



Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington

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Message from The President

I am continuously impressed by the nature of the people who choose to volunteer for DOGPAW. Intelligent, industrious, clever, and kind-hearted, our volunteers donate a wide variety of talent and skill, and bring tons of experience to sustain our dog parks.

With everyone's help -- committed volunteers, our members and our donors -- the Parks Foundation, OnPoint Community Credit Union, BPA, and Husky Fence, we have a great start on the huge project to install a new fence at the Ike/Ross Dog Park. We plan to be frugal and work on the fence in phases, as we acquire the dedicated funds. Right now, material prices are sky high, so we might hold off on doing more fence until things stabilize. *Stay tuned...*

Since you're reading this newsletter we know you're well informed, so maybe you can help us spread the word:

- While the parks open officially at 7AM many people show up in the morning way before then. Please remind folks to respect the neighbors and try not to wake them.
- Members and donors pay 100% of the costs of poop bags and waste removal. YOU pay for additional garbage and hauling when folks disregard the **Pet Waste Only** signs. And food waste just attracts RATS. So if you can, please remind people not to throw garbage or food waste in the dog waste disposal bins.
- And another very important way you can help. Ask your park-going friends if they know about DOGPAW. There's a good chance they'll say, "What's that?" Let them know that DOGPAW makes our dog parks possible. The city and the county don't have the resources to manage off-leash dog parks. **No DOGPAW, no Dog Parks**. Let them know that DOGPAW members -- **YOU** -- pay for all of the poop bags, dispensers, trash bins, and trash pickup. **YOU** contribute hundreds of volunteer hours a month to keep the parks operating and maintained.
- We have business-card-sized DOGPAW information cards available to give to folks who don't know what DOGPAW is. Let us know

ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org if you want some to hand out.

Next to the dogs, meeting and talking to people at the dog parks is a daily treat. Thanks for your support of our favorite parks!

Until next time,



Sally Jenkins, President, DOGPAW

Membership and Donations – News & Updates

WOOFSA! (*that's canine for WOWSA!*) We have 53 new and renewing members in July...The Ike PBD was a great day with 10 contributions. Summer weather sure brings out pups and their owners, and the giant reminder that we have a place to go with the dogs. Really grateful!

Tell your friends...at a DOGPAW dog park '*we let the dogs out.*'



DOGPAW Membership Card ... As we move forward (*out of this blasted past year*), we plan to set up some promotions that you as a member of DOGPAW can take advantage of. Now, hold on, it's not in place yet, but stay tuned. When we have news to report—you'll

be the first to know. But you'll have your card so you'll be ready to go. Sign up—become a member!

Other contributions this month bring new business sponsors and some dollars earmarked for Ike Fencing (*read on to find out more*). All of your contributions remain critical to support all the DOGPAW dog parks around Clark County, and they will help us expand our mission in support of DOGS! **Woof!**

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

DOGPAW Founders ... In The Beginning



Yes, we celebrate Independence Day in July, and we all live free thanks to the Founding Fathers. However, we also have DOGPAW Dog Parks where our dogs run free thanks to *our DOGPAW Founders*, one of whom is Pat Weinkauf. Let me tell you

some of the story...

Pat and husband Bob love Fallon and Tyler (Border Collies going on 12) and little Peppy (English Cream Mini Dachshund 6). They miss the dog park these days, but circa 2001, they missed nothing. Pat started an information-gathering campaign on her walks, asking folks she passed, with or without dogs, if they had any interest in a dog park. Pretty soon, she advanced to a clipboard with a petition, *walking a lot and taking names*.

Pat wanted to exercise her dogs—her very busy, very active herding dogs. And there was no place close that she could do that legally. Having heard about other cities with dog parks, she and other dedicated dog owners headed to the site of Pacific Park, and on its some 44+ acres they banded together to secure and maintain the site, and pay for waste disposal. (*Officials quietly looked the other way.*)



“I attended a lot of City and County Council meetings early on.” She and her cohorts would show up in large numbers to advocate for “the off-leash effort.” They continued their lobby, particularly after learning that plans for the multi-use Pacific Park had no allocation for an off-leash area. They continued to religiously hand in their signed petitions.

“We felt that we had proven the interest and support for dog parks in our community, and believed that dog owners deserved to have a legal, safe off leash park in Vancouver.”

After a couple of years and significant effort, that even required changing some ordinances about off-leash dogs, the County committed 8 acres at Pacific Park. At the time, this parcel would become the largest off leash park in the greater Portland area.

Now DOGPAW also realized they needed to step up their game from casual to formal; this meant becoming a 501c3 non-profit corporation. From mid-2004 through early 2005 this dedicated group of volunteers worked through the application process with the required Federal and Washington State governmental bodies.

In March 2005, DOGPAW became a 501c3 non-profit corporation.

Next month...more of the story



Volunteers

We do LOVE our DOGPAW Volunteers. If you see something that you think needs doing for one or all of the parks, we hope you'll let us know. Our volunteers are talented folks and *'we got skills.'* Obviously, you love the dog parks too, so contact the [DOGPAW Volunteer Coordinator](#) and pitch your ideas. We'd love to hear from you.



Dakota Beautification D

Not THAT Dakota...
(sorry, couldn't resist, tee hee)



Quiet Dakota Morning

DAKOTA Park Beautification Day, Saturday, August 7, 2021, Beginning @ 10AM, 1515 NE 164th Ave. Vancouver, @ NE 18th St. (entrances on 164th and 172nd Ave.

Please join us at Dakota Dog Park.

Volunteers—Sign in at the Volunteer Table. Get your vest.

Bring the usual: gloves, face mask, water, shovels and rakes if you have them for the usual filling of holes and picking up poop and litter. Additional rigorous work will be directed by the Park Operations Manager.

Membership—Sign up at the Membership Table.

- New or Renew
- Donate there too!

Volunteers, new members, and donations are always needed and gratefully appreciated...go to dogpawoffleashparks.org / [Volunteer](#)

See you there!

Next Park Beautification Day – Save The Date

Saturday, September 18, Beginning @ 10AM **Lucky Park Beautification Day**

Sponsor Spotlight



Discover Balance

Wow—sign me up: Acupuncture, Floating, Infrared Sauna, Massage, Energy Healing ... Vancouver's new center for health and wellness on SE Mill Plain. DOGPAW welcomes our newest Bronze sponsor...ooh, massage. Click on Discover Balance above to check them out!



Spectrum

Industry-leading products made for small business and residential installations.

Consider re-evaluating your technology needs and find ways to reduce costs for internet, voice, and TV — contact Spectrum for their help. DOGPAW welcomes their help too as they join us with a Silver sponsorship. *Click on Spectrum above to take a look — and, they're hiring!*

Know a business you love and that is supportive of dogs and DOGPAW Off Leash Parks? Send their names to sponsor@dogpawoffleashparks.org, and our Sponsorship Coordinator can add them to our list of potential sponsors.

Woof!

Annual Sponsor Levels — Read all about what's available on the DOGPAW Website.

DOGPAW Works Hard for DOGS



Rusty makes his move.

Do you want to help make DOGPAW Dog Parks even better? Do you have a passion for pups, fresh ideas, experience, and expertise that is going unappreciated? Then perhaps being a member of the DOGPAW Board is just the move *you* need to make.

Each job description is explained on the DOGPAW website. It's a GREAT group!

This could be your chance to make a difference in support of the DOGPAW Mission = DOGS!

See open Board positions at dogpawoffleashparks.org / [Volunteer](#)

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator

Email ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org if you have questions or need more information.

More people – more dogs – more parks!

Ike Fencing Update

Have you been to Ike lately?

Have you seen the new fence?

*(So you say I'm giddy over fencing
... dog straight I am. It's gorgeous.)*

The Board will be commemorating this progress with signage—coming soon.

A big thank you to the **Parks Foundation of Clark County** and **OnPoint Community Credit Union** for their 2020 Grant Award that helped make this new fence possible.

'Good fences make good neighbors' says Robert Frost, and we of DOGPAW agree with that premise. Visit Ike, check out the Upper Deck Beauty...we're on our way.



A *Rapid Response Team* quickly formed to fill some gaps under the new fence due to uneven terrain. The *Ike Irregulars* always work hard for the park: Larry, Eileen, Marc, Eddie, and others...remember it's our *double decker*.



Go to the [DOGPAW Website/Membership Donations](#), Click **Donate for Ike Park Fencing**...or just donate. We need funds to pay as we go—time and materials.

Woof!

Need to send a check? Please indicate '*Ike Project*' to ensure that your funds get assigned to the project. (*Mailing address in Contact information below.*)

Ike Dog Park Thanks You – PBD – July 10, 2021



Well, it wasn't May 4th, but DOGPAW was out in force and worked so hard at the Ike Park Beautification Day (PBD). What workers we have...this list may

not be all inclusive, but here goes: Jenny Thompson, Alessandra Galato, Priscilla Gamboa, Bren Smith, Mike Taylor, Jason and Micah Phelps, Amy Radley, Michele Black, Maxine Adams, David Hoffman... Some 14.5 *volunteer* hours logged for these folks.

In addition to filling holes, cleaning poop, weed whacking around the upper gate, and all around picking up; they filled the dumpster with the brush pile... whew! And, a new gate latch was welded and then installed on the upper gate.



Grateful for these hard-working guys!
Eddie Dorr and Marty Rutkovitz

And of course, our Intrepid Leaders

Fun Selfie and *Selfless*

Marty Rutkovitz and Eddie Dorr

Thank You!

...Thank you again, all of our volunteers who came out to the Ike PBD.

...Thank You note from the Membership Table to T. Primm who *paid it forward*. He signed up with a new DOGPAW membership + three more for the next three folks.

...Thank you to **Everyone** who is conscientious and follows the rules.

...Thank you to **Everyone** who picks up extra poop and stray litter at all the dog parks. You make our dog parks possible!

We love our pets, our volunteers, surely our members, and are grateful for our Business Sponsors. **Thank you all!**

Did You Know?

Pups Are What They Eat. So, what should they, you know — eat?

With Farmer's Markets everywhere this time of year, maybe take a look at this

AKC article on fruits and vegetables. Pups Yes's and No's
<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/fruits-vegetables-dogs-can-and-cant-eat/>.

Agility Trials, What a great time watching these energetic dogs – Sat/Sun, August 28–29, 2021 HOSTED BY: Columbia Agility Team, Clark County Fairgrounds Ridgefield, Washington

If you're interested in Agility Training—herd 'em on over to **Brigand's Hideout** in Battle Ground. DOGPAW Founder, Pat Weinkauff ran agility trials with her pups for over 15 years and she recommends this facility.

Part-Time Accountant – DOGPAW is looking for a part-time accountant to help with financial reporting, Quick Book experience a plus. Know someone?

DOGPAW Bulletin Boards – More DOGPAW flyers on our bulletin boards have QR codes to make it easier for you to donate.

Keep reading the newsletter.

Mutt Shots



Dakota Meet-N-Greet



I'm a genetic cross of this and that,
But by now my mix is moot,
Some Schnauz some Newf,
some Airedale, so what!
Cuz I'm **Babalou** and I sure am cute!



I'm so fluffy...

Reminders

- **Please follow the Rules**...they are posted at every park. A few infractions make it hard on everyone (*see the President's Message above*)
 - The rules are for the safety and protection of all our dogs and park-goers.
 - All dogs must be licensed.
- DOGPAW Bulletin Boards are for DOGPAW business only, no advertising or other posts.
- Remember to make your Amazon purchases using [Smile Amazon](#)—Assign DOGPAW as your charitable organization. Easy...and DOGPAW gets a portion.
- Lock up your vehicle when you are at the dog park to go walk your pup(s).
- Don't leave valuables or items visible in your car
- Seeing a break in in progress or emergency – **dial 911**
- Discover car broken into after the fact but not a true emergency, (termed *a cold break in*) **dial 311** for Clark County Non-Emergency
- **Covid19:** If you have questions about Covid19 behaviors, please refer to Clark County Health Department guidelines [here](#).
- Remain diligent about pet health and if your pup is sick—please stay home.

- This brings up another reminder to keep your pet current with all their shots.
- **Please caretake your pet.** Be aware of your dog, carry a lead, consider the small dog park, if appropriate.
- **Please cleanup after your pet** and dispose of the waste in provided receptacles. No one wants to step in it.
- **Male dogs older than 12 months must be Neutered.**
- **Please pick up paper and pet litter.**

Contacts

Suggestions and Reminders welcome: [Newsletter Suggestions](#)

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Volunteering: We can **ALWAYS** use your help! [Volunteer Form](#)

Questions? ask@dogpawoffleashparks.org

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Just want to learn more about DOGPAW --- check out our website:

www.dogpawoffleashparks.org

DOGPAW OFF-LEASH DOG PARK LOCATIONS:

Dakota: 1515 N.E. 164th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Ike (Ross): 5167 N.E. 15th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Kane: 10910 N.E. 172nd Ave. Vancouver, WA

Lucky: 10100 N.E. 149th St. Brush Prairie, WA



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