'crusher rock' is though. An option for funding is to ask taxpayers if they would mind a \$50 allocation to go on their taxes to fund construction & maintenance of such parks; they'd be asked to check yes or no each year. Other fund-raising options for the off-leash park could include: residents could donate for a 'section or 2' of chain link fence; or buy a tree or piece of equipment. If there are items like 'agility' equipment, it should be emphasized that they are for all dogs to try; if clubs want to use such eqpmt., it should be during non-peak times, where they pay a small fee per hour usage.

We need to get people out of their houses and interacting with others in the community. One way to accomplish this is through something they love a great deal, their pets.

I have seen friendships develop in the Central Green dog park, among dogs and people. It's nice to have it around especially when my son and his wife visit with their dog.

Unable to drag ratings on the ranking questions.

More dog off leash beaches.

Responsible pet owner code of conduct for proper collection and disposal of waste. Dangerous dog bylaw and monitoring.

The number one issue is beach/water access for dogs that is closer to downtown. What about allowing some of the small beach accesses for dogs - even on-leash would be better than nothing. Many dogs love water!

there are not enough of them especially ones with water access

Kelowna is one of the most dog-unfriendly places I've ever visited. It's one of the few things I dislike about the city, In the time I've lived here, we've actually lost off-leash areas for dogs. I feel that it's time for the city to start creating additional areas where dogs can have fun playing off leash.

I think it would be useful to have volunteers be present (particularly at high volume park use times) as an informal agent of the City/community to support adherence to the dog park rules. Using diplomacy and education to aid in healthy social use of the parks. The volunteers would have vests or other visible designations for the benefit of the users, and have emergency contact access to the dog regulation authorities/enforcers in case of urgent need. I would be willing to provide volunteer service to this role. I no longer have my own dog, but enjoy socializing with others with dogs and have an interest in the success of the dog parks. We need creative options to entice and support the successful use of the dog parks/beaches

I would really love to see another beach for dogs that isn't really far out of town or next to a nude beach

The Knox mountain dog park is sadly under formatted - but highly used by desperate dog owners. I support the addition of Sutherland park as a reasonable sized area for dog owners and their pets because the park is currently under-utilized except as a boat launch. It is also not a public swimming beach. Perhaps other waterfront areas should be opened for dogs as well to mitigate the parking problems that are likely to occur in the neighborhood.

A perimeter walking path, paved, wood chips, that owners and animals could use would be very beneficial.

I have visited many off-leash dog parks in different locations including: Ottawa, Quebec, Dallas (Texas) and Milan (Italy). In all of these occasions, the off-leash dog parks were designated areas in very large parks (many hectares). These very large parks were either a natural setting (like our Knox Mountain) or a groomed city park setting. The off-leash dog parks were not in view of, or earshot of, any residences. If water was supplied, it was via a faucet.

We do not have enough beaches for people and we don't have food for all the people that are have nots. It's wrong to put dogs first.

I wish Kelowna's dog parks would supply doggy bags. We found travelling in the U S a lot of parks supply bags. Even Penticton has poop bags on the walk way of the channel.

Parks by definition are public green spaces but yet dog parks are rarely ever green. Why not consider some sort of synthetic or other organic matter that would work towards being green spaces. If the ground cannot be green, then why not put other vegetation and large trees to create shade and make it more appealing to all types of people to use the space. Also there should be benches as more older people are seeking companionship with dogs and can't be expected to stand all the time. Also how accessible are these parks, as people with disabilities have dogs too and if they can't get in the gate, that's not creating a very inclusive community. Also having travelled the world, I have seen some amazing dog drinking fountains and I am constantly amazed at we do not have these given our summer climate and our societal values on animal welfare.

Instead of "zero tolerance" on late renewals, how about instead having dog control do some real work and deliver zero tolerance to the people who fail to scoop, don't control their dogs in dog parks and on the streets, and generally give dog owners a bad name. The City has enough seats at the RDCO board to change the direction on RDCO dog control.

Should be designated in more rural areas. The park at Rowcliffe should not be for dogs.

I live at the base of Knox mountain.

For a beach that doesn't have good enough water to swim in its a real shame that dogs are not allowed off leash to swim.

The grass area is covered in duck feces and a dog once a day would clear this problem making it a better grass area.

There's is nothing but a boat launch there. And a small kids play area.

A little added fencing to keep dogs from the boat launch and the kids area is all that I believe is needed there. Most dogs love to swim and its great exercise. Please consider this area for a future off leash park.

I'd prefer to put my name forward after I see what is proposed. There are a number of parks along the lake that should permit dogs and dog owners to use them off leash. Not every lakefront access point has to be restricted. If there were more areas permitting dogs and responsible owners, the number of dogs and

dogowners at any one park would be more diffused, leading to a lower likelihood of conflict, fouling, water safety issues, and so on. Many families with children have dogs also, and it would be good for families to be able to go out together, with kids and dogs both. This would lead to more active kids, having more fun outdoors.

Where there are on-leash dog parks, it is often expected that dogs will stay on the pathways. This can be difficult to achieve, and not always desirable. It would be helpful to have a minimum of 3 feet on either side of the pathway that dogs are allowed to walk on as this would allow them to do their business not on the actual path.

The most important thing about dog parks is Small/Large separation.

There are many Pit, Pitmix and Bully breed dogs in these parks.

At a minimum, these dogs must be separated from small breeds.

In my opinion, they should not be allowed in the parks unless they are Muzzled.

Having these parks without Small/Large designation is

AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN.

as a tax payer i would not support any other dog parks THANK YOU.The two main rules on the nearby park are ignored to often.Clean up after your dog and a six foot leash attached to the dog are constantly ignored.It is sad that a dogs best friend is the one that is going to let him down with the disregard of the two main rules to the dog park.My vote is strongly against any new parks till pet owners care a little more about other PEOPLE using the same parks.

I believe there are not enough off-leash dog parks in Kelowna. And there are definitely not enough off-leash dog beaches. For the amount of people in Kelowna and the length of beach the dog water access is abysmal.

Because I don't currently own a dog (but may in the future), I was not aware of the brochure outlining the location of the parks. I think this is just fantastic. I presume that they are mailed with dog licences(?) or available to owners when they renew their licences, at the SPCA, pet stores, etc.? I have often considered writing to the City to strongly encourage the City to produce a pamphlet for dog owners outlining responsible dog owner behaviour. We have had some very noisy, intrusive dogs in our neighbourhood (bark every day at 5:30 a.m., including weekends and holidays!). We have not done anything about it as we don't want to alienate our neighbours and it is my understanding that you have to be named if you contact the bylaw department to make a complaint. I think it would be just wonderful if a person could phone the bylaws department, remain anonymous and have such a brochure mailed to the dog owner as a first attempt to make them aware of the negative impact they are having on their neighbours. I believe that, made aware, a good percentage of owners would adopt the recommendations in such a brochure. It could contain such things as appropriate times to keep you dog quiet for the benefit of your neighbours (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.?), being aware of unnecessary barking and training to prevent this intrusion (training or collars, etc.). I believe that such a remedy is cost effective and may make a real difference in the ability of residents to enjoy their homes and property without involving the legal system, conflict, hard feelings, etc. Many people have small children that nap, work shift hours, etc., and barking that is allowed by selfish owners can have a

very negative impact on a surprisingly large area of a neighbourhood, especially when the dog barks early in the morning, late at night, or constantly.

The multiple questions about paying for an off-leash dog park on this survey are very odd--dog owners pay taxes, too, and we should not be asked to pay to use green space, in my opinion.

I have no vehicle, and there are no off-leash parks in my area. Now, the city is considering building a subdivision in the green space behind my house (Cactus Road in Rutland), which will take away the ONLY green space in our neighborhood. This will not only devastate the dog owners and kids that use it, but will definitely decrease the value of this "quiet" neighborhood.

I notice that the Interior Health blurb you included near the beginning mentioned specifically that during beach season dogs shouldn't be at the same part of the beach. Might be something to consider in the shoulder/winter seasons to add a beach that could be used in town.

I am still very unsettled by the fact that dogs are flatly not allowed in some parks, even on leash. It is a park. A park for goodness sake. Many people love to head out to a park with their family to play, picnic, walk around. On leash dogs are not a menace. Squirrels, cats, deer, etc. are in these parks all the time.

I think there will be a serious issue when Central Green gets built and that dog park disappears (I know it will still be there, but oh so small!). It is super busy and a great community resource in that area. Busy all the time and a good size (though no trees really).

Lastly, I do appreciate that time is being taken to address these tensions. A strong communications plan is necessary I think for all members of our community. Dog people need to clean up after their dogs and keep them under care and control in public. Non-dog people need to accept that dogs are a part of our society, and have been for thousands of years.

Thanks!

If more dog parks were made available through out the city, there would be less impact on any one area. Downtown Vancouver has small fenced dog parks with pea gravel and trees that work well in the urban area. If the City proposes additional water access for dogs, they should consider simultaneously opening more than one strategic location to prevent any one neighbourhood from absorbing the significant increase in vehicle congestion and any one park from sustaining detrimental environmental impacts from overuse

An area that dogs can access water would be fantastic, if not as far from centre as cedar creek

Dog owners shouldn't be asked to pay to have dog parks; they pay city taxes. Kelowna people don't pay an extra fee to enjoy the city parks. Dog poo is definitely a frustration for people when walking through our beautiful parks; however, goose and ducky doo is pretty darn frustrating to step on as well, which seems to be evident in most of Kelowna's parks. Maybe it's time to do something about getting Kelowna's parks cleaned up by posting "DO NOT FEED THE WATER FOWL" and ticket anyone caught doing so!!!! Dog owners

already pay a fee for license so I don't think they need to be charged an extra fee for dog parks. THANK YOU.

I go to dog parks so infrequently; prefer to walk my dogs instead. All parks should be designated on leash.

My biggest pet peeve is owner's who do not pick up their dog poop in the park even though there is a free supply of bags. Too many people spend too much time socializing and do not pay attention to their dogs.

Why couldn't some of softball fields., which are fenced in, around the city be used as dog parks during winter?

Please supervise parks and specially beaches where dogs shouldn't be, and yes, create their specific parks and swimming areas, so that they stop harassing other people that don't have dogs.

I pay taxes, I don't have kids, I want to be out hiking and running with my dog not standing around in a flea infested dirty corner of town that I've driven to rather than walked. I strongly urge the city to permit me to run/walk with my dog on leash in all parks and off leash on designated trails in wilderness parks, a right that all dog owners who can control their dogs should enjoy. Ticket owners with uncontrollable dogs not owners try to get good exercise for themselves and their pups.

Another dog beach would be very beneficial for the downtown population. The beach by Tolko has been suggested quite a bit! It could be withing walking distance for most (better than lakeshore which requires a vehicle) It would be excellent as the water there is not suitable for humans to swim in and as it is it is generally empty.

Some people are lucky enough to walk to the off-leash dog park near their home. MOST of us need to drive to one. More off-leash parks are needed. The City needs to stop considering only about dogs, and realize that at least One human is part of the "dog package". Having a dog is an important part of your life-style. Kelowna is Not dog-friendly = Kelowna is NOT dog-owner friendly. There isn't a half-way decent park where dogs can jump in the lake to cool off (often with their owners). There used to be one near Knox Mountain which provided a "people side", separated by a boat launch - but the off-leash dog park of it is off limits. The water there isn't really appealing for humans, but dogs still would love it.

All parks should have a small dog/large dog separation. We have issues with large and small dogs not getting on. People bring small dogs into the large dog area and then get very upset when large dog play is too much for their small dog. However, if dogs are segregated, there must be some flexibility as my 'small' dogs (medium sized dogs with short legs) get on better with large dogs than small ones.

The options available in this survey were extremely constraining... What a poorly designed and self fulfilling project. I would like another dog beach...okanagan falls has a lovely beach that is 1/2 for dogs. How about a large park I can enjoy my child and my dog at...dog beach is good but no fence along road to keep everyone safe. Stop spending money on studies! I don't want to pay more for an amenity that many cities sem to be able to provide through current taxation levels.

We need more of them. As a growing city we should be encouraging outdoor activities and physical exercise. Kelowna already lacks opportunities for pedestrian/walking due to it's poor layout and having extra areas for this should be encouraged. People without pets also greatly enjoy spending time watching dogs at a dog park interact and play - we all would benefit.

Glenmore needs a small off-leash dog park closer to neighbourhoods so owners can walk there with their pets instead of having to drive to the one near the landfill.

a user pay dog park will not work - people already take there dogs off leash in regular leashed required parks. If you want them to go use the off leash park - DO NOT charge a fee!! There needs to be more leash policing in residential areas and parks that require dogs to be leashed. Too many people think that their dog is friendly and likes everyone. But that is not the case. Even if your dog is friendly - that doesn't mean you want the dog running towards you about to bulldoze you and your family over - or create a stressful situation with my dog that is always on his leash. People need to have more respect in this regard.

There a lot of small dogs in my neighborhood. We would love to be able to let them off leash in a small fenced off area in the park on Portland Ave. we would require a very small amount of space and nothing else. We just want to have a place where we can let the little ones run around together, but where their safe not to run into traffic.

Dogs and their owners need water parks. Last summer was so hot, and there is nowhere other than Bertram park or Oyama to take dogs to cool off.

Have you ever been to the off- leash park in Vernon, near Silverstar Mountian? It's spectacular! That park makes walking around fun not only for the dogs, but the people as well. Its beauty is not due to investment of time or money, it is beautiful because it was land picked for the dog owners to enjoy. Most off-leash parks are a chore, and you only bring your dog to them for the dog's sake.

Most important, not all parks need to have access to dogs - on or off leash!!! Parks near wildlife/foreshore areas should not have dog access as (sadly) not all dog owners respect the 'on-leash' requirement. Too often I have seen dog owners take/let their dogs off leash and get indignant when you let them know that it is an 'on-leash' area.

There is an empty, city owned property on the corner of moubray rd and ballou rd that would make a great off leash site. A portion is currently park and community garden, but the back would be easily fenced against the cliff.

I love our dog beaches and dog parks. I like being able to let my dog off leash to run. I wish we had an area in kettle valley where the dogs could be off leash.

The surface should be grass. Urine will not turn the grass yellow unless it is concentrated due to having to hold it for a long period of time. Dogs will always relieve themselves before being driven to the dog park or as they are walking on their way to the park. Take a look at any dog park and see for yourself. The grass is still green.

We need more off-leash parks; The South Lakeshore dog park must be fenced - the traffic on the road

travels fast past the park - the risk to dogs and children using the park is high. Let's not wait for a tragedy to occur before taking action.

The Mission Creek dog park needs maintenance, especially in the spring - it can be one big mud bowl for months. Wood chips are the answer - they're dangerous for the dogs and unsanitary. Raising the elevation with some fill would help.

An off leash park near Sunset is needed, as there are a number of families with dogs living in condos, and we have no place nearby to let our dogs go for a run. The grass area (Pioneer) at Waterfront park is hardly ever used, and the Delta hotel parking garage is the only building close by, and there would be no impact to the guests. The hotel guests would probably use the dog park too.

Less maintenance for the Parks dept and would be easy to fence the area and add a dog water fountain. Trees are already in place and washrooms are nearby. Thank you!

There needs to be another beach access .. Why not Pauls Tomb?

I personally have seen and heard of problems with the off leash parks with certain breeds (specifically pitbull) and I have yet to take my dog (since we got him in October 2015) to any of them for this reason. There is nothing more frightening than dog aggression. I watched a man drag his pit out of a park and vowed never to go

Please don't use our land and spend our tax dollars for this purpose. It's far down the priority list for me.

I think Canadians need to adopt a more accepting view of dogs as other counties have where dogs are welcome in almost all places people are provided they are controlled and on leash.

Most dog owners don't use the dog parks. If they did it would help keep the streets clear of dog waste. I believe cities focus too much on dog programs. councils should put the resources towards dog control and police the unnecessary barking in neighbor hoods.

more dog parks

Dog beach please

We need a better one in north Glenmore... It's sketchy out there now and too steep

We need more access to the lake!

The dog parks need better enforcement. Very few people adhere to the posted rules. The gates should be locked at the same time as the parks.

Small dogs should not be allowed in the large dog parks, for the and reason large dogs can't go in the small dog areas. It's dangerous. Excessively anxious and fearful dogs should not be at busy dog parks either. For parks to operate with "business as usual" they should be large like richter, but smaller green spaces would be great. And how about designated off leash hiking areas? That would be ideal.

Please consider that a dog park should be safe and accessible for dogs and all people, An off leash park

that is not safe is very irresponsible. The fencing needs to be able to contain small dogs not allow them to be able to fit through the wire and gaps in the posts., and the footing be such that someone in a wheelchair could go along a path with their dog.

Kelowna has plenty of off-leash dog parks. What it lacks is bylaw enforcement! I am tired of not having a single park that I may walk my on leash dogs in safety. City park and mission creek are full of off leash dogs every day of the week. The trails at Enterprise have more off leash dogs than those on leash, and it is a on leash area. As a taxpayer, and a responsible pet owner, I am fed up with not being able to use the parks because of those who choose to disobey the rules. I can only imagine the resentment that those who do not have dogs feel! Perhaps if the city put some time and money into enforcement of the leash laws so that everyone has the ability to enjoy our lovely parks without fear of incident?

many dog-owner friends are lobbying hard to have people complete this survey and to do that multiple times. i would not take these results seriously.

I would like to see a lot more hiking trails or water-accessible areas. Kelowna is very hot in the summer and a lot of dogs cannot be exercised solely by walking and need exercise in the water. It would be great to be able to take our big dog on hikes without having them on a leash as well. Kelowna is very slowly becoming more dog-friendly but not for large breeds. While the small urban areas are great to add some dog-parks, there should also be some consideration for existing areas that could be a lot friendlier to those with large breed dogs. Asking a large-breed dog owner to take their dog for a hike on a leash is like telling a parent to take their children to the park on a leash. It is their time to run free and explore and while some dog owners ruin it for others, a large majority of us are responsible dog owners. I would even be willing to pay \$2-\$5 to be able to go to an off-leash hiking area or lake-accessible area where I can throw the ball.

There is a huge need for more dog access to swimming areas.

There are so many dog lovers in Kelowna. My dog is like family to me, please give us more off leash dog parks. So we can keep our pooches happy ;).

The amount of money that has been spent on these survey's could have built probably 5 dog parks and a dog beach by now! I am soooo tired of all this!

Also, the city never built 4 of the off-leash parks (2 of the biggest ones I might add), the Dog Assoc. did. I'm not sure who paid for materials but we actually built them (I personally helped build the Mission Creek and Shaw off-leash parks).

I also won't support paying a fee because where does the money go from dog licenses? It should be used to at least maintain the off-leash parks we have. The city does NOTHING for the parks! I've been going to the Ellison off-leash park for 14 yrs (which the Dog Assoc built), and the city comes around maybe twice a year to dump off wood chips but WE have to spread it! And they've only been doing that for the last couple years. Nothing was done EVER before that! The little shed/shack there? Built by 2 dog owners so we could have some kind of shelter. The makeshift bridge over the mudhole that's caused by the irrigation from the orchards, built by another dog owner. I think the city finally came in and built a proper bridge about 2 yrs ago. We put up with that for about 12 yrs though!

And we NEED another DOG BEACH!! They have the perfect spot but keep delaying, delaying conducting these stupid surveys! Put it at Sutherland Park by the mill! No one swims there and the dogs are not coming down from that joke of a dog park at Knox Mtn (that has no water by the way. Water is provided by the people that bring in jugs). God forbid if you take your dog down to the water to get a drink and maybe a dip to cool off! By-law stakes out that area just waiting for someone so they can get their fine money! Fence in that whole area. It's really not that hard! Also, there wouldn't be a goose poop problem with the dogs being there.

In closing, I think you can tell by all my exclamation marks, that I'm absolutely FED UP with the attitude of this city and the members of city council. If I could afford to move back to Vancouver, I would! They are far more dog friendly and have MUCH nicer parks!

I read the American Kennel Association's recommendations for dog parks and it states: "One acre or more of land". The word MORE is important. You can't arbitrarily decide that dog parks will be .4ha. Some HAVE to be larger for the larger breeds.

Remember, large breeds (for purposes of the height/weight requirement for off-leash parks) include standard poodles, Doodles, Goldens, Australian shepherds, German Shepherds, Labrador retrievers, Great Danes, Newfoundlands, and Bernaise. Then there's the 'Heinz 57' most of whom also need to be able to run around and play. They need cardio exercise and they can ONLY get that in an off-leash area.

A big problem for the city is the license information collected by the RD. Do you know how many 'large' dog owners in Kelowna have licenses so you have an idea of how many large breed dogs there are and how many off-leash parks and areas you need? Do you know the first 3 digits of their postal codes so you know where to plan new off-leash dog parks? The RD can not provide that information. So how can you properly analyze the need for off-leash parks when you don't know how many dogs there are or where they live in the city? Why does RD bother to collect that information when we get a license? Makes no sense.

How about your own staff? Do the politicians know if the city staff recommending the changes to off-leash areas even own/like large breed dogs? Have those staff members ever gone to one of the off-leash parks and talked with large dog guardians about the parks? Have they ever counted the number of people and dogs in the large off-leash area at Richter park between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 (fall/winter and spring)? Or counted the number of people and dogs in the evening when it's cooled off in the summer time? Or between dawn and 9 am most days?

How about counting the number of people and dogs at the Mission Creek off-leash swamp during that same time? Or even talking to them about how to improve the area from swamp to park. Wood chips are NOT a good idea. Dogs can tear claws and get wood pieces imbedded in their paws. If you wouldn't let your kids run and jump on wood chips why would you allow your dog to do that?

I have met large dog guardians from all over the city at the Richter off-leash park. Dilworth, Mission, downtown, West Kelowna and of course, our visitors who travel with dogs come and spend money in the city. They too use the Richter off-leash dog park for exercise.

Put more than 10 large dogs in a .7 ha park and they are running into each other if they are chasing their ball. If they are at the Mission off-leash park, they are also running through the swamp. Put those same 10 dogs in Richter off-leash park and they each have their own space to run or they can congregate without running into each other.

Large breeds do NOT get enough exercise walking no matter how far they walk. They need to run and to run they need open space where they don't run into other dogs or obstacles.

Before the city starts working on Central Green park it is VITAL that a new off-leash area, appropriate for larger dogs be configured. My suggestion is the 'playground' at the back of Central School. That school is not used by grade school students. In the last 3 years I have been using the Richter park on a daily (sometimes 2x daily) basis, I have NEVER seen the Central School playground used for any school or sport activities.

It is already fenced on 3 sides, has water (sprinkler system) and has parking. It needs shade trees and a few benches. If that area was designated for large breeds only, and keep the small dog park at Central Green you would satisfy a very large group of dog owners.

Here's an opportunity for the city and school district to work together to create a large dog off-leash park with parking and easy access from most parts of the city.

I would also like to propose a new off-leash area for large breeds only. That is the area behind the Mission Park ball fields between the ring road and the parking area near field M15. There is a long strip of grass, with a few trees, which, if fenced and a few more trees and benches added, would be an ideal spot for a large breed off-leash park. The dogs could run, chase balls, it would be large enough to have a training area/obstacle course AND, once again, it would make dog owners happy.

That would free up the Mission swamp (off-leash dog park) for the little dogs.

No where in your survey did you mention anything about access to the lake (other than a statement that Interior Health wants people swimming separate from dog swimming areas). The city has a duty to ensure that dogs have safe and easy access to the lake with their own swimming area and park. With temperatures in the high 30s for a good part of the summer, it's dangerous to exercise dogs in an area where they can't cool off. That's why you won't see dogs playing in the dog parks in the heat of the summer's day (10 am to 4 pm). There MUST be a dog water park which is close to the downtown core or Knox Mountain.

There's one area where the city is completely missing when it talks about off-leash areas. An off-leash area can be beside a walking trail. It doesn't HAVE to be a squared off fenced area. AND it doesn't have to be an area for off leash dogs at all times of the day.

There are plenty of trails which could be off-leash trails in the morning and evening when it's easiest and coolest to walk the dogs. These areas are for walking, socializing and training, NOT for chasing balls. London, Ontario has a 14 acre (5 aha) off-leash area and has established other off-leash areas beside a greenway. Kelowna can do the same: designate sections of Mission Creek Greenway as off-leash areas during certain times of the day (cooler parts of the day) That way guardians and dogs can get exercise.

There are so many opportunity for off-leash areas in the city - they don't have to be fenced squares and parks. The trail between Spall and Dilworth, parts of the Mission Creek Greenway, a new off leash at Mission Creek between the ball fields and the ring road. Ask a large dog owner where a good spot would be... they'll tell you!

If Kelowna really does want to be seen as the most pet friendly city in Canada, then creating MORE off leash areas, MORE off leash parks for larger breeds, a water dog park close to the city core and making all of the areas accessible and properly sized will have dog owners bragging for years to come!

Kelowna needs an off leash dog park that is more centrally located - i.e. Downtown

As a responsible dog owner, my dog gets exercised every day that I can. That is year-round. And the people I see out in the parks on any given day are other dog walkers. Most people in Kelowna are 'fair-weather park users' and on those days, yes, there are people in the parks. But you can count on dog walkers on sunny, cold, rainy, windy, dark, snowy, etc days. It is a shame to see so many parks and green spaces off limits to dog walkers sit empty unless there is a sport program on, it is lunch time at a school, or it is good weather. Some sharing of space during off times should be an option. We live in a community with shrinking amounts of green space. and limited tax money to meet all of the demands of a diversity of people. I think people forget that and the idea of WE becomes US vs THEM for so many community issues. Cooperation among all people would create a much bigger resource without necessarily having to segregate users.

To have a pay-per-use dog park, it would have to be pretty awesome; like the CNC of dog parks.(like some I've seen in the US). To just have a fenced patch of lawn that is maintained so it doesn't go to dust should be covered by taxes; no different than parks provided and maintained for non-dog use.

The only reason I say no to paying a fee for using the park is because there are people willing and able to help. If we look at larger cities, that are much more dog friendly than Kelowna, you wouldn't see a fee based park. We need to evolve as a community and open more available space to our canine companions. There is a park on Ritcher that is beautiful, grassy, lots of shade, but if your dog sets foot on the grounds you receive a fine. Because of this the only people you find in this park are the homeless or drug addicts = waste of perfectly good space that responsible owners would love to be able to use. I would like to see the city of Kelowna open up and become more welcoming to people with dogs, it's time.

If I had a local off lease or on lease dog park I would volunteer for clean up.

The beach park you have picked is ridiculous and out of the way. The area along poplar point pt rd below knox mountain is not a beach and people rarely swim there and as it is not a beach, dogs should be allowed to swim there and enjoy the water. The park that is there, is polluted from the sawmill and people rarely swim there as well. It should be a dog beach and it does not have to be fenced so people can still enjoy the grass area as well as people letting their dogs enjoy the water. They have been doing this for years with no problems until your dog control people show up to hassle people with their dogs. Unless they are specifically called to the area, they should stay away regardless of your arcane dog beach rules. Places such as Maui let dogs on all beaches and they swim with people and enjoy the water as well. No problems. Relax some of you rules and it will be better.

That is like the helmet rule for bicycles, your bylaw people ignore people riding without helmets and on sidewalks even though they see them, but will then pick on people they think they can intimidate and will stop and harass them.

It is time to ease up on some of the rules with dogs as well. You say there is a problem with people not licencing their dogs or not renewing their licences. Then send your dog officers to the houses to collect the licence fees instead of yelling at people and giving them \$300 fines. It is ridiculous and you call this fair. If your officers cannot manage with some common sense when dealing with people instead of taking the hard and fast line, then it is time to review your so called bylaws and enforcement of such. Maybe a new training program and include some of the dog owners as part of this and you would have a lot less problems from the public. You will receive more co operation from people if you deal with them reasonably instead of the hard and fast rules in the so called book of dog bylaws.

Consider it and maybe pass this message along to the City Councillors so they can see how people are being dealt with as well. I've heard from numerous people about issues with dog control officers reading everything in black and white.

Feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the comments I have made in this.

Thank you

i strongly resent that dog owners be asked to contribute financially or in-kind to facilitate development of dog parks and beaches as some kind of surcharge or extra tax. we already pay heavily thru our municipal taxes for many city-wide programs, services, buildings, parks that are intended for others (infants, babies, toddlers, schoolchildren, teenagers, young adults, homeless populations, drug addicts, immigrants, refugees, seniors) we do not make use of. Our dogs are our children and deserve equal treatment. And the time has come for dog-access Beaches (emphasis on the plural !!)

Paying for access to a dog park? How about charging cat owners a license fee, children for access to play grounds, runners to running trails, cyclist for cycle lanes. Oh, and adults for eating junk food, smoking, etc., parents for not raising their kids (overweight, bad teeth or truant kids, failing school, substance abuse, requiring involvement from children's services or mental health), or adults for not looking after their elderly parents and so on. How about charging drivers and suburban dwellers the true cost of the infrastructure and congestion rather than externalizing these?

Another off leash beach is needed on the north side of the city. In the summer we drive 25 min to go to Cedar creek at least once a week so our dog can cool off in the lake. It seems ridiculous to do so when the

nearest beach is in walking distance from our home. As a family we now only go to the dog beach and haven't visited a person beach in years. It would be ideal to make one of the wonderful pocket beach accesses a dog beach.

We should not have to drive to go to an off leash dog park - there should be one in each community within a 10 - 15 minute walk. I would like to see more off leash parks like at Mission Creek that are flat and large enough that active dogs can safely play ball, frisbee, etc without the risk of injury, as is the case in most of our current "natural" off leash areas. I also want to see a couple more lake access parks for dogs. It is a pretty sad statement that in a city blessed by being on the lake that we have to drive 20 minutes to legally take our dog to a lake access park.

We have a large population of dogs in this city that deserve better. The citizens of this city pay enough in taxes already and should not be asked to pay more for dog parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to complete this survey - I hope it will result in some action and better dog parks - not just more talk and inaction.

The parks should be designed so that the owners can walk around the parks, through the trees, on good walking paths so that they can let their dogs follow and it also will allow the people that constantly go to the park to socialize with others that are regulars while their dogs have a good walk or run. I think all parks should be available to dogs as long as their owners are responsible dog owners, and can manage their dogs.

It doesn't seem fair that dog owner must pay a licensing fee for their dogs but they do not feel their needs are being met

It's vitally important that no wilderness/natural parks such as Knox Mountain, Maude Roxby and the new Munson Parks be opened to dogs because they would have an adverse effect on wildlife, nesting birds and other wild critters.

In fact, there's no point in creating/conserving such areas if dogs are permitted to roam off-leash because they will run deer, destroy birds nests and unusual plant communities and disrupt other wildlife.

Dogs make the world a friendlier place. Even though there are some people who don't enjoy dogs being walked in public spaces, the majority of people respond favourably to well behaved dogs. People are far more likely to engage and say hello to strangers if they are walking a dog or dogs. Having a space for dogs to cool off in the water is so important in the summer and surely we can find another spot other than Cedar Creek park?

potential dog parks should never be in conflict with existing wildlife habitat.

I don't think all parks should be open to dogs, even on-leash. There are parks that should be havens for wildlife. Dogs are disruptive to birds, especially when they are nesting. They chase deer and squirrels. I think we all know that even where there are signs saying dogs must be on leash the vast majority of dog owners let them off anyway. This can be seen in Knox Mountain every day. This is a real concern for wildlife.

as the suggested area is in the North End near Knox Mountain, this will greatly increase the parking issues along Ellis Street. this area used to be a dog park, and it was really gross - people did not clean up after themselves or their dogs, it smelled awful in the summertime. to lessen the impact on the neighbourhood, the city should consider other off-leash areas other than the one in Glenmore and the mission - there should be another one that is central, or people will come to the north end as it is more convenient. the one in Glenmore is not convenient, and this proposed new location will become more of a destination

Having had a dog until recently, I have had experience in dog parks and with other dog owners.

Sadly, too many dog owners are not responsible with regards to their pets and their clean up in on-leash situations, thus making it difficult to welcome them into a park.

Too many of these people spend their time loudly yelling at their dogs and seem to not care about cleaning up after them. This makes it challenging for the "good" dog owners.

Dog bags available at the head of popular walking trails.

Signage reminding people that the trail is 'on leash' and responsible dog owners 'clean up after their dog'.

I've lived in Kelowna for a total of 28 years and have had a number of dogs over that period. The ideal beach park for dogs is the Knox Mountain area. The right half of Sutherland Park from the boat ramp to the far right is ideal for fencing in and making a dog park. The water is not really an ideal swimming area for people,, but is ideal for the dogs!! A shallow and sandy beach, it is the perfect park size for ball throwing, has trees for some shade,, picnic tables for spending quality time,, and already has a bathroom by the kid's park. I know years ago it was used as a dog park until a couple of neighbors complained. Well, I would think that now seeing how busy Knox Mountain is for hiking, disc golfing, tennis etc... that the neighbors would be used to the cars and people coming and going. As owners of three pieces of property in town we feel we contribute a fair share of property taxes and it would be nice to have a proper dog beach destination in our area. Another spot is that large beautiful area that the city has set aside for the disc golfers. I know it's a fun game but really, what percentage of property tax payers play disc golf?? And what percentage of property tax payers have dogs that need to be taken out for walks and playtime?? I've heard rumors that the city has been buying up some of the houses down there,, so re design the road at that Poplar Pointe corner around that last house (the green one,, if you haven't already purchased it) and give us some much needed dog beach space. As we all know,, Kelowna can be smoking hot in the summer and the dogs will thank you for it.

Mary

As a dog owner who was born and raised here, this is not a pet friendly city. There are small and inconveniently located pet friendly areas however it is almost like you're treated as an outcast for wanting to have pets in this city. It's a disgrace !

Kelowna talks the talk about being dog friendly, but doesn't walk to the walk. People need to realize that dogs are just as much part of peoples families as children are and need to include them into civilization in the city. Kelowna should look at Vancouver Island, specifically Tofino and Ucluelet for a better understanding of what pet-friendly looks like. The reality is that people need to take more responsibility of working with

their pets to ensure that they are properly socialized and as a City, Kelowna has a job in this by allowing people to bring their pets into more public places. Dogs aren't going away from peoples homes, and you are going to see more and more within the community, so now is the time to figure out how to best accept them. Adding more off leash dog parks is not the answer. Dogs should be allowed in all parks, even if they have to stay on leash and owners should be responsible to clean up after them.

I would help maintain a local dog park only. It would have to be walking distance.

Beach/lake access is #1 feature lacking in Kelowna. There needs to be water access for dogs to swim or owners will continue to take dogs to beach to swim where they are not allowed.

More on leash access to existing parks. Higher fines for dog owners that don't pickup their dogs poops.

This doesn't pertain to dog parks, but I really feel that cat owners should be obligated to take responsibility for their animals as well. There really isn't any reason they shouldn't have to tag and leash their cats, as people in my neighbourhood really don't like their flower beds and gardens being used as litter boxes. It would also generate more revenue for the Regional District.

Another dog park near or on the water would be great. I'd like to bring my dog to the Cedar Creek area more but it's so far away. an accessible space that people without a car could use would be amazing.

I also need to feel safe at the park. Lighting is a huge issue, especially if you want to use the park after work in the winter. I'd take my dog, but because of lighting issues I don't feel safe and I don't feel confident I can keep an eye on him and keep him under control if I can't see him in the dark.

I don't understand why cats aren't licensed in Kelowna, like they are in other cities. I see way more off leash cats than I do dogs (I live downtown). I've never been attacked by a dog in Kelowna, but I have by a cat. I couldn't look for a tag to see whether it had it's rabies shots or report it in any way. If money is needed to help pet owners, that seems like a good source!

- A chunky cheese like place indoors for dogs would be uber cool. Where 'parents' can have drinks and socialize with others. Especially during winter months. Dakotas wally ball courts would be a great place for this....

No off lease dog parks please

We need beach access dog parks more than any other kind, we have such a hot summer here in the Okanagan, and our dogs need to have access to the lakes too!!

Although not a dog owner, I appreciate dog parks in my neighbourhood and enjoy friendly dogs and their owners who I meet while out walking. I hear that Kelowna does not have sufficient dog beaches, as fur friends also like to cool off in the summer. There has previously been information about various possible downtown locations for a possible dog friendly beach - and my primary concern about opening any of these locations is the dramatic increase in vehicular traffic as well as dog impact on the environment. Please consider opening several dog beaches concurrently, to minimize the impact on any one neighbourhood, and

any one beach. Thank you!

ps - ongoing education to dog owners about their responsibilities of cleaning up dog poo is needed! I love our local dog park, but my front yard is often littered with feces that owners have not cleaned up.

Would love to see a water access dog park somewhere in lower mission and downtown. I can run my dog 17km from the hospital to knox and there is no dog water access which is inhumane! I have to drive 20 minutes to the dog park with water which encourages gas emissions by driving and increasing traffic patterns. Please make dog parks walking and running distances from people's homes. Lets be pro environment! I'm tired of driving to go to a water access dog park.
