

Resolution No. 2002-103 N.C.S.  
of the City of Petaluma, California

**EXPANDING THE HOURS DOGS MAY BE EXERCISED OFF LEASH  
IN DESIGNATED PARKS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has designated parks and hours where dogs may be exercised off leash; and

**WHEREAS**, the program has proved to be successful since its start in 1994; and

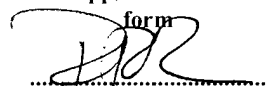
**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Advisory Committee and the Recreation, Music and Parks Commission are proposing an expansion of hours that dogs may be exercised off leash at designated parks, and proposing the implementation of a "Petaluma Dog Park/Off-Leash Exercise Area Community Education Plan."

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby authorizes that the hours to exercise dogs off leash at designated parks be expanded per the attached schedule, and that the Petaluma Animal Control Advisory Committee implement their "Petaluma Dog Park/Off-Leash Exercise Area Community Education Plan."

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Under the power and authority conferred upon this Council by the Charter of said City.

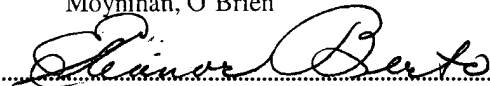
REFERENCE: I hereby certify the foregoing Resolution was introduced and adopted by the Council of the City of Petaluma at a (Regular) (Adjourned) (Special) meeting on the .....15th..... day of .....July....., 20...<sup>02</sup>..., by the following vote:

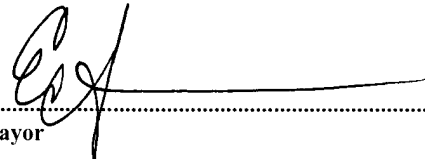
Approved as to form  
  
City Attorney

AYES: Cader-Thompson, Vice Mayor Healy, Maguire, Mayor Thompson, Torliatt

NOES: None

ABSENT: Moynihan, O'Brien

ATTEST:   
City Clerk

  
Mayor

**CITY OF PETALUMA – PARKS AND RECREATION - (707) 778-4380**  
**DOG EXERCISE AREAS**

In all Dog Run areas three rules apply:

**PROPOSED**

**A responsible person must:**

- a) Stay in the area with the animal
- b) Keep the animal under voice control
- c) Observe the anti-Litter Law by cleaning up after the dog

**Park areas and times where dogs are allowed to run off the leash are as follows:**

• Arroyo Park	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Bond Park	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Del Oro	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Lucchesi Park (Between Community Ctr. & Lynch Creek)	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• McNear Park (Enclosed Athletic Field only)	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Prince Park	6 a.m.-3 p.m.	Monday-Friday (Sept.-May)
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Monday-Friday (June-Aug.)
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Wiseman Airport Park. (Athletic Fields)	6 a.m.-11 a.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-8 a.m.	Saturday/Sunday
	8 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Glenbrook	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Monday-Sunday
	6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Sunrise Park	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Monday-Sunday
	6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Urban Separator (Corona-Ely)	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Monday-Sunday
	6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Westridge Open Space (East side of Creek Sunnyslope to Westridge Drive)	6 a.m.-10 a.m.	Monday-Sunday
	6 p.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Sunday
• Oakhill Park (Lower Section Only)	6 a.m.-10 p.m.	Monday-Friday
	6 a.m.-11 a.m. <u>and</u>	Saturday/Sunday
	5 p.m.-10 p.m.	

# PETALUMA DOG PARK/OFF-LEASH EXERCISE AREA COMMUNITY EDUCATION PLAN

## Objectives:

- To keep the parks clean and safe by teaching residents safety and etiquette guidelines for dog parks and off-leash exercise areas.
- To enhance the lives of resident dogs, their human companions and other citizens.
- To help residents determine whether their dogs are good candidates for dog parks/off-leash exercise areas.
- To help individuals who are afraid of dogs cope better when encountering them.

## Strategies:

Develop a brochure on dog park/off-leash etiquette for Parks and Rec. and Animal Services to provide to the public.

Publish an article on dog park/off-leash etiquette in Parks and Rec. catalog.

Offer a free dog park/off-leash etiquette class or classes (depending on demand).

Write and ask local newspapers to run a series of articles covering such topics as: What makes a good dog park and/or off-leash area candidate; alternatives for non-dog park candidates, appropriate park etiquette, how to read dog body language, the importance of voice control and obedience training, pooper-scooping and the law, how to safely break up a squabble, the right way to approach a dog, etc.

Produce a special show about dog parks for PCA (to be done by the producer of *Petaluma Pets for Adoption*, who is also a member of the Animal Services Advisory Committee).

Approach local pet therapy organizations to partner with Animal Services in helping adults and children who are afraid of dogs learn not to be. Also consider workshops on reading dog body language and dealing with strange dogs.

Ask Animal Services staff, volunteers and local dog trainers to conduct special educational programs at Rocky Dog Park and various off-leash sites.

Train the animal control officers in educating dog park users of appropriate etiquette.