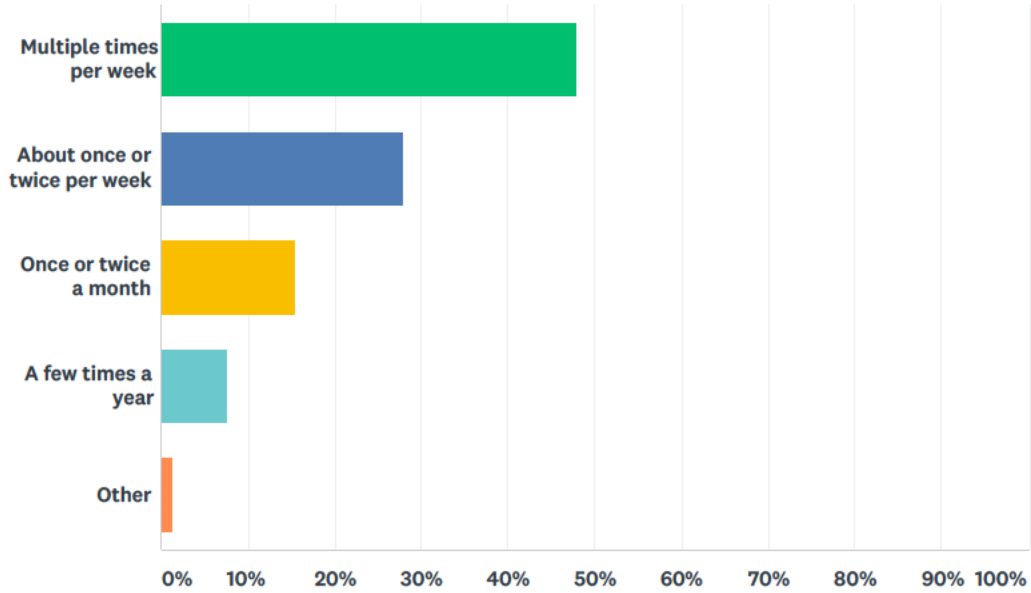


Q1 How often do you visit a City park?

Answered: 1,970 Skipped: 1

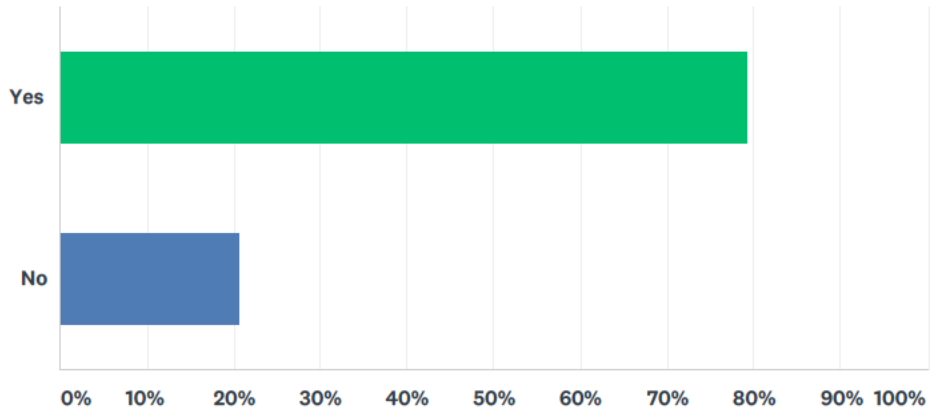


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multiple times per week	47.97%	945
About once or twice per week	27.82%	548
Once or twice a month	15.58%	307
A few times a year	7.46%	147
Other	1.17%	23
TOTAL		1,970

Q2 In general, do you feel dogs should be allowed in City of Madison parks?

Answered: 1,963 Skipped: 8

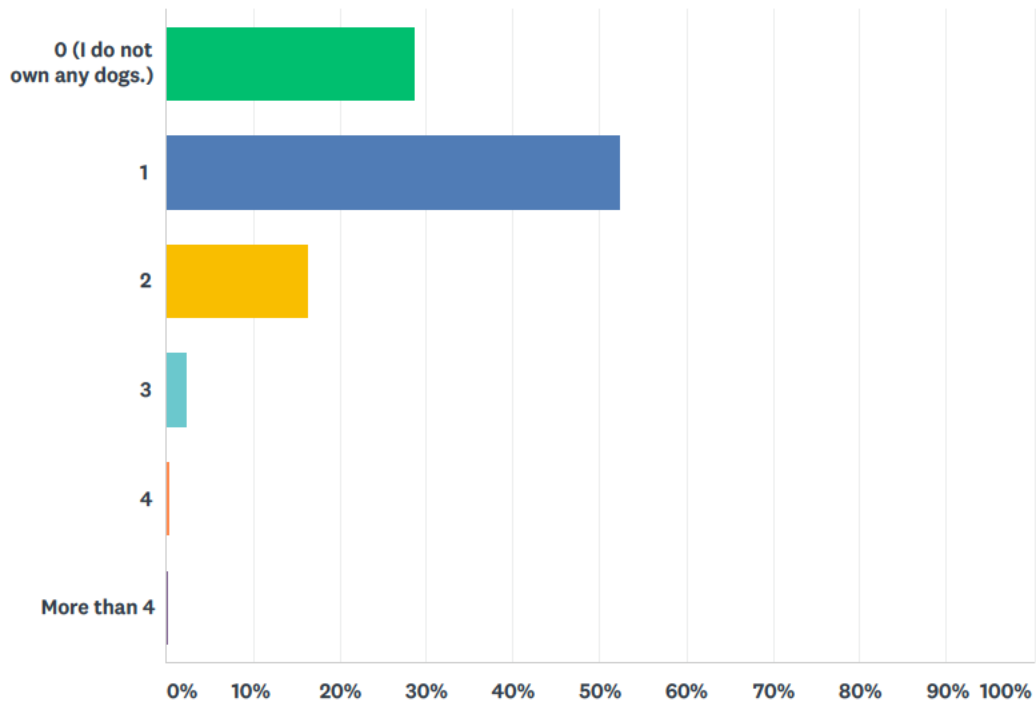
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.27%	1,556
No	20.73%	407
TOTAL		1,963

Q3 Do you have a dog (or dogs) in your household?

Answered: 1,971 Skipped: 0



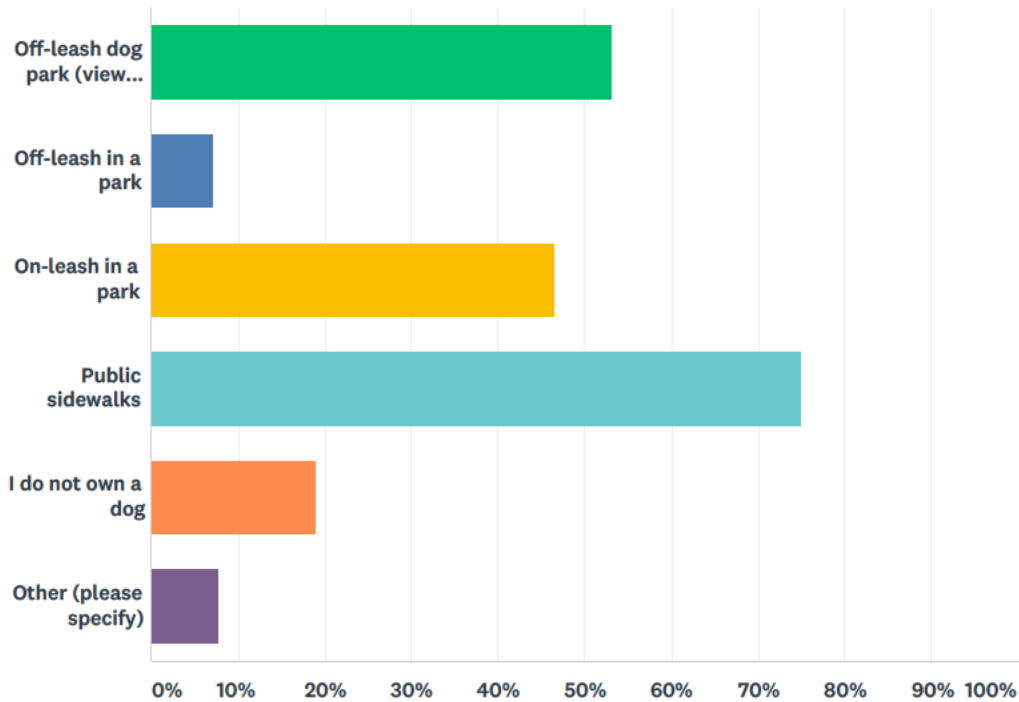
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0 (I do not own any dogs.)	28.56%	563
1	52.26%	1,030
2	16.29%	321
3	2.23%	44

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4	0.51%	10
More than 4	0.15%	3
TOTAL		1,971

Q4 If you own a dog(s), where do you currently walk? Please select all that apply.

Answered: 1,753 Skipped: 218



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Off- eash dog park (v ew here)	53.17% 932
Off- eash n a park	7.07% 124
On- eash n a park	46.49% 815
Pub c s dewa ks	74.96% 1,314
I do not own a dog	19.05% 334
Other (p ease spec fy)	7.64% 134
Total Respondents: 1,753	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Off- eash on pr vate property	8/18/2019 11:58 AM
2	Wou d use off- eash dog park f there was one c ose enough. They are too far away.	8/17/2019 4:07 AM
3	There s no off- eash park c ose enough to us! We ve at E Johnson & B a r. We need one w th n wa k ng d stance. We do not own a car.	8/16/2019 7:07 PM
4	stay at home	8/16/2019 9:34 AM

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5	Go f courses and anywhere dogs are a owed	8/15/2019 4:40 PM
6	RR tracks, both on- eash and off- eash	8/15/2019 9:35 AM
7	DNR pub c and and dog tra n ng ground where dogs are a owed off eash	8/15/2019 8:48 AM
8	H k ng tra s (on a eash)	8/15/2019 6:09 AM
9	Outs de c ty of Mad son	8/15/2019 5:28 AM
10	I have a back yard.	8/14/2019 10:00 AM
11	ce age, m tary r dge tra s	8/13/2019 4:40 AM
12	when we have fam y dogs they wa k on the s dewa k, on y two of f ve dogs have dog park perm ts	8/12/2019 5:28 PM
13	I	8/12/2019 4:13 PM
14	tra s and paths (on eash)	8/12/2019 10:53 AM
15	No onger go to off eash dog parks because of prob ems not superv s ng the r dogs wh ch has resu ted n my dog be ng nt m dated too many t mes by arge unattended dogs	8/12/2019 9:58 AM
16	off eash s n dog park	8/10/2019 1:51 PM
17	Off eaf n open green spaces.	8/8/2019 3:52 AM
18	Yard	8/7/2019 5:30 AM
19	H k ng n state parks and nat ona forests	8/6/2019 11:10 AM
20	county parks	8/6/2019 9:42 AM
21	Backyard	8/6/2019 9:26 AM
22	On- eash n the dangerous streets because there are not s dewa ks n every ne ghborhood.	8/6/2019 6:53 AM
23	On the b ke paths	8/5/2019 3:59 PM
24	On eash around ne ghborhood	8/4/2019 4:31 PM
25	Pr vate and	8/4/2019 1:39 PM
26	Farm and	8/3/2019 4:39 PM
27	I dr ve to b ke paths downtown or n cottage grove	8/3/2019 11:55 AM
28	On the street	8/3/2019 11:53 AM
29	State parks	8/3/2019 9:15 AM
30	A ways on a eash	8/2/2019 12:56 PM
31	on eash on b ke tra	8/2/2019 8:35 AM
32	But I wa k My Fr ends Dog on the S dewa k on a Leash not runn ng Free n a Park, Parks are NOT for FREE ROOMING DOGS!!!!	8/2/2019 8:13 AM
33	We wa k n the street most often, as our ne ghborhood does not have s dewa ks	8/1/2019 4:16 PM
34	Fr end's yards n the country	8/1/2019 11:15 AM
35	Off eash at a fr ends farm	7/31/2019 4:46 AM
36	On eash n Garner Park	7/31/2019 3:48 AM
37	Fenced n yard on our property at Kenn	7/30/2019 9:03 AM
38	Pr vate property	7/29/2019 3:17 PM
39	on eash n Resurrect on cemetery	7/29/2019 10:02 AM
40	We trave to areas outs de of Mad son to be ab e to wa k w th our dog and g ve our dog what t needs to be we -behaved.	7/29/2019 9:15 AM
41	Ra Road r ght of ways	7/29/2019 6:58 AM
42	I wa ked my dogs on- eash on the path ny the ake on Yahara Park, never went as far as the ch dren's p ayground are	7/29/2019 6:39 AM

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43	We don't have a yard and there's no park we are allowed to use with n d stance so th s s our on y cho ce.	7/28/2019 5:02 PM
44	UW akeshore path often, somet mes SW b ke path	7/28/2019 3:11 PM
45	My ne ghborhood- no s dewa ks	7/28/2019 3:30 AM
46	C ty streets-ne ghborhood does not have s dewa ks	7/27/2019 11:38 AM
47	I dog s t for mu t p e c ents and wa k near many parks—E ms de C rc e, Yahara P ace, Orton Park.	7/26/2019 7:02 AM
48	A ong Yahara R ver	7/26/2019 2:49 AM
49	State and county parks as we as other pub c ands	7/25/2019 1:43 PM
50	Current y, on y because my ast greyhound d ed.	7/25/2019 11:48 AM
51	I take care of fam y & fr end dogs per od ca y, n my home, so I'm answers as a dog 'owner'.	7/25/2019 7:26 AM
52	Off eash n ra corr dor, on eash b ke/ped paths	7/25/2019 2:26 AM
53	My husband takes h s dog to work and we take our dog to as many pub c p aces that w a ow.	7/24/2019 4:48 PM
54	B ke tra	7/24/2019 1:09 PM
55	Streets, s nce my ne ghborhood doesn't have s dewa ks.	7/24/2019 10:28 AM
56	On- eash s de of street	7/24/2019 2:34 AM
57	On- eash on tra s (Ice Age)	7/23/2019 8:50 AM
58	Ra road tracks	7/23/2019 6:47 AM
59	B ke paths	7/22/2019 7:33 PM
60	Streets where there are no s dewa ks	7/22/2019 5:08 PM
61	Back yard off eash	7/22/2019 10:46 AM
62	Pub c spaces not dent f ed as parks.	7/22/2019 9:20 AM
63	On the akes n the w nter w th dog off- eash	7/22/2019 8:34 AM
64	non-c ty parks where dogs are a owed	7/22/2019 6:36 AM
65	Pr vate property off eash	7/22/2019 6:14 AM
66	on or off eash n a w d space, ke next to the RR tracks	7/22/2019 6:07 AM
67	b ke paths	7/22/2019 6:04 AM
68	Fr end's property	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
69	I have owned dogs n my fe so I am not ant dog. I just don't want them n parks, schoo areas, etc., for the obv ous reasons!	7/22/2019 6:00 AM
70	Off- eash n pr vate y-owned fenced areas	7/22/2019 3:23 AM
71	I eave the c ty and use a county park.	7/21/2019 9:05 PM
72	When I d d own a dog I took them to off- eash dog parks and pub c s dewa ks.	7/21/2019 6:24 PM
73	The	7/21/2019 4:14 AM
74	Pub c B ke Paths	7/20/2019 2:36 PM
75	Off eash near boat aunches	7/20/2019 12:45 PM
76	Pr vate dog park	7/20/2019 5:30 AM
77	State park tra s	7/19/2019 3:27 PM
78	I am a dog wa ker and caretaker for a few fr ends and ne ghbors. I usua y wa k them n the ne ghborhood but have a so v s ted severa of Mad son's off- eash dog parks, w th and w thout the r owners.	7/19/2019 5:07 AM
79	We have 5 acres. So f not at home then t's pub c hunt ng and we are wa k ng.	7/19/2019 4:47 AM
80	I take my arge dog everywhere I can. She's very fr end y and oves peop e.	7/19/2019 2:54 AM

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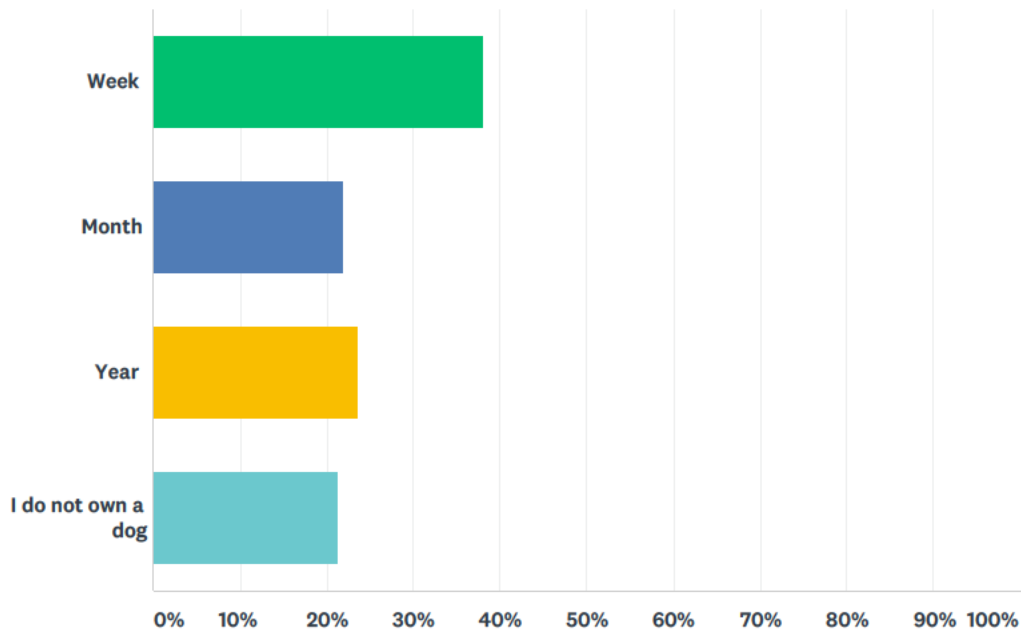
81	I moved out of Madison this year to give my dogs a good place to live.	7/18/2019 8:49 PM
82	Bike paths	7/18/2019 6:32 PM
83	On-leash dog park	7/18/2019 4:01 PM
84	Mult-use bike & pedestrian path	7/18/2019 10:02 AM
85	public walking or bike trails	7/18/2019 8:12 AM
86	My own yard	7/18/2019 7:25 AM
87	On-leash outside of Madison (Where ever I go)	7/18/2019 6:20 AM
88	Bike and Walk Paths	7/18/2019 6:18 AM
89	Episcopal dogs on campus	7/18/2019 5:43 AM
90	State or county park	7/18/2019 4:58 AM
91	Bike on-leash on street	7/18/2019 4:50 AM
92	On-leash in town or at dog parks	7/18/2019 4:45 AM
93	On-leash in parks that allow dogs	7/18/2019 3:58 AM
94	state and county parks	7/18/2019 3:53 AM
95	Off-leash dog parks	7/18/2019 3:36 AM
96	State parks county parks etc	7/18/2019 1:55 AM
97	UW Madison green space	7/18/2019 1:48 AM
98	Anywhere away from busy street I can.	7/17/2019 11:50 PM
99	my fenced-in yard	7/17/2019 9:52 PM
100	Streets, neighborhood has no sidewalks. A soft course in winter, off-leash.	7/17/2019 6:55 PM
101	Bike/walking path	7/17/2019 6:04 PM
102	our neighborhood doesn't have many sidewalks so in the street	7/17/2019 5:14 PM
103	on-leash in a non Madison park where it's allowed	7/17/2019 4:52 PM
104	I have a service dog who walks everywhere with me	7/17/2019 4:44 PM
105	Backyard exercising w/ ball	7/17/2019 4:39 PM
106	Neighborhood roadsides and county dog parks	7/17/2019 3:18 PM
107	Dane County Dog Parks	7/17/2019 2:24 PM
108	On private property	7/17/2019 12:14 PM
109	I previously had many dogs and we utilized off-leash parks, on-leash in parks and sidewalks.	7/17/2019 7:23 AM
110	County and state parks, bike trails.	7/17/2019 5:20 AM
111	State Parks	7/17/2019 5:16 AM
112	We sometimes walk in the park then we also sometimes walk on sidewalks and then we also have a big backyard so don't go on walks much	7/17/2019 4:05 AM
113	On-leash in the parks that allow dogs	7/17/2019 3:52 AM
114	my yard	7/17/2019 3:23 AM
115	L	7/17/2019 2:42 AM
116	Road when no sidewalks.	7/17/2019 2:33 AM
117	Because of the distance from my home of an off-leash park and transportation issues, rarely make it to an off-leash dog park	7/17/2019 2:07 AM
118	Public hunting grounds	7/17/2019 1:46 AM
119	State parks	7/17/2019 1:30 AM

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120	Lakeshore path	7/16/2019 5:58 PM
121	C ty streets w thout s dewa ks	7/16/2019 5:50 PM
122	b ke path	7/16/2019 5:45 PM
123	State W d fe Areas	7/16/2019 4:33 PM
124	b ke paths	7/16/2019 4:25 PM
125	my back yard	7/16/2019 3:49 PM
126	Th s quest on s confus ng, are you ask ng where I wa k? Where I wa k w th my dog? Both?	7/16/2019 11:06 AM
127	They are conf ned to our yard v a fence, due to rough exper ences w th dogs and care ess owners.	7/16/2019 9:57 AM
128	Our fenced backyard	7/16/2019 7:40 AM
129	Governor's Is and, Mendota Menta Hea th Inst. and a so n County Parks	7/16/2019 7:26 AM
130	Just ost our dog, but used to go to McKee Park or cheat and wa k through Manchester Park.	7/16/2019 6:45 AM
131	unoff c a Starkweather Creek tra	7/16/2019 6:07 AM
132	Mad son streets w/o s dewa ks, b ke/wa k ng tra s	7/16/2019 6:07 AM
133	w d spaces	7/16/2019 5:02 AM
134	I used to own dogs and th nk dogs shou d be a owed n some m ted parks w th str ct ru es. Quest on #2 above s poor y worded.	7/16/2019 4:35 AM

Q5 If you own a dog(s), have you visited an off-leash dog park area in the past...

Answered: 1,617 Sk pped: 354



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Week	37.97%	614
Month	21.89%	354
Year	23.69%	383

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I do not own a dog

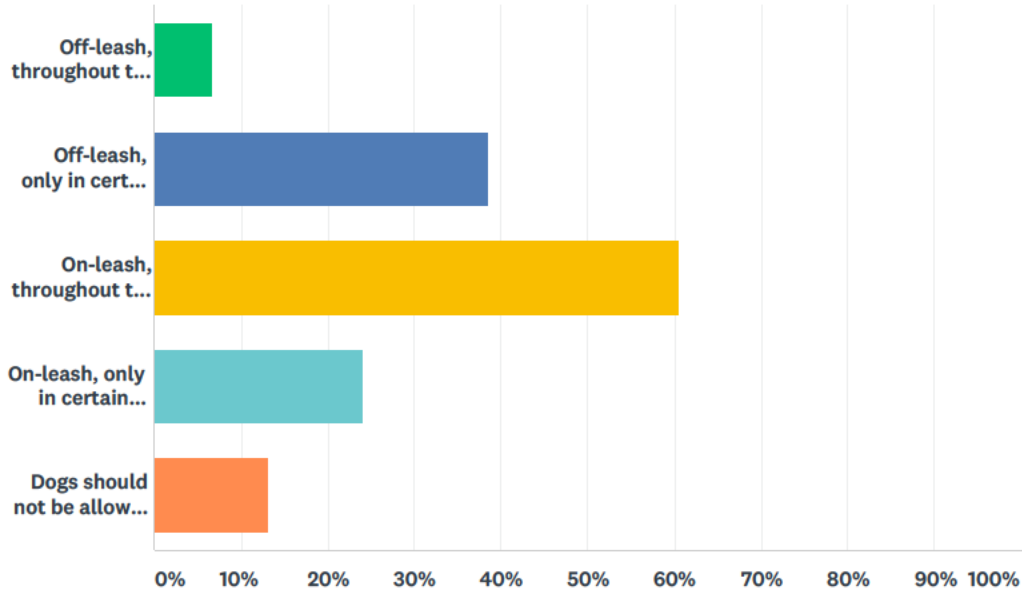
21.27%

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Total Respondents: 1,617

Q6 If dogs are allowed in City of Madison parks, should they be allowed:

Answered: 1,966 Skipped: 5

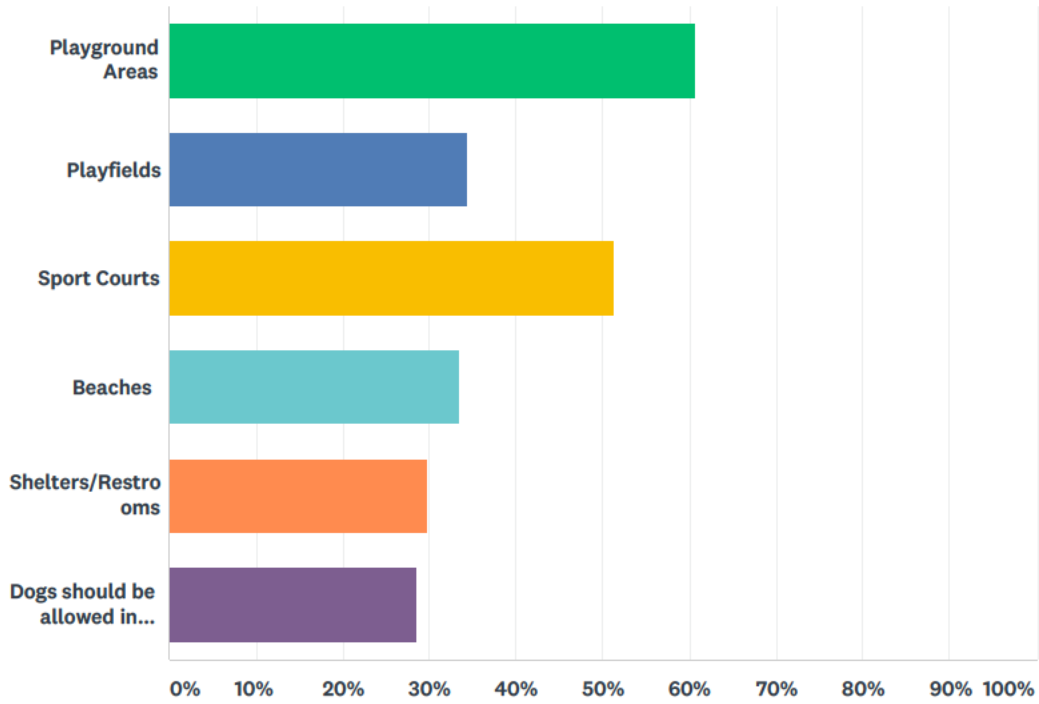


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Off-leash, throughout the park	6.77%	133
Off-leash, only in certain areas	38.45%	756
On-leash, throughout the park	60.38%	1,187
On-leash, only in certain areas	24.06%	473
Dogs should not be allowed in parks	13.12%	258
Total Respondents: 1,966		

Q7 If dogs are allowed in City of Madison parks, should they be restricted from certain areas of a park such as:

Answered: 1,903 Skipped: 68

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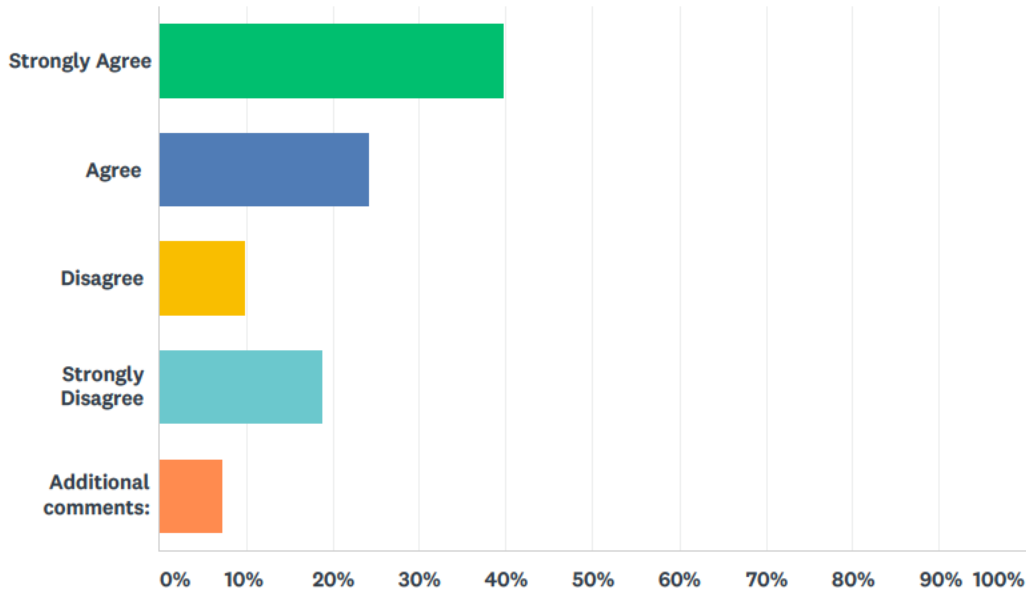


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Playground Areas	60.64%	1,154
Playfields	34.31%	653
Sport Courts	51.23%	975
Beaches	33.53%	638
Shelters/Restrooms	29.80%	567
Dogs should be allowed in parks without restrictions	28.43%	541
Total Respondents: 1,903		

Q8 The current ordinance restricting dogs in parks prevents me from using the City parks as much as I would like.

Answered: 1,925 Skipped: 46

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Strongly Agree	39.84% 767
Agree	24.36% 469
Disagree	9.77% 188
Strongly Disagree	18.81% 362
Additional comments:	7.22% 139
TOTAL	1,925

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE
1	We enjoy our dogs at home and in developed spaces like sidewalks. We go to parks to enjoy with birds and wild life in natural areas of parks.	8/15/2019 4:40 PM
2	The Schenk Atwood neighborhood has some of the greatest dog density in the city, yet the enormous greenspace of Orchards off limits on or off leash, forcing residents to drive (CO2 anyone) if they want exercise for their dog.	8/15/2019 3:08 PM
3	Warner Dog Park off leash area is not secure from dogs escaping into the main park area.	8/15/2019 6:51 AM
4	I would go more often if dogs were allowed	8/14/2019 4:14 PM
5	Current ordinance doesn't affect me	8/14/2019 2:16 PM
6	My parents own a dog and we're visiting recently. They were not able to use the city dog parks because they couldn't locate any kiosks for purchasing daily permits. It was very disappointing	8/14/2019 1:53 PM
7	Dogs are welcome on leash	8/14/2019 12:24 PM
8	Keeping dogs on leashes in public places is important to allow children as well as adults with allergies to enjoy parks. In addition, when I grew up with and enjoy dogs, I have also been bitten in the park by a small dog with not even a sorry from the owner (the dog was not on a leash and I did not try to pet or run from it).	8/14/2019 7:48 AM
9	Dog poop left is a nasty thing to find in parks	8/13/2019 12:15 PM
10	Disagree - since I just use the park regardless of restrictions, but it would be nice to have the parks actually reflect usage.	8/9/2019 6:36 AM
11	We, it's the lack of enforcement of the current ordinance that discourages me from using parks...	8/7/2019 8:41 AM

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12	There s so much restr ct on n terms of dogs that I wou d say most restr ct ons are just gnored. Most peop e, nc ud ng myse f br ng wa k dogs n the parks. If there were more off eash areas and reasonab e restr ct ons peop e may stop comp ete y d sregard ng the ru es.	8/6/2019 3:04 PM
13	When I am w th my dogs I wou d ke to wa k through the parks.	8/6/2019 12:48 PM
14	As a sen or c t zen w th two musc e d seases, I've ong had troub e w th dogs not contro ed by the r owners. They can eas y knock me over and cause a broken h p because I have osteoporos s. I don't want to contend w th dogs n non-dog parks.	8/6/2019 4:57 AM
15	Due to a erg es, I wou d ke to keep dog parks separate.	8/5/2019 3:24 PM
16	o d peop e cant take a dog on a bus to a dog park. There s a equ ty sssue here!	8/5/2019 2:09 PM
17	No oose dogs n park keep t the way t s	8/5/2019 6:18 AM
18	Not app cab e p	8/5/2019 2:10 AM
19	Just the oppos te!	8/4/2019 8:11 AM
20	I wou d not enjoy shar ng the parks w th dogs.	8/4/2019 5:40 AM
21	I want a dog and want to be ab e to wa k them n a parks	8/4/2019 4:19 AM
22	Dogs n parks wou d reduce my park usage.	8/3/2019 11:42 PM
23	Dogs n parks often makes the parks unsafe for fam es us ng them—ether due to safety, a erg es or unco ected poop	8/3/2019 1:30 PM
24	Shou d not be a owed.	8/3/2019 8:48 AM
25	I've ved n Mad son for 30 years and was unaware, unt recent y, that dogs weren't a owed n parks.	8/3/2019 7:29 AM
26	Peop e a ready br ng dogs to parks. I have had to remove my ch d when aggress ve dogs were at Orton Park.	8/3/2019 5:00 AM
27	When fam y v s ts w th the r dog we can't go to parks	8/2/2019 6:09 PM
28	I do not need to take my dog to a peop e and ch dren park	8/2/2019 12:56 PM
29	Dogs are most y n ce but runn ng n packs and fght ng are anathema to park use	8/2/2019 12:12 PM
30	parks wou d not be safe for ch dren, espec a y those w th d sab t es as peop e do not p ck up the r dog poop. a so the poop s st there even when p cked up and can make many peop e . I am a erg c to dogs, stup d peop e et them run up th nk ng I ke them and do not.	8/2/2019 12:11 PM
31	Our yard backs up to Brentwood park. We don't take our dogs, nstead wa k ng to Warner off eash park. But I not ce ots of ne ghbors gnore the ru e and et the r dogs run off eash. Honest y t dr ves our fenced n dogs crazy, so not a huge fan. But I don't see why eashes superv sed dogs shou dn't be a owed n the park	8/1/2019 4:16 PM
32	Current on Vacc nat ons shou d be requ red	8/1/2019 4:09 AM
33	Strong y d sagree. A ow ng dogs n parks off eash wou d prevent my fam y from us ng parks as much.	7/30/2019 5:08 PM
34	I go where dogs are a owed	7/30/2019 4:37 PM
35	It enab es me to use the parks as much as I wou d ke.	7/30/2019 3:25 PM
36	You can have ord nance BUT who pays attent on. None I have seen, when wa k ng w th my fr ends and the r dogs. Owners argue ch dren are a owed, what's the d fference. On- eash means put a eash on your dog, but et t run free.	7/30/2019 6:36 AM
37	Strong y d sagree. I ke dogs, and have cared for dogs n the past. Some peop e cannot be around dogs at a , so I th nk that most parks shou d be free of dogs. (A ready, many dog owners are respons b e. P ease do not encourage them to behave poor y n even more p aces.)	7/29/2019 9:06 PM
38	We ve across the street from Monona Bay on South Shore Dr ve, and the park and adjacent to the bay s a pub c park, where dogs are not ega y a owed. I wou d ke to see th s Park as a ow ng dogs on eash.	7/29/2019 12:44 PM
39	The oppos te s true for us; hav ng dog restr ct ons n parks keeps our fam y and other ne ghborhood ch dren safer and more ke y to spend as much t me as we do n parks.	7/29/2019 8:40 AM

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40	Dogs can be a danger to children paying free y and dog owners are not responsible with removing dog waste which is disgusting.	7/29/2019 7:06 AM
41	I wasn't aware that dogs are not allowed in most parks	7/29/2019 6:13 AM
42	unless there are City staff monitoring the situation in each park, dog owners may not observe leash law and sometimes have stood by while the big happy dog jumped on me.	7/28/2019 9:48 AM
43	I shouldn't have to drive 10 minutes to be able to walk my dog. I don't need to walk her off leash! But my neighborhood as do many others in town doesn't have sidewalks. To be able to enjoy a park and have a place to actually walk my dog that doesn't require driving or walking extensively in the roads why live so close to a park! Was shocked to move here and learn you can't have dogs in parks.	7/28/2019 2:58 AM
44	There are plenty of dog parks. What more do you need? Honestly, having a dog in the city's border is an abuse. It's too hot and there's not enough green space for such an animal to run. Allowing them in children's playground areas won't help the situation.	7/28/2019 2:37 AM
45	I don't follow the "no walking with a leashed dog" because that's ridiculous	7/27/2019 9:40 AM
46	Even now in currently no-dog parks one can have off leash dogs running up to your picnic table, jumping on you while doing ta-ch, etc.	7/27/2019 4:11 AM
47	I (like many others), ignore the no dogs on leash in parks ordinance.. I believe it's ridiculous.	7/26/2019 4:44 AM
48	It did. In any progressive city, dogs should be allowed on leash with a RESPONSIBLE OWNER.	7/25/2019 11:48 AM
49	I live two blocks from Orchard Park, but cannot walk there with my dog because no dogs are allowed.	7/24/2019 12:06 PM
50	not applicable	7/24/2019 7:13 AM
51	I do not own a dog	7/23/2019 3:18 AM
52	I am satisfied with current restrictions	7/22/2019 3:44 PM
53	The presence of dogs in parks and on bike paths endangered me.	7/22/2019 12:06 PM
54	Strongly disagree +I would use parks less if the dog policy changed to allow dogs in more parks and spaces within parks.	7/22/2019 12:01 PM
55	I would use and enjoy city parks more if I knew dogs were welcome there!	7/22/2019 11:46 AM
56	Not yet, but I will when I get a dog	7/22/2019 11:34 AM
57	I'm really not affected because I do not own a dog.	7/22/2019 9:19 AM
58	Neither agree nor disagree	7/22/2019 9:01 AM
59	only because I do not have a dog currently	7/22/2019 8:19 AM
60	Service dogs should be admitted on leash. I own a dog but never take my dog to a park. Dogs in parks should be fenced in areas that they are allowed in only, unless the dog is a service animal	7/22/2019 8:17 AM
61	I am not aware of current ordinance	7/22/2019 8:10 AM
62	Neither agree nor disagree. (I do not have a dog.)	7/22/2019 8:04 AM
63	A changed with keep others from parks especially disabled, small children and over income	7/22/2019 7:11 AM
64	Many people walk their dog off leash in public parks.	7/22/2019 7:01 AM
65	Neutral	7/22/2019 7:01 AM
66	Was not aware dogs are not allowed on many paved paths in city parks.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
67	Our family uses parks that are supposed to be dog free. Even those 'no dogs' parks have dogs in them.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
68	Yes - would have loved to have explored the Arb with my dog when she was younger!	7/22/2019 6:22 AM
69	Even when dogs have been restricted, signage has not effectively deterred visitors, such as on skate trails at Ever Park. Gentle reminders to dog owners have been poorly received by dog owners. Please do not destroy the quiet sport enjoyment in these few areas!	7/22/2019 6:10 AM
70	If dogs are allowed free y in City parks I would find reasons NOT to go to the parks.	7/22/2019 6:04 AM

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71	Dogs on Madison paths should not be allowed. When I do my run I see dog bags of poop lying on the side of the path. Not good. Owners should take those with them.	7/22/2019 6:00 AM
72	People are unaware of the restriction and dogs, typically on a leash, are using the parks.	7/22/2019 5:58 AM
73	While 90 percent of dog owners clean up the poop, Tony takes one to make a real problem. My son and I enjoy tossing the Frisbee and have stepped in dog poop already	7/22/2019 5:47 AM
74	The rule does not prevent the behavior, it just makes it legal	7/22/2019 5:40 AM
75	The current ordinance prevents other people from using the parks	7/22/2019 4:43 AM
76	I do not own a dog but we often walk our daughter's dog.	7/22/2019 4:22 AM
77	the ordinance is not the problem. People not abiding by the ordinance is the problem.	7/21/2019 7:27 AM
78	Separation of park and dogs is important. As a dog owner and park goer, there really isn't a good way to enforce any dog-allowed park rules. I see violations all of the time and I see dog/person clashes constantly, that cause undue frustration and sometimes a threatening atmosphere. As it is, when dogs are legally present in the parks now, there is a serious environmental destruction.	7/21/2019 2:30 AM
79	I need to be able to take my family to the park without worrying about irresponsible dog owners letting the dogs off-leash or not picking up feces.	7/20/2019 3:09 AM
80	Would like to walk my dog on-leash in more places (O'Brich, Yahara)	7/19/2019 7:39 PM
81	The presence of dogs that are currently in parks legally prevents me from using the parks as much as I'd like. People let the dogs off-leash in parks where kids play, every day.	7/19/2019 6:33 PM
82	Disagree - dogs are already in parks legally with no consequences, how is the city going to enforce restriction from "certain areas"	7/19/2019 8:03 AM
83	No, but it's maddening to see them on disc golf courses.	7/19/2019 7:39 AM
84	The numerous dog owners currently ignoring restrictions at O'Brich make my visits miserable. In 2013, friends and family purchased a memorial bench and tree at O'Brich for my deceased partner, and I visit the bench several times a week, as do others who have honored the loved ones with benches. I, for one, do not appreciate the dog owners not only ignoring the current ordinance but also assume I will come and want to pet the off-leash dogs while I'm visiting the bench.	7/19/2019 5:07 AM
85	Agree, don't own, but I dogs it a lot	7/19/2019 3:53 AM
86	Restrictions should be dog friendly, for example, if I'm using the bathroom is there a safe spot to let my dog up outside? If not, it makes sense to allow them inside.	7/18/2019 6:32 PM
87	people let dogs off-leash in parks despite the ordinance, and often find dog poop in feeds	7/18/2019 2:47 PM
88	I used to have a dog, but he has since passed. It would have been nice to be able to walk through a park on-leash if we could of.	7/18/2019 2:19 PM
89	I do not own a dog.	7/18/2019 1:26 PM
90	does not prevent me but would prefer to see dogs in the parks when I'm there.	7/18/2019 11:07 AM
91	I feel comfortable in Madison parks largely because I know dogs are NOT allowed in parks. However, I've never been to a Madison park where there wasn't a dog on or off-leash even though that's against the ordinance. My husband was a Madison Park Ranger and he was and continues to be amazed by the number of people that have the dogs in parks and how privileged and annoyed they act when he would tell them to leave, even when he was in uniform! This dog ordinance should be more heavily enforced and not loosened up! Parks are for PEOPLE to enjoy! They were not made for dogs! I worry if we loosen up restrictions at a couple parks people will take that and loosen up the behavior at all of the parks! And the behavior is already out of control.	7/18/2019 11:07 AM
92	I bring my on-leash dogs to parks anyway	7/18/2019 10:26 AM
93	majority of owners do not abide by ordinance	7/18/2019 9:00 AM
94	Like many others I walk my dog in parks regardless of signage	7/18/2019 8:51 AM
95	Dogs do NOT belong in city parks.	7/18/2019 8:02 AM
96	Don't currently own a dog - but I enjoy seeing/interacting with dogs	7/18/2019 7:59 AM
97	Neutra	7/18/2019 6:35 AM

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98	I choose NOT to bring my dog to crowded events, but being TOLD we're not we come encourages me not to participate at a .	7/18/2019 6:20 AM
99	It does not currently restrict me but if I became a dog owner, it would prevent me from going to parks as often.	7/18/2019 6:11 AM
100	Safer for everyone and cleaner. Children need parks and responsible dog owners will run it for them.	7/18/2019 5:19 AM
101	Disagree. I walk my dog on-leash in a city park that technically does not allow dogs on a daily basis. I frequently see other park users doing the same. Current practice does not match regulations.	7/18/2019 4:50 AM
102	Severe allergy to dogs, so I feel more safe enjoying parks without dogs in them	7/18/2019 4:45 AM
103	Only because I don't have a dog	7/18/2019 4:30 AM
104	I do not own a dog, so my usage of parks isn't affected by the ban. However I do think I would enjoy the parks more if dogs were allowed on-leash. .	7/18/2019 4:14 AM
105	Poop & urine in public spaces are disgusting	7/18/2019 2:50 AM
106	I have had dogs in our on-leash park come running up to me & jumping on me when the dog is off-leash	7/17/2019 5:35 PM
107	We've come to a city park and I believe it would get more use if dog owners were allowed to bring their dogs.	7/17/2019 4:41 PM
108	I also have a toddler who loves parks, but it's hard to get there as a single parent when it means leaving the dogs at home. We instead go places where both are welcome. Unfortunately, off-leash dog parks are not safe for a toddler, so those are also out.	7/17/2019 4:28 PM
109	I break the rules and take my dog into parks where dogs are prohibited	7/17/2019 12:16 PM
110	there is no provision regarding Emotional Support Animals	7/17/2019 12:14 PM
111	Owners do not pick up after their dogs/also they mark their territory all the time.	7/17/2019 11:43 AM
112	Strongly agree, particularly in bringing a dog to Orchard Park Bergarten.	7/17/2019 11:09 AM
113	I don't have a dog specifically because I don't have a place for a dog to get exercise. I don't want to have to go on very long walks just to get my dog his exercise. I also love dogs, so even as a non-dog owner, I would be so happy if I was able to see dogs when I'm at the park.	7/17/2019 10:48 AM
114	I don't have dogs	7/17/2019 8:26 AM
115	My parents have two dogs and we would like to attend more parks with nieces and nephews if we were able to bring dogs	7/17/2019 8:11 AM
116	I do not presently have a dog but would want full access when I have another dog.	7/17/2019 7:23 AM
117	Does not apply to me	7/17/2019 7:20 AM
118	I'm very allergic to dogs, so I would no longer be able to easily attend if the rule was changed.	7/17/2019 7:08 AM
119	I do not own a dog.	7/17/2019 5:34 AM
120	The current "restriction" has never been enforced at Sunset Park	7/17/2019 4:54 AM
121	NA	7/17/2019 4:49 AM
122	I miss being outside and in parks as much as I was before we got a dog (just a few months ago). I haven't wanted to make anyone else uncomfortable by bringing my dog to a park, even just to watch the sunset. I would be very grateful to have parks be available destinations for walks.	7/16/2019 5:44 PM
123	I usually drive to an off-leash dog park rather than walk to a nearby park	7/16/2019 5:43 PM
124	I. Ought a house in Eastmor and neighborhood largely because of its proximity to Orchard Park and Lake Monona. I walk my dog along Atwood Ave nearby every night and longingly look at the lakeshore and park. It would be a much more pleasant place to walk instead of nearby getting run over by a bicyclist in the sidewalk. Please allow dogs on-leashes in parks.	7/16/2019 5:06 PM
125	Not applicable for me, but I would stop and stay at the park longer to chat with owner.	7/16/2019 4:59 PM
126	I'd like to see	7/16/2019 4:55 PM

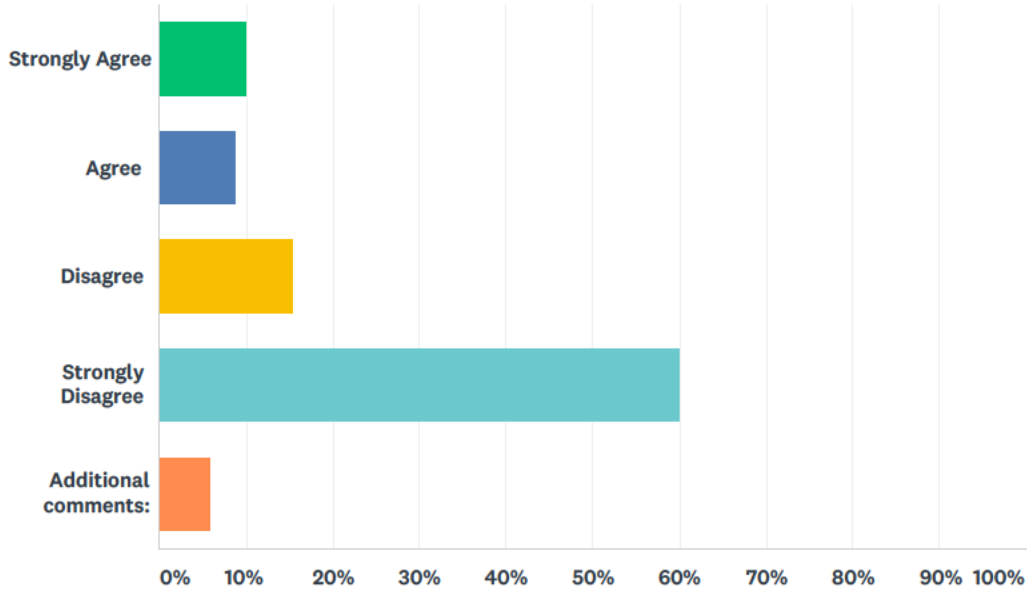
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127	I've mostly come across parks that allow dogs	7/16/2019 4:29 PM
128	My son has autism and is afraid of dogs. We have to leave parks when we see them. People be don't follow Leash laws or clean up after did now. Maybe take a dog and owner DNA sample as requirement so offenders can be banned.	7/16/2019 4:23 PM
129	When my kids went to the park, I sent the dog along anyway. It was safer. No one was going to hurt the kids without the dogs making a real ruckus. Dogs provide a strong safety net for single adults and children. The issue is banning and heavy fining folks whose dogs do not interact well in public with people or other dogs.	7/16/2019 3:49 PM
130	I take care of friend's dogs and have had roommates with dogs in the past.	7/16/2019 2:38 PM
131	Do you mean, prevents me and my dog?	7/16/2019 1:38 PM
132	I feel safer in city parks with my dog, particularly at night.	7/16/2019 12:51 PM
133	many dog owners do not know how to train their dogs to be polite when out in public, let alone how to behave in a park.	7/16/2019 10:50 AM
134	Strongly disagree--I feel safer with my child in the park without dogs running around--both because there's less chance of bites, and there's no dog poop to avoid.	7/16/2019 10:45 AM
135	Strongly Agree. I have been to city parks on the coldest winter days when no one else's outside to exercise my dogs, and it would be wonderful to allow them to be off-leash (e.g. in Garner Park) or to walk my dogs on-leash in Owen Conservancy. I agree some rules and regulations are needed, but dogs should not be blatantly disallowed. Let them be in the areas of #7 but on-leashes in those areas. Let them be in conservation parks but on-leashes. Many families with children want to bring their dogs with them when they take their kids to the park. The psychological and health benefits of being with and exercising dogs are well-documented. It's time for Madison to be more DOG FRIENDLY!	7/16/2019 10:07 AM
136	I do not own a dog.	7/16/2019 9:44 AM
137	Greatly restricts where I go.	7/16/2019 7:26 AM
138	I'm fortunate to live near a park where dogs are allowed on-leash	7/16/2019 7:24 AM
139	Changing the ordinance to allow dogs in city parks would prevent me and my family from using the city parks as much as we would like.	7/16/2019 4:45 AM

Q9 The presence of dogs in parks prevents me from using the City parks as much as I would like.

Answered: 1,942 Skipped: 29

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	9.99%	194
Agree	8.70%	169
Disagree	15.50%	301
Strongly Disagree	59.94%	1,164
Additional comments:	5.87%	114
TOTAL		1,942

#	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE
1	The more key dogs are there, the more I enjoy going.	8/18/2019 3:02 AM
2	Most dog owners are courteous and responsible. The presence of dogs and the r owners n parks, esp. during darkness imparts a sense of safety.	8/15/2019 3:08 PM
3	I would not feel safe taking my young children to city parks with off-leash dogs running around. It is so easy for a single dog to create a traumatic experience. I love dogs, but they must be leashed. Since so many dog owners do not follow the leash laws, I'd prefer dogs not be allowed outside designated dog parks.	8/14/2019 10:08 AM
4	my son has a severe dog allergy (sent to hospital due to asthma attack from contact with dogs) a dog not on a leash is a huge concern/risk for us when we are playing in a park. Many people don't think of dog allergies as life threatening and as the r dog s running towards us simply say 'my dog is friendly' not realizing that a simple playful dog lick or contact with them can send my son to the hospital. We live next to a park and most people do not have the r dogs on leashes which significantly impacts our lives.	8/14/2019 7:48 AM
5	I am only prevented from using City Parks when I see off-leash dogs	8/12/2019 9:58 AM
6	Currently they don't. But if the ordinance s changed, they would.	8/6/2019 4:57 AM
7	Unleashed (leashless) dogs frequent the park I use. This prevents me from on-leash walking my dog as much as I would like. There are not enough Animal Control officers in Madison to enforce the current ordinance. dog as	8/4/2019 6:44 AM
8	No opinion	8/4/2019 6:09 AM
9	I think the dog parks we have now are adequate.	8/4/2019 5:36 AM
10	I would use parks less if there were dogs in the parks.	8/3/2019 11:42 PM

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11	I avoid areas where dogs are present	8/3/2019 7:03 PM
12	Strongly disagree but I am highly concerned about dogs unleashed.	8/3/2019 1:11 PM
13	Not been an issue yet	8/3/2019 9:59 AM
14	I rarely go to parks.	8/3/2019 8:54 AM
15	I am voluntarily impeded and do not allow, on or off leash, coming up to me in an unexpected manner.	8/3/2019 8:48 AM
16	I want to see unleashed dogs allowed in parks. But I also want the city to crack down big time on off-leash dogs, particularly pit bulls. Pit bulls kill 13,000 pet dogs a year in the U.S. I compete in dog sports and have literally a dozen friends whose dogs have been permanently mutilated, lost, maimed, or been killed by pit bulls at parks and daycares. I don't ever want to walk into a park with my 10 pound dogs and see an off-leash pit bull running at us. I walk alone almost daily at Hoyt Park, which is posted no dogs on or off leash. I routinely see two or three dogs in the 10 minutes that I spend there each day. Most are off-leash and they are often chasing wildlife for jumping on passers-by.	8/2/2019 6:46 PM
17	If there are a few dog on y parks with fences and marked that's ok but not in very busy areas as people walk up with dogs off leashes a ready	8/2/2019 12:11 PM
18	I use parks when dogs are present, but don't like to see one running toward me.(I am a dog owner)	8/2/2019 9:16 AM
19	I HATE DOGS RUNNING FREELY IN MADISON CITY PARKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/2/2019 8:13 AM
20	I would love dogs to be allowed in parks on-leash. I would fear for my dog's safety if they were allowed off-leash and could attack my dog.	8/1/2019 11:15 AM
21	Current on Vaccinations should be required	8/1/2019 4:09 AM
22	Dogs currently scare members of my family and occasionally me. Having two dog owners puts nosey, aggressive, barking dogs away from each other's never an enjoyable thing.	7/30/2019 5:08 PM
23	It's not the dogs it's the humans People rarely have a poop bag when they run their dogs in Kennedy Park We fenced in our property to protect our two dogs from others because it became a problem	7/30/2019 9:03 AM
24	I have been bitten twice in Madison and Dane co. parks.	7/30/2019 8:25 AM
25	I been in parks with fountains with friends children playing in the water, an owner brings their dog, unleashed and let them run, unfortunately, children get scared and we leave. I ask why? The comment, that's what they want to do. WHO'S IN CONTROL? Go to Peace Park on State St., a loose dog doesn't jump on you, skateboarders almost run you over, kids on scooters and then try to enjoy your ice cream. OH..City Parks approves scooters in this park...	7/30/2019 6:36 AM
26	Again, not everyone can cope with dogs. Many dog owners are already responsible. Please keep parks safe and open for our residents.	7/29/2019 9:06 PM
27	Neutra	7/29/2019 3:17 PM
28	Our family only visits parks that do not allow dogs. I have seen too many people bitten by dogs "that would never hurt anyone."	7/29/2019 8:40 AM
29	Currently parks being dog free is great. No poop to worry about	7/29/2019 7:06 AM
30	People already bring dogs to places they shouldn't; opening up more places where they're allowed will give people more of a feeling of carte blanche than they already have.	7/29/2019 6:46 AM
31	I'm frustrated by people who let dogs run off-leash in parks. dogs are often NOT as well trained or under control as their persons think!	7/28/2019 3:11 PM
32	Concern of clean up and being off leashes	7/28/2019 1:27 PM
33	While I know the people love their dogs, they do not (know how to) control their dogs, and even ONE out of control dog is a nuisance or a danger.	7/28/2019 9:48 AM
34	Off-leash dogs prevent me from visiting parks.	7/28/2019 4:52 AM
35	On-leash dogs bother me.	7/27/2019 11:43 AM
36	I have seen many dog owners in the parks with their dogs off-leash in the presence of small children. I think any park that has playground equipment should not allow dogs.	7/27/2019 9:19 AM

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37	My dog can be aggressive. There are often off-leash dogs at the on-leash park near my house, so I sometimes hesitate to use the park.	7/26/2019 4:09 PM
38	If I see a dog in a park, I'll be more careful with my kids. If the dog is off-leash, I may not go into the park--I strongly believe in fenced off-leash areas for the safety of a child.	7/25/2019 7:55 AM
39	The presence of off-leash dogs in parks does prevent me from walking near the park with my dog, because she's scared of other dogs.	7/24/2019 5:46 PM
40	Dogs running loose or chasing babies in Yahara Peace Park make it more difficult for families with children to play there. I see dog waste in the park every time I walk through it.	7/24/2019 11:08 AM
41	Agree, when people have their dogs off-leash when they should be on-leash.	7/24/2019 10:28 AM
42	Yes, but only because people are breaking the rules (having off-leash dogs when only allowed to have them leashed on paths)	7/24/2019 9:39 AM
43	I don't like having to watch every step I take to prevent stepping into a pile of laziness.	7/23/2019 3:26 PM
44	I like dogs and used to own one, but there are too many irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. Additionally, many people are afraid of dogs or have allergies, so the ability to use the parks should be prioritized ahead of dogs being able to run around the parks. We have dedicated dog parks.	7/23/2019 2:24 PM
45	While dogs in parks don't keep me from using the spaces, I'm always concerned about dog owners and their often lack of dog training	7/23/2019 12:33 PM
46	While it does not prevent me from using parks, I don't appreciate out of control dogs anywhere. Some people are terribly afraid of dogs. It would prevent them from ever going to a park.	7/23/2019 11:21 AM
47	People who take dogs into parks clearly marked not for dogs and then releasing them from-leash has resulted in both of my children experiencing dog bites	7/23/2019 11:19 AM
48	A good policy will not emerge from this review unless time is spent researching what other dog-friendly cities are doing in their parks.	7/23/2019 6:47 AM
49	Off-leash dogs WOULD prevent me from using city parks as much as I would like.	7/23/2019 4:39 AM
50	Dogs (and walkers) need to be kept 100% OFF groomed cross country sk tracks. It's really a bummer to see the tracks get trashed by dog walkers who selfishly post-hoc the carefully groomed tracks.	7/23/2019 4:09 AM
51	I just avoid the parks that allow dogs	7/22/2019 3:44 PM
52	some dog owners do not keep the dogs on-leash or on the path	7/22/2019 2:08 PM
53	One dog on a long-leash bit my jogging pants while growing. The owner ignored the fact that my pants were damaged and that I could have been bitten. She told me the dog was friendly. In another case, a dog on a 6-foot-leash on a bike path darted out in front of me. I was able to stop but was very scared. I told the woman that a dog jumped out in front of my husband and he broke his spine, his clavicle and had a severe concussion. Her response was rude.	7/22/2019 12:06 PM
54	When dogs are on sk tracks, this prevents me from enjoying the park I am in.	7/22/2019 11:02 AM
55	I grew up with dogs and generally enjoy being around them in city parks. However, sometimes owners don't control their pets and disregard the concerns of others. For that reason, I don't want to see all parks open to dogs.	7/22/2019 11:01 AM
56	Neither agree nor disagree	7/22/2019 9:01 AM
57	People are increasingly exempting themselves from the requirement to have their dog on-leash often resulting in the dog charging boisterously up to other dogs on-leash, sunbathers, picnickers, etc. Lately, many people still are not picking up after their dog and dog crap concealed in park grass is an especially unwelcome surprise.	7/22/2019 8:22 AM
58	There are far too many people walking dogs on groomed sk tracks at Ever and Odana during the winter.	7/22/2019 8:04 AM
59	Poop, aggressive dogs, bothersome running or walking	7/22/2019 7:11 AM
60	Neutral	7/22/2019 7:01 AM
61	We use no-dog parks. When dogs are present in those parks we do not feel safe and leave.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
62	See comment in response to previous question.	7/22/2019 6:10 AM

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63	It's frustrating when dogs who are not highly trained are in parks near other users.	7/22/2019 6:07 AM
64	I have a child who is afraid of dogs. When dogs are around, it ruins the experience for us and we have to go home.	7/22/2019 6:06 AM
65	The responsibility of some dog owners, allowing their dogs to run free unleashed in parks, prevents me from using the City parks as much as I would like. It's not the presence of dogs, it's the presence of unleashed dogs.	7/22/2019 6:06 AM
66	In particular, parks with unleashed dogs. This includes parks that should have unleashed dogs but they aren't.	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
67	Dog owners should go to doggie parks.	7/22/2019 6:00 AM
68	I don't own a dog, so I've never visited a 'dog park' mentioning the parks I can visit. In addition as a cross country skier, there are plenty of people who are ready to regard the posting about walking on sk trails, why would dogs owners be any different?	7/22/2019 5:45 AM
69	I only have concerns about dogs being on sk trails in the winter - other than that I don't think they prevent me.	7/22/2019 5:42 AM
70	dog craps bad when people try to run around barefoot	7/22/2019 4:25 AM
71	There are some places where people let their dogs off-leash illegally. I've been nipped at multiple times, and jumped on countless times. I avoid these places.	7/21/2019 2:54 PM
72	continued from last comment: There is environmental destruction (feces, walking on sensitive flora, chasing waterfowl in ponds and lakes). The city can't enforce the rules now, what makes you think you can enforce them if this opened up to more dog owners?	7/21/2019 2:30 AM
73	I live by Hawthorne Park, where people are constantly paying with their off-leash dog. It makes me worried when I walk my on-leash dog by the park, as there is no secure gate there. I think that adding a carfcat on on dogs in parks might help.	7/20/2019 2:36 PM
74	Unleashed dogs in parks are a problem. Leashed dogs are rarely a problem.	7/20/2019 10:12 AM
75	If off-leash	7/20/2019 6:17 AM
76	Off-leash, out of control dogs prevent me from using parks as much as I would like to. AND I would use parks more if I could take my LEASHED	7/20/2019 5:30 AM
77	Because dogs are limited in parks does not currently impact my use of parks.	7/20/2019 4:49 AM
78	sometimes you find abandoned poop in Madison parks which is not ok	7/20/2019 3:59 AM
79	off-leash dogs would prevent me from visiting the parks with or without my dogs	7/19/2019 4:26 PM
80	I go in parks anyways	7/19/2019 5:17 AM
81	I can only speak to the presence of off-leash dogs in Orchard, near my home. MANY people let their dogs run off-leash in that park, bother those of us visiting memorial benches for our deceased loved ones, allow their dogs to jump into the toxic blue-green algae, allow them to scare nesting ducks/geese. They pick up NO poop because, when dogs are off-leash running everywhere, the owners can't find it anyway so they don't try. PLEASE keep Orchard a people park! Expand its use for healthy outdoor activities for young adults and for families with kids (also a growing population near Orchard), as well as a peaceful place for older adults to stroll the shoreline and enjoy the view and wildlife. Thank you!	7/19/2019 5:07 AM
82	However, dogs need close supervision and should not be allowed to run free without owners nearby for the safety of the dog and others nearby.	7/19/2019 2:54 AM
83	I would visit parks more if I could take my dogs with	7/18/2019 8:50 PM
84	I wish more people would bring their dogs to the park.	7/18/2019 8:49 PM
85	People bring dogs to conservation areas (off-leash even) and to many parks where dogs are not permitted. Pointing out the sign to them results in annoyance and even anger toward me.	7/18/2019 4:31 PM
86	People still bring their off-leash dogs to playgrounds so I frequently have to leave with my kids because they jump on and chase the children. The owners are very dismissive of concerns and call their dogs playful.	7/18/2019 12:22 PM
87	Should be on-leash	7/18/2019 10:26 AM
88	Neutra	7/18/2019 6:35 AM

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89	I am not comfortable using a park with my kids if people have dogs off leash. Even the nicest dog can do something unexpected and the kids are afraid of dogs coming up to them. People need to respect the leash laws and not let the dogs run free	7/18/2019 5:13 AM
90	The presence of off-leash dogs (outside of a designated off-leash park) sometimes prevents me from using parks since my dogs react to other dogs. We need to leave a park if someone has let the dog off-leash.	7/18/2019 3:34 AM
91	Owners allow dogs to invade your space as though it's charming to be drooled on.	7/18/2019 2:50 AM
92	Z	7/17/2019 9:35 PM
93	If dogs are allowed in parks, there must be dog waste disposal containers in the park	7/17/2019 5:35 PM
94	Dogs that are off-leash in parks that are on-leash parks keep me out of the park	7/17/2019 5:13 PM
95	W	7/17/2019 4:35 PM
96	People are becoming more terrified of dogs as they have less and less exposure to them.	7/17/2019 3:08 PM
97	NEUTRAL	7/17/2019 12:14 PM
98	Owners do not pick up after their dogs/a so they mark their territory at the time.	7/17/2019 11:43 AM
99	an aggressive dog or one that barks a lot would	7/17/2019 9:56 AM
100	There needs to be an expectation of well-behaved and under control dogs and consequences for irresponsible owners. All dogs and owners should not be punished because of some...we don't ban all kids just because some vandalize or cause other problems.	7/17/2019 9:44 AM
101	If I see a dog off-leash I will not go into park	7/17/2019 9:37 AM
102	Would use more parks with nephews and nieces of my parents could bring their dogs	7/17/2019 8:11 AM
103	All dogs must be under control (either voice or leash) and owners must immediately clean up after them.	7/17/2019 7:23 AM
104	A dog on-leash does not affect the use of others in the park.	7/17/2019 6:44 AM
105	Only dogs that are out of control	7/16/2019 6:47 PM
106	people with small children are at risk using parks due to the dogs - "if do never bite anyone" does not keep a parent from needing to get between each and every dog and the child to prevent a possible bite or attack.	7/16/2019 5:27 PM
107	No strong feelings either way	7/16/2019 4:55 PM
108	Dogs are fine, day drinkers make the shelters uncomfortable	7/16/2019 1:49 PM
109	Agree--There are times when people do bring dogs into the park despite the signs clearly prohibiting them. We leave the park when this happens.	7/16/2019 10:45 AM
110	Strongly disagree. As so, I have found that the presence of dog walkers often increases safety. I lived in West Philadelphia for 7 years. Dog walkers visited the local park most of the day and into the night. Once the dog walkers weren't present (e.g. after 10 pm), the drug dealers and prostitutes came out. Dog walkers are often the eyes and ears of a neighborhood!	7/16/2019 10:07 AM
111	But I believe that many parks should have a dog-free zone for those people that are afraid of or allergic to dogs can still use the park.	7/16/2019 7:26 AM
112	strongly agree. some people are afraid of dogs and won't use parks where they are allowed to run free. there are enough parks allowing them already. Put a leash on the owners and make them pick up the dog shit!!! there is no enforcement. our neighborhood assn. provides bags and st they let their dogs shit wherever and run unleashed against the present law. where is the enforcement?	7/16/2019 6:28 AM
113	Dogs that are leash constrained can be frustrated and have bad behavior so dogs with those issues should be restricted.	7/16/2019 6:07 AM
114	People are lazy and don't pick up the poop. And can be overconfident on their dogs' behavior off-leash	7/16/2019 5:50 AM

Q10 Please share any additional comments or concerns

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regarding Madison General Ordinance 8.19 (which currently does not allow dogs, either on or off leash, in most Madison parks). View the current ordinance language [here](#).

Answered: 806 Skipped: 1,165

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think f leashed, well behaved, and under control, dogs should be allowed on any city park property with the exception of some events; shake the le	8/18/2019 3:02 AM
2	As a dog owner, I understand this is a balance and not everyone likes dogs but that is not reason enough to restrict dogs from Madison parks. Other communities have found ways for dog owners and those who fear dogs to co-exist and use city parks. I hope the same can be done here and realize that this might mean a compromise for residents and visitors of Madison.	8/17/2019 7:59 AM
3	I have concerns about my child's safety if dogs are allowed in parks, particularly if they are off leash. I am also concerned about owners failing to clean up after their dogs.	8/17/2019 7:55 AM
4	I feel this ordinance is unrealistic in 2019 Madison. There are so many people living in apartments with dogs who do not have access to a yard, especially not a fenced yard. Leashed dogs should be allowed access to parks, without the restrictions that they currently have in most of the parks where they are on leashed paths. The heat of summer concrete, and the saturation water sidewalks cause pain to dogs paws. It seems inhumane that they cannot step onto the grass for relief. While I do feel strongly that dogs should be allowed in parks, I also feel it is important that dog owners, which I am, must clean up after their dogs. I hope change comes to Madison, as currently, as things stand, we are living in the 1970's with ordinance 8.19. A separate issue that I see, is the complete lack of off-leash options which are accessible to people living in downtown Madison. The off-leash parks are a quite a distance away from the center, and are not easily accessed by anyone who chooses to be car-free. As our climate changes, and younger people, who choose not to learn to drive increase become more numerous, having options which do not contribute to the carbon in the atmosphere will become more and more important to have in place.	8/17/2019 7:33 AM
5	Please add some off-leash parks, or at least off-leash areas in central Madison, on the stadium! It's not sustainable to make all the off-leash parks in places which require dog owners to drive to them! Think about our environmental impact! Driving is not a sustainable option! McPike Park would be a great location for an off-leash dog park. I imagine there are other good locations in central Madison. There need to be multiple options with so many dogs living in apartments in this area.	8/17/2019 4:07 AM
6	Thanks for working on this issue! One problem that's not addressed here is the increased by huge number of people who do NOT pick up their dog's waste. If parks are opened to dogs, could the City include a public awareness campaign regarding this? This might help keep responsible people from giving dogs a bad name. Thanks!	8/17/2019 3:50 AM
7	It's unacceptable that my dog cannot step off the path, or sit on the grass with me. Prohibiting dogs in about 10% of Madison parks is unfair to a large percentage of the population. Madison is full of dog owners, who cannot fully enjoy the parks because our dogs cannot enter. Please look at other cities, for instance, Seattle. Dogs are allowed in any Seattle park if they are on-leash. The lack of off-leash areas/parks is really unfortunate. Our family needs an off-leash park we can walk to! We've one block from James Madison, at E Johnson & Barr. I do think dogs should not be allowed on playgrounds. That seems like common sense.	8/16/2019 7:07 PM
8	Provide dog specific areas and paths in all parks. Dogs should be on 6 ft leashes at all times unless in off-leash areas.	8/16/2019 3:44 PM
9	We had dogs in the past, it would have been nice to take them into the park many times. I expect the owner to have the dog under control.	8/16/2019 2:34 PM
10	I like the current ordinance. I enjoy bird watching and wildlife. I believe that allowing dogs into our parks may lead to decrease nesting and safe habitat for other local animals—birds, rabbits, squirrels, Fox and coyotes. Animals I routinely see now. I love dogs, but there are so many places ready for the topay.	8/16/2019 8:07 AM

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11	I th nk there shou d be dog restr ct ons n areas that prov de exce ent hab tat and are h gh-va ue from a conservat on perspect ve. Def n te y no off- eash dogs there, and *maybe* dogs on eashes < 6" I deary hope dogs w be we comed n *most* c ty parks, but that we can adequate y support h gh-qua ty p ant and w d fe hab tat too. Dup cate survey, resubm tted to attach th s wr ten comment.	8/16/2019 7:45 AM
12	When I nd cated that dogs shou dn't be a owed on payf eds, I on y mean the pay ng surfaces themse ves. It wou d be great f on- eash dogs cou d st n b eachers to watch games on fe ds.	8/16/2019 7:10 AM
13	I am ook ng forward to a change to a ow ng dogs n c ty parks n Mad son. I've trave ed to other many other ct es where dogs are a owed and I th nk Mad son's po ces are outdated and mpact the qua ty of fe of pets and owners who choose to fo ow the ru es. It just seems unnecessary. There are so many open parks and even f there s no off eash- just a ow ng dogs on eash wou d be a huge step n the rght d rect on.	8/16/2019 5:40 AM
14	I a ways th nk dogs shou d be on eash w th the except on of spec a y des gnated off- eash parks. My dog does not ke other dogs or peop e. So a strange off eash dog com ng up to m ne w more than certa n y resu t n a bad encounter. I can go to the parks and take h m on wa ks s nce he s under my contro , but I wou d be nervous to f dogs cou d be off eash.	8/16/2019 5:31 AM
15	I'm not sure what governmenta ent ty oversees Governor's Is and, but the s gn n the park ng area spec f ca y states dogs must be eashed. Over the course of a year w th severa v s ts, I have been cons tent y treated to dogs runn ng up to me w th an absent owner ether ye ng for the r dog or nform ng me that the r dog s "fr end y". THERE ARE TWO FREE-RUN DOG PARKS WITHIN 2 MILES OF GOVERNOR'S ISLAND!!!! P ease keep current aw and a ow park w d fe and wa k ng taxpayers to be free from dogs that owners ether can't or won't contro . Thanks, Joe Qu ck, Mad son 53704	8/16/2019 4:39 AM
16	The concerns about peop e not p ck ng up dog poop cou d be he ped by nsta ng poop bag/trash stat ons throughout the parks.	8/16/2019 3:40 AM
17	Quest on 7 ask ng where to restr ct dogs even on eash fa s to a ow survey takers to X Natura Areas and X Unpaved Nature Recreat on Paths Th s bu t n bas s skew ng your survey resu ts. P ease add the above 'such as' opt ons or a ow comments on quest on 7! Dogs n natura areas of parks and on unpaved nature recreat on paths EVEN ON LEASH are sc ent f ca y documented to d sturb and reduce b rd and w f fe use of natura area hab tat as far as 50 feet from the path, and even worse f dogs are a owed off eash. Enjoyment of b rds and nature s a major asset n a our Mad son parks w th even sma natura areas and borders. Enjoyment of nature s documented to have major benef ts for human hea th and commu ty we be ng. Dogs can be enjoyed n homes and n deve oped dog parks and on eash on paths n mowed areas. Leave the ever dw nd ng rema n ng natura areas n a of our Mad son parks for enjoyment by b rds and w d fe and by peop e who ove see ng nature as part of the reason they go to parks.	8/15/2019 4:40 PM
18	I be eve most paved tra s n a but conservat on parks shou d be open to on- eash wa k ng of dogs. D spensers w th dogg e doo bags wou d m n m ze any adverse mpact. Peer pressure shou d do the rest. In add t on, Mad son needs to ook at ex st ng mode s n NYC, San Franc sco, Port and and many other progress ve commu tes, where dogs are a owed to exerc se OFF eash n des gnated areas at certa n, otherw se ow traff c t mes of the day, such as ear y am or ater n the even ng.	8/15/2019 3:08 PM
19	In those parks where efforts are be ng made to restore pra res or encourage w d fe hab tat I'm a for restr ct ng areas where dogs are perm tted to go on- eash.	8/15/2019 2:32 PM
20	The parks are genera y underut zed. mak ng owners w th dogs to be we come at parks wou d ncrease usage. Hav ng off- eash areas n more parks wou d enab e those owners w thout cars to et the r dogs run respons b y around n parks n the r ne ghborhoods.	8/15/2019 11:46 AM
21	a ong w th the above, 'd ke to emphas ze the need to prov de dog access to Centra Park. Perhaps/at east morn ng hours, and off- eash. Great number dogs/cap ta n that area	8/15/2019 11:21 AM
22	I th nk there are suff c ent off- eash dog parks, but I wou d advocate to make a parks ega for on- eash dogs. It doesn't make sense to have some parks ega and some not. Sens b e restr ct ons cou d app y.	8/15/2019 9:35 AM

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23	I live on the east side of Madison in the Schenck-Atwood area near several large parks including O'Brien and Yahara. I do not see a need for dogs to be off-leash in Madison parks (beyond off-leash dog parks), as this would present a safety issue to both humans and dogs. However, it is frustrating to not be able to walk my leashed dog through parks. I consider myself a responsible dog owner, and it is my observation that the vast majority of dog owners in Madison are responsible owners. There will always be a handful of non-responsible owners who may vote otherwise no matter what they are.	8/15/2019 8:48 AM
24	Areas where new housing is being built, especially in the downtown area of Madison, should include a fenced off-leash area for dogs. The area does not have to be large.	8/15/2019 6:51 AM
25	It is helpful to have trash cans/bags available for dog owners in city parks so that we can clean up after our pets accordingly.	8/15/2019 6:09 AM
26	I usually drive outside of Madison because of the restrictive ordinance, which I find burdensome. If Ordinance 8.19 changes to reasonably accommodate dog owners, dog owners should continue to be held responsible for the dog's behavior and waste. Properly-used electronic collars should be recognized as equivalent to a leash restraint. It would be reasonable for a dog owner using an e-collar to acquire special insurance after testing out/demonstrating dog's recalled once as e-collars can be misused by inexperienced handlers.	8/15/2019 5:28 AM
27	I think there should be off-leash areas, as well as dogs allowed in parks on-leash.	8/15/2019 4:30 AM
28	Often I just want to walk along the paths in parks, or sit at a bench and it feels very restrictive that I'm not supposed to do that with my dog, on-leash.	8/14/2019 6:15 PM
29	Enforce for dogs off-leash on city streets and parks. Enforce for failure of owner to pick up dogs excrement.	8/14/2019 4:34 PM
30	I am so grateful that when I visit parks that I do not get accosted by dogs roaming free or barked at by leashed dogs. I would think twice about visiting a park if I saw there were dogs running around it. We have enough dogs barking in our residential neighborhoods, this is nice to know you can enjoy a park without the nuisance.	8/14/2019 4:16 PM
31	Dogs should be allowed on-leash. And if they are caught off-leash, they should lose park privileges. Off-leash dogs will make some people uncomfortable and potentially damage natural habitat. Leashed dogs won't hurt the habitat anymore than the person next to them, and people who are uncomfortable around leashed dogs are just ridiculous:-)	8/14/2019 3:49 PM
32	I didn't realize this ordinance exists.	8/14/2019 1:54 PM
33	Dogs should be allowed on-leash	8/14/2019 12:24 PM
34	I fully support the ordinance. Dogs are happiest and healthiest in a more rural context. It is not an American or urban right to own a dog.	8/14/2019 10:08 AM
35	I feel that all parks should be dog friendly, as well as beaches, both on paved area and unpaved area. There should be no restriction. Leash laws should be in effect as the reason I cannot take my dog to a dog park is that she does not interact well with un-leashed dogs. Additionally, if a dog is leashed it gives people the opportunity to not interact with that dog. I think trying to enforce where in a park and which parks dogs can be in is a waste of resources. Also, that parks should provide waste receptacles to promote good behavior from pet owners who use parks (and anyone else who has trash). I am a homeowner and pay taxes, therefore I should get to use parks with my family, which includes my dog. My use of a park in such a way will not hinder anyone else's enjoyment of parks.	8/14/2019 10:01 AM
36	I believe that the restrictions in place at city parks are reasonable. Not all dogs are okay with a people and vice versa. I do think there could be a few more parks that generally allow dogs-on-leash, with restrictions- but I don't think that the allowances should be all for one. Each park should be surveyed to see if dogs in the park are desirable or even safe.	8/14/2019 10:00 AM
37	I don't believe dogs should be off-leash unless they are in a specific dog area. But if they had specific times at all parks for dogs to be off-leash I would strongly agree. For example 5 am to 7 am or 7 pm - 10 pm	8/14/2019 8:41 AM
38	I like the current ordinance.	8/14/2019 7:48 AM
39	I've owned dogs in years past (not current y). I wish I could have taken my dog throughout the parks. I frequent many parks and with the current policy, we have not gotten another dog for this reason.	8/14/2019 7:17 AM

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40	It's not enforced enough.	8/13/2019 12:15 PM
41	Why restrict the areas dogs can be walked when there are more families with dogs? This doesn't make sense. I prefer not to take our dogs to the off-leash dog parks, as one of my dogs can get overly excited in that setting.	8/13/2019 10:59 AM
42	I do not believe dogs should be allowed in school grounds or near playground areas in City parks. Young children do not always have the skills or awareness to advocate or protect themselves should a problem with a dog arise. An area for children should be free of potential hazards where there are many other places in a park that a dog could be.	8/13/2019 7:34 AM
43	It's downright silly that dogs are not allowed on-leash in Madison parks. Not only do most families in Madison have a dog, but most of us are lucky to live in neighborhoods with city parks. It's ridiculous to ask people not to walk through the parks on the rainy dog walks. We pay for the parks, so should be able to enjoy them with our furry pals. Access to doggie bags and trash receptacles would add greatly with clean-up, as well.	8/12/2019 6:03 PM
44	The ordinance is extremely unfair to dog owners and dogs. Please allow dogs on-leashes in the park!	8/12/2019 4:13 PM
45	Signage is not always clear about which parks allow dogs. A sign fines should increase for owners not picking up poop, or for any dogs that attack. Perhaps certain breeds or sizes of dogs should be restricted, not simply all dogs.	8/12/2019 10:01 AM
46	I think dogs should be allowed in all parks on-leash. Dogs should only be allowed off-leash in areas that are fenced in and designated as off-leash areas.	8/12/2019 9:58 AM
47	I would love to see more dogs allowed in parks on-leash. I don't think dogs should be allowed in general parks off-leash (I think that should be reserved for dog parks). There are longer leashes available (up to 100 feet) that would allow dogs to stop and fetch in parks, but allow the owner to have more control over them if they need it.	8/12/2019 9:54 AM
48	Dogs are awesome. If they are leashed, there should be no problem with having them allowed in parks.	8/12/2019 9:04 AM
49	I fully agree with Madison Gen Ord. 8.19. I own a dog and don't want to see dogs in any part of a public park. Based on what I now see, dog owners will continue to fail to read the very small typeface on park 'dos & don'ts' signage and not be 100% compliant about cleaning up the dog feces. Why are so many dog owners oblivious to the reality that other park users might be frightened or uncomfortable by the presence of even those dogs that are leashed?	8/12/2019 8:53 AM
50	Unfortunately a few bad owners are my main concern. I have been bitten by dogs 3 times, a provoked. So getting the nerve to go into a dog area even when a leash is required was worrisome. I have cleaned dog droppings from my children's shoes from playing in the parks and in the leaves in my own yard. I am tired of dogs jumping on me on the sidewalk and barking at me for walking in my own yard or on the sidewalk. Does not make a park sound pleasant. I know of several dog owners that allow their dogs to enter parks off-leash because "there dog would never mis-behave" Maybe if dogs are required to wear leashes and leashes (children do) it would be OK. Having a stick by a tree to read a book that has been recently peed on is not a pleasant thought, at least poop is visible. I'm curious, who will pay any legal bills for a child bitten by a dog "legally" in the park? I hope my tax dollars won't be paying for that. I have owned 3 dogs in my lifetime. I don't anymore - out of respect for my community and neighbors.	8/12/2019 8:47 AM
51	Trash bins for dog poop should be available wherever dogs are allowed.	8/11/2019 8:13 AM
52	Please no dogs in grassy areas near playgrounds or near beaches, so no dogs at beach parks.	8/10/2019 1:51 PM
53	I think there are plenty of places for dogs to be off-leash. Knowing how people don't clean up after their dogs, I would not like them to have access to all areas of Madison parks. Humans who don't like/are allergic/fearful of dogs should be able to use Madison parks w/o dogs around. I know several people who own dogs but don't like dog parks because they are afraid of bad interactions. I use dog parks and that's good enough! I appreciate the dog parks we have, but I do think the maintenance could be better in some natural dog spots which turn into mud holes!	8/9/2019 11:49 AM

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54	Let's just update th s for common-sense usage of pub c spaces. There are tera y dozens of peop e that da y use the park adjacent to me home, w th the r dogs, of wh ch I am one. I understand safety concerns re: keep ng dogs on eash, that's reasonab e. W sh there were more part a fenced- n areas for dogs at some of our arge parks w th the space for t, ke Renebohm. Thanks for rev s t ng th s ssue! A so t probab y wou d have been pretty effect ve for Parks to host a meet ng or prov de nformat on on th s survey at the dog parks themse ves, there are 50+ capt ve nd v dua s at them each nght, e. at the Odana dog park. I understand th s wou d b as the resu ts toward dog-owners but at east some targeted outreach there wou d have been n ce. Thanks regard ess!	8/9/2019 6:36 AM
55	wou d v s t parks more f dogs were a owed.	8/9/2019 6:31 AM
56	If t comes down to mak ng certa n areas off m ts n order to a ow dogs n parks, then I'm st a for t. I agree they shou d rema n on eash due to the nature of young ch dren runn ng around, and s m ar ru es of off-eash dog parks shou d st app y (tra ned and on command, no aggress ve dogs, must have C ty of Mad son dog perm t).	8/9/2019 4:15 AM
57	There are no beaches where dogs and humans can sw m. The s gnage s a so m s ead ng, I won't see a no dog s gn and someone w be ke no dogs are a owed n th s park	8/9/2019 3:12 AM
58	It wou d be wonderfu to a ow dogs n parks! I wou d use the parks much more frequent y.	8/9/2019 1:13 AM
59	I fee very strong y that th s ord nance shou d be rev sed and that dogs SHOULD be a owed n Mad son parks. I do not use parks as much as I wou d ke to because I wou d ke to br ng my dog w th me f I am go ng on a wa k or spend ng t me outs de. None of the other ct es where I have ved have such str ngent regu at ons forb dd ng dogs n parks, espec a y dogs on eash.	8/8/2019 10:25 AM
60	Dogs are members of the fam y. And Mad son parks go under ut zed when you can't enjoy them w th your who e fam y. I persona y fee unwe come n Mad son parks because my dog s unwe come.	8/8/2019 10:06 AM
61	C ty of MSN f rea y good at prov d ng poop-p ck up bags (at dog parks), wh ch I apprec ate! cou d do that at Parks f dogs become a owed.	8/7/2019 3:44 PM
62	We don't need dogs n parks, they are prob emat c because of aggress on towards ch dren, fght ng w th other dogs, poss b ty of them k ng w d fe and feca matter be ng eft for peop e not used to that n a park. Dogs aren't humans they're dogs w th a mu tude of d fferent owners that most y are good, but the bad owners w not be respons b e enough to a ow th s. Just because the major ty m ght want th s doesn't make t feas b e. There are penty of events for dogs to congregat e, and parks for dogs are just f ne. Peop e want th s because the dog parks have feca matter eft beh nd, don't ru n our beaut fu parks just because they want a fresh area to wa k the r dogs.	8/7/2019 1:36 PM
63	It's somet mes hard to know where dogs can and can't be, I try to fo ow s gnage as I can but other t mes I've been to d dogs aren't a owed p ces and I don't see any post ngs- such as the ba f e ds at O br ch.	8/7/2019 12:16 PM
64	I have a dog and a todder. A ow ng eashed dogs at p aygrounds and s m ar areas wou d a ow us to v s t those p ces as a fam y. Add t ona y, I wou d apprec ate str cter enforcement of eash ru es. I support hav ng off-eash dog parks or des gnated areas w th n a park. We use those regu ar y! However, hav ng off-eash dogs approach my dog when he s eashed eads to awkward nteract ons and potent a behav or ssues. Dogs shou d be eashed when not n a des gnated un eashed area.	8/7/2019 9:28 AM
65	Just ast nght I went to O br ch Park beach around sunset. Someone had a dog t ed to a tree about 50' from the sand vo eyba courts. Sa d dog was bark ng cont nuous y n the d rect on of the courts, apparent y wh e owner p ayed. Very d srupt ve; very typ ca . I eft w thout even s tt ng down...	8/7/2019 8:41 AM
66	I want more dog-fr end y parks ava ab e, but I a so want dog owners to cean up after the r dogs. So many peop e br ng the r dogs everywhere w th them but refuse to p ck up after them. If dogs are granted access to C ty parks, there shou d be a ter of f nes that app y for anyone not p ck ng up the r dog's feces. Someth ng ke a 3 str kes and you're out. As an examp e, the frst t me, they are g ven a f ne of \$100, then \$250, and on the 3rd str ke they ose the r pr v ege to br ng the r dogs to C ty parks.	8/7/2019 7:55 AM
67	Proper dog tra n ng requ res soc a zat on under a var ety of c rcumstances. Current po ces deny respons b e owners use of a pr me fac ty for conduct ng such tra n ng.	8/7/2019 5:30 AM

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68	The current ordinance prohibits not only dogs from parks but families that have dogs from the parks as well. Many of us dog owners consider our dogs part of the family and leaving them at home locked up while the rest of the family goes to enjoy a park would be absurd and rude. So while this ordinance is trying to keep dogs out, it's keeping a diverse group of people away as well.	8/7/2019 4:10 AM
69	It's hard to answer #7 because that depends on the layout of the park or what activities are happening.	8/6/2019 4:40 PM
70	With the exception of off-leash dog parks, I think dogs should be on-leash, but allowed in parks. Perhaps a low off-leash in early morning hours when typically park usage is very low. I do love to see dogs running like the wind around a park. But not all dogs can be trusted to run free.	8/6/2019 4:38 PM
71	I think there's a misconception by many (see question 5 as evidence of this) that if you have a dog, you can take them to an off-leash dog park if you want an alternative to sidewalk walking (or street walking for those of us that don't have sidewalks). But, not every dog does well in off-leash dog parks for a variety of different reasons. In fact, there are a lot of people that have dogs that they can't let off-leash. My dog is one of those. She gets nervous and fearful when approached by other dogs due to previous bad experiences, and so I don't take her to dog parks. I enjoy Madison's parks, but since getting a dog, I have found that I rarely use them anymore, instead being in favor of other outdoor recreational activities that don't require that I leave her at home. I would love to be able to take a walk through the parks with my dog. I would love to see families allowed to go on a picnic or play at the park with their dog. (Maybe this would help keep younger kids out of the dog parks as well. A dog park where large dogs are running around and playing is not a place for someone's toddler.) I do think that there should be rules regarding bringing dogs in parks: -They should always be on-leash. We already have dedicated spaces for dogs off-leash, and allowing them off-leash in parks would negatively affect the experience of people using the park that may not like dogs or just don't want to be approached by dogs (including other dog owners.) -Dogs should not be allowed in the playground areas (just outside should be okay so that parents can still be close enough to supervise). Playgrounds are for kids, and some kids are very afraid of dogs, and so it wouldn't be fair to allow them into the space. -People should clean up after their dogs the same way they are required to in any other public place. -And, they should be well-behaved and not a nuisance or a threat to other people using the park. With some guidelines, I believe that people with dogs and those without can both get enjoyment out of using the parks.	8/6/2019 11:58 AM
72	Please clarify the difference with on-leash (a physical connection between dog and owner) with voice control (trained behaviors). I feel comfortable with my dogs being off-leash because I have worked hard to train them with very good recall and other commands.	8/6/2019 11:10 AM
73	I would greatly enjoy walking my dog on-leash through my neighborhood park.	8/6/2019 10:59 AM
74	When I moved to Madison from Vermont I was stunned by how dog unfriendly the city is...same as when visiting other places like Boulder etc. This is over the top unfriendly to dogs. I agree dogs should be leashed but definitely allowed most places...and of course if you are walking and need to use the restroom then the dog needs to come in with you. Madison should join other progressive outdoor centered communities and significant relax dog restrictions.	8/6/2019 10:53 AM
75	As so, prefer no dogs at the Farmers Market or the Madison Night Market - saw 2 very large dogs unmanageable at the MNM because the human could not control them.	8/6/2019 8:17 AM
76	Makes it hard to take kids and a dog to the park at the same time.	8/6/2019 4:58 AM
77	Those of us who don't love dogs and who have physical problems that even dogs on a leash who aren't controlled by owners can lead to serious accidents deserve to walk in parks unmonitored. Please keep the ordinance as it is.	8/6/2019 4:57 AM
78	Dog feces are one of the most common carriers of the following diseases: Whipworms Hookworms Roundworms Tapeworms Parvo Corona Gardass Salmonellosis Cryptosporidiosis Campylobacteriosis A dog population of 10,000 is estimated to contribute about 5,000 pounds of solid waste every day, and it would be a major contributor of bacteria to the lakes, beaches, and parks. Add to that the dozens of kids that get bitten each month from dogs in Madison, the associated medical bills, vet bills, and insurance premium increases to the dog owners. I'd like to think it would be nice to have at least one place in the world where we don't have to deal with the nasty shyt, the dog bites. With so many pit bulls now causing injury to children we need safe areas where we can let children run and play. We already have the problem with goose shyt at the Madison beaches, and now you want to add to it dog shyt?!? Really! The City risks practicing self-negation to defend itself/when a dog bite occurs on city property if the ordinance is expanded to allow dogs in City parks.	8/6/2019 3:20 AM
79	The current ordinance needs to be enforced! People do not clean up after their animals!	8/6/2019 1:30 AM

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80	I favor allowing dogs on-leash on y, and to be prohibited from areas mentioned above, and in addition, they must be absolutely prohibited from skidding any time there is snow anywhere on the trail. If dogs are allowed off-leash, there will be dog poop all over the parks. Many people are NOT responsible dog owners like I am, and are failing to clean up after their dogs. Also, dogs even on-leash need to be restrained whenever other people or dogs are encountered on established trails. Dog	8/5/2019 6:21 PM
81	Dogs are good. People should be able to handle their dogs. People are good.	8/5/2019 4:22 PM
82	The city should be allowed to restrict dogs in times of high traffic in parks, such as festivals. Language could be included to limit access to licensed dogs and that they need to be well behaved.	8/5/2019 3:59 PM
83	Madison's anti dog ordinances are ridiculous in every sense. Look to a lot of your neighborhood and see that dogs in parks not only works but increases use of parks by all people dog owners and non dog owners alike.	8/5/2019 2:53 PM
84	Dogs owners pay more fees and have less access. You can not walk along the path by Olympic Park with nearly being hit by a bike! Dog walkers and other pedestrians are forced off the path due to the bike loop. I walk my dogs at 6 am and there are never others in the park, may be another dog walker. What about 6am - 10 am. What have the parks thought about?	8/5/2019 2:09 PM
85	I avoid places that I see dogs, even leashed dogs!!	8/5/2019 12:33 PM
86	Every great city that I have lived in or visited has had a great dog friendly culture. From Portland to Seattle to Austin, a lot of these cities that have many of the same great attributes as Madison are extremely more friendly towards dogs and dog owners. I think allowing dogs in parks will improve current residents way of life, bring Madison regulations more in line with the mindsets of its residents, and attract more young people to move here.	8/5/2019 10:49 AM
87	I think having them on-leash is very important. You don't want a situation where some people have a dog on-leash and others don't. If the dog on the leash gets approached one that's off-leash, the leashed dog can feel intimidated and defensive. Have some fenced areas for off-leash running (I personally think you have enough off-leash places), just allow leashed dogs outside where you allow people in parks. Not in rest rooms though, that's weird. People that don't dog dogs should be able to create as much space as they need from them.	8/5/2019 9:01 AM
88	There are already designated dog parks. Dogs can be triggering for children and adults with past trauma from dogs. Please keep parks dog free.	8/5/2019 8:41 AM
89	It doesn't matter what you do because people already let their dogs run off-leash and most parks and it does absolutely no good to call a park ranger because they are not going to do anything anyway and when they would show up the people with the dogs in question will be gone anyway	8/5/2019 6:54 AM
90	Leash on y	8/5/2019 6:18 AM
91	I see no reason a leashed dog couldn't be in the park. However, I do see a threat to people with allergies if exposed to dogs roaming free in parks.	8/5/2019 1:24 AM
92	The dog owners should not be allowed to bring their dog to a park if it is dog aggressive, constantly barks at other dogs or has any history of biting people.	8/4/2019 2:32 PM
93	My concerns are the people who don't pick up after their dogs and those who claim their dogs are friendly when that's not the case.	8/4/2019 1:50 PM
94	No, no, no: bad deal!	8/4/2019 9:59 AM
95	Dogs are unclean: even picking up their poops leaves residues and parasites in the grass that children will then play in. And dog owners cannot pick up their dogs' pee, which with repeated exposure kills grass and shrubs...	8/4/2019 9:50 AM
96	Dog owners current behavior of arrogantly ignoring current leash laws, not just in parks but on bike paths and sidewalks, clearly shows a huge lack of responsibility that should NOT be rewarded by encouraging even more rampant dogs-at-large in a lot of our public spaces!	8/4/2019 9:47 AM
97	I am not comfortable around most dogs and I'm not a one. Please consider non dog owners as you move forward.	8/4/2019 9:25 AM
98	Responsible dog-owners and their dogs are a delight. Perhaps CGC or similar behavior requirements could be used as a measure? The dog owners who go to the trouble of schooling their dogs and socializing them adequately to earn CGC status are the ones we want strengthening our parks.	8/4/2019 8:27 AM

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99	Current ordinance completely appropriate and needs to be strongly enforced at all times. Many people are allergic to dogs, afraid of dogs, or just annoyed by being approached by strange animals!	8/4/2019 8:11 AM
100	The current disregard for dog leash laws does not leave me optimistic that dog owners will abide by any new laws. But hopefully, more areas where dogs are allowed will at least mean that when I approach a dog owner in a place they should not be, I can provide them alternatives to just telling me to fuck off.	8/4/2019 8:05 AM
101	The ordinance should stand. A so enforcement should be increased. It seems the dog owners do not want to self-enforce. And they will certainly not pick up after those that do not.	8/4/2019 7:37 AM
102	My current dog was attacked by a pit bull on Milwaukee. As a result, he doesn't want to walk very far from where we live. If he ever recovers from his current fears, I would like to be able to walk him at Kennedy Park.	8/4/2019 7:09 AM
103	No increase in on-leash dog parks should be considered apart from an increase in active/feeder work. Anima Control Officers in Madison. I have contacted Anima Control over the years and there is no sufficient staff to respond to any but the most urgent/emergent cases. A significant portion of people walking dogs in my neighborhood do not have the dogs under control even when leashed, and many run dogs off-leash despite ordinance postings. We cannot have expansion without enforcement and that means funding increases voted for active Anima Control officers. They need to be complemented by MPD and Park Rangers. Madison is short of a three.	8/4/2019 6:44 AM
104	A majority of park space needs to remain dog free: some folks don't care for dogs or barking; some folks have a fear of dogs; children must have safe space to play (young kids can be freaked out just by the presence of dogs due to them being much closer in size to toddlers); some owners currently refuse to obey leash laws in leash-only parks (I see this a most day in Door Creek neighborhood and park), few parks allow dogs and parks will have leash violators.	8/4/2019 6:09 AM
105	If dogs are to be allowed in parks I would strongly prefer on-leash in limited areas, and would like a limit on the number of dogs per person. Two seems reasonable to me. Three should definitely be the limit for more than two. Thank you	8/4/2019 5:40 AM
106	I think many dog owners think of their dogs as substitute children. Soon pets will be sitting on high chairs in restaurants where the "parents" feed them delicious treats and speak baby talk to them. A walk around the neighborhood shows a dogs need for exercise and socialization.	8/4/2019 5:36 AM
107	I used to have dogs - it would be nice to have more enclosed, off-leash areas in most larger parks.	8/4/2019 5:02 AM
108	Keep our parks beautiful and peaceful and safe - no dogs	8/4/2019 4:17 AM
109	How would dog owners that are not being responsible be prevented from continuing the negative behavior in the park.	8/4/2019 2:45 AM
110	If dogs could even be allowed from 5:30-7:30 am and (maybe again at night but less important) off-leash at parks, that would be great. I can take him to longer walks or dog parks later in day but living in more dense housing and telecommuting is great for city planning and reducing traffic until you have to make multiple trips to a dog park throughout the day by car. I selected my apartment based on proximity to a park only to discover when I moved here that dogs were prohibited. Thanks for reconsideration of this ordinance!	8/4/2019 1:16 AM
111	I like the current rules that keep dogs out of the parks.	8/3/2019 11:42 PM
112	I am for dogs in park on-leash, with signs posted (Please don't bring aggressive dog to park when crowded.)	8/3/2019 7:13 PM
113	Some dog owners don't clean up after their pets when they walk them now. Why would they even bother in a park. I'm afraid of dogs and don't want them running up to me in a park	8/3/2019 4:15 PM
114	Dangerous accidents have happened when dogs run freely and bikers are riding through the parks.	8/3/2019 1:11 PM
115	I think it's ridiculous to prohibit dogs from being in parks. As long as there are adequate trash cans for dog poop pickup, there should be no issue with having dogs allowed in parks.	8/3/2019 12:52 PM
116	Dogs should be on-leash and owners responsible for picking up after them.	8/3/2019 12:34 PM
117	The biggest concern I have is people not cleaning dog waste. Providing dog waste bags and a trash can offer both a reminder and an option to properly clean after your dog.	8/3/2019 12:04 PM

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118	Dogs should be allowed to go for a walk with the family. However there needs to be enforcement of those who do not pick up after the dogs.	8/3/2019 10:28 AM
119	People with ways ignore the rules. I've across from North Star Park. There are off leash dogs at the time in the park. The owners seem responsible but if we open it up to everyone it will become a problem. So many people act responsibly which ruins it for everyone.	8/3/2019 9:46 AM
120	I would like the current ordinances to stay in place	8/3/2019 9:25 AM
121	People with dogs have dog parks, sidewalks, and multiple paths to walk on. I feel the necessity for dogs in parks is mostly desired for people with dogs AND small children. I can see the point of wanting dogs allowed but other parents may not have dogs and don't want the kids around dogs. Everyone needs a space they feel safe in; not mentioning kids and dogs should be at the choice of the parents who can bring the kids to the dog parks. :)	8/3/2019 8:54 AM
122	The city needs to better maintain the off-leash parks. Drop a grate on the paths, put down some mulch or gravel, treat for weeds. The Sycamore park is especially bad. Quamm is so bad. I tend to use the county parks because those are maintained and enforced.	8/3/2019 7:29 AM
123	In general, I believe there are more responsible for owners in the city than not. I do not feel that the responsible dog owners should be punished for the few who are not. Instead, make there penalties for the irresponsible owners greater to help weed them out of the mix. I do believe, at least to start, that dogs should be limited around playgrounds and beaches. Eventually that may become less necessary as non dog people and children start learning appropriate behavior around dogs. My wife and I've a stones throw from Edna Taylor and Aldo Leopold and would probably walk them many times a week if we could bring our dogs. Instead, my wife had been to each once and I have not been at all in the two years we have lived right in the city.	8/3/2019 7:08 AM
124	I do not want to worry about stepping in dog poo when taking my children to the park without our dog. I expect that in dog parks and look out for it.	8/3/2019 6:45 AM
125	If dogs are allowed, a retractable leash ban should also be included. Not all dog owners are considerate or responsible enough to allow dogs unfettered access any and every where.	8/3/2019 6:32 AM
126	With respect to question 7, I would have separated Shelter from Bathroom. while I think dogs should be allowed in the shelter, I do not think they should be allowed in the bathroom.	8/3/2019 5:59 AM
127	Well behaved dogs on leashes should be allowed everywhere.	8/3/2019 5:58 AM
128	I can't be around dogs. But, I spend a lot of time in the city parks. Keep dogs out. There are already dog parks. I've been bit and intimidated by dogs. I can't be around them.	8/3/2019 5:24 AM
129	This ordinance should be kept. We have dog parks. At most, designate another park as a dog park. But small children and others will be prevented from using parks if dogs are allowed. If a complicated ordinance is written with various provisions, people will ignore it as they already do. A simple "no dogs except at dog parks" rule is the most enforceable by our very limited park ranger staff.	8/3/2019 5:00 AM
130	I do not walk my dog where prohibited, i.e. parks. However, the ordinance is not enforced to keep dogs out of parks as I see daily with our back yard abutting McGinnis Park. Dogs are brought there for exercise (off leash), frisbee retrieve, etc. It is an annoyance because it creates a situation that makes my dog bark nonstop along our fence until they leave the park or I bring our dogs inside the house, meaning she cannot be outside in her own fenced yard so as to not create a bark nuisance to neighbors. Who do I report that too and is it worth the effort to do so?	8/3/2019 4:19 AM
131	I've across from Reston Heights Park. People constantly have their dogs off leash this rule will make it worse. The dogs constantly get away from the owners running in my yard. Very scary when you can't even walk out the dog without worry	8/3/2019 4:13 AM
132	We all know there are edgy dogs and owners. However, the majority of owners are responsible and want to bring our dogs everywhere. I don't see a reason for my dog to be off leash (except off leash parks). I'm just happy to have my dog in a park legally. In California, Colorado, and other progressive places in the country, dogs are allowed in parks and even restaurants. I think of Madison as progressive and would be glad to pay extra for my dog license, that means I can legally go to parks with my dog. It would be nice if poop bags were present - so I can clean up after my dog (in case I forgot my extra bags). Thank you for this opportunity to share my opinion.	8/3/2019 3:43 AM
133	Need a swimming beach for dogs. If there are areas designated for off leash activity then people essential need to vote to allow and run dog elsewhere. Yes need staff to enforce especially by campus. People with cell phones can be notified via sign with number to call dog in violation or nuisance	8/2/2019 6:09 PM

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134	I no longer own a dog but I have in the past and I like them. However, I also like using parks without dealing with dog waste and without out of control dogs running into me whether walking or bicycling. It's my impression that many dog owners feel that people who have problems with the dogs' behavior are being overly fussy or even controlling. Unfortunately, the City does not have, and we likely never have, the resources to make sure that the owners of badly behaving dogs are held responsible. I feel that's analogous to the situation with smoking in public places before it was outlawed. The idea that people could smoke responsibly without infringing on others' use of those public spaces proved illusory. Given these realities, allowing dogs in city parks off-leash would just discourage the rest of us from using the parks.	8/2/2019 5:44 PM
135	Current practice of dedicated dog parks is the solution. Opening all parks to all dogs is a terrible idea. We already have enough non-enforcement to be a problem and this would only make it far worse.	8/2/2019 5:32 PM
136	It's good to have some parks that dogs are not allowed. I have one child who's very afraid of dogs and that's a problem when we are in public places and dogs are barking and owners are trying to hold them back from going after other dogs or people.	8/2/2019 5:31 PM
137	Your dogs should not be chasing me, barking at me. It should be under physical control in the park.	8/2/2019 2:07 PM
138	If the city is considering allowing dogs in some but not all parks, it would be great to use dog census data to open up parks in neighborhoods with high levels of dog ownership, and to inform decisions on where to site new off-leash parks.	8/2/2019 1:53 PM
139	Please keep the parks safer by not allowing dogs in people parks. There are plenty of dog parks available. People will take advantage of open leash policies, it will cause major safety issues for cars, bikes, children, adults and other dogs	8/2/2019 12:56 PM
140	dogs are nice to pet Madison residents will have to pay more to enforce any rules on parks with dogs. Currently I see many instances where owners do not even pretend to follow restrictions with no enforcement actions forthcoming.	8/2/2019 12:12 PM
141	dogs are animals and I have seen children with ears and noses bitten off because 2 supposed friendly dogs ran at each other and a kid was in between. too many people do not use common sense for it to be safe for dogs to run around without leashes and to use people parks as dog parks. state law says dogs on a leash unless in fenced in area. why are you changing it?	8/2/2019 12:11 PM
142	If not in a specifically designated off-leash area, dogs should be on SHORT leashes	8/2/2019 11:29 AM
143	Public safety from aggressive dogs and dog poop is still a big concern for me.	8/2/2019 10:02 AM
144	Many dog owners are responsible & pick up their dog's waste, but the few who don't will make the parks a poor place for all. Also, some dog owners have no idea how much damage their "friendly" dog may cause to those who are afraid, on bikes, or fearful of dogs.	8/2/2019 9:23 AM
145	Having dogs in parks would discourage people (like my mother & a couple of my friends) from going to parks for fear of dogs even on leashes. Again I am a dog owner, but don't think love of having my dog with me overshadows courtesy to others	8/2/2019 9:16 AM
146	Many dog owners don't clean up after their dogs. It will happen in the city parks if dogs are allowed.	8/2/2019 9:01 AM
147	The current ordinance is perfect and needs to be enforced for everyone's safety.	8/2/2019 8:53 AM
148	This is not a good idea	8/2/2019 8:35 AM
149	More designated off-leash dog parks would provide dog owners with a place to exercise dogs and protect the general park user. Currently there are no parks from Campus to Middleton along University Ave. Consider adding fenced dog areas at current existing parks such as Marsha, Rennebohm, Spring Harbor, etc.	8/2/2019 8:22 AM
150	NO FREE RUNNING DOGS IN OUR PARKS IT'S DANGEROUS AND THE PARKS ARE FOR PEOPLE NOT PETS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	8/2/2019 8:13 AM
151	For safety concerns no dog should be in public areas not leashed. Common sense in a litigious society.	8/2/2019 8:02 AM
152	For safety reasons - dogs need to be on leash in areas where there would be bike traffic/scooters. Paying fees would be another area where dogs should be leashed for safety. Having a dog sit and watch a softball game should be allowed.	8/2/2019 8:01 AM

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153	There are several dog parks where dogs can run unleashed. I have a slight fear of dogs jumping on me or biting me. Owners are not responsible.	8/2/2019 7:57 AM
154	I have personally had to dismount my bike when an unleashed dog darted out in front of me. The dogs are wonderful, it's the owners that are negligent.	8/2/2019 7:54 AM
155	There are plenty of dog parks to run your dog. Most residents do not own dogs. My husband was a pediatrician, dog bites from "friendly" dogs were very common injuries. Children playing and recreating in our parks is more important than dogs playing. Dog owners often do NOT respect leash laws and accidents happen when they run loose.	8/2/2019 7:53 AM
156	Dogs need to be leashed in areas where there are non-dog activities and people!	8/2/2019 7:51 AM
157	I see many people with dogs in parks. I think this is acceptable if they are on-leash. I'm uncomfortable if dogs are off-leash. Especially when an unknown off-leash dog approaches me or my kids.	8/2/2019 7:51 AM
158	how about a few more dog parks? it's the owners of some dogs that make it uneasy for non-dog people.	8/2/2019 7:47 AM
159	We have 7 parks in the City of Madison that feature groomed cross country ski trails where people of all ages and abilities enjoy the snow and connect with nature in the city. Allowing dogs on or off-leash would damage ski trails, negatively impact both skier and dog safety, and disrupt the quiet sport. Many people walking dogs do not realize that the ski trails are destroyed by the holes the r boots and dog paws make, as well as dog feces that may be left on the trails. The holes create safety hazards on the trails that can cause injuries and equipment damage for skiers. I would like to see the 7 parks with ski trails (Ever, Odana, Yahara, Owen, Cherokee Marsh, Turve, and Door Creek) NOT allow dogs both on or off-leash anywhere near the ski trails. I would also strongly like to see signage added to ski trail heads at each of the 7 parks indicating that dogs are not allowed on ski trails. "No Dogs on Ski Trails" or something similar like this: https://images.app.goo.g/yJcTGWPZyxaLdj2W9	8/2/2019 7:31 AM
160	Dogs should never be allowed in conservation parks. Correct signage for dogs are to be allowed in more parks.	8/1/2019 5:51 PM
161	As a dog owner I'm also aware of how many poorly trained dogs are out there and how many people are afraid of dogs	8/1/2019 4:55 PM
162	Seems overly restrictive now, so I wonder if that encourages some owners to ignore the rules entirely?	8/1/2019 4:16 PM
163	Unleashed has a dog enclosed area, off-leash access begs the question of feces. I think dogs should not be near kids, shelters, or sports fields to avoid conflicts. Many kids are really afraid of dogs.	8/1/2019 11:33 AM
164	Please provide enough trash cans and preferably poop pastc bag stations at all parks to remind people that they have to pick up poop. I always do, but there are lazy entitled people who don't always think it applies to them.	8/1/2019 11:15 AM
165	The ordinance is arguably misunderstood, ignored, not enforced. I'd like to take my dog to concerts in parks and on-leashes walks.	8/1/2019 11:01 AM
166	We are so spoiled with dog parks in Madison- it's lovely! I think if we had one on the east side that was walkable, there would be more people okay with dogs not being allowed in parks. I'd be willing to bet that if a section of McPike Park (which isn't fully used typically) were turned into a dog park, you'd have very happy dog owners and pups!	8/1/2019 10:21 AM
167	I think on-leash dogs should be allowed on paths/trails only (unleashed is a fenced-in dog park).	8/1/2019 10:06 AM
168	Not letting dogs on-leash in parks makes it hard to enjoy Madison parks and puts people in the position of searching out dog-friendly places. I travel a lot and most cities are much more dog-friendly than Madison.	8/1/2019 9:50 AM
169	Needed a box for other comments. If a game is happening in a payed...then no dog. If it's open, let the dogs in. Have your dog under control around yourself and others who are eating. Common sense. But a so important that 'stranger' dogs to a picnic scene can get ugly when food is at stake. If I have my dog with me, and I need to use the restroom, I want to take my dog inside. I can't trust someone won't steal my dog. Just keep my bike. I do like water designated areas for dogs...keeps things safer for kids. But kids and dogs in the water go together, too.	8/1/2019 9:47 AM

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170	I make sure my dog park fees are donated to dane county parks and never to mad son parks specifcally because of the no dog policy. Additionally when we walk our dog in areas where there are playgrounds and beaches there is typically no people around to be affected. We would also promote places online as we are influencers and always take pictures of places we visit.	8/1/2019 9:37 AM
171	I have been attacked by off lease dogs twice in parks- both public. There are too many responses by pet owners.	8/1/2019 9:18 AM
172	Should dogs be banned from parks because a few dog owners are not compliant with reasonable rules and regulations? The focus should be on compliance, not banning dogs. Dogs belong outdoors and should enjoy reasonable freedom. Since there are speeders, should all cars be banned from roads? Why not charge more for dog licenses and use those funds for more park rangers?	8/1/2019 8:04 AM
173	It isn't fair to punish all dog owners by not allowing them in the majority of parks due to the fear of a bad dog owner. Madison would be a much better city if it was more dog friendly.	8/1/2019 2:09 AM
174	I think dogs should be allowed, on leash, in Madison parks. I also think that the people who bring dogs to the parks should be required to clean up after their dogs. More dog parks where dogs can be off leash would be nice, too. There are no dog parks with the walking distance of my home, and I am saddened by having to drive my dog to the nearest dog park (Sycamore). Thank you.	7/31/2019 4:27 PM
175	Many people with dogs do not follow the rules. Taking dogs in parks where they are not allowed; not having their dog on leash; and not picking up after their dog. Allowing them in more parks would result in fewer people without pets using parks, and more people with their dogs using parks. Dog parks are made for dogs. City parks are made for people. I've been approached several times by dogs barking and approaching me while the owner smiles and says "he won't hurt you" as the owner struggles to hold back a barking, urching, sometimes growling dog. Dogs in parks would also deter parents/grandparents from taking their children to parks for fear of "interaction" with dogs, and dog owners, that don't behave.	7/31/2019 11:27 AM
176	Strong language about dog refuse pick up should be in place along with substantial fines. Dog owners need to be responsible in public parks.	7/31/2019 6:02 AM
177	While I don't own a dog, I greatly enjoy seeing them in Madison parks, and would love to see them in more parks.	7/31/2019 4:41 AM
178	Please do not relax restrictions on dogs in Madison parks. Some of us have been bitten or have a genuine fear of dogs, and their presence in parks can be alarming or even dangerous. No dogs in parks. Thank you.	7/31/2019 4:04 AM
179	I think dogs should be allowed in parks, ON LEASH. Should not be allowed in playground area or sports courts.	7/31/2019 3:48 AM
180	Allowing dogs in parks will make it less enjoyable in many aspects including quietness, calming environment and potential to step in poop which I shouldn't have to look out for in a park. A dermamatemat	7/30/2019 7:05 PM
181	Dogs like to run and they are inclined to chase small mammals and small children. The off leash dog parks are wonderful here. Maybe a couple more regular parks could have a small dog fenced exercise area so that owners could throw a toy and help their dog exercise. I worry that too many dogs running loose will be a problem for children with disabilities and some owners do not clean up after their dogs.	7/30/2019 5:15 PM
182	Dogs should be allowed in parks under restricted circumstances. Keeping dogs out of parks is in general a good idea because many people feel threatened by dogs and because owners' pick up of dog poop is inevitably inefficient. If dogs were allowed on leash, most people would keep them on leash, but a significant minority of dog owners would let them off leash, reasoning that their own dog is "so friendly" the rule really isn't in place for other people's dogs. Similarly, off leash dogs would end up pooping far from their owners, making it hard for them to find and clean up after their dogs. I favor keeping dogs on leash and away from areas that are heavily used. I would favor letting dogs go anywhere when there is snow on the ground.	7/30/2019 5:08 PM
183	Dogs must be "ON" a leash and owner needs to pick up after dog goes to the bathroom. Have bags available for pick up along with a poop waste container by them where on the poop can be thrown out.	7/30/2019 4:37 PM
184	1) Not all dogs get along with each other. Too many dogs, especially on leash, can cause problems. Not all dog owners know how to deal with aggressive dogs. Everyone thinks their dog is not a problem. 2) Some people are allergic or afraid of dogs. 3) As a cross-country skier, groomed trails would be detrimentally affected by dogs running over them.	7/30/2019 4:37 PM

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185	I appreciate knowing that dogs are not allowed in our park. This rules not a ways followed. Perhaps having a fenced in area within our large park would enable dog owners to let their dogs run without endangering/scaring other park patrons or messing up the grounds with excrement.	7/30/2019 3:25 PM
186	I feel that by allowing dogs in parks on-leash in certain areas will increase the use of Madison parks by residents, and still ensure the safety of all users. If the city provided dog waste cans (much like Maple Bluff does and County parks do) would decrease the likelihood of people not picking up after their dogs. The presence of more park users increases the safety of our parks, and decreases the use of parks for illegal purposes (such as drug use and sales). The presence of dogs in our parks would also make them less appealing for geese (which create mess through droppings) and muskrats (at Tenney park) who create burrows and holes along the shoreline. In parks that have more than one beach (such as Tenney Park) the beach with the leashed dog could be dog-free, and the adjacent beach could be open to dogs.	7/30/2019 3:15 PM
187	I don't think all parks need to be dog-leashed but the number that does is currently below 10%. I think it should be closer to 25%.	7/30/2019 2:45 PM
188	Except for dog parks, I really wish dogs were not allowed in Madison parks. Most certainly, dogs should not be allowed off-leash in Madison parks	7/30/2019 1:00 PM
189	If you could guarantee that every dog owner is a responsible dog owner than it would be ok to let dogs in the park but the City cannot do this. And there is a concern that if laws or restrictions would be in place to allow dogs in parks, the City would not enforce them.	7/30/2019 10:34 AM
190	Dogs should not be allowed in shelters where people eat (for health reasons) or near playground equipment for the safety of children (bites) and health (urination and defecation). If one dog urinates on the others will as well. There should be a place where people who are very afraid may go to stay clear of all dogs so the shelters and playgrounds could be for that. I realize people want to bring their kids and dogs to the park but I think it's impossible for them to watch both as closely as is safely necessary so the dogs need to stay home if you want to go to the playground. Also, dogs should be leashed at all parks except designated dog parks. We should have 2 different tags available for purchase, one for dog parks and another for leashed parks. The purchase of tags should be high enough to pay for 2 full-time wardens to go around and make sure the leashed parks rules are enforced - ticket those who don't carry poop bags, who allow dogs off-leash, don't have the proper tags, etc. Wardens should work days and evenings and every other weekend since weekends have the most infractons and crowds at parks. The city needs to open up the parks to dog owners but don't go too fast or too drastic and enact those who do not want dogs. Thank you.	7/30/2019 10:12 AM
191	More Off-leash dog parks are desperately needed. We currently drive 20 minutes to get to the Capta Springs dog park. Please create one behind Garver Feed Mill.	7/30/2019 10:05 AM
192	Would also like to see dogs allowed off-leash in most parks during early morning hours, as is done in New York's Central Park. Our family has found that dogs and dog-walking have been a primary way for us to meet our neighbors, make friends and feel connected to the community. At the same time, as with other uses of public spaces, education that encourages responsible behavior is key.	7/30/2019 9:57 AM
193	In addition to off-leash "areas" in parks, it might be worth allowing dogs to be off-leash at certain times of day within those areas. Like the City of Portland, OR's approach: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/39523 Regarding shelters: If a party is reserving a shelter, I feel they should be able to bring their dog(s). But I would support dogs not being allowed in shelters otherwise. In addition to more off-leash areas or times of day, I would support allowing on-leash dogs at all times, in most parks. Thank you.	7/30/2019 9:56 AM
194	Number 7 in the survey: If non-dog owners are not present, and if there is no game going on, there shouldn't be restrictions on where a dog can go. I walk my dog in a city park most mornings and the only other people I see that early, a most without exception, are other dog owners.	7/30/2019 9:50 AM
195	The current ordinance is a good thing. Dog ownership is a privilege, not a right. It is not your right to bring your dog everywhere you go, and for good reason. With dogs, comes urine, feces, allergies, real or perceived threats of violence, and violence towards animals and people. Many people, more commonly people of color, are afraid of an animal, often because of traumatic experiences. There is no way to know which dogs are friendly and which ones aren't. Please prioritize humans over dogs. I would much prefer to see more dog parks, or parks turned into dog parks. That is a win-win. But please, don't bring dogs around kids. People often overestimate the friendliness of their own dogs, but when there is a lot of stimuli, another dog, or some other perceived threat to their behavior toward the dog, those animals instinctively will come out. Keep parks safe and clean for the rest of us.	7/30/2019 9:44 AM

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196	The current number of parks where dogs are allowed is far too low.	7/30/2019 9:37 AM
197	Who's going to patrol the parks when folks call??? I was told to hang poop bags on our cyclone fence when I called because Madison doesn't have the staff	7/30/2019 9:03 AM
198	We live near Kennedy park. Dogs are often there off leash. I have seen children terrorized by dogs, even when the dog was probably friendly. Children have to have priority over dogs in our parks. More off-leash parks would be preferred.	7/30/2019 8:50 AM
199	My children love to play in the many parks near our home and the last thing I want is to have to avoid dog poop (no way to enforce) and they don't like big dogs so having them around would deter our use.	7/30/2019 8:43 AM
200	I don't want dogs on trails ever, because there is a lot of potential for getting bit, as I have been. At a minimum, they must be on-leash, and never on sk trails. Runners and skiers surprise dogs, resulting in my experience, injuries.	7/30/2019 8:25 AM
201	Many dog owners do not handle the unleashed dogs safely, off-leash they are very unpredictable and can trip walker or bikers. Please do not change the current laws.	7/30/2019 8:15 AM
202	I believe one of the objections to allowing dogs in city parks is the fact that there are irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. If the city had "Pet Waste" containers I believe it would help with the problem. I do realize that would involve extra cost to install those containers and have them picked up and emptied on a regular basis.	7/30/2019 7:52 AM
203	My problem with some dog owners is that they don't pick up the feces of their dogs. As so some dogs are not disciplined to be off-leash. I would love to take my dog anywhere, but the reality is that not all owners train their dogs to behave around other dogs or people including children. Should dogs be allowed in more parks, in my opinion, yes. However, there should be restrictions.	7/30/2019 7:33 AM
204	An update to this ordinance seems reasonable to provide additional opportunities for dog owners to walk and exercise (off-leash) their dogs. However, it should not result in blanket permission for dogs everywhere. I think a reasonable accommodation can be reached that zones parks and areas of parks to optimize their use. I commend Madison Parks for moving forward with this process and I hope future public engagement on this issue continues.	7/30/2019 7:23 AM
205	Although I consider myself to be a responsible dog owner, and do support allowing dogs on-leash in city parks, I am concerned about others who: a.) may not follow leash ordinances (fine/punishment) b.) do not clean up after their dog/s and c.) how the above concerns will be enforced d.) how communities will be impacted if the above concerns are not enforced.	7/30/2019 7:16 AM
206	more off-leash dog parks or areas in dog parks would be wonderful. I drive a overland co. to visit and would love one closer to home.	7/30/2019 7:07 AM
207	Thank dogs MUST be on-leash at all times to protect others and owners MUST be responsible to pick up waste. Of course, this means the City will have to provide waste disposal containers.	7/30/2019 6:54 AM
208	I pay state and city taxes and I use parks less because my dogs not allowed.	7/30/2019 6:52 AM
209	For being such a progressive city I'm amazed at how strict the dog rules are in this city. The onus is on the owner for keeping a well-behaved dog. Open up the parks to dogs and watch them flourish.	7/30/2019 6:39 AM
210	I love an animal. I have a cat now. I had a dog for 15 years, and would take him to a no-leash park to run his heart out. I would walk him WITH A LEASH ATTACHED TO MY HAND! Always cleaned up after him. You can have all the rules, regulations you want BUT owners will do what they want, when they want. Leaving this for a Park Ranger to handle is not the answer. Forget ticketing, enforce by taking the animal to a shelter and making the owner \$\$\$\$\$\$. I don't think you realize what is going really happening with dog owners. At my condo a woman was walking her dog, smoking a cigarette, texting on her phone..the dog went onto someone's patio....the owner came out and asked..."WHY IS SHE LETTING HER DOG ON HER PATIO.....owner's response "that's where she wants to go".....A ticket is minor, many can/will pay that.. Sorry, responsibility is not a priority to many....	7/30/2019 6:36 AM
211	I think an appropriate compromise might be that every new park over a certain size program and builds an off-leash, fenced area. Additionally, using a policy that supports an off-leash "area" park area that is available in every neighborhood would be a great deal!	7/30/2019 6:07 AM
212	Access to the parks near the lakes would be a welcome addition to the areas my dogs and I are currently able to use.	7/30/2019 5:52 AM

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213	Dogs should be allowed in all parks. Dog washing stations should also be available, especially at current off-leash parks.	7/30/2019 3:59 AM
214	I see no reason to NOT allow on-leash dogs in city parks. For example, if we walk our children and want to stop off at the playground in Hoyt, I'm technically not allowed to walk through the park with my dog on-leash. Having hooks or something similar around playgrounds to tie up your on-leash dog would be helpful as well.	7/30/2019 3:51 AM
215	I have a dog who is under my control when we walk. I think it's nice to be able to walk dogs in parks, but I think it's very important to pick up dog waste when out in public.	7/30/2019 2:37 AM
216	Off-leash areas need to be separate fenced areas. Non-dog owners should not be inconvenienced by another person's dog. More areas could be leashed areas. Rules should be set up to protect non-dog owners.	7/30/2019 1:23 AM
217	If dogs are allowed in more parks, then additional resources are needed to ensure that owners are complying with the rules and that they are picking up after their dogs. I would rather see more dog-only parks than to allow them into multi-use parks.	7/29/2019 5:48 PM
218	I run through the parks near my home every day. I choose running in the parks because there is a lower probability of a dog chasing me than running on a sidewalk. I see dogs on-leashes in the parks daily and I see dogs off-leash in parks at least twice per week. The current ordinance is not stopping some from bringing their dogs into parks already. I feel extremely unsafe when I see dogs off-leash in parks and often have to avoid the park when I see them. This frustrates me, because if your goal is to increase accessibility of parks by allowing dogs, you would really only be increasing accessibility to dogs. I would not be able to access the parks safely even though I pay taxes. The dogs in the neighborhood do not. Please consider the safety and cleanliness of parks by maintaining the ordinance. I would support the increase of new dog park locations in the city (just not within current parks that don't allow dogs).	7/29/2019 5:23 PM
219	I would love to have more access to off-leash beaches to take my dog swimming.	7/29/2019 4:38 PM
220	Please keep dogs out of Madison parks. Irresponsible dog owners who do not pick up their dog feces ruin the park experience.	7/29/2019 3:39 PM
221	With a ban on dogs the rules are still broken. A lot of children use the parks and as much as I like dogs, the potential for an incident is too high for comfort.	7/29/2019 3:17 PM
222	The use of a collar, such as beer, is far more pervasive than dog ownership in Madison, yet a collar is not permitted in any City park unless you have a special applied permit, which has an associated fee. Glass containers which are often used to hold a collar are also prohibited in City parks. It does not make any sense to prohibit a collar while allowing dogs in parks. The purpose of such a prohibition is to ensure public safety while not overburdening City Parks Rangers or City Police when things get out of hand. You have to assume that there will be too many abuses. There are already too many occurrences of dog feces left behind. One time, dog owners left their dog off-leash at Ever park and the dog ran towards me, and I felt threatened. I want parks to be a place where adults and kids do not have to feel threatened by someone's dog. And dogs on bike paths are a nuisance, as some dogs will attack bicyclists or dog owners won't keep their dogs from wandering into the other lane. Also, many of my dog-owning friends have said that they will not take their dogs to dog parks because of vicious dogs that have attacked their dog. If you want to help the dog-owning community, make new dog parks with amenities for general enjoyment. Also, improve existing dog parks. Quann Park, for example, is a barren field. Plant some trees and shrubs, put in a koi pond with a fountain, have art installations, set up a beer garden, or even install some lights and allow the park to be open until midnight to accommodate dog-owners with odd schedules. Anything done can make that park better. To be clear, I love dogs, and would love to own a couple some day. But they are a big responsibility. And it's not the dogs themselves that are the problem, it's the irresponsible dog owners who don't look after or control their dogs.	7/29/2019 11:06 AM
223	I do not currently own a dog, but when I did, I loved the dog parks, especially Quann. Dog parks are used! Other parks are frequently empty. If you want a park to be safe, it's safest when people are there most of the time. If you want people to be in parks, then the easiest way to get them there is to allow them to bring their dogs.	7/29/2019 11:00 AM

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224	My wife and I are avid users of Madison's City Parks. Sadly, Over the years we have had numerous unpleasant interactions with dogs and dog owners in several parks, primarily Odana Hills Park and Westmorland Park. These incidents have run from dogs both on and off leash lunging at us to stepping on dog waste. We have also discovered that some dog owners become very hostile when informed that dogs are not allowed in most city parks. This can turn what should be a pleasant time at a park into a very tense and often fearful experience. For these reasons we are very opposed to any expansion of dog access to city parks beyond those designated dog parks. In fact we would wish for increased enforcement of the existing rules against dogs in city parks. We would also encourage the implementation of the dogs-on-leash program for that has been instituted in some parks as it leads to confusion about where dogs are allowed in a park. We realize that we are mostly one voice of opposition to dogs in parks - nonetheless, we're here as we're here.	7/29/2019 10:53 AM
225	I support allowing dogs in parks, but want changes to be made in a way that protects wildlife.	7/29/2019 10:21 AM
226	Dogs should only be allowed off-leash in fenced areas since many people are afraid of dogs and many dogs are poorly behaved. I would like to be able to walk my dog on-leash in city parks in my neighborhood without violating the ordinance. I would be okay with restrictions on which areas in the park are acceptable for dogs. Several of my neighbors do walk their dogs (on-leash and off) in the neighborhood parks despite the ordinance.	7/29/2019 10:02 AM
227	Dogs are not the nuisance in parks. It's untrained, irresponsible owners. Trained owners and their dogs make good park companions and park spaces important to keep one's dog exercised and well-behaved. Other cities have Canine Good Citizen certification that prove an owner's control of his/her dog and could be required for people to walk in parks with their dogs. Question 7 is impossible to answer. Should dogs be allowed in playground areas, sports courts, etc.? Perhaps they should not be allowed in playgrounds or on courts when in use by people, but allowed when they are free. Question 5 assumes people with dogs like dog parks. I never take my dogs there--Too many badly trained owners!	7/29/2019 9:15 AM
228	Please note my comments above. Dogs in family parks is potentially like non-smokers in a restaurant with a smoking section - even people who don't have pets or want to be around them will be subjected to those who do. If there must be dogs in parks, there should only be a designated area, preferably fenced to keep them safely distanced. But past experience tells me that dog owners will take a moment rather than an inch. I've heard dog owners say "my dog won't hurt anyone" or "my dog doesn't need a leash because it's so well-behaved" or treat an entire area as dog friendly even though just one area is designated so.	7/29/2019 8:40 AM
229	I think dogs on-leash could be near playgrounds, playgrounds and beaches as long as they don't make other patrons uncomfortable. I'm not sure how you enforce responsible pet ownership.	7/29/2019 8:08 AM
230	I don't have a dog, but enjoy them. As long as it's required for the owner to clean up after them, I'm all for allowing dogs in parks.	7/29/2019 8:01 AM
231	We have young children and I often say a blanket down have my baby there on the blanket and can play with my children without worrying about dogs or their feces interfering with the enjoyment of the park. If all dog owners were responsible and followed rules of keeping dogs leashed and cleaning up their waste that would be one thing, but we are downtown residents and are constantly dealing with dog waste left behind and off-leash dogs so I know this is not the case. Dogs in parks would not enhance the current clean, peaceful park environment.	7/29/2019 7:06 AM
232	I cannot take my dog to designated dog parks because she is an anxious submissive dog, who not only is afraid of most dogs but has been attacked by other dogs multiple times. However, she loves people and is well-behaved. Having relocated from the Chicago suburbs where dogs by ear are allowed in parks on-leash but not on playgrounds, I have been surprised and disappointed by how few parks allow dogs in Madison. I also wish Madison had more fenced-in areas for dogs to be off-leash in addition to the dog parks.	7/29/2019 6:41 AM
233	I agree with the current ordinance except in its enforcement (it's not enforced from what I have seen).	7/29/2019 6:37 AM
234	There are several areas of the city where off-leash dog parks are not accessible unless you own a car. Additionally, walking well-behaved dogs through local parks is the main way several dog owners utilize parks. One of the great things about Madison is that there are many parks with ample space and save for special events, there is usually plenty of room to maintain distance from other park users who do not wish to interact with dogs. Poorly-behaved dogs can be dealt with through restrictions and the onus should be on individual dog owners to control and manage their pets' behavior. Offering dog bag/trash can combos is an effective way to minimize dog waste if this is a concern.	7/29/2019 6:36 AM

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235	Dogs should be allowed on leash in parks. Owners should be required to pick up after them. Appropriate receptacles should be provided.	7/29/2019 6:29 AM
236	People need to pick up after their dogs. People never follow the ordinance	7/29/2019 6:22 AM
237	It's not the dogs, it's the owners. I love dogs, but I'm not in love with YOUR dog, regardless how much you are. A little more respect for others and keeping your dog's nose out of people's business would go a long way.	7/29/2019 6:15 AM
238	DOGS ARE NOT PEOPLE	7/29/2019 4:34 AM
239	It's silly to broadly prohibit dogs in parks. My dog becomes aggressive when encountering an off-leash dog while being on-leash himself, and some dogs can be aggressive frightened or cause harm while off-leash, which is why I don't think dogs should be allowed off-leash throughout parks.	7/29/2019 3:46 AM
240	This ordinance forces families to choose between the needs of the kids and the pets. On-leash dogs should be allowed in parks with the families.	7/28/2019 5:02 PM
241	There are many cities which allow dogs in parks - both on-leash and off with clearly marked area and dog waste pick-up stations. London's Hyde Park comes to mind.	7/28/2019 4:58 PM
242	Smaller community parks might be a good spot to allow dogs vs Warner, schools, etc. Parks that currently allow dogs should remain the same	7/28/2019 1:27 PM
243	Dogs should be under control at any time in a Madison park and owners must be expected to pick up after their dog(s). Could Madison Parks provide dog waste stations (bags and collection points)? Dogs sit on-leash at times I think because (despite what some owners think/say) a loose dog often threatens to walkers and other dogs; also, dogs under control could be on walking paths in more parks but probably not smaller neighborhood parks and not parks that butt up to nature preserves or conservancy parks.	7/28/2019 11:13 AM
244	As it currently stands, the laws prohibiting dogs in most parks has greatly limited my ability to visit the majority of parks within the city, including parks that are within walking distance from my own home. I find it highly inconvenient that I need to drive to a park to take my dogs for a walk, which is a so-not-environmentally friendly. I greatly respect limiting where dogs have off-leash freedom in parks as I have met people who are scared of dogs and I also do not like when off-leash dogs approach my dogs when I am in an on-leash area. However, if dogs are kept on an appropriate length leash and under control of the owners, it should be easy to prevent dog-on-dog issues as we assess limiting the impact of those who do not wish to be near dogs in parks. I would definitely visit more parks in the city if my dogs could come with me. I definitely support allowing dogs on-leash in the majority of Madison parks, with certain restrictions on where a dog can go within the park and maintaining set-off-leash fenced dog park areas in some parks.	7/28/2019 11:01 AM
245	There is no way to enforce good/bad behavior of dogs or the owners. We live near a park and still have days when we need to clean up after irresponsible owners. Schools should definitely off-limits.	7/28/2019 10:23 AM
246	Dog poop in parks is yet another problem. Even given that the majority of dog owners will clean up after their leashed dog, they cannot wash down the area--which then leaves a bathroom smell for the next dog. Unleashed dogs could not possibly be tracked and cleaned up after. Do not allow them in the parks!	7/28/2019 9:48 AM
247	I find it ridiculous that I can't walk my dog on the path through my neighborhood park. I do understand some people are poor stewards when it comes to picking up poop, however. A poop bag dispenser at each park would be helpful.	7/28/2019 8:41 AM
248	If dogs are allowed in parks with restrictions, I fear that dog owners will not follow the restrictions. Also, it would be difficult to enforce the restrictions. I walk alone and have been approached by dogs, both on-leash and off-leash, and that is scary to me.	7/28/2019 6:38 AM
249	Most countries I have visited (over 30) allow dogs in most places. Humans get along around them. Cleanliness, hygiene, and courtesy are a must	7/28/2019 5:37 AM
250	I think it's fine to let dogs onto the grass area as long as they are leashed. Off-leashed dogs should only be allowed on a dog park. And people who let their dog run off-leash should be fined as it is a safety issue	7/28/2019 4:52 AM
251	Off-leash dogs should not be allowed beyond designated areas but leashed dogs should be allowed anywhere reasonable	7/28/2019 3:05 AM

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252	We already have dog parks. I have young kids. and when go to parks we often bring food. I'd be worried about dogs going through our things, and our kids having no way to know if a dog's friendly or hostile.	7/28/2019 2:51 AM
253	The biggest problem with this ordinance is that it's not enforced enough.	7/28/2019 2:37 AM
254	Current rules are not enforced. I walk the neighborhood and parks daily sometimes multiple times and I see violations of the current rules every time I am out. If the current rules are ignored why should there be broader use allowed. The fines should be higher and there should be more ranger activity giving tickets to violators and the fines should be much higher.	7/27/2019 2:20 PM
255	I believe it would be welcomed but with restrictions (making playground and sport restrictions could be great for both anxious people around dogs and anxious dogs)	7/27/2019 12:44 PM
256	The real problems off-leash use and owner not picking up after their dogs. I have seen owners let their dogs off-leash at night to allow them to run. There's little enforcement of this law and after hours supervision	7/27/2019 12:35 PM
257	There's little or no enforcement. I see unleashed dogs in the parks almost every day.	7/27/2019 12:29 PM
258	I believe that dogs off-leash are a problem, but think that allowing dogs in parks on-leash is a good way to make parks accessible to everybody, while keeping them safe for everyone.	7/27/2019 11:43 AM
259	In NYC they have off-leash hours 9:00pm to 9:00am so dogs can run and pay then leave for everyone else to enjoy the park. If certain parks had areas designated for off-leash hours, everyone could be accommodated. Dogs on-leash should be allowed any time.	7/27/2019 11:08 AM
260	I believe this is outdated. However I do think that added protection and enforcement for poorly behaved dogs and their owners would be good. They make other dog owners look bad and are a threat to people as well as other dogs.	7/27/2019 10:05 AM
261	I get very upset when people walk their dogs without leashes but I would like to have more freedom -- using my own common sense -- in other public parks	7/27/2019 9:40 AM
262	Dog owners already bring their dogs to the parks, on and off-leash. Enforcement of this law is minimal and the fines are not enough to stop this. There are many "repeat offenders" and the fines mean nothing to them.	7/27/2019 9:19 AM
263	Off-leash dogs should only be in fenced areas. Otherwise, a way on-leash. Unleashed dogs anywhere outside fenced yards or dog parks is unfair to people and dogs who are afraid of other dogs. I would like fenced off-leash parks to ban un-spayed and Un-neutered dogs and a way offer a small dog section. We need more pet waste bag stations and pet waste containers throughout the city, both in and out of parks.	7/27/2019 8:55 AM
264	FWIW, I think the Warner Park options work well. Would like to see that mode expanded, especially on the stadium. If we want to cut down carbon emissions, it would be nice to have dog friendly parks and some beach options in walking distance from high density neighborhoods.	7/27/2019 8:08 AM
265	There needs to be an off-leash and fenced dog park near Reynolds Park as lots of dogs live in this area and the closest dog parks are several miles away.	7/27/2019 6:26 AM
266	Even now, before additional freedoms are given to dog-owners, they walk their dogs on no-leashes & on "nervous" leashes, they allow their dogs to run through & poop in flowerbeds and plantings, they leave the sidewalk and walk into yard to allow dog to pee on the shrubbery, and their dogs run wild off-leash in no-dog parks and in conservation parks. If dog owners are given additional privileges with this change the their attitude of entitlement to do anything anywhere? Will the new regulations be enforced? Will the new off-leash areas in parks be fenced in to protect people from dogs? (I know someone who was knocked over by a dog jumping on her.) Why not require dog-owners to be licensed by passing a test on regulations & courtesies to be observed with their dogs? As you can tell I am not in favor of granting dog-owners more freedoms. I have been charged by barking dogs on-leash that the walker could barely contain. It was a frightening experience. Green spaces are rare enough and I should not have to be afraid to go there.	7/27/2019 4:11 AM
267	This is a fundamentally dumb idea. Dogs are frequently very disruptive. Dog owners are frequently completely oblivious to the fact that most people don't want to interact with their darned fur babies.	7/27/2019 2:48 AM
268	I frequently run (sometimes barefoot) in many of our parks. The first time I stepped on dog shit there's gonna be hell to pay. So I would ticket the (shit) out of dog owners who don't clean up after their dog. :)	7/26/2019 8:01 AM

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269	I fee very strongly that dogs should be allowed in certain areas of parks, but that it is also ultimately necessary that must be on-leash. I fee that dogs off-leash would create significant concerns and issues and potentially problems that would lead to the City needing to reassess this ordinance again sometime in the near future.	7/26/2019 7:02 AM
270	A reasonable/common-sense "test" should be considered when assessing which parks would allow dogs, on- and/or off-leash. For example, small parks with majority of small children play equipment may not be prudent, but large, open parks with significant open space areas could accommodate on- and off-leash activity.	7/26/2019 5:16 AM
271	People who are taking the time to leash walk their dogs are responsible community members. I understand that some people are fearful of an animal but honestly I fee that they are in the minority. And dogs should be leashed in the parks and always under the owners control.	7/26/2019 2:49 AM
272	My husband suffered a dog bite from an uncontrolled dog last year. It was painful, time-consuming and expensive for our family. I often encounter off-leash and on-leash dogs with my leashed dog and small children when in parks and on walks. These other dogs, although the owners always say they are friendly, are often poorly trained and sometimes aggressive.	7/25/2019 2:59 PM
273	Dogs should not be allowed in parks	7/25/2019 12:52 PM
274	I would love to see a new off-leash dog park anywhere near Orchard Gardens!	7/25/2019 12:01 PM
275	There are NO bad dogs, only irresponsible owners. If there is an incident, that OWNER should be held responsible (fines, etc.), but Madison should allow dogs & owners in parks & outdoor restaurants.	7/25/2019 11:48 AM
276	With the racial and economic disparities in car ownership and with dogs not allowed on public transportation I think the policy as it is currently written makes it much harder for fox of color or those living with lower incomes to access equal space to walk their dogs. Fines and tickets further exacerbate these inequities.	7/25/2019 11:42 AM
277	As a dog owner, I would enjoy taking my dog to city parks as long as all dogs were required to be on-leash or there were a specific off-leash area. If dogs are allowed in city parks, it would be a good idea to have a few stations with poop bags and waste receptacles.	7/25/2019 11:39 AM
278	Dogs are not the problem. Owners are the problem. Deal with them.	7/25/2019 11:35 AM
279	I often encounter dogs in parks now, including in conservancy parks and on shorelines. They scare wildlife, trample plants and natural areas, erode shorelines, leave messy droppings, disturb science, and interfere with my quiet enjoyment of park spaces. I am nervous when confronted with loud or threatening dogs, and nervous when boisterous, overly friendly dogs jump at or on me. I am tired of dog owners treating me with anger and/or contempt when I request that they leash their pets. Dogs are everywhere now. I would like to preserve (at least some) space for humans, free of dogs. Reluctantly, I would accept well-behaved leashed dogs (and dog owners) on paved paths, but I fear that loosening restrictions will just mean that some owners will take advantage of the situation and allow their animals to run loose on grass, playgrounds, and especially beaches and other shorelines.	7/25/2019 11:19 AM
280	I would prefer the ordinance remain...why is the city building more fenced-in dog parks taking away much needed play space for children and adults. 1. I have a child that was fearful of an animal until turning age 10, a normal childhood phobia that tends to be genetically passed on. Dog owners often don't seem to understand there are many reasons for this. As a parent, I needed to constantly be on the alert even when ice skating on Vasa Lagoon. When my child had grown and this is no longer a fear, I do have concerns when I see dogs off-leash running large circles in parks when children are present. 2. There have been many times where my family needs to protect babies from off-leash dogs (eg soccer balls, frisbee, softballs) owners will say...he won't hurt you. (But what about a soccer ball with a tooth hole). 3. I pay to use cross country skis in the winter. I am patrolled when local dog owners take their off-leash dogs to the same ski trails and allow the dog to trample on traditional nordic tracks. The dogs often come running up to me sking and bark and even growl. 4. Dog feces are often not picked up when the dogs are off-leash because owners don't pay attention, become lax, or in the evening darker hours (summer & winter) this is particularly common during dusk hours in several parks I frequent routinely	7/25/2019 11:04 AM
281	they should be away from the trails unless they are on a short leash	7/25/2019 10:41 AM

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282	I really appreciate the ordinance as it currently stands. I would like the parks to remain free of dogs. I have been a dog owner and love pets but unfortunately, too many folks misunderstand how to manage dogs in crowds or around people (especially children). I also love not stepping in feces (or feces residue left on the grass even after the manpiles removed). Dealing with off-leash dogs in a public space can very quickly become stressful for a trying to enjoy the parks. I cannot imagine how chaotic parks would be during festivals with dogs attending, either off or on-leash. Thank you for your time on this matter.	7/25/2019 9:39 AM
283	This is the first city I have lived in that does not allow leashed dogs in parks - on-leash, as defined from waste management, I do not know of a concern - this has easily addressed with waste stations etc. I actually found that it drastically impacts my ability to enjoy this city's parks. I think the on and off-leash concerns are drastically different and at some point I hope we can get more on-leash ability to elegantly use our parks. Even if restricted to trails it would be a huge improvement. If I had known before moving to Madison, I would not have purchased a home in Versailles.	7/25/2019 8:38 AM
284	I'd like more parks for my dog to go with in the city. Right now I have to drive pretty far to an off-leash park.	7/25/2019 7:55 AM
285	I would make much greater use of city parks if I were able to take my kids to a playground and let my dog run at the same time and place.	7/25/2019 7:29 AM
286	Northeast Park is essentially in my backyard and this quiet park, in the middle of a dog-friendly apartment complex, is the perfect example of a park that should allow dogs. Several times a week during the summer, there are youth sporting events in the park, and those are cases where I do not bring my dogs near the area. I lean toward restricting dogs from being present at organized events like these with large crowds, because this is a hectic environment that could potentially stress both dog and owner. On a normal day, well-behaved, on-leash dogs should absolutely be allowed in Madison Parks with a human.	7/25/2019 6:50 AM
287	I believe dogs should be allowed on-leash in all parks. Specific off-leash areas could be fenced to ensure safety of dogs and people.	7/25/2019 6:27 AM
288	I strongly feel that dogs should be on-leash, unless in a designated dog park.	7/25/2019 6:10 AM
289	When I had a dog, it was awful not to be able to go into a park as part of the daily walks. I paid a dog fee and taxes and yet a major city asset was off-limits. Unfair! Those who don't want to be around dogs can go into one of the many parks that I assume will remain dog-free.	7/25/2019 5:50 AM
290	1) The minority of people who are afraid of dogs or have allergies need to be respected. This is not a "majority wins" situation. The parks need to be accessible to "all" people. 2) Hygiene and safety are not "outdated". Parks should not become dog toilets, the way all-terrain areas are in the city. Citizens should be able to walk on park grass in sandals and have to be hygienic. Children should feel safe playing in the city parks. 3) Signage is completely insufficient. There are many ways to enter a park that contain no signage. Changing to allow dogs in parks, but not in areas like restrooms and playgrounds, would require even more signage. 4) How could you restrict people from having dogs in restroom areas, yet also require they be on-leash? What is a person supposed to do with the dog when they need to use the restroom? This restriction won't work, and I do NOT want dogs in the restrooms.	7/25/2019 5:29 AM
291	Time to update this ordinance to allow dogs on-leash in the parks!	7/25/2019 2:26 AM
292	Dog walkers create a feeling of security for park users in early morning or late night hours, dog walkers are community patrol	7/25/2019 2:02 AM
293	I think allowing dogs on-leash and under control in Madison parks is a good idea, especially as most people do this now anyway. I oppose allowing off-leash dogs in all parks because not all are controlled and they could easily cause problems for people or other pets (like my dog, who is scared of other dogs). If dogs are allowed off-leash in parks I will not be able to use the parks anymore.	7/24/2019 5:46 PM
294	I live by James Madison park where dogs are only allowed on-leash on the paths and almost every time I am there I see dogs loose. I have been bitten by a dog on the street. I think dogs should go to dog parks only.	7/24/2019 4:51 PM
295	I believe that Question 6 missed the mark. The answer "off-leash, only in certain areas" is not specific enough. Does that mean certain green space within a park? How would that work? I guess defining "certain areas" is needed. And thus, I might change my answer. Thanks!	7/24/2019 3:44 PM

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296	Dog owners appear to be eve that any restr ct on on whatever they and the r dogs want to do s an unbearable m tat on on the r rghts. Meanwh e l've w tnessed destruct on of park turf as groups of owners stand n one p ace toss ng chase tems for the r dogs to catch -- n one p ace. I w tnessed a so a dog owner saw a branch off a swamp oak so that he and h s dog cou d more eas y access the Yahara r ver at ts Monona mouth. I've been attacked by a ne ghbor's dog n a park. I've seen far too much unco ected dog waste. I'm a for more dog parks, but the pr v eged dog owners I see n parks too often care noth ng for others shar ng the park w th them. And I w tness th s every day.	7/24/2019 11:08 AM
297	I wou d ove f dogs cou d use a parks. On eash s best for other peop e, other dogs, and w d fe.	7/24/2019 10:28 AM
298	Ord nance s f ne. Dogs shou d be a owed everywhere but on a so d 6 foot ead, no f ex eads. The prob em where I am at Baxter park s that peop e have them off eash anyways. Off eash wou d be f ne f they are under vo ce contro . I've encountered severa that are not and w approach me wh ch s very scary.	7/24/2019 9:39 AM
299	I th nk that other ord nances perta n ng to dogs, ke ones regard ng p ck ng up waste and contro ng your dog, shou d be more strong y enforced so that dogs and dog owners can have more freedom n us ng the parks.	7/24/2019 8:14 AM
300	W th anyth ng, there needs to be an educat ona component, both for dog owners and others regard ng approach ng dogs.	7/24/2019 7:54 AM
301	I th nk dogs shou d be a owed n conservat on parks as we -spec f ca y Cherokee Marsh.	7/24/2019 7:41 AM
302	What's the b g dea ? Th s ord nance just seems stup d. Dog owners, who pay property taxes, mght not pay on one of the mass ve sports f e ds (wh ch are on y used at certa n t mes), but they own dogs and want to br ng them to an open green space cose by. Look at p aces ke Dom n on Park on the far east s de— never used. W de open f e d, no use whatsoever. Why shou dn't a dog be a owed?	7/24/2019 7:41 AM
303	I be eve dogs shou d be a owed on eash at Mad son C ty parks and on y a owed off eash n des gnated fenced n areas. I th nk they shou d be restr cted from ch dren's p ayground areas and a to be on the s de nes of f e ds/courts/other sport areas f they are on eash and not caus ng prob ems.	7/24/2019 7:27 AM
304	My on y concern s w th the r poop and ur ne, and unfortunate y we have to most y be concerned about neg gent dog owners. A ow ng dogs n p aygrounds I th nk s unsan tary for ch dren because they'd ke y mark there. The same goes for p cn c tab es, but I th nk t's f ne to have dogs there so ong as they're superv sed. Beaches are a ready f ed w th f sh poop so I don't th nk t'd be a b g dea , same for f e ds wh ch the b rds and bunn es are a ready poop ng on. If dogs are a owed, I th nk t shou d on y be for certa n arger parks w th ots of space for them, ke E ver. Sma p ayground parks and schoo p aygrounds I don't th nk make as much sense to a ow. For any park dogs are a owed n, I th nk t'd be w se to make sure poop bags and d sposa areas are prov ded - there w a ways be neg gent dog owners to p ck up after.	7/24/2019 7:17 AM
305	How wou d comp ance w th any regu at ons be enforced f dogs are a owed n parks? Our ne ghborhood strugg es w th dog wa kers not p ck ng up after the r dogs. Can't mag ne stepp ng n dog poop wh e n a park - ugh!	7/24/2019 6:20 AM
306	I fee dogs do not need to be taken everywhere. The dog parks shou d be enough. Perhaps we need more dog parks.	7/24/2019 6:07 AM
307	It wou d be n ce to be ab e to take my dog to the beer garden	7/24/2019 5:52 AM
308	I do not own a dog, but I cons stent y care for a fr ends dogs. It wou d be wonderfu to br ng dogs to the parks that are w th n wa k ng d stance nstead of hav ng to dr ve to other ne ghborhoods.	7/24/2019 5:48 AM
309	If an on-eash dog s n the park, how does that harm other peop e? I used to ve across the street from a arge Mad son Park, but d dn't enjoy t much because dogs were not a owed. I had to go e sewhere, when there was a beaut fu park rght there!	7/24/2019 5:36 AM
310	No dogs p ease; Dogs outnumber k ds n Mad son	7/24/2019 5:20 AM
311	It wou d be n ce to have most Mad son parks access b e to dog owners w th the r dogs. A coup e of nterest ng examp es of po ces are the NYC Centra Park, wh ch a ows dogs n most of ts area most of the t me but restr cts them n certa n areas and certa n t mes, and some parks n Sa t Lake C ty, UT, where dogs are a owed off-eash n even days and on-eash n odd days.	7/24/2019 3:49 AM
312	I got b t by a dog on a Mad son park because It's eash was 20 feet ong attached to a goa post	7/23/2019 10:16 PM
313	Rea y need to keep dogs and wa kers off the groomed sk tra s, p ease.	7/23/2019 4:45 PM

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314	What s the purpose of the dog parks we current y have? If you don't ke the ru es for us humans, don't get a dog! Maybe I shou d br ng my cat to the park and see how much exc tement that causes.	7/23/2019 3:26 PM
315	I do not have any add tona comments/concerns.	7/23/2019 12:35 PM
316	Re: quest on 2... I wou d have ked there to be a th rd opt on of agree ng to dogs n parks w th restr ct ons. Have concerns about owners who poor y tra n and contro the r dogs and what wou d be the process of c tzens shou d owners create prob ems.	7/23/2019 12:33 PM
317	No dogs n p aygrounds p ease, sma k ds at dog eve and errat c. No dogs on sports courts, potent a for gett ng dogs exc ted by movement and dog-peop e co s ons. No dogs at sw m beaches, peop e are s tt ng on the ground at dog-face eve . I wou d be ok w th dogs on eashes but SO FEW dog owners obey th s a ready. I th nk dogs m ght be exerc sed on arge open areas f the owner keeps them away from other peop e. I th nk a parks shou d have more s gns. I am not ant -dog, but off- eash dogs are unpred ctab e. I've had owners respond to object ons by say ng "Th s s the East S de" ke ru es don't app y to them. Dogs do not have the r ghts of peop e, sorry.	7/23/2019 12:19 PM
318	Dogs (w th the r owners) ru n c ty sk /snow shoe tra s. Wa k ng on them and poop ng n them.	7/23/2019 11:21 AM
319	Current y n the parks that have dog restr ct ons they are rare y enforced. If dogs are a owed more access I fear that wou d further comprom se any respect for what restr ct ons may st be n p ace. I ve on Orton Park wh ch s a posted no dog park. There are dogs n the park regu ar y, often off eash. The s ze of the park does not support even a sma number of dogs and a ow any space to be dog free. I am concerned about the safety of Park users, ch dren an adu ts a ke as often the dogs are off eash and not we tra ned. There s no easy way for ne ghbors to enforce the po cy and there s rare y a park ranger ava ab e.	7/23/2019 11:19 AM
320	Foster and promote a commun ty of respons b e dog ownersh p.	7/23/2019 10:56 AM
321	A though I'd be just as happy to not see dogs n parks (except for off- eash dog parks), I understand the des re to expand access. I fee strong y that they shou d on y be a owed on- eash and shou d be restr cted from certa n areas ent re y. Regard ess of the outcome, the pr mary prob em w cont nue to be owners that et the r dogs run off- eash and don't p ck up after them.	7/23/2019 9:46 AM
322	Our Go den Retr ever s an ntegra part of our da y ves. Both my F ance and I are av d outdoors peop e and our act v tes are a ways enhanced when she can be a part c pant. I rea ze there are many peop e who don't have or ke dogs or have concerns about young ch dren nteract ng w th dogs. Th s s made worse by dog owners who don't soc a ze or tra n the r pets to behave proper y n pub c spaces. I fee there are many dog owners here n Mad son who take the t me to make sure the r dogs are putt ng the r best paw forward when go ng out n pub c spaces. Regard ess, n order to accommodate everyone dogs n pub c parks shou d a ways be requ red to be eashed and under the contro of the r owners.	7/23/2019 8:50 AM
323	If dogs are a owed n more parks, eash aws and carry ng dogg e bags shou d be str ct y enforced. I have a dog, but I hate t when peop e a ow the r dogs to be off- eash n areas where they shou d not, and I rea y do not ke t when peop e don't cean up after the r dogs. If rangers can check to make sure peop e are carry ng p ast c bags and have the r dogs on a 6 foot eash, that wou d be rea y great.	7/23/2019 8:01 AM
324	enforcement of dogs that show aggress ve tendenc es or owners who are not n contro of the r dogs s mportant. I have found the dog owners n oca dog parks to do a good job of po c ng each other, but n other parks ts more mportant to ensure the safety of others.	7/23/2019 7:05 AM
325	G ven the dens ty of dog ownersh p on the easts de, an add tona off- eash dog park n or near the O br ch Gardens area wou d so ve prob ems for both the dog owners and non-dog owners n that area.	7/23/2019 6:51 AM
326	Dogs shou d be a owed n most a parks at certa n hours n the morn ng and at dusk.	7/23/2019 6:47 AM
		
328	The c ty s go ng to create a potent a ab ty ssue f they a ow dogs n the park and someone gets bt. The c ty a owed t so they assume some ab ty. A so, dogs need to stay off of the sk tra s n W nter. Runners shou d a so be banned from the sk tra s n W nter.	7/23/2019 5:15 AM

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329	I use our Madison Parks multiple times per week. Walking, running, with kids, playing sports. I regularly have to avoid areas because dogs are off leash. Dogs are aggressive and run up to my children in parks on a regular basis. I support dog parks, but I do not support dog in regular parks. They make it difficult and dangerous for many other users, especially children.	7/23/2019 5:10 AM
330	I expect the biggest objection would be people not picking up after their dogs, but there are already rules about that in place so increased enforcement could make this work for everyone.	7/23/2019 4:53 AM
331	Tens of thousands dog-owning families regularly and responsibly use dew pads and other public spaces. Let's try making parks more open and then impose restrictions narrowly as needed.	7/23/2019 4:22 AM
332	Providing places to dispose of poop bags to make it easier to discard is important. I am concerned that this could become a nuisance if dogs are allowed anywhere in the park.	7/23/2019 4:09 AM
333	I like dogs, and have raised several. However, people should be able to enjoy a park without having to deal with dogs (chasing, barking, pooping, chasing wild creatures). More dedicated dog-centric, and simultaneous, dog-free zones in the parks would benefit everybody.	7/23/2019 4:09 AM
334	We live near Kennedy Park on the East Side, which spends most of the time empty except for the playground. I would love to just play fetch with my dog there, maybe not on the soccer fields, but in the open grassy areas. I would think that making sure there's always a trash can and a dog-waste bag dispenser would alleviate most neighbors' concerns.	7/23/2019 3:05 AM
335	Madison is progressing in so many ways, but this ordinance is not. If Madison wants to attract young professionals and keep them, in order to grow the economy, it needs to start allowing dogs in the park (among other things) like every other city it has to compete with. It's absurd that dogs are so restricted in Madison parks.	7/23/2019 2:47 AM
336	My children cross a park to come home from school and they frequently walk through dog poop that owners have forgotten to pick up in the triangle park. When people congregate in the park with their dogs and start to talk they fail to notice when their dogs poop. When people congregate with their dogs they also seem to lose control of their dogs. I love dogs and am not afraid but I have seen dogs uncontrolably jump up on other people (sometimes older people) who do not like dogs or are afraid of being pushed over. This is unacceptable. But dog-owners tend to just say they are sorry, laugh weakly, and then it happens over and over again.	7/23/2019 2:27 AM
337	I worry that allowing dogs will exacerbate the problem of walkers on groomed ski trails.	7/23/2019 1:36 AM
338	Dog Parks are great for people that own a dog that is compatible with other dogs. With a dog that has a fear-based aggression it's impossible to walk a dog in that environment. Having three previous friendly dogs we would always visit a dog park, the downside to that is they tend to be out of town if you want your dog to run at all.	7/22/2019 6:50 PM
339	Skijoring on groomed trails is a great way to take dogs cross country skiing and is gaining popularity, as long as dogs are well-behaved and curbed, they would be a welcome addition in parks that groom for XC skiing.	7/22/2019 6:24 PM
340	I believe dogs should be permitted to walk off-leash with supervising human. Dog and human have competed training together for "Good Citizen." I would love to see participation of community members along with behavior experts in creating criteria for acceptable social behaviors (both human and canine) in parks and create a practical test to those criteria. I just made this up. But maybe it's something that has been established in other cultures or communities.	7/22/2019 5:25 PM
341	We always wish we had more time to take advantage of the natural beauty and many green spaces that this city affords. However, because we own a dog, and both the adults in our family work, our available time is limited and we usually end up having to choose between exploring attractive areas in the city and walking the dog somewhere where they are allowed to run off-leash. There should be a wider variety, and many more, places where dogs can run off-leash than there are now. Parks should not be thought of as either dog parks or regular parks -- instead, a different sort of park should be available both for people who have dogs and, when appropriate, those who have a pet mate need to be in a place that has no dogs. In addition, we own a small dog, and we find it's important to have a place where small dogs can exercise free from larger dogs. More small dog areas that are also pleasant places for humans to relax and enjoy nature are what we wish for a most every week.	7/22/2019 5:08 PM
342	My young child went through a period when he was seriously afraid of dogs. I myself am not fond of dogs. I support keeping the current policy. More dogs would reduce our family's enjoyment of the park system.	7/22/2019 4:38 PM

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343	They should be on leashes and not allowed on playground areas for children's safety and potential allergies.	7/22/2019 4:36 PM
344	Allowing dogs in parks would be OK in an ideal world but in the real world there will be problems. I have encountered a number of aggressive dogs off leash in parks and conservation parks with the restrictions currently in place. This will get worse if we allow dogs in parks.	7/22/2019 4:17 PM
345	In our neighborhood we have a problem with dog owners letting their dogs urinate and defecate and not clean up, leaving our yards a mess, and the dog owners are not concerned. I believe this would happen in parks as well, and is why I support the current ordinance, OR to have dogs allowed only in restricted areas of the park. That way they don't fouling the park for children playground and don't ruin the grass, and would not be a problem for people who are afraid of dogs.	7/22/2019 3:44 PM
346	Would really like to be able to walk my dog in Tenney Park.	7/22/2019 3:28 PM
347	My dog stays leashed on the Vas Park path and I pick up his waste - ergo he is more clean than most human visitors to the park.	7/22/2019 3:15 PM
348	I prefer separate, fenced areas for dogs in parks. I love our off-leash parks but wish they were more accessible without driving (we drive over 10 minutes to the nearest park). I would like to see more fenced dog spaces, even if they are small. I think many parks have space for that.	7/22/2019 2:49 PM
349	Dogs bite and poop, and some dog owners do NOT clean up after themselves. Leave them in parks DESIGNATED for dogs, not people.	7/22/2019 2:08 PM
350	Dog owners expect people to move out of the way for their pet, so that means I have to get off the sidewalk so that I don't get too close to their dog. Some dog owners do not keep their dog away from me but allow their dog to approach me or come too close to me. Dog owners always think their dog is a good dog... until they bite someone. When passing a pedestrian the dog owner should stop and hold their dog away so the pedestrian can pass without fear. This is not the usual behavior. Dogs tend to have more right of way which is very disruptive to my walks. I fear that more dogs in the parks would diminish my experience and make me fearful when I have to be around dogs, especially unleashed dogs.	7/22/2019 1:48 PM
351	The only "assigned" dog park that's worth visiting is Prairie Moraine, which unfortunately is too far a trek to frequent as often we'd like especially given weather concerns and commitments given its size. It would be wonderful if we could utilize the park in our neighborhood instead in between our visits to Moraine. I was surprised to learn it wasn't a dog friendly park as it already seems that the dog owners in our neighborhood use it anyway.	7/22/2019 1:41 PM
352	Ixc sk . Dogs in winter on groomed trails are an extreme annoyance	7/22/2019 12:59 PM
353	I have owned a dog but do not have one now. Some people are respectful of other park users. However, there are some people who do not carry bags with them, do not pick up after their dogs and let dogs run off leash. We had a dog come into our picnic while we were eating and the owner seemed amused. Off-leash dogs have barked at me and at other dogs on-leash and ran around people sunbathing. Some dogs run on the sidewalk and run out in the street which is dangerous to bikers. Adults teach the children to be on park sidewalks which is not safe if dogs are off-leash. Some dogs run in packs barking and fighting while the owners drink coffee and chat. I would like Parks to establish a ranger program to teach children, adults and their dogs to be responsible park users. We need better signage so people understand what is expected of them if they bring their dogs to the park. We need a public relations campaign to talk about being a good dog owner. I think that the Park rangers are trying to help the situation. However, they generally give warnings rather than tickets. Dog owners laugh after rangers leave because they usually get off the hook. When our Police started giving tickets to motorists, speeding went down. If our Rangers gave more tickets, the dog owners would realize that they can't let their dogs run wild in the parks and disrupt other users.	7/22/2019 12:06 PM
354	From my experience, it seems that if dogs are allowed on some areas of a park, then owners tend to take dogs all over the entire park. This is especially concerning as I am a cyclist who pays trail fees and hopes for a 8-10 week season with good trails. Any one person walking on a groomed trail can totally ruin it for several weeks for actual skiers. Whenever I see someone walking on a xc sk trail, they are either a middle school aged teen or an adult with a dog.	7/22/2019 12:01 PM

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355	We enjoy and use some of the dog parks, even though we do not have a dog of our own. But we do appreciate having places to walk where there are no dogs - it's not uncommon to have to step OFF a city sidewalk because someone's approaching with a poorly controlled dog, even though it's on a leash. I could see allowing dogs in more places, but would really resent having to share every last park poorly controlled leashed dogs, let alone unleashed dogs. Many of the questions in this survey (like Q2) do not leave any clear middle ground.	7/22/2019 11:52 AM
356	Dogs are good and they make the world a better place. Let them make Madison city parks a better place too!	7/22/2019 11:46 AM
357	Dogs, whether on leash or off leash, should not be allowed on any groomed skate trails. They not only destroy the groomed trail, they are dangerous underfoot. While I know that people love to bring their dogs to parks and dogs seem to enjoy this as well, there really isn't a way to monitor whether a dog is safe around people he/she doesn't know. As someone who was attacked by a dog while simply running down a street toward a park, I sadly haven't met anyone who knows the dangers of loose dogs. That attack is not something I want to revisit nor would anyone want to have foisted upon them.	7/22/2019 11:31 AM
358	There are a ways some people that seem to think that the dog does not need to be on a leash no matter if they are in a park or on the sidewalk. Most dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs on a leash. There are a ways the few that don't and these are the ones that ruin it for all dog owners.	7/22/2019 11:07 AM
359	Answers do not apply to dog parks, which are fine. The issue of dogs on bike paths needs to be addressed - dogs need to be on very short leash and owners must be fully focused on traffic (not on phone, etc.)	7/22/2019 11:01 AM
360	It seems reasonable to open up more parks to dogs but I would like to see at least half remain dog free. In general, I wish dog owners were more respectful of others, both in parks and when walking on city sidewalks. (They tend to hog the space, let their dogs out on long leashes, etc. I've had a couple of dogs lunge at me suddenly....scary...).	7/22/2019 11:01 AM
361	I like current level of restriction.	7/22/2019 10:58 AM
362	Please monitor dogs whose handlers leave them off leash in parking lots and other dog park "access" areas. This is dangerous for all.	7/22/2019 10:51 AM
363	I'm just pro other people getting to have a place to take their dog.	7/22/2019 10:27 AM
364	Off-leash dogs in parks that aren't strictly dog parks is a bad decision most people don't train their dogs very well. Being able to walk my dog on leash in green spaces would be nice to do w/o being fined.	7/22/2019 10:19 AM
365	Unfortunately not all dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dog, I think dogs should be restricted to some areas only.	7/22/2019 10:16 AM
366	Too many people ignore the ordinances, let their dog run at you and even jump on you. Off-leash dogs at Quarry Park are a problem for cyclists and walkers. Would not mind dogs but where ever allowed on leash people let them off leash. Ban them entirely.	7/22/2019 10:10 AM
367	If dogs are allowed in parks, there should be a "fine" for not picking up your pet's feces. I'd recommend for parks to have pet poop bags available for owners to use. Also, I love dogs and I think some people would own them if they could, but since they can't, having them in a park is a nice consolation. Dogs should be on leashes though. You never know (even as an owner), when your dog might get out of hand and become a public safety threat.	7/22/2019 10:07 AM
368	Please add dog bags and special receptacles for their poop.	7/22/2019 10:00 AM
369	When I was a kid, in M.W., we could run our dog in the local park, off-leash and it was fine. People would pet the dog, she would chase chipmunks and there were no problems. This was as before pick up your poop! So it would be nice to have that sort of thing again, in Madison. I'd like to pet and see dogs in the parks. Of course, the problems is that there will be vicious dogs/responsible dog owners, not sure how to deal with that aspect...	7/22/2019 9:39 AM
370	We should have ordinances against responsible behavior, not the general bans that are now in place. Even though I don't myself have a dog, I am friends with many people who do, and the restrictions limit my use of the parks because I want to spend time with my friends and their pets in public outdoor spaces without having to drive to a dog park.	7/22/2019 9:35 AM
371	If a dog is nonthreatening and trained, a ranger should never give out a ticket to the owner. This seems like common sense.	7/22/2019 9:25 AM

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372	Madison is one of the most anti-dog cities in the nation. Even NYC has park areas where dogs are allowed off-leash. One of the reasons we moved out of Madison was because of its anti-dog policies and attitude.	7/22/2019 9:20 AM
373	Vagrants who allow dogs off-leash even when prohibited are a constant threat to our safety.	7/22/2019 9:12 AM
374	Seeing dogs out and about makes me happy. I think we coming more dogs on-leash throughout parks would be great, and opening up specific off-leash areas in more parks would be even better. We are frequently ranked as a "dog friendly" destination, and opening up more parks to dogs would be beneficial for both residents and visitors.	7/22/2019 9:01 AM
375	I own a dog. Dogs have dog parks and that's the way it should be. I have two small children and I do not want dogs in the parks where they play IF dogs are allowed in city parks, you WILL have an increase in dog waste that is not picked up and an increase in dog bites. Please, please, please keep the dogs in dog parks and on city sidewalks and keep the city parks for people, especially small children. I am not able to attend the public hearings because it's during the time when I am feeding my kids supper and getting them ready for bed, so please count this comment as if I were there.	7/22/2019 8:56 AM
376	I don't have a problem with dogs in restricted areas in the parks. But I do worry about irresponsible owners who do not pick up after their dogs. Weekly I pick up dog poop from the terrace on my street. It only needs to be one or two owners but it's a nuisance. Please do not allow dogs off-leash.	7/22/2019 8:51 AM
377	The key here is allowing on-leash dogs - As an owner of a socially anxious dog, we would love the chance to walk in a City park, but we shouldn't fear a risk of being approached by an excited off-leash dog. When dogs are on-leash (and owners pick up after them), allowing on-leash dogs at city parks shouldn't be much of an additional effort.	7/22/2019 8:42 AM
378	It's nice not to worry about dog poop in parks, but as a dog owner it can feel overly restrictive not to be able to take our dog into a park at all. I think a nice compromise would be to allow dogs on paths in parks on-leash.	7/22/2019 8:36 AM
379	I have two young children and a dog. I currently in theory cannot take both my kids and my dog to the park across the street from my house, which is hindered by unsafe and inconvenient. I end up breaking the rule, bringing my dog on-leash with me when I am taking my kids to the park. Dogs also need to be off-leash and in order to get my dog that kind of exercise requires driving to a dog park (where sometimes I have been to and I shouldn't bring my kids). It would be nice to have more off-leash areas for dogs in our neighborhood parks and otherwise expect dogs to be on-leash in other areas. I would love to have more access to off-leash areas throughout the city. I don't want to have to drive to walk my dog!	7/22/2019 8:34 AM
380	I understand that some people are afraid of or suspicious of dogs. I hate to see out-of-control dogs running in the family areas in parks. But, I really miss walking on the lake shore with my dog on-leash. I would support strong penalties for those who ignore a new ordinance allowing this.	7/22/2019 8:32 AM
381	I think dogs should generally be allowed on-leash in most parks. A major exception is that dogs should not be allowed on cross-country skis in the winter; a single owner walking the dog on a ski track can ruin the experience for everyone.	7/22/2019 8:23 AM
382	I would prefer to see restrictions kept in effect and ENFORCED. For the sake of civility, "Country feisty" dogs should be required to conform to city fees.	7/22/2019 8:22 AM
383	My niece's property backs up to Demetra Park. The dogs there are to be only in the designated dog fenced-in area but people do not abide by this. Not all owners clean up after their animals. My great nephews are afraid to go in the park at times due to the presence of dogs in the general park areas. I will never go to a dog park due to the risk of a dog out of control possibly attacking my dog, or of my dog fighting with other dogs.	7/22/2019 8:17 AM
384	I understand why dogs should not be allowed in certain areas like playgrounds, beaches, sports courts, etc - due to hazards and public health risks. Maybe there could be a compromise where dogs could have a small subset of a beach, or dogs could be allowed in those areas after peak times? For example, no dogs allowed in those certain areas from 8 AM - 5 PM, but after those peak hours dogs can be on premises? I'd love to be able to bring my dog to BB Clark Beach, but unless he's allowed to take a dip in the water it's difficult for him to stay cool.	7/22/2019 8:16 AM
385	Dogs on-leashes are fine. Dogs off-leash in regular parks (i.e., not dog parks) are intimidating and would deter me from using the park. Leash laws should be strictly enforced.	7/22/2019 8:15 AM

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386	Compared to other cities, Madison's shockingly dog unfriendly. I can't understand not allowing dogs on leash in parks. Additionally, more off-leash areas would be beneficial for the many residents who can't afford to buy a home to have more convenient options to exercise their dogs.	7/22/2019 8:15 AM
387	Dog owners do not clean up after their dogs, leaving excrement loose and bagged on pathways and grass. Dogs even on leashes (especially the retractable leashes) still lunge and attack, and as a person who is very afraid of dogs, this is obviously a detriment to the ability to enjoy parks. Dogs should stay in dog parks, not people parks.	7/22/2019 8:11 AM
388	Simply having dogs not on leashes around playgrounds is wrong. Regardless of the dog's "friendly" according to the owner, I don't need that risk with my kids on the playground.	7/22/2019 8:10 AM
389	The overwhelming majority of dog owners I've encountered around town have been walking their dogs responsibly (on-leash and clean up after them), I feel the city should be more flexible in allowing on-leash dogs in more parks.	7/22/2019 8:08 AM
390	The off-leash dog parks are difficult to get to for people with cars such as myself. It severely limits my options for where my dogs are able to play. If we oppose allowing dogs in parks, we need to consider other options for people with dogs on the Isthmus who don't have access to cars.	7/22/2019 8:05 AM
391	Please do more to enforce policies related to groomed skaters in the winter. Four times last winter I came down a steep hill or a fast corner to find a person walking a dog on the trail, and this is not safe for skiers, workers, OR dogs. Even footprints on the groomed trails are unsafe - it's very easy to catch a skater or a pole in a footprint and be thrown off-balance.	7/22/2019 8:04 AM
392	Dogs should not be allowed in parks even off-leash. Many people do not like dogs, are afraid of them, or are allergic to them. Dogs can be a terrible problem. Also, there is a particular problem with dogs in winter because people are cross-country skiing in the parks. Dogs destroy the tracks and get in people's way. There should not be dogs in the parks, period. It would prevent the majority of the population from using the parks.	7/22/2019 7:49 AM
393	I think dogs should be more broadly allowed, but kept away from playgrounds and other areas with kids to prevent issues with kids who are afraid or don't know how to interact with dogs. Dogs with any kind of aggression or behavior history shouldn't be allowed in parks.	7/22/2019 7:48 AM
394	Dogs should not be allowed on cross-country skis for the safety of the skiers, dogs and dog owners.	7/22/2019 7:46 AM
395	It would be nice if James Madison Park allowed on-leash dogs. It is difficult to access off-leash dog parks while visiting downtown without the use of a car to get to one.	7/22/2019 7:42 AM
396	My view is if you allow on-leash dogs on any certain parks or areas of parks, at least have enforcement of those ordinances. Door Creek Park people let their dogs off-leash at the time, let their dogs go on paths that aren't allowed. If it isn't enforced why have it. It's BS. Please enforce.	7/22/2019 7:35 AM
397	In both Dane County Parks and in a State Park an unleashed Dog has run at my daughter and she knocked her over or severely frightened her. Many times when I am walking or running, even leashed dogs that I am passing have jumped up on me. This interaction is unbecoming and potentially dangerous. When many dog owners are conscientious I also find many that think their dog should be loved just as much by strangers as it is by them and they make no attempt to keep their dog from jumping or other contact with a stranger. More dogs in the parks will make me think twice about being in the parks and force me to be alert for any unexpected encounter. In addition in the winter I appreciate skiing in the parks, and dogs running across the ski tracks seriously degrade them for skiing.	7/22/2019 7:31 AM
398	It is very difficult for many of us on the Isthmus (e.g. near east side) to regularly get to a dog park given the locations often at the edge of town. Many of our local parks would make great off-leash locations at times when they are not routinely used. For example, people are rarely in Central (McPike) park except during farmers market or concerts; and certainly not in the early morning. These other times would be great for limited off-leash access for dogs on the near east side.	7/22/2019 7:15 AM
399	-	7/22/2019 7:14 AM
400	Dog owners generally are part of a more affluent segment of the Madison population who already use the parks. We need to attract other segments of the population. Also dogs in parks reduces the number of total people in parks. Dogs take a lot of room.	7/22/2019 7:11 AM
401	I support the current city ordinance restricting dogs in city parks.	7/22/2019 7:06 AM
402	Dogs should be allowed in public parks fenced.	7/22/2019 7:03 AM

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403	Dog owners should always clean up after their dogs! The public should be educated to ask if they can pet someone's dog, especially children.	7/22/2019 7:01 AM
404	Please restrict dogs (and their walkers/owners) from city maintained streets, for example Ever Park. Dogs on streets dangerous to a (skier, dog, and walker) and the walking on soft trails creates divots and deep tracks that make skiing difficult. Most modern ski areas have separate dog and snowshoeing tracks apart from designated streets.	7/22/2019 7:01 AM
405	Dogs on-leash should just be allowed and most people are not following this ordinance in the first place. I would like to see more off-leash parks or areas of parks open up. We take our dog to Door Creek park and try to pay with her as much as possible, but this requires her to be off-leash to pay.	7/22/2019 6:56 AM
406	I think they should be allowed in parks but there should be a very strict dog poop pickup policy. This would be my only concern.	7/22/2019 6:53 AM
407	Dogs should absolutely be allowed in parks, on-leash is completely understandable if necessary because not all dogs are well-trained to return to their owners when called.	7/22/2019 6:47 AM
408	I know one concern people have with dogs in parks is more poop that doesn't get picked up. I wonder if the parks could contain pet waste bags and receptacles to help ensure people pick up after their dog. I think the majority of dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs aren't doing it maliciously, they probably just run out of bags.	7/22/2019 6:46 AM
409	I received a \$40 ticket once when I was paying basketball at Vias Park and my dog was leashed to my bicycle nearby. The dog was just sitting there watching us pay, harming nobody. That was ridiculous. Even the Parks Warden agreed it was ridiculous but he gave me a ticket anyway. I contested it and got it reduced to \$19, but still, that should never have happened.	7/22/2019 6:40 AM
410	I think it's important that any changes to ordinance emphasize dogs must be under owner control (voice or on-leash) at all times, and that it have a ticketing/enforcement component. Letting untrained, unleashed dogs run free is not a solution in any park.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
411	My only concern would be areas where children are present; especially regarding off-leash dogs. You never know how your dog will react around children that are strangers to it. I already have to watch my child, I don't want to have to watch somebody else's dog; and worry about them biting my child.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
412	The current dog ordinance is rarely enforced. The no dog park in our neighborhood, Orton, has dogs on and off-leash everyday. Both of my daughters and myself have been bitten by dogs, on and off-leash, who's owners say something like, "My dog has never bitten anyone before - I don't know why it bit you. I'm sorry about that." Sorry does not fix the trauma of being bitten. Being bitten or even aggressive dog behavior leaves a person with fear of dogs. When dogs are present in a park we often leave the park. The presence of dogs prevents us from using the city parks as much as we would like. PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THE DOG PRESENCE IN MADISON PARKS.	7/22/2019 6:39 AM
413	Responsible dog owners will already obey the laws and pickup after their pets. Irresponsible ones already let their dogs do whatever and don't pickup. Allowing dogs in more parks will benefit the good dog owners.	7/22/2019 6:36 AM
414	I am not fond of dogs myself, but I am very supportive of dogs on SHORT leashes in the parks. Dog walking improves health, community cohesiveness, and support for parks in our city. I have been bitten twice by dogs in the past few years with owners present. Owners need to keep dogs in control and NEVER let them approach pedestrians. I appreciate dog walkers who put themselves between their dog and me, or step off the path so I can pass. Giving dog owners more freedom AND more responsibility through caregiver licenses would help improve safety and cleanliness on our sidewalks too.	7/22/2019 6:35 AM
415	I would like the Parks Department and the Common Council to allow dogs in parks. This will be beneficial in many ways, the largest of these would be in handling the Canada goose population which is running many of the paying feeds and drying the lakes with their feces.	7/22/2019 6:32 AM
416	Dogs should be excluded from cross-country skiing trails from November 15 through April 1. Outside of these dates, trails - like those at Ever park - should be open for individual snowshoers walking dogs. People should be encouraged to pick up after pets by offering waste bags at the entrance to any trails like those at Ever.	7/22/2019 6:31 AM

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417	My family would prefer that the ordinance stay the way that it is. We love dogs, but our circumstances don't permit us to have one. Public parks are primarily for people and wild animals, not pets. We need more dog parks for dogs to get exercise and socialize, but not more dogs in the current parks.	7/22/2019 6:26 AM
418	Ordinances already in effect prevent dogs off-leash outside of off-leash dog parks. Basically, other parts of the code provides for adequate civility pertaining to keeping dogs under good behavior. Banning them from parks seems excessive.	7/22/2019 6:25 AM
419	I am not a huge fan of off-leash dog parks that are not fenced in due to having a dog that is not great with other dogs that are rambunctious and also having young kids. Thanks!	7/22/2019 6:22 AM
420	I am Concerned that they might wreck skate rashes	7/22/2019 6:21 AM
421	Even when dogs have been restricted, signage has not effectively deterred visitors, such as on skate rashes at Ever Park. Gentle reminders to dog owners have been poorly received by dog owners. Please do not destroy the quiet sport enjoyment in these few areas!	7/22/2019 6:10 AM
422	Dogs are a part of the family for many, I get that. And people who own dogs want to be able to take them with them when they are out enjoying life in the city. Dogs can also represent a danger to children and people like me who were once severely bitten. This is especially true when the owners choose not to train or manage the dogs well. Another concern is when inconsiderate dog owners do not pick up their dog's poo, or allow them to pee wherever. A middle ground seems to be to allow dogs on-leash in some more parks but to still restrict off-leash park usage as is the case now, and to continue to restrict dogs from park environments where safety and environmental protections have a higher priority. Thank you for considering resident input.	7/22/2019 6:10 AM
423	I love dogs! Dog owners are frequently unaware that some people don't like to be around dogs, lacking empathy of other people's needs. Dog owners frequently can't manage care for their pets needs.	7/22/2019 6:08 AM
424	People already take dogs in parks, as this is not enforced. There were dog prints and dog shit on the groomed skate rashes in Ever Park this past February and March. No dogs in city parks please That is what dog parks are for. Please enforce this as well. Thanks.	7/22/2019 6:04 AM
425	Dogs should ALWAYS be on-leash in a park, and should NEVER be allowed to defecate or urinate in areas where people, especially children, walk and play.	7/22/2019 6:04 AM
426	Would strongly support extremely high fines and strong warning signage for allowing off-leash dogs and for leaving dog excrement. If dogs are allowed, would like to see some strong training enforcement and periodic bursts of enforcement. Not sure how to address winter buildup of dog poop by negligent owners. Recently traveled to England where responsible dog ownership is endemic, and was impressed by the well-behaved dogs and the conscientious humans. As a culture is different.	7/22/2019 6:04 AM
427	no off-leash.	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
428	Why the hell are you asking about race in this survey for #14!? Not appropriate and disappointing. It's irrelevant. And if you're going to let that influence how you interpret answers, then you are being racist in your policies and how you implement them.	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
429	I would support dogs on-leash in specified areas of Madison Parks. If it's not already noted, it should specify that owners must immediately remove excrement from their dog(s). Create a way to report irresponsible dog owners. People already ignore or aren't aware of the ordinance and have dogs in parks on a regular basis.	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
430	I know there are people and children that are afraid of dogs period. This prevents them ever using "dog friendly parks" I raised three hunting dogs near Gateway Golf Course. I took my dogs outside Madison to exercise. The only time they were off-leash was in farm fields and hunting. People think because they bought or ADOPTED A DOG THAT EVERYONE should enjoy it. Not true. The park in the Orchard Ridge neighborhood is surrounded by houses that have small children. This is an accident waiting to happen, allowing this to be a "dog friendly" park. barking and biting are part of a dog owner's worries. Let's not make it ours.	7/22/2019 6:03 AM
431	My biggest concern would be dog waste and not picking it up should be a violation.	7/22/2019 5:58 AM
432	I understand why some folks don't want the parks flooded with dogs. It would be nice to have a smaller fenced-in portion of certain parks reserved for dogs. I would then be okay with the current ordinance not allowing dogs in the unfenced portion of the parks.	7/22/2019 5:57 AM

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433	Even a well behaved dog will act out once, and once incident is a bit takes. In my experience there is a large difference between how well a dog owner thanks the dog's trained and how well the dog's actually trained. I've seen too many instances of an owner calling it's dog with no success as it runs away	7/22/2019 5:57 AM
434	I used to live next to Quarry Park and it was littered with dog poop. I currently live next to Demetra Field and it's not nearly as bad but sometimes there are problems there too. I don't think people can be trusted to be clean up the dog's messes. Keep dogs out of the parks. A little off topic: Demetra Field currently has at least one confusing sign that should be looked into - it says no dogs are allowed but as far as I can tell they are allowed on the path.	7/22/2019 5:57 AM
435	As a dog owner I would like more access to parks in my neighborhood for walking my dog on the paths and for relaxing in the grass with my dog. I am 100% ok with requiring dogs to be on-leash in these areas, I believe dogs should only be off-leash at off-leash dog parks	7/22/2019 5:55 AM
436	See City of Boulder Colorado as an example for a dog-off-leash licensing/training program. https://bouldercoorado.gov/osmp/dogs-on-osmp	7/22/2019 5:55 AM
437	Walks and walks with dogs are some of the healthiest activities for the elderly and young. Walking city streets is boring and at times unsafe.	7/22/2019 5:53 AM
438	Dogs should be limited to fenced in areas similar to county parks. They should not be allowed on or interfere with cross country sk trails.	7/22/2019 5:50 AM
439	Another issue is the impact of dog (and the walkers who come attached) on the groomed cross country sk trails. You already have scofflaws at On Park who disregard the signs and walk their dogs on the trails even when they are groomed. Opening parks to dogs is going to create more confusion and problems even if signs are posted at sk trail heads. I strongly oppose allowing dogs at any city of Madison park that has groomed sk trails	7/22/2019 5:47 AM
440	We are brand new dog owners (under 1 year). Prior to owning a dog (which we never anticipated doing), we were also pro-dogs on-leash in parks. Dog walkers increase safety in parks as they become frequent users and keep an eye on things.	7/22/2019 5:46 AM
441	I'm in favor of dogs on hiking trails but they should not be allowed on groomed cross country sk trails during the winter months unless the trails designated for sk jogging.	7/22/2019 5:44 AM
442	I fear that in dogs in the parks would lead to poor sanitary conditions	7/22/2019 5:43 AM
443	Everyone ignores the ordinance, so it would be good to just say they are allowed and then regulate how and when. Personally, strange dogs freak me out because I have been bitten by dogs twice. So, I avoid them. Dogs I know are fine. Also, some dog owners aren't very responsible or aware of their dog's shortcomings.	7/22/2019 5:43 AM
444	I only have concerns about dogs being on sk trails in the winter, but would want them to have access to trails and parks in the summer. Posting leash signs on sk trails would be a big help.	7/22/2019 5:42 AM
445	I think on-leash should generally be allowed at all parks. The argument for dog waste hazards is a moot point in my opinion, as people who don't pick up after their dogs also don't abide by the current rules against dogs in parks.	7/22/2019 5:42 AM
446	The ordinance is so restrictive as to make it ineffective. Dogs may be prohibited, but I can't remember the last time I went to the park for more than 10 minutes and didn't see a dog there. If dogs were allowed in the parks but not in certain areas I think that would be seen as more reasonable and people would adhere to that rule. As it stands, the rules would be disregarded because it's far too restrictive.	7/22/2019 5:40 AM
447	If we're going to allow dogs, we should also consider having poop bags and trash cans readily available.	7/22/2019 5:07 AM
448	Dogs should be allowed in all Madison parks on-leashes. If the dogs properly leashed at all times there should be no issues and parks would be used more frequently.	7/22/2019 4:52 AM
449	If wasn't concerned if my dog was allowed at a park, I would be more likely to use the parks in the area. The city should trust dog owners to be responsible about bringing their dogs to public places. I was afraid of dogs as a kid and would feel most comfortable if dogs were allowed in public parks only on-leash.	7/22/2019 4:49 AM
450	Dogs should not need to be restrained, but other regulations are appropriate (licensing and/or permitting, vaccination, cleaning up feces, etc.). Dogs should be prohibited or restrained during certain types of programming, like festivals.	7/22/2019 4:43 AM

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451	I th nk there need to be dog free parks. Not necessar y a parks, but some. I want to be ab e to know that I can go to a park and not encounter a dog or dog excrement. I am concerned that there w be no enforcement of eash requ rements or cean up - who w do t? There are rrespons b e peop e everywhere, and those that are dog owners w mpact the enjoyment of the park by non dog owners/ overs. Dogs need to be on eashes n parks where they can nteract w th peop e w thout dogs. There needs to be separat on of dogs from those of us who do not want t nteract w th dogs a the t me. Dogs are an ma s, and as such, do not a ways behave the way we want/expect. I support expand ng dog parks, just not mak ng a our parks hav ng dogs. There needs to be some dog free parks n a ne ghborhoods.	7/22/2019 4:36 AM
452	Heavy f nes for peop e who do not cean up dog waste.	7/22/2019 4:30 AM
453	Add tona f ex b ty w th sens b e restr ct ons wou d be an dea comprom se.	7/22/2019 4:26 AM
454	Impose a f ne ke Canada does for any dog off eash anywhere not just n parks	7/22/2019 4:25 AM
455	I have a sma , o der dog who s unab e to go to the off- eash dog parks, because he s scared of other the dogs. It wou d be great to have more opt ons to et h m get exerc se bes des just the s dewa ks n our ne ghborhood. As t s now, we wa k by Map e Pra e Park da y, but are unab e to use the park.	7/22/2019 4:23 AM
456	Current restr ct ons are not enforced and often gnored by dog owners. If restr ct ons are eased up, dog owners w take even more bert es. Some of us have been b tten by dogs (even tho n a eash), are afra d of dogs, and do not want to wa k n dogg e poo. P ease at east et us enjoy the c ty parks and not be dr ven out by dog owners. Why wou d the c ty want to encourage these an ma s? You can take severa da y wa ks w thout a dog.	7/22/2019 4:11 AM
457	Peop e do not cean up the r dog's sh t the way they're supposed to at the parks they're current y a owed n. P ease don't et them nto more parks and ru n them for fam es.	7/22/2019 4:02 AM
458	Th s s too restr ct ve and does not a ow a dog owner to fu y enjoy Mad son Parks.	7/22/2019 4:02 AM
459	As ong as dog owners are be ng respons b e (off eash where a owed, on eash anywhere and p ck ng up after the r pet) I don't see why dogs shou dn't be a owed everywhere. I have a g ant park (Kennedy) 1 b ock from my house that I don't use because I can't br ng my dog there.	7/22/2019 3:57 AM
460	If dogs w be a owed n parks, there shou d be more nformat on prov ded to res dents about proper d sposal of dog waste, as we as more p aces to d sposal of t (and potent a y bags?).	7/22/2019 3:55 AM
461	A ow ng dogs off eash n any pub c park s dangerous. Dog owners are not respons b e enough to manage the r dogs and even one nstance of someone be ng harmed or fr ghtened by a dog s too much.	7/22/2019 3:43 AM
462	No dogs on d sc go f courses and actua y enforce t, I see a r d cu ous amount of peop e who gnore NO DOGS ON THE COURSE s gns at E ver	7/22/2019 3:40 AM
463	A though I don't have a dog, I see the va ue n a ow ng them n parks. However, because not a owners are respons b e, I th nk t's mportant to requ re they stay on- eash, have f nes for owners who fa to p ck up waste, and have CLEARLY MARKED areas they're not perm tted. For ch d safety I th nk p aygrounds are the most mportant restr ct on. But there shou d a so be areas where peop e who don't ke dogs, or who are uncomfortab e around them, can a so enjoy the park.	7/22/2019 3:26 AM
464	The enforcement of not cean ng up after dogs or hav ng them off- eash n non-fenced areas needs to be stressed rather than restr ct ng where they can go.	7/22/2019 3:23 AM
465	I'm pr mar y nterested n be ng ab e to ega y wa k my eashed dog through the var ous parks n my area, most a ways on the park's s dewa ks/wa kways, but a ow ng dogs n genera n the parks wou d encourage us to take more p cn cs and spend more t me n there.	7/22/2019 3:23 AM
466	What s the po nt of parks f not everyone can use them? My dogs are the on y reason I wou d v s t parks. It's rea y just d ot c to not even a ow dogs on eash. I'm from NYC and the park c oset to my bu d ng a ows dogs off eash before 7am. So come on Mad son, get w th the damn t mes.	7/22/2019 3:18 AM
467	P ease keep dogs out of parks. Owners s mp y do NOT cean up after the r dogs and that can't be po ced.	7/22/2019 2:08 AM
468	We ve n an apartment bu d ng r ght next to Map e rdge park. We wa k by the park da y w th our very fr end y 5 b York e. He's afra d of other dogs so we can't take h m to dog parks. He'd ove to be ab e to run around on the grass at the park, but there are no dogs a owed. More often than not there are no peop e n the park when we wa k by. If I cou d et h m n the park, he'd ove t. I rea y hope Mad son a ows dog owners to use the c tes parks.	7/22/2019 1:58 AM

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469	Dogs should not be allowed in community gardens located in city parks.	7/22/2019 1:02 AM
470	Heavy fines for not picking up after dog	7/21/2019 6:38 PM
471	Dogs should be allowed in parks when on leash, with fines for people who do not clean up after the dog. Have specific areas for off-leash dogs to be.	7/21/2019 5:39 PM
472	Fines for not picking up excrement would be appropriate. Maybe extra insurance for dogs in parks that traditionally don't allow dogs to protect against instances of dog bites, etc.	7/21/2019 5:17 PM
473	There are enough places already for dogs to go	7/21/2019 5:12 PM
474	I do not use Madison parks nearly as much as I would like to because of the dogs restrictions. Given the number of people who owns dogs in the city, it seems unreasonable to restrict them. Leashed dogs present little to no issue.	7/21/2019 4:51 PM
475	I've ridden by Westmorland park and occasionally sneak through with my dog on walks. It feels weird that it's technically illegal since I see many people do it. It'd be nice to occasionally walk there and pay for something with my dog rather than drive two miles to the Odana dog park.	7/21/2019 4:47 PM
476	I would really like to get out and frisk more often, and it's really disappointing I can't bring my dog. I understand not everyone is a fan of dogs and people want dog-free areas. But it would be nice to have at least 1 dog-friendly frisk course so I can enjoy the weather, get active, and enjoy time with my dog.	7/21/2019 4:06 PM
477	Madison's behind the times - many major cities across the country allow dogs on-leash in parks. My dog is well-trained, behaved, and an important part of my family. As a responsible pet owner, I believe that dogs should be allowed in parks on-leash. I currently take her to my neighborhood park that doesn't technically allow dogs and I always feel guilty for breaking the rules - for once I would just like to share the same with my dog without feeling bad about it.	7/21/2019 3:43 PM
478	Keep the ordinance the way it is. Create more parks specifically for dogs.	7/21/2019 3:33 PM
479	Some of us are allergic to dogs. And personally I dislike barking/growing dogs.	7/21/2019 3:29 PM
480	A need rule that one gets broken by rude people. How about something for us conscientious people?	7/21/2019 3:14 PM
481	On-leash laws should be better enforced, but I'm okay with dogs on-leash in all the parks (except conservation areas).	7/21/2019 2:54 PM
482	I have always thought that the current policy caters quite strongly to the minority opinion of the community. It's evident when you witness a group of people, especially kids, that dogs bring a lot of joy to most people.	7/21/2019 9:02 AM
483	Dogs tend to be better behaved if they get exercise and are accustomed to coming along on outings. A lot of other cities have that right, and I see many well-behaved dogs in public. Madison, on the other hand, has only a handful of sub-par dog parks but on and off. I'm really happy to hear that this ordinance is being reconsidered!	7/21/2019 8:41 AM
484	I don't see any reason dogs shouldn't be allowed on-leash in most parks, as long as the owners are respectful of other people's space and clean up. I'd be very opposed to off-leash dogs in general - it's impossible to know what might trigger a dog to be aggressive, and even very calm dogs can really scare a substantial portion of the population that are afraid of dogs.	7/21/2019 8:29 AM
485	I've never used Luc Crest Park. Dog owners have been allowed to use the park from 5:30 am until 7:30 am for several years (off-leash with control). However, dogs and their owners can frequently be seen in the park at any time of the day. The signage limiting the park's current hours for dogs is poor, unclear, and difficult to notice. As a Madison taxpayer for many years, I feel there are currently adequate dog parks for people to bring their dogs to. I want to be able to bring my grandchildren to our beautiful parks without having to worry about their safety. An animal behavior can be unpredictable and, unfortunately, many dog owners don't seem to be aware of this.	7/21/2019 7:27 AM

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486	<p>Madison is a dog friendly city with a large dog population. To say out loud in this town that you are, "not a dog person," is offensive to many and brings on a barrage of verbal abuse. I don't have anything against other people having dogs, but I do take issue with being subjected to the poor behavior of owners of dogs who ignore the rules that are already in place. I have had dog owners repeatedly ignore the dog's feces left on my lawn. Had owners allow the dog on one of those long extended leashes urinate all over my garden that is up against my house and ramble up to my house across my lawn. Dog owners act like this is acceptable behavior and should not be offensive to home owners. It has been my experience that many, not all, but many, dog owners do not comply with current dog rules in parks. In the parks where dogs are currently allowed (as defined from the dedicated dog parks where dogs run free) dog owners allow the dogs to run off leash and off trail. This is true even though, at every entrance to the parks there is a clearly marked sign that says, "DOG'S MUST BE ON A LEASH." In these situations, when I asked owners to, "Please leash your dog!" 99% of the time they have responded with "oh you don't need to worry he/she won't hurt you, they wouldn't hurt anyone, they never bite." or some similar sentiment. They say this even as the dog charges me and do not listen to the owners' calls. I've been told by dog owners, "Nobody ever comes here so it's okay for my dog to run free." I've called the animal response line to report such happenings, only to be told to "call the reporting number when it happens." Most of these happenings in the early morning, and I was told to leave a message. Nobody from animal services would respond to a message left 2 hours before they get to work and go out to that park to confront the owner of dogs running free - who isn't there anymore. Nobody from animal control ever checks on these events. As a result of these MULTIPLE encounters, I no longer use these parks. So, as you consider changing the rules for dogs in Madison Parks, I ask you to examine - do you seriously have any plan to enforce new rules? It is my experience is that you do not enforce existing rules. Dogs and the irresponsible owners do whatever they want with no consequences, and there is no recourse for those of us who do not wish to encounter or be charged by off-leash dogs. I have some suggestions. Don't change the rules. It will encourage offenders who already think everyone loves dogs as much as they do and have no boundaries. Let dog owners take their pets to the already established dog parks and/or, add more dog exercise parks to keep dogs and irresponsible owners away from the population that does not want to encounter dogs in parks. Establish a text line for reporting owners of dogs who are breaking the rules so that photographs of the owner and dog can be sent to animal control to put some teeth into enforcement. Clearly and repeatedly post reporting phone/text line numbers in ALL parks. Actively enforce the laws and rules and follow through on consequences. Better educate owners on rules and laws and consequences of breaking those rules and laws. Mandate a class, "Responsible Dog Ownership and respect for a citizen's concern for your dog." Educate dog owners that not everyone likes dogs. Increased consequences for repeat offenders. I ask you to consider if the City of Madison has the budget to repair the damage that running dogs do to the turf in parks. Will parks be patrolled by animal enforcement?</p>	7/21/2019 4:06 AM
487	<p>I believe that, while dog owners should be held responsible for the behavior, waste pickup, etc. for their dog, the current ordinances are way too restrictive. There are so many paths and parks that you would see way more off-leash dogs if we could walk our dogs through them. In general I think ticketing anyone with an on-leash dog is absurd. Thank you so much for considering this change!</p>	7/21/2019 2:56 AM
488	<p>Dog owners should be allowed to walk their dogs through city parks if they stay on/near trails in that park. Also, dogs should be leashed at all times when in the park.</p>	7/21/2019 2:42 AM
489	<p>I think the city and county have made a great effort to provide areas for dogs off-leash, and a few areas where dogs are allowed. It is good to have separation, and not give in to this new demand. People need quiet, green areas without having to worry about intrusion from dogs and the chaos they can bring when interactions go sour. With a bit more planning and commitment to being a responsible dog owner, I have made time for my golden retriever to make sure she gets the walking time she needs, that fits into the current rules and regs. She's happy, and so am I when I want to enjoy Madison's parks on my own time, and not have to be responsible for my dog or how she might interact with other people or dogs.</p>	7/21/2019 2:30 AM
490	<p>From my perspective, I already see too many dogs off-leash in public parks. A loosened ordinance would introduce more dogs into parks. I often enjoy the waterfowl present in parks, and I fear that dogs (and many of them will be off-leash) will chase them away. Please don't let dogs take precedence over the safety of wildlife and our children.</p>	7/21/2019 2:13 AM
491	<p>I live at the corner of W Lamson and Patterson. Almost everyone in my building owns a dog. There is no where nearby to bring our dogs off-leash. It would be great if part of McPike Park was fenced off as an off-leash dog park</p>	7/20/2019 9:07 PM

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492	Bottom line: for a park is a space for children, off-leash dogs should not be present. Also, this is not enforced in any way, and if I wanted to report that I would need the dog owner's name - how key is that?	7/20/2019 6:06 PM
493	Right now, people seem to ignore the ordinance, bringing their dogs to city parks both on- and off-leash. I would like to see greater enforcement and areas of greater access.	7/20/2019 2:36 PM
494	Dogs on-leash in a (or almost a) parks. Off-leash areas where possible.	7/20/2019 2:26 PM
495	I think we have to be realistic on the poop factor. The off-leash at Walnut Grove has had much worse compliance with "leave no poop Trace" that as an owner I feel sudden change could cause sudden issues. Gradual points and seeing how things go on a park by park basis is prudent. If just 1 owner is responsible on a soccer field, it's ruled. Maybe it's a new permit, 1 offense bans the dog, two offenses ban the owner and can't but a new permit for any dogs for x years	7/20/2019 12:45 PM
496	I have been bitten by a dog on the street, it was not on a-leash. Most dogs that I see in Madison parks are not on a-leash, and when asked, the owner shows a-leash in her hand, saying that is enough.	7/20/2019 12:18 PM
497	We need an enclosed off-leash dog park in the Eastmor and neighborhood area!!	7/20/2019 12:07 PM
498	Madison is one of, if not the only, city I know of where well-behaved dogs on-leashes are banned. The ordinance only is enforced, and needs to be maintained	7/20/2019 10:12 AM
499	I think in today's times, dogs should be allowed at parks (and restaurants/patios for that matter).	7/20/2019 10:09 AM
500	Every park should at least allow dogs on-leash in at least part of the park	7/20/2019 8:28 AM
501	I live in the Breese Stevens area. Many of the tenants in the new high-rise buildings along East Washington have dogs and it would be nice for them to use Reynolds Park with their dogs. I am a homeowner who lives in the area and I do not have a dog but I enjoy seeing them in the neighborhood.	7/20/2019 6:59 AM
502	I don't own a dog and I'm not a dog person, but you might as well change the ordinance to allow dogs because it's de facto not enforced in the vast majority of neighborhood parks. And I don't expect it to be either: the big parks like Oak and orchard are one thing, but there is no way to have a ranger assigned to every neighborhood park like garden, liberty, orchard ridge, Leopold, which are all small parks I've lived next to over the years.	7/20/2019 6:29 AM
503	Dogs aren't the problem, the owners are. So it's all about "responsible" dog owners picking up after their dogs. Unfortunately, I don't know how you can police that.	7/20/2019 6:29 AM
504	I believe the majority of dog owners are responsible. Expanding the list of parks where dogs are allowed would positively impact the city.	7/20/2019 5:39 AM
505	As I responsible dog owner and professional dog trainer, I would like to be able to walk with my dog in the parks, but I already see so many off-leash completely out of control dogs in parks, I wonder if it will make it worse to make it legal?	7/20/2019 5:30 AM
506	ordinance should include some language about not letting dogs approach other park users. I think dogs should be allowed in parks on-leash but I don't want them approaching me and if they do I want it to be clearly in violation	7/20/2019 3:59 AM
507	Vas Park, where I TRY to walk a most everyday, has one sign ONLY, in a very hard to see place, saying: NO DOGS ALLOWED. Yet, there ARE dogs everywhere in Vas Park, on-leash AND off-leash. SO, MADISON PARKS ALREADY ALLOWS DOGS, since the NO dog law is NOT being enforced. I have been attacked many times by dogs on-leash (short-leash, or the 50 foot long-leashes). OR, attacked by dogs off-leash, running wild through Vas Park. The owners do NOTHING, just watch me being attacked by their dog. They do NOT try to get their dogs away from attacking me. LOTS of UNTRAINED, dangerous dogs out there (except to the owners, of course.) I am beginning NOT to enjoy my walks in Vas Park, which I need to stay healthy. NO DOGS IN MADISON PARKS !! A small percentage of dogs have been to dog school. THESE ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL & WELL BEHAVED DOGS. I love those dogs !! MOST PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE THE TIME OR MONEY TO TAKE THEIR DOGS TO DOG SCHOOL. This is a very dangerous situation. And, it's getting much worse, as now it's the fashion for young adults to get dogs. NO DOGS IN MADISON'S PARKS.	7/20/2019 3:38 AM

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508	I would be in favor of more fenced in dog specific parks or small areas where dogs can be. Too many people walk dogs off leash which is irresponsible and threatens my kid and family (who have experienced dog bites). Or people don't pick up poop. It only takes one time for your kid to land in a pile of dog shit before you never want to see another dog in a park. Give people a place to take dogs and vigorously enforce leash laws so they go there.	7/20/2019 3:09 AM
509	As long as they are under control then why not?	7/19/2019 8:38 PM
510	I agree that some limitations are necessary, but the dog ban is too broad. It also be everywhere should be enforced as strongly as possible against owners who don't pick up after their dogs, keep them under control, etc.	7/19/2019 7:39 PM
511	On-leash responsible pet owners should be allowed in the parks. It is the off-leash dogs that scare people and prevent them from supporting the idea of dogs in parks. Kids are more destructive than my dogs.	7/19/2019 4:26 PM
512	I'm glad you're seeking comment on this! Thank you!	7/19/2019 4:21 PM
513	Another option is allowing dogs at certain times, e.g. 6-9 AM and 5-7 PM.	7/19/2019 3:41 PM
514	I think dogs should be allowed in city parks as long as there are garbage cans for pet waste so that owners continue to be encouraged to pick up after their pet(s).	7/19/2019 3:27 PM
515	I realize there are lots of responsible dog owners, but I don't see how irresponsible ones could reasonably be prohibited from parks.	7/19/2019 2:57 PM
516	There need to be more fenced in off-leash areas for dogs. A lot of people who rent or have condos don't have yards.	7/19/2019 1:01 PM
517	A dog owner should have some accountability and only bring their dog to the park if they can clean up after it and can ensure good behavior. It seems as though the few bad dog owners run for the many many good dog owners.	7/19/2019 10:57 AM
518	I have previously owned and loved a dog and my opinions would have been the same at that time. The city parks need to have enough parks for people to enjoy without concern for dog problems. When I go hiking I find people often do not keep their dogs on-leash as required; they seem to be everywhere except on.	7/19/2019 8:58 AM
519	There is also utility no enforcement of the CURRENT Ordinance. What I haven't seen in the new proposals is a plan for better enforcement. Most dog owners seem to do whatever they want, anyway. I always see dogs off-leash in parks and playgrounds that are not supposed to have any dogs in them. Every owner thinks their dog is so cute and friendly, but to strangers they can be quite intimidating, and I say that as a dog owner myself! People just don't want to accept responsibility. If you adopt a dog in the city, you need to be willing to walk multiple times/day on a leash on the sidewalk or run in a fenced-in yard. Or you must have the means to get to a dog park. And you MUST pick up its poop. Nobody enforces this either. More dogs in parks more poop for everyone to step in. Is there a proposal to create more dog parks within the metro area? People in my neighborhood run their dogs off-leash in public parks, I think, because they can't walk to a secure off-leash dog park. There are multiple spots along the Yahara River where small dog parks could've been carved out either on City or MGE land, but no-one seems interested in making that happen. Why not include designated off-leash enclosures with every new mass ve apartment/housing development? Please don't allow more dogs in city parks, especially on playgrounds with small children (where I see dogs already).	7/19/2019 8:03 AM
520	People who have anxieties and fears of dogs should have their rights trump the desire of dog owners to always have their way with them.	7/19/2019 7:39 AM
521	Dog owners should be encouraged to use Madison's designated dog parks for off-leash exercise and socialization. Could the City possibly hold some fun events for dog owners that would attract those who've never visited Madison's dog parks and encourage others to use those parks more often? (I love dogs and would happily volunteer to help at events.) Also, why not encourage multi-hour developments -- the ones that allow dogs -- to include dog-friendly areas in their courtyards? That could reduce the amount of dog poop in the yards of homeowners like me. Most dog owners pick it up, but far from a dog.	7/19/2019 5:07 AM
522	I think they should be allowed in with or without leashes. If your dog is controlled they can go without -- if not then they should be on a leash.	7/19/2019 4:47 AM

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523	I th nk that, n genera , dogs shou d be on- eash n a Mad son parks. That sa d, I th nk hav ng a program and cert f cat on for owners to part c pate n to g ve them an e evated eve of access n some cases wou d be a n ce bonus. Someth ng ke Bou der Co orado's Vo ce and S ght Tag system: https://boudercolorado.gov/osmp/vo-ce-and-sght	7/19/2019 3:00 AM
524	I v s t off eash dog parks da y. A parks shou d a ow eashed dogs. The c ty shou d a so ghten the restr ct on of dogs at other pub c p aces bes des parks.	7/19/2019 2:54 AM
525	The cosest parks to my home, E vehjem park and sanctuary, do not a ow dogs. However, both seem very underut zed un ess there s an event happen ng n the park. We wou d ove to be ab e to wa k our dog n these spaces rather than hav ng to get nto a car and dr ve to use a d fferent Mad son Park. We a so see many ne ghbors us ng t w th the r dogs so I know we aren't the on y ones.	7/19/2019 2:36 AM
526	I don't go to parks where my dog s not perm tted to go. My dog s a part of my fam y, and I am respons b e for cean ng up after h m, cense and perm t purchases, h s we be ng. I wou d ke to take my dog most everywhere, nc ud ng parks that I can't go to now f he s w th me. I a so wou d ke to see respons b e dog owners who have we behaved dogs that don't need eashes be ab e to use vo ce command as a eash, perhaps w th purchase of a "no- eash" perm t to he p w th costs of Rangers do ng more patro s.	7/19/2019 2:36 AM
527	They shou d a ow dogs on parks	7/19/2019 2:22 AM
528	Dog waste stat ons wou d be a good dea to nsta to he p keep the parks cean once dogs are a owed.	7/18/2019 9:39 PM
529	I d dn't know dogs weren't a owed n parks because we see them n pretty much every park we go to. It's never been a prob em, but t'd be n ce f there were pet waste recept ca s to accommodate t.	7/18/2019 6:51 PM
530	My answer to restr ct ons n areas of the park are for eashed dogs, or dogs comp ete y under contro otherw se. It wou dn't be good to have an exc tab e arge dog oose n p aygrounds w th toddlers, nor a ba -happy dog on p ay f e ds. I wou d ove to (ega y) be ab e to br ng my dog w th us when my son wants to sw ng, and ether keep h m eashed n my hand or on a bench/etc. L kew se, t wou d be n ce to have more parks where off eashed dogs aren't banned (for those that don't need a fence but a so don't need to be n a dog park...dogs ke m ne that ove to sn ff around and stay w th n a reasonab e d stance of us. I do, however th nk eash aws need to stay n effect on pub c s dewa ks, b ke paths, some parks/park areas etc. for dog-aggress ve dogs to st get exerc se.	7/18/2019 6:32 PM
531	Un ess spec f ca y posted dogs shou d be a owed as ong as the dog s under contro of the owner.	7/18/2019 5:51 PM
532	Not every dog and not every dog owner s prepared or su tab e for be ng n parks around ots of peop e and ch dren. I am a dog owner. We go to off- eash dog parks severa t mes a week. I don't th nk every dog owner s respons b e enough to manage a dog at a park, on or off eash n pub c. Based on what I see at the des gnated dog parks and n my ne ghborhood, not every dog owner p cks up the r dog waste. Not everyone s prepared to break up a dog fght. Not everyone s w ng to exchange contact nformat on f someone gets b t.	7/18/2019 4:58 PM
533	Dogs shou d never be a owed off- eash n c ty parks. Even very good dogs jump up on peop e, grab food from ch dren and w even b te f they fee threatened. Many peop e do not tra n the r dogs we and have very m ted contro of them. I have watched peop e et the r off- eash dogs chase w d fe and crash through nest ng areas. Peop e don't fo ow the current ru es and wou d stretch ooser ru es even further.	7/18/2019 4:31 PM
534	The c ty mght a so cons der a ow ng dogs n some parks or areas of parks on y dur ng spec f c hours (such as before 8am or after 6:00pm). Many c t es, nc ud ng New York and Port and, have such a system and t works rea y we . I suspect the c ty w do noth ng to mprove the s tuat on, however, as n the past 10 years, t seems as though every t me the c ty exp ores essen ng restr ct ons on dogs n parks, the resu t has been that restr ct ons rema n and the c ty steps up enforcement. S nce the c ty seems to see dog owners as a source of revenue (though how much n overt me do c ty taxpayers pay the park ranger who's been known to urk at Yahara Park at 8pm wh e t's eet ng and no one e se s around so e y so that he can catch one guy ett ng h s dog off eash?), I don't have a ot of hope for change.	7/18/2019 2:49 PM
535	I'd rather there not be dogs n parks where my nephew and I p ay, due ma n y to dog poop be ng eft n f e ds & dogs runn ng up to us wh e we are p ay ng, but I don't be eve that more restr ct ve aws s the answer. I def n te y wou d not ke t f the aws were re axed though.	7/18/2019 2:47 PM

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536	I am not able to enjoy our beautiful city parks because my dogs not allowed to go with me on walks in these parks in the area of town where I live, central Madison. I do not feel comfortable walking alone as a woman in the early morning or evening without my dog. It's too long of a commute for me to go to an off-leash dog park, or a city park that allows dogs on-leash. I pay city taxes, and feel I should have the ability and privilege to use the city parks in my area.	7/18/2019 2:40 PM
537	I live across the street from McPike park and would love to walk the nice paths in the park, but instead have to cross some busier streets or drive across town to get to a dog park.	7/18/2019 2:25 PM
538	If the dogs were behaved, it should be allowed at beaches, shelters, sidewalks in parks, courts. Poop bags should be available for easy access.	7/18/2019 2:13 PM
539	I would love to be able to run my dog without having to drive to a dog park. I love the dog parks and would continue to use them, but for some weekday nights in particular when time is limited, I would love to be able to utilize one of these parks.	7/18/2019 1:26 PM
540	THIS ordinance is as ridiculous as Alabama's law that you cannot walk around with an ice cream cone in your back pocket.	7/18/2019 1:01 PM
541	Even in the parks where dogs are allowed on-leash on paths, we still frequently see dogs off-leash and running loose. Only well-controlled dogs on-leash should be allowed in our parks, for the safety of all of us.	7/18/2019 12:37 PM
542	Madison needs to tighten up and let dogs into all parks. Ridiculous rules and I walk with my dog there anyway so it's not changing anything. I take the stupid ticket, I'm not checking every single park to make sure it's allowed to walk on. For waste reasons I understand but this should be no issue if people pick up after their dog! However, I would be STRONGLY discouraged from using city parks if OFF-LEASH dogs were present. This is not safe for children (I don't have kids and even I know this), other dogs who may be fearful or reactive, people not trained to identify dog behavior/body language OR those who fail to listen when someone instructs you to not approach the dog or asks someone to give them space. Some people are just total idiots and let their calm OR reactive dogs walk around off-leash. All dogs should be leashed at all times regardless of history and training. This is for the safety of ALL. And I say this as a person with a well-socialized dog who has never had any issues and has never displayed any type of reactive or negative behavior. The community risk of off-leash dogs is very real and accidents happen in seconds. Don't take the chance. Off-leash areas exist for a reason. Keep them there.	7/18/2019 12:26 PM
543	I am fine with adding more dog on-leash parks. But don't support inviting dogs into parks with playgrounds, beaches, and sports fields because many owners already don't respect the current ordinance and it would create more instances of children being bitten by dogs and dog poop left in the parks. My niece was chased and bitten by an off-leash dog on a playground in Hawthorne Park. The owner was not able to gain control/catch the large dog once they intentionally let it off-leash and it started to chase her. Luckily the injury was minor. I've had very hostile and rude interactions with off-leash owners at Hawthorne park when pointing out that dogs are not allowed. Now I just leave the park when the off-leash dogs arrive.	7/18/2019 12:22 PM
544	Allowing dogs on-leashes or off-leashes in designated areas will bring Madison up-to-date with modern policies in other cities, and will reaffirm Madison's status as a progressive forward-thinking city.	7/18/2019 12:18 PM
545	I am a senior and would like to walk my dog to the 2 parks in our neighborhood, spring harbor and sandhills and I would like to be able to sit down and rest with the dog before starting our walk home. The dogs should always be on-leash in a public park and poop always picked up by owner.	7/18/2019 11:48 AM
546	I've never gamered and it's been a nice change to be able to walk the dog (on-leash) through the park's paths	7/18/2019 11:15 AM
547	1. Not everyone likes dogs. 2. Dogs are terrifying for some people. 3. Dogs are scary for small children that don't have experience around dogs. Most dog owners don't know that. They think everyone loves dogs and want your children to interact with the dogs. OR dogs are aggressive and not safe, but how would strangers know? Do we want to keep small children out of parks or dogs? I hope dogs! 4. POOP and PEE! If dogs are in parks, poop and pee will be in parks. Therefore small children that crawl, play, or fall in grass will be exposed to dog poop and pee. That's disgusting! Many of our neighbors already let their dogs do that in our yard right in front of us while our toddlers crawl in the grass. so why would they have any problem doing that at a public park where dogs are allowed? PLEASE don't allow dogs in Madison parks!!! 5. Many people have had traumatic experiences with aggressive dogs. Do we want to limit their access to parks?	7/18/2019 11:07 AM

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548	I go to city parks to relax, to rest and to enjoy nature. Being in nature has been proven to have many health benefits, including lowering blood pressure. I do not want to encounter dogs, the r bark ng or the r poop or the r ncons derate owners. None of these are relaxing. My park of choice is Hoyt Park and, although dogs are allowed ONLY on leash and ONLY on the most southern perimeter, people do not obey the signage. I have been charged by dogs off leash. I have been cussed out by dog owners. Not long ago a neighbor was bitten by an off-leash dog in Quarry Park which is on-leash ONLY. Not sure the dog was ever identified. Parks does not patrol the parks properly. People are very inconsiderate of others. I would like to see the city have more fenced dog exercise areas throughout the city which would give dogs and their owners opportunities to exercise and socialize. Other cities have managed to do this. Cincinnati is a good example. They have a very popular dog exercise area within a popular downtown park. As more apartments go up, each developer should be required to provide dog exercise areas within their own properties if they permit dogs. Those of us who love the peace and serenity of our urban forests should have the opportunity to enjoy walk without fear of attack. Why do scream nate against people who want to use parks as they were intended to be used?	7/18/2019 11:03 AM
549	I think as long as owners pick up poop, or if poop bags are made available, dogs in parks is a great thing!	7/18/2019 10:54 AM
550	I live on the near east side (W Marne neighborhood) and would like to be able to walk my dog through Orton Park and BB Carke, and other nearby parks. I think dogs should be allowed on leash in all city parks, with fines for not picking up waste. I would also like to have an off-leash dog park in McPike Park (or somewhere on the near East side), as there appears to be plenty of space and demand for one.	7/18/2019 10:50 AM
551	Have security cameras and good lighting, provide poop bags, post the rules and enforce them so those who aren't responsible dog owners don't keep the rest of us from being able to bring our dogs there.	7/18/2019 10:46 AM
552	I'd prefer dogs not be allowed in parks. I don't want to be concerned with fecal matter ending up in playground areas.	7/18/2019 10:38 AM
553	Madison is the most dog unfriendly city I have been to. I visited San Francisco and dogs are allowed off-leash throughout Golden Gate Park. If it works in other cities it should work in Madison!	7/18/2019 10:27 AM
554	Ordinance for owners to pick up after dogs and on-leash dogs.	7/18/2019 10:26 AM
555	I see ZERO reason why leashed dogs wouldn't be allowed in parks. That makes no sense to me. Off-leash restrictions should be given more careful consideration, sure. But on-leash? There's no reason for such a prohibition.	7/18/2019 10:02 AM
556	Although things are better now than they were in 1973 when a city policeman pointed his gun at me for walking a dog without a leash (I was new to town, didn't know the rules), I do believe things could still improve. Dog parks are great but sometimes difficult to get to. My local park prohibits dogs and I would love to be able to walk her there.	7/18/2019 10:02 AM
557	There are other cities that are way more dog-friendly. I moved here thinking Madison was REALLY dog-friendly, but it's severely lacking. I vote for WAY fewer restrictions on dogs in parks, restaurants, etc.	7/18/2019 9:52 AM
558	There is a city park a block or two from me that's hardly ever used other than maybe a soccer match on a Saturday or some special event on certain holidays. All the other days it's mostly empty and yet there is a sign saying no dogs allowed. It's a waste of open land and not being used where dogs should be able to be on-leash. I see dog owners going there anyway, despite the sign. It seems like a ridiculous ancient rule and the park would be used more frequently. All parks, in general.	7/18/2019 9:39 AM
559	Most parks go unused. If dogs could use parks they would get used.	7/18/2019 9:36 AM
560	I get my dogs licensed and pay the annual park fee yet there are few parks where we can bring them. We should stress that all dogs should have both their license and park permits too.	7/18/2019 9:36 AM
561	The problem isn't friendly dogs, it's unfriendly barking dogs that bite and scare people.	7/18/2019 9:29 AM
562	The dogs are not the issue, owners are. Current ordinance is infrequently enforced or enforced. Changes to current ordinance would turn children's parks into dog parks. Liability to the city would increase with any changes. City currently provides many convenient and improved dog parks; there is no reason for change.	7/18/2019 9:00 AM

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563	I unfortunately can't enjoy the parks in Madison due to the restriction that dogs aren't allowed. My dogs in the house all day while I work, therefore, any activity I do in the evenings generally include my dog. That eliminates the option of enjoying the wonderful parks Madison has to offer.	7/18/2019 8:58 AM
564	Madison's current policy is antiquated. Many Madisonians, especially renters, need to bring their dogs to green spaces for better exercise. I would use the parks much more frequently if I could bring my dog on a leash.	7/18/2019 8:58 AM
565	The difficulty of the on/off leash discussion is more about owners than dogs. Dog waste, aggressive dogs, owners not recognizing that some children/adults are not comfortable around dogs.	7/18/2019 8:51 AM
566	Dogs are precious babies. Let them have fun.	7/18/2019 8:45 AM
567	I like to sit and walk sometimes barefoot on grass, there is more chance that I will step on an area that has recently been defecated on, even if it has been picked up, there are traces left, and so harder to see. I want it to be my choice to interact with dogs, that choice gets taken away as most Madison parks are pretty cosy, and I don't ever want to witness dogs pooping, fighting, or getting over-friendly with each other., let that be for the dog owners to experience together, in their own parks. Not all dogs or owners are responsible enough to share a space considerately.	7/18/2019 8:29 AM
568	Dog waste disposal stations are going to be a key part of keeping Madison parks beautiful and clean. Implementing fines for owners not properly disposing of their pet's waste would also help prevent this common concern with allowing dogs access in the parks.	7/18/2019 8:26 AM
569	dog poop that irresponsible owners do not pick up. I've encountered dogs in parks notwithstanding the ordinance & off-leash. when one such dog went after my daughter, the owner chastised us as if we were in the wrong. there are too many irresponsible dog owners out there & lots of people are scared of dogs.	7/18/2019 8:25 AM
570	As a dog owner and lover, I firmly believe that dogs should be allowed in parks, but only on leash. For the safety of the dog, owner, and others, this is necessary, as we all as people pick up after their dogs no matter the occasion.	7/18/2019 8:12 AM
571	Trash bins would go a long way toward helping dog owners be responsible.	7/18/2019 8:03 AM
572	the current ordinance is just fine. Dogs don't belong in city parks. On or off leash.	7/18/2019 8:02 AM
573	In general, I am fine with dogs being allowed just about anywhere -- provided that owners are responsible with them. Please be sure to provide opportunities for people to learn about socializing their dogs and being responsible pet owners. And... Install MANY MORE waste receptacles throughout the parks. If waste-disposal bags and receptacles are available more conveniently, more people will be ready and able to pick up after their dogs. Also... Please consider installing "hitching posts" in certain places so people can use bathrooms (for instance) without taking their dogs into the bathrooms with them.	7/18/2019 7:58 AM
574	N/A	7/18/2019 7:57 AM
575	There are a lot of great dog owners who put in a ton of time and effort to train their dogs for off-leash recall. I think that's great. I also think that allowing off-leash without restrictions would encourage many dog owners who have not put in that kind of effort to let their dogs run free in parks. I have a leash-reactive dog, so I work very hard on walks to keep my dog a safe distance away from other dogs and people. An off-leash dog without good verbal recall to the owner could cause lots of problems for leash-reactive dogs.	7/18/2019 7:57 AM
576	Dogs could be allowed in more parks on a leash. Dogs need to be restricted from play areas because owners do not clean up after them. It is sad for children and parents to step in a mess.	7/18/2019 7:56 AM
577	Been bitten several times (not in Madison) by off-leash dogs in public places. On-leash only in certain areas makes sense so folks know where they can sit/play without the possibility of stepping in a landmine.	7/18/2019 7:53 AM
578	There are 3 parks in my neighborhood and my family cannot enjoy them because my dogs not welcome. we have to drive to a different town to enjoy parks.	7/18/2019 7:45 AM
579	I live across the street from Waldorf Park. There's frequently nobody else in the park, so it seems sad that I can't take the dog there to run around. We could be making use of the park, but it's so empty.	7/18/2019 7:40 AM

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580	Even just an increase in the areas that allow dogs on leash would drastically increase my use of Madison parks. Having the policies be more standard would also make things easier to plan- I would know more readily where my dog can and cannot be.	7/18/2019 7:39 AM
581	Dogs should not be allowed in public parks. It's a public health issue, and we already know the mess that dog owners will leave behind. You either have a park for people or a park for dogs, but you can't have both in the same park.	7/18/2019 7:25 AM
582	While I don't have any concerns about dogs in general, I know many people who do have fears of dogs and a majority of dogs off leash aren't going to be as well controlled. Most adults can keep their fears under control if the dog is leashed - but I've seen smaller children get anxious if there is a dog present.	7/18/2019 7:24 AM
583	I would LOVE if dogs were allowed at the arboretum.	7/18/2019 7:19 AM
584	I would propose that there be an small increase to the dog census going to allow additional signage outlining the rules and possibly offering free dog waste bags	7/18/2019 7:16 AM
585	If dogs are allowed, there should be poop bags available and disposable receptacles.	7/18/2019 7:12 AM
586	Dogs, even on leashes, don't belong on recreational trails frequented by bicycles, for safety reasons, nor in change nor rest rooms, for privacy reasons (unwelcome owner interactions.) Otherwise, dogs are a part of outdoor life in most activities, arguably without negatives. Compare cars, for gosh sakes!	7/18/2019 7:09 AM
587	As long as owners pick up after them, dogs and their people should enjoy parks too. Supply a free of bags to help owners, I'm sure the overwhelming majority want to be responsible. Just not beaches or game courts, too hard to clean up properly.	7/18/2019 6:47 AM
588	Off leash in a normal park not okay.	7/18/2019 6:45 AM
589	This is a very outdated law. Dog should be allowed every ON-leash, except within buildings and within reason. I believe appropriate owner/dog behavior should be prohibited, not cleaning up waste, excessive bark, etc.	7/18/2019 6:18 AM
590	Allow people to work it out! Define and remediate interactions. Require owner to remove an animal that verbally and behaviorally threaten "park-takers", including ANY person and an animal. Post policy that clearly and simply states policies and acceptable and unacceptable behaviors. Include photos of accepted and not accepted behaviors with explanation/photo. Post the enforcements expected which may include on the spot citation and fining (assigned and authorize park police/monitor). Unacceptable behaviors (animal and owner) may adjudicated by either discussion/warning citation/arrest of owner and/or removing an animal by enforcers to the county "doggy jail". Install cameras and emergency phones at strategic placed contact kiosk. Supply disposable disposable units that do not use bags but use a disposable paper scoop. (Distribute these at each kiosk, park entrances, to city vets, pet stores and pet supply stores, animal shelters, school campuses. *note: at all parks, stores etc. post a design competition. Steer all participants with detailed expectations and requirements guidelines. from a variety of designs support product on and testing and furthermore patent the design and license/sell to the open market. Use revenues to pay for expenses. Install donation post (like state/national style steel post with slot to insert bills/change) and plant doggy donation in peasant/attractive/nature/park friendly contrasting colors say "doggy donations" (yellow and blue like Madison's Organizational colors). Create a system that will add to the attraction to Madison as a desirable, peasant city that uses inventive, people reasonable and smart solution based policy making as ground floor rule making standards first and not a "the words eventually we're more eventually", expensive policy structure. Happy! Clean! Inventive! Incusive! We coming! Reasonably confident! Allowing for and reasonably responding to the 50% mark, moving away from the worst case and the absolute best case-sterile-unachievabledoomsday policy making, notwithstanding, forever to implement policies that stand good, productive, community smart, healthy, dynamic thinking.	7/18/2019 6:10 AM
591	I think on leash dogs create a safe place for others with dogs and folks without dogs. Off leash should really only be in off leash dog parks.	7/18/2019 6:04 AM
592	Well behaved, well controlled dogs should be allowed in Madison parks on leash with perhaps a few designated off leash areas. On leash is a great compromise, people can still bring their animals without the worry of them running free.	7/18/2019 5:55 AM
593	As long as people adhere to the laws in place regarding picking up dog feces and not being a threat to others, I feel like dogs should be able to enjoy our green spaces with their humans. Taking your dog along may promote more healthy habits in humans, while providing a sense of safety and security for people at risk, like those jogging at non-prime times, etc.	7/18/2019 5:54 AM

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594	I th nk there shou d be a m x of parks that a ow dogs and some that don't a ow dogs. Th s way, f you are afra d of dogs, or don't want to be bothered by dogs (bark ng, runn ng around, etc), or have sma ch dren that s not comfortab e around dogs, you can choose a park that doesn't a ow dogs. At the same t me, I can see how some peop e wou d ke the nteract on w th dogs. Some parks that a ow dogs and some that don't, wou d prov de a good ba ance.	7/18/2019 5:51 AM
595	I be eve the C ty Ord nance shou d be amended to perm t dogs n most parks, but restr cted to certa n areas of the park, and that the dog must be on a eash of no more than 6 feet, and the owner sha be requ red to p ck up the dog`s poop, and that f the owner ets the dog off the eash n those parks or fa s to p ck up h s or her dog`s poop, the owner shou d be ssued a summons.	7/18/2019 5:49 AM
596	There shou d be nguage restr ct ng excess ve no se and aggress ve behav or, but as ong as peop e p ck up after the r dogs, and they're on eashes, I th nk a ow ng dogs nto parks wou d better ref ect the needs of our current popu at on	7/18/2019 5:31 AM
597	Is t poss b e to have Some parks where dogs are we come at beaches and paygrounds and sports s de nes and some where they are not? A park-by-park ord nance, wh ch accommodates both those who do AND do not want dogs n pub c-use areas?	7/18/2019 5:29 AM
598	I am not a dog person. I was attacked as a ch d and have ssues w th dogs that are not known to me or who jump at me, even f fr end y. My youngest son (now an adu t) a so had an ssue w th a dog as a ch d. Dogs do not be ong on paygrounds or around areas where there are ots of k ds such as beaches or sport ng events (soccer, baseba , etc.) That be ng sa d, I don't have an ssue w th peop e hav ng dogs on eashes n many of the open areas of our parks. There are probab y areas where they cou d even be off eash such as a ong the Yahara R ver and some of the open spaces n our arger parks such as Warner, V as, E ver, etc. There are a ot of dogs n my ne ghborhood and the owners are very respons b e. There are very few prob ems. But p ease keep them away from areas w th k ds. There are just too many ways that can go wrong.	7/18/2019 5:24 AM
599	I agree w th the ord nance. I don't want a bunch of dogs around, espec a y f they are off- eash.	7/18/2019 5:22 AM
600	I am f ne w th th s and a so w th prov d ng segregated dog park areas.	7/18/2019 5:19 AM
601	It wou d be n ce f dogs were perm tted on eash at parks. My dog can't to off eash dog parks anymore because of bad rear egs (he wou d try to run after other dogs☹) So a n ce sto n a park wou d be great. We most y just wa k n our ne ghborhood on s dewa ks	7/18/2019 5:16 AM
602	It sucks a b g donkey d ck.	7/18/2019 5:14 AM
603	I'm happy to have dogs on eash n parks not n areas where the k ds pay prov ded the r humans cean up after them. I wou d want to be ab e to wa k my dog n a park on a eash f I had one.	7/18/2019 5:13 AM
604	I have severe a erg es to dogs and enjoy the peace of m nd that I can enjoy Mad son parks w thout worry ng about a erg es. It wou d great y m t my ab ty to enjoy the park.I'm concerned about a erg es, dogs be ng d srupt ve, and dog poop be ng eft beh nd n parks regu ar y.	7/18/2019 5:13 AM
605	I'm a for dogs on paths but not at arge n the common areas of parks.	7/18/2019 5:11 AM
606	Too many dog owners, s mp y, do not apprec ate the negat ve mpact made by the r an ma s. Too many dog owners a ow the r an ma s to make negat ve mpacts on other peop e.	7/18/2019 5:11 AM
607	There are so few p aces that dogs are a owed. If dogs are on- eash there s no reason whatsoever to proh b t them. Parks shou d prov de d sposal s tes for an ma waste to encourage peop e p ck ng up after the r dogs and mpos ng f nes for those who don't. Dogs on- eash are ess of a nu sance than peop e!	7/18/2019 5:10 AM
608	Raymond R dge Park wou d be perfect for a dog park. P enty of extra space. On y a few ch dren use the payground each day, but the dog park port on cou d be ocated away from that. It s next to aconservat on/arboetum area, but that s we fenced. The argest group of users at Raymond R dge s probab y peop e pay ng fetch w th the r dogs! P ease make t ega :)	7/18/2019 5:09 AM
609	Must be on ease and p ck up after.	7/18/2019 5:07 AM
610	I strong y prefer dogs not be a owed where ch dren are typ ca y pay ng. Many ch dren don't know how to be around dogs they don't know. And n my exper ence many dog owners break the ru es and br ng the r dogs to parks where they are current y not a owed. Those dog owners often do not contro the r dogs and a ow nteract on w thout perm ss on between ch dren and the r dogs. If dog owners are a ready not fo ow ng the ru es, I wou dn't expect that restr ct ng them to certa n areas of the park w he p.	7/18/2019 4:58 AM
611	dogs shou d be a owed n parks- th s s r d cu ous.	7/18/2019 4:55 AM

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612	I would absolutely love to see on-leash dogs allowed in all aspects of parks, but please do not allow dogs to be off-leash. Off-leash dogs that aren't properly trained can be a nuisance and even a danger to themselves, wildlife, other dogs and people. Off-leash privileges should be contained to specific dog parks that are fenced and intended to be off-leash.	7/18/2019 4:52 AM
613	Clearly outdated and out of line with community needs and practices	7/18/2019 4:50 AM
614	Madison is a dog friendly town. I have been a dog owner up until recently. Madison dog owners in general are responsible, and I have cleaned dog poop off of shoes more times than I really care to. There are also owners who let dogs run free, and "assure" me the dogs are "friendly" when they really aren't. If I am going to be in parks with kids, I don't feel dogs need to be present. It's a safety issue for kids when dog owners think they should have free reign. It's a safety issue for me, and it's a safety issue for dogs.	7/18/2019 4:46 AM
615	The city of Madison invests enough money into the amazing off-leash dog parks that we have. I am concerned about dog on dog attacks in the parks as well as attacks on children and people. Also, poop pickup will be a huge issue	7/18/2019 4:45 AM
616	Love dogs my concern people do not pick up after the dogs so they don't exercise the pups prior to taking them to park! Pups are hyped up and key to get into a fight with another pup!	7/18/2019 4:41 AM
617	I selected no restricted areas for dogs because I believe we need to recognize the integral nature of pets in people's family structure and recreation. There will be bad actors, just as there are now, that require intervention from parks department employees or MPD to ensure safe use of the parks by all, however, I believe the overall benefit to be worthwhile. Thank you for considering this change!	7/18/2019 4:40 AM
618	I think it's reasonable to just say dogs are permitted in public parks on-leash. We probably don't need to overcomplicate it by saying specific areas as folks are not going to walk a dog onto a court. If they did there would probably be a reason. Keep it simple for folks just saying keep the dog on-leash and you are good. I would add a section funding at an increased rate for not cleaning up after the dog in a park.	7/18/2019 4:34 AM
619	I think that dogs should be allowed in parks, but on-leash only and kept away from areas where children play. Children are sometimes afraid of dogs. Dog owners are sometimes unaware of how uncomfortable the dogs make others and of the dogs' need for further training.	7/18/2019 4:30 AM
620	Unfortunately not all dog owners are created equal, so there should still be guidelines for allowing the dogs in these parks. Keeping them on-leash, maintaining control of the dog, etc. And there should be consequences for the people (read: not the dog) who can't handle the responsibility of the dog in public.	7/18/2019 4:29 AM
621	My only concern is people picking up after the dogs so the availability of trash cans and bags would be great	7/18/2019 4:27 AM
622	I barely visit the parks because I am committed to walking my dog and he's unwell come there.	7/18/2019 4:24 AM
623	As a responsible dog owner, I do NOT want irresponsible dog owners anywhere near our parks! There are WAY too many dog owners who don't have control over the dogs, even when on-leash! And way too many that not only let the dogs pee on decorative park plantings but do not pick up the dogs' poop! EVER!	7/18/2019 4:24 AM
624	I have young children and a dog and would be in the Parks even more often if I were able to take my dog there with me. However, since they are not officially allowed in most areas of the parks, we instead find other walking destinations.	7/18/2019 4:22 AM
625	On-leash dogs should be expanded, but unrestricted dogs should still have limitations.	7/18/2019 4:20 AM
626	As a dog owner I am unable to utilize the beautiful Parks Madison has to offer because I am not allowed to bring my pet there when I go for a walk. This is one thing that I truly dislike about Madison, and something I'm not encountered in any of the many other places I have lived.	7/18/2019 4:16 AM
627	I would utilize parks much more frequently if I were able to bring my dog there also.	7/18/2019 4:11 AM
628	On-leash is fine. Dogs should be welcome in parks on-leash. Madison's very dog unfriendly, and the city would get more revenue if they made things more hospitable for dog owners.	7/18/2019 4:09 AM

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629	I th nk dogs shou d be a owed n parks but on- eash on y. However, n cases of events w th a ot of food (.e. - farmers market, etc) there shou d be e ther no dogs or restr ct to a certa n area to avo d ssues ke hav ng dogs on the other s de of the farmers market street as an examp e. Many t mes I don't go to parks or k ds sport ng events n parks because t's after work and my dog has been cooped up a day and needs exerc se. I th nk a ow ng peop e to take the r dog more p aces w ead to t red dogs wh ch genera y eads to better behaved dogs...a t red dog s a happy dog.	7/18/2019 3:58 AM
630	A ow dogs at a parks on a eash, on y certa n areas off eash.	7/18/2019 3:55 AM
631	Respons b e dog owners and we -mannered dogs shou d be a owed most p aces. Other progress ve ct es and countr es et dogs n.	7/18/2019 3:49 AM
632	My dog s great. L tera y everyone oves h m. He' be an asset to Mad son parks. Don't et the cranky an ma haters keep us down.	7/18/2019 3:43 AM
633	It s d ff cu t to g ve our dog exerc se when we have to dr ve to dog parks outs de the c ty m t (where they are ocated). It s wonderfu to have them but more t me consum ng to go there. In a cases dogs need to be respons ve to the r owners. We wa k our dog on eash to keep h m under contro , but an off eash area n more C ty parks wou d be wonderfu . We have our dog censed, w th a current park pass and wou d ove to wa k h m n our ne ghborhood parks. We a ways c ean up after h m and t wou d be n ce f bags and waste d sposa are ava ab e. I not ce more dogs v ng downtown when I go to the market on weekends. They need p aces to go and exerc se safe y, too. A we exerc sed dog s a better ct zen for a . P ease cons der be ng more f ex b e w th th s ord nance.	7/18/2019 3:36 AM
634	Shou d rema n restr cted as s - unsan tary & threaten ng to have dogs run ng around. Too many owners don't even both w th puppy schoo .	7/18/2019 2:50 AM
635	As a sen or who v s ts parks, I f nd the presence of dogs to be comfort ng. They are genera y fu of joy and fun to watch.	7/18/2019 2:48 AM
636	Our dog hates to be eft a one, so f my f ance and I want to take my k ds to the park, one of us has to stay beh nd w th h m. Wh e I be eve there need to be SOME restr ct ons on dogs n parks, the current ord nance s far too proh b t ve. Severa Mad son parks are arge enough that they cou d eas y ncude fenced-off areas for dogs to run off- eash w thout nfr ng ng on other usage patterns. Furthermore, there's no reason why dogs shou d not be a owed on- eash n most other areas as ong as they are we -behaved and under contro .	7/18/2019 2:09 AM
637	As a dog owner, the pr mary respons b t es that shou d app y n a pub c spaces are hav ng my dog under contro (by eash or command), c ean ng up after my dog, ma nta n ng good hea th (not spread ng d sease/ ness), and not ett ng my dog approach peop e or other dogs w thout c ear perm ss on.	7/18/2019 2:07 AM
638	I don't see what the b g dea s about hav ng a dog n a park - wou d ove to hear the oppos t on!	7/18/2019 1:58 AM
639	As a dog owner, my on y concern wou d be parks becom ng nfested w th dog feces. I'm not sure how best to combat that. Perhaps ensure staff checks perm ts and censes	7/18/2019 1:55 AM
640	I ve n Sunset V age near Luc e Crest and Quarry Park. I am so uck to ve near these two parks, wh ch a ow dogs. I cross the street to Shorewood H s because the r commun ty s more fr end y to dogs than Mad son. I wa k my dog about 3 m es a day, and I attr bute h s happy and fun d spos t on to th s exerc se. I found Mad son's restr ct ons on dogs undy harsh when I ved on Gette Ave. Just ook the number of peop e who ut ze a park when they a ow dogs and don't a ow dogs. My dog s great off eash, but I know t s far-fetched to a ow off eashes dogs on genera park grounds. However, f you want ct zens to fu y ut ze Mad son's wonderfu parks, p ease cons der remov ng much of these restr ct ons. The nguage of the ord nance s harsh and outdated (I read t when I moved to Mad son). I ved Tacoma, Wash ngton for three years, and the r more en ent dog po cy works wonderfu y. Peop e and dogs both enjoy the parks there n harmony.	7/17/2019 11:50 PM
641	I have ved n M dd eton for the past 18 years and wa ked my dog n ne ghborhoods and M dd eton parks w th no prob ems. It was a p easant p ace to ve w th my dogs. I don't get the same fee ng n Mad son. I current y have terr ers, wh ch I w not take off eash un ess n a fenced n area. Many dogs wou d be f ne off eash n a park..It s d ff cu t to g ve the dogs the type of exerc se they need v ng n th s part of Mad son. The northwest area of Mad son where I ve has a pathet c space for dogs to be off eash. Even f dogs are a owed n more c ty parks n the future, I fee a arger fenced off- eash dog park s needed n the northwest area. One that s usab e year-round and sn't a ow and that becomes unusab e when t ra ns.	7/17/2019 9:52 PM

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642	For single mothers and families who spend 40 hours a week at work it would be nice to be able to take your dog to the city park for an evening walk while your children play on the playground. I don't believe dogs should be allowed in the playground or on sports fields but banning them from the entire park is a bit ridiculous- especially considering how often I see people break the rule & not get cited or fined!	7/17/2019 6:20 PM
643	Dumb rule.... nice to be able to walk with my dog on-leash through a park. It's doesn't harm anyone.	7/17/2019 6:04 PM
644	This would be an unwelcome change. As someone who has a severe dog allergy, finding space where no dogs are allowed is becoming increasingly difficult. So called "emotional support" dogs are allowed almost everywhere, leading people like me to feel uncomfortable. I would be very disappointed if this ordinance was changed. Most dog owners already feel entitled, so succumbing to their demands would be a huge mistake.	7/17/2019 5:47 PM
645	The current ordinance is perfect—not everyone has, enjoys, or wants a dog around them at all times, especially in the parks that EVERYONE pays for, not just dog owners and dog lovers!	7/17/2019 5:39 PM
646	North Star Park does not have any garbage containers IN the park. People leave fed dog doo bags in the high grass, on the sidewalks, next to tree trunks, in the flower gardens	7/17/2019 5:35 PM
647	I do not want off-leash dogs on paths, trails, sidewalks, or other common travel areas in city parks. Dogs should be on-leash in any area where they can reasonably expect contact with pedestrians, cyclists, or others who may be bothered or hampered by an off-leash dog.	7/17/2019 5:19 PM
648	There are many parks that I think should allow dogs on-leash, following along the paths so that you can walk or jog through them. Restrictions on you need to be directly on playground surfaces, court surfaces, and beaches.	7/17/2019 5:14 PM
649	Madison dogs behind most major cities in dog friendliness and regulations. I think this detracts from the young, active atmosphere of Madison.	7/17/2019 5:07 PM
650	I believe Madison is very much behind many other cities of its size in its acceptance of dogs in City Parks. With as active and outdoor-oriented as Madison residents are, this ordinance definitely needs to be revised and revised to be more friendly to pet owners.	7/17/2019 5:04 PM
651	People don't control their dogs, and kids playing in a park shouldn't have to be subjected to strange dogs running after them.	7/17/2019 4:58 PM
652	I would support allowing dogs on-leash in Madison parks, except those designated "conservation parks". I would also generally expand allowing dogs off-leash in parks but I think it would be reasonable to limit this to parks without playground equipment out of an abundance of concern for children's safety.	7/17/2019 4:54 PM
653	There are too many irresponsible owners. The parks must be safe for children. No dog poop or dogs running at small children. Too many entitled owners who don't pick up after their dog or watch their dog on neighborhood sidewalks. Allowing more park access is a bad idea. And no dogs off-leash please	7/17/2019 4:52 PM
654	Kids are very scared of off-leash dogs. As a parent, too much risk being in the same space	7/17/2019 4:51 PM
655	Most people have untrained and out of control dogs that could cause harm to other people, children, or animals. A dog's free roam of any public park. As someone with a service animal, my dog's safety is a top priority at all times due to the nature of her being medicated, and other dogs that are not well behaved or socialized in public can cause a safety concern if they distract or harm her. It is a huge liability to allow dogs in a public city parks.	7/17/2019 4:44 PM
656	Parks are community spaces and dogs are part of our communities and families. I agree that there are ways changes with people managing their dogs incorrectly or allowing them off-leash where they shouldn't. This should not punish those of us that are responsible dog owners.	7/17/2019 4:42 PM
657	Very happy to see this is being revised. Having traveled to other smaller sized cities we are far behind on dog friendliness in our parks. We have beautiful parks here that are underutilized by many people I know because dogs aren't allowed.	7/17/2019 4:41 PM
658	Life expectancy in the US is declining. Studies show dog owners get more exercise because of the walking involved. We should encourage this behavior. Opening parks to dog walkers is a step in the right direction.	7/17/2019 4:33 PM

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659	Frank y, t's a use ess ord nance anyway s nce t's not enforced. If dogs are on eash and we behaved, then no one has a prob em w th them. Peop e who don't ke dogs just avo d them and peop e who do are happy to go g ve the dog a scratch.	7/17/2019 4:28 PM
660	Mu t p e parks, but very m ted to dog owners who want to enjoy the outdoors w th the r fur fr ends . Hop ng there w be a reso ut on somet me soon.	7/17/2019 4:26 PM
661	Mad son s such a dog fr end y c ty and t'd be great for the commun ty to a ow them to enjoy th s c ty as much as humans do.	7/17/2019 4:18 PM
662	I'm not a dog owner, have never owned a dog, but I ke the r presence and fee strong y that the current restr ct ons are excess ve. I rea ze th s may make t necessary to f ne occas ona neg gent owners of m sbehav ng dogs, but the po cy n genera shou d a ow dogs to a much greater degree.	7/17/2019 4:06 PM
663	It's ong past t me that th s ord nance be updated to open more c ty parks to dogs. Wh e I apprec ate that some peop e may be fearfu of dogs or have other reasons to want to v s t a park where there are no dogs, t's unreasonab e to restr ct access to near y a of the parks n Mad son. Wa k ng your dog n a park or s tt ng n a park bench w th your dog nearby s a eg t mate recreat ona act v ty. For the major ty of peop e, the presence of dogs can create commun ty - peop e are far more ke y to acknow edge me or even stop and ta k when I have my dog w th me.	7/17/2019 4:06 PM
664	The ord nance does not take nto account the fact that the major ty of peop e who use wooded parks year around are dog owners. Hoyt Park s a good examp e of a park where I typ ca y on y see dog owners us ng the tra s n the woods (desp te dogs not be ng a owed). There are many dogs n th s are of the c ty and very few parks and p aces to take them. Fam es w th dogs are not ke y to go to the park f they cannot take the r dogs.	7/17/2019 4:02 PM
665	The dogs/owners have dog parks; have them go there for any number of reasons: san tat on, conf cts, e.g. dog/dog, dog/ch d, peace and tranqu ty, space.	7/17/2019 3:57 PM
666	Dogs have as much, f not more, of a r ght to ex st n natura spaces as any human does. We pay for cens ng and dog park fees every year n add t on to our regu ar taxes, and t wou d be great f we actua y had access to the parks for wh ch we pay.	7/17/2019 3:55 PM
667	My recreat on t me outdoors s spent exerc s ng my dog. If a park does not a ow dogs I don't use t I th nk dogs ncrease the genera popu at ons heath and wou d ke to see greater use of outdoor spaces a owed for exerc s ng dogs and owners a ong w th accompany ng frequent trash opt ons for san tary d sposa of dog waste. My dog s part of my fam y, I want to be ab e to p cn c n my ne ghborhood parks w th my dog, and watch recreat ona sports from the s de nes w th my dog so we can get fresh a r, exerc se, and re ax together.	7/17/2019 3:52 PM
668	I ke our c ty parks, and I have a dog. I ve by severa of them n the W y Street ne ghborhood and my dog s not a owed n any of them wh ch s upsett ng. We take h m to the dog park occas ona y but most are a dr ve away wh ch s d ff cu t to do dur ng weekdays. For h s qua ty of fe and my want ng to spend more t me w th h m, I want h m to be a owed n parks on eash. Cr me has a so been on a r se n our area and hav ng h m w th me as I wa k around most y wou d make me fee safer.	7/17/2019 3:43 PM
669	Key nguage n the d scuss on shou d ncude (1) whether the dog s under the owner's contro n the park and (2) whether the dog s nterfer ng w th others' use of the park (nc ud ng waste). If these cond t ons are met, the dogs shou d be we come. Owners who a ow dogs to v o ate those cond t ons shou d ose the r pr v eges to use the park.	7/17/2019 3:27 PM
670	I pay for use of parks yet I'm not go ng to go to a park w thout my dog. I ve n centra Mad son and t takes me a ha f hour to get to an off- eash dog park where I can wa k my dog. Th s s not fa r. I a so am a s ng e o der woman and I don't fee safe wa k ng n a park a one dur ng the day w thout my dog when no one seems to be around.	7/17/2019 3:08 PM
671	I th nk the current y po cy s too restr ct ve. We ve very c ose to two parks but we do not use them because they do not a ow dogs. Instead, we get n the car and dr ve to parks that do a ow dogs. However, I am m ndfu that there are some peop e who are afra d of dogs. Because of that, we need to make accommodat ons - maybe a few parks shou d rema n dog-free?	7/17/2019 1:46 PM
672	I th nk t's t me for Mad son to enter the 21st century of peop e hav ng pet dogs who are tra ned decent y enough to enjoy the outdoors w th the r c ty dwe ng owners. If a dog s threaten ng, just as f a human s threaten ng, ca the author tes and get t removed from pub c spaces. Otherw se, et us enjoy our pets and have them be ess frustrated (& therefore bark ess at ne ghbors) by a ow ng us ega shared use of parks.	7/17/2019 1:20 PM

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673	Dogs should be on leash, unless in off-leash dog park. Dogs should be allowed in Madison parks when on-leash.	7/17/2019 12:16 PM
674	I've read the ordinance already. I think dogs should be allowed in most public spaces, provided the HUMAN owners have them under control, and there's an accessible means to impose CONSEQUENCES on human beings who fail to have the animals under their control.	7/17/2019 12:14 PM
675	I worked in parks, owners do not pick up after their pets.	7/17/2019 11:43 AM
676	Dogs should be leashed at all times.	7/17/2019 11:26 AM
677	Allow dogs in Lake Edge!	7/17/2019 11:24 AM
678	I think that responsible dog owners should be allowed to bring their dogs on-leash to all parks. And that the amount of off-leash areas should be increased, including off-leash swimming areas.	7/17/2019 11:06 AM
679	Being allowed on-leash in most areas should be the standard, and an expansion of off-leash areas would be great.	7/17/2019 10:43 AM
680	Current rules don't make sense. I try to follow the rules because I'm a responsible pet owner but I see tons of people walking dogs where they shouldn't be. Enforcing rules for not cleaning up after dogs or other bad behavior would be more productive.	7/17/2019 10:39 AM
681	Even with the current law people bring their dogs to parks and let them run free. I do not like dogs jumping up on me. People assume that everyone loves their dogs as much as they do. Some of us do not.	7/17/2019 10:38 AM
682	On-leash walking, particularly on paths like through OB Sherry or Eastmor and parks, should absolutely be permitted. In general, on-leash dogs should be allowed in parks.	7/17/2019 9:58 AM
683	My concerns regarding dogs is that they would poop and not be cleaned up. I have 2 children and would like them to be able to run around without worrying about dog poop. Of course safety is also a concern. I'm sure most dog owners are responsible but it cannot be guaranteed and there's a risk to have an animal mixed with people.	7/17/2019 9:56 AM
684	I am comfortable revising Madison General Ordinance 8.19 to increase the number of on-leash dog parks in Madison, as many people have dogs that need places to get exercise. I do not support revising Madison General Ordinance 8.19 to increase the number of off-leash dog parks, as I am concerned that this would present a safety hazard for people; some dogs are not supervised very well by their owners, and I am concerned that these dogs could aggressively approach people when not on-leash.	7/17/2019 9:49 AM
685	Everyone but dog walkers, who keep neighborhoods safe, can use city parks. We pay for licenses and park permits but cannot enter parks. It isn't fair.	7/17/2019 9:39 AM
686	No one thanks the dog who hurt someone until they do. Animals are unpredictable as are kids who love to run up to them. As a dog owner and a person who has scars from a beloved dog that nobody thought would ever hurt anybody I know this is a bad idea.	7/17/2019 9:37 AM
687	Most other cities Madison's size and larger allow dogs in their parks. Many even provide poop bags for dog owners. The "no dogs" restrictions are out of date and prevent people from using the parks as we ought to be able to. I pay a lot in taxes and I want to take my dogs into Madison's parks.	7/17/2019 9:34 AM
688	If dogs are not permitted off-leash in City parks (which I believe they should at minimum be allowed on-leash in all city parks), there need to be more areas for off-leash exercise near the downtown area. Since the Bringham park closed for renovations last year, there's no other alternative for owners to take their dogs downtown. Quann park is inaccessible for residents without cars.	7/17/2019 9:31 AM
689	Fee safer in parks with my dog.	7/17/2019 9:29 AM
690	As a runner and biker, people now are walking dogs on sidewalks taking up whoes sidewalks and I'm constantly getting unged at and sometimes bit. I'd rather have dogs in parks where they are more easily avoided.	7/17/2019 8:46 AM
691	I do not think that it's unreasonable for the city to restrict dog access to certain parks or public spaces. I do however think the current default of dogs not being allowed on/n city property/public spaces is wrong. Dogs should be allowed on/n city property by default, except where specific restrictions are put in place for a specific, good, and well-documented reason (e.g. wild life protection, sanitation concerns, etc...). The current policy is dated and was one of the only causes of hesitation for myself and my wife choosing to move to the City of Madison this past winter.	7/17/2019 8:22 AM

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692	As a dog owner and a grandmother, I can tell you that dogs off leash and running children do not mix. There are many pet owners who have not properly trained and do not know how to handle the dogs resulting in negative behavior from the pets. It's impossible now to go for a walk in the neighborhood without having an aggressive or anxious dog lunging at me or my grandchildren. I also know from taking my dog to the dog parks a few times that fights among dogs are common, especially when off leash. Last year, people don't pick up after the dogs. Having to now have to watch every step in a public park like I would walking the streets is an additional burden and sanitary issue that I do not feel is reasonable or smart. As a dog owner, I do not believe dogs should be everywhere I am and that is not a message I think we should be sending to the public at large.	7/17/2019 8:07 AM
693	Recognize that many dog owners are the big problem, particularly those who ignore on-leash requirements (which I've experienced in some city of parks, regardless of ordinance, and often in Dane County Parks). Should be a mix of clear off-leash, fenced areas and on-leash paths.	7/17/2019 7:36 AM
694	Our parks are for everyone to use. We must all learn how to live together respectfully.	7/17/2019 7:23 AM
695	Dogs should by default be allowed on-leash everywhere, off-leash in most areas, and some dog-free areas may be established.	7/17/2019 7:20 AM
696	This is an antiquated embarrassing law. Please look at Portland, Oregon for a sane dogs in parks law.	7/17/2019 7:15 AM
697	Off-leash areas should be enclosed so that dogs and people can be safe.	7/17/2019 7:09 AM
698	This ordinance helps keep me safe because of a severe allergy.	7/17/2019 7:08 AM
699	Please allow dogs on-leash	7/17/2019 7:08 AM
700	I understand restricting off-leash dogs in parks for safety and comfort of other people and all dogs, but the ban is too far.	7/17/2019 7:08 AM
701	City sidewalks are boring for walking my dog. If I had access to public parks, I'd be able to walk her more often and enjoy the parks. I trust one on-leash parks, but the other requires leashed walking. I have encountered off-leash dogs in leashed parks before and it completely ruins our walks. Unless it's a specific off-leash fenced-in area, dogs should be required to be on-leash so they cannot approach leashed dogs who may need space.	7/17/2019 6:55 AM
702	Responsible dog owners will clean up after dogs, especially if dog spousals convenient. A dog on-leash does not interfere with the use and enjoyment of a park by other users.	7/17/2019 6:44 AM
703	I can't even walk my dogs on the neighborhood trails steps from my front door - which are considered "parks" under Madison General Ordinance 8.19 - that is why no one uses currently. We would absolutely use these trails at least 4-5 times a week if my dogs can walk them with us.	7/17/2019 5:35 AM
704	Not every dog can be off-leash in an area that is not fenced in. Owners typically keep the dog on-leash if they are not trained well enough to stay with the owner. For those of us that do spend the time and effort in training, it would be nice to walk through a park or even sit and read in the grass with my dog at my side and not worry about getting in trouble for being off-leash.	7/17/2019 5:16 AM
705	The current ordinance is so widely ignored that it has become a nuisance.	7/17/2019 5:13 AM
706	Despite two "No Dogs Allowed" signs, dogs run freely on the play areas & playground area daily at Sunset Park. Laws have never been enforced.	7/17/2019 4:54 AM
707	the problem with dogs in parks would be the inevitable rise of dog poop that is not picked up. You also can't have a picnic on park grass when dogs pee and poop on that grass all the time. Dogs off-leash that are not well-trained may run towards people that don't want to be approached by dogs, are afraid of dogs, or have allergies.	7/17/2019 4:27 AM
708	NA	7/17/2019 4:13 AM
709	I would really love to just take my dog to any park or field and be able to play with him or just hang out. I went to Europe and dogs are allowed everywhere and there are no problems with it ever. I don't see why Madison has such an issue with letting dogs play.	7/17/2019 4:05 AM
710	I have wanted to go to the park but it's very hard to find parks that allow dogs	7/17/2019 4:05 AM
711	I am 100% in favor of this provided dogs are on-leash. Dogs that are off-leash could cause problems with other dogs that are on-leash.	7/17/2019 3:52 AM

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712	I ve across the street from O br ch Park and t s except ona y d sappo nt ng that I can't enjoy the green space when I have my dog w th me. I'd ove to wa k a ong the ake front w th my dog on eash so he can sme a the pants and not have to be wa k ng on the hot concrete s dewa ks n the summer. I a so fee t wou d he p my property va ues f the park were more dog fr end y.	7/17/2019 3:32 AM
713	It s a good aw. Not everyone s comfortab e around dogs. A so, I have seen and heard too often of dog owners not contro ng the r dogs n parks.	7/17/2019 3:23 AM
714	Why do dog owners need to take the r dogs everywhere? If they want to be outs de w th the r dog, go to a dog park.	7/17/2019 3:16 AM
715	A ow ng on- eash dogs n some parks, but not others s confus ng. It wou d a so be confus ng f dogs were on y a owed n curta n parts of the parks.	7/17/2019 3:02 AM
716	Natura spaces (parks) shou d a ow dogs as the c ty gets bu t up there needs to be add t ona space to exerc se your dogs. Parks are a great p ace to enjoy the outdoors, wh ch many peop e ke to do w th the r dogs. I understand not a areas are poss b e to be off eash, however, dogs on eashes do not pose danger or d rrupt on to others and as ong as owners are respons b e shou d not cause any change to other park goers enjoyment of the parks.	7/17/2019 2:49 AM
717	Many peop e are rrespons b e w th the r dogs, a ow ng them to run off eash. Even f eashes are requ red, peop e gnore t. Parks, espec a y p aygrounds, are meant for ch dren, not an ma s. If owners cou d be more respons b e, I wou dn't m nd, but peop e are a b t crazy when t comes to the r dogs. Too many t mes un eashed dogs have ran up to my son at the park and scared h m or acted too aggress ve y. I be eve the ord nance shou d stay as s.	7/17/2019 2:35 AM
718	As a dog owner for years I wou d ove to have our dog jo n us v s t ng Mad son parks but a so understand that a ow ng dogs off eash cou d be both annoy ng and dangerous under the r ght c rcumstances. Dogs need to be under contro of the r owners at a t mes n pub c spaces so a can enjoy.	7/17/2019 2:33 AM
719	I have three dogs and they are the ma n part of my fe. I th nk the ord nances n Mad son are confus ng on where dogs are or aren't a owed and wh ch parks and therefore I don't take them because I don't want to unnecessar y be ye ed at by a rude ranger when the nguage sn't c ear. I th nk dogs shou d be a owed as ong as they are eashed and under contro . If dogs are prevented from be ng n and around the c ty t a so makes t harder to soc a ze and tra n dogs and then there w be more crappy dogs ru n ng t for everyone e se.	7/17/2019 2:16 AM
720	Mad son's ord nance seems undu y harsh and ant quated. I'm hopefu th s process w resu t n a rev sed ord nance that ref ects the rea ty of a of the dogs that are fam y members of c tzens of Mad son.	7/17/2019 2:07 AM
721	At th s po nt I techn ca y can't even take my dog on a paved path through the park, wh ch s s y. I can wa k h m on any other s dewa k, but not that path. I'd ke to at east do that!	7/17/2019 1:51 AM
722	I th nk that t wou d be great to a ow dogs (w th restr ct ons) n Mad son parks, though there s a ways the concern about rrespons b e dog owners that do not fo ow ru es.	7/17/2019 1:44 AM
723	For the changes to be effect ve, they shou d be cons tent and c ear y posted at a parks.	7/17/2019 1:31 AM
724	I understand parks are for everyone and some peop e don't ke dogs or want them around; however, on eash dogs shou d be a owed n most c ty parks, n my op n on. It s aw for dog waste to be p cked up and d sposed of, and most dogs I've encountered here are fr end y and we - behaved.	7/17/2019 1:30 AM
725	I have two ch dren and one dog. Our fam y has one veh ce and my w fe and I genera y work oppos te sh fts eav ng one of us parent ng by ourse ves w th out access to a veh ce. We ve n the Eastmor and ne ghorhood n D str ct 15 and there are no off- eash dog parks n wa k ng d stance, but we have amp e amounts of parks. We v s t parks mu t p e t mes per week w th our ch dren, somet mes da y, and are forced to choose between tak ng the k ds to the park, and tak ng the dog for a wa k. We cannot eave the k ds at home a one wh e wa k ng the dog, and we cannot take the k ds for a wa k w thout them want ng to go to a park. So, we have to choose between eav ng the dog at home, or dea ng w th upset k ds, wh e hav ng our hands t ed to a very energet c young dog. The k ds are very persuas ve, and the dog ooses out on a da y bas s. In order for us to take the dog to the dog park we need both parents to be home w th a car, one parent needs to stay home w th the k ds, wh e the other has to DRIVE the dog to the park. Otherw se we wou d have to br ng the k ds w th, wh ch s very much a daunt ng task. We have been k cked out of the park by the park ranger mu t p e t mes wh e try ng to enjoy the parks w th our ent re fam y, and have had to take the k ds and the dog home. The resu t s that the needs of the dog are neg ected on a da y bas s, and the qua ty for her s sacr f ced.	7/17/2019 1:21 AM

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726	I do not fee dogs off eash are appropri ate n our parks. It s too easy for owners to m ss waste p ck up. On eash, there s no og ca reason why dogs shou d not be a owed n most areas of our parks.	7/17/2019 1:20 AM
727	I be eve dogs shou d be a owed on eash to go to any parks. The owners st have comp ete contro of the r dog	7/17/2019 12:54 AM
728	We have a VERY restr ct ve approach to c ty parks compared to other c t es. It makes Mad son an c ty that sn't dog fr end y at a . I be eve t shou d be rev s ted. Outdoor shared pub c space shou d be open to dog owners.	7/17/2019 12:38 AM
729	I shou d not have to watch out for dog feces wh e enjoy c ty parks. Even f an owner p cks up feces, there s st smeared feces res due n the grass that one cou d acc denta y s t/ay/wa k on. I a so do not want to have to fear an attack or even someth ng esser ke be ng jumped up on, rubbed on or cked. Dog shou d be n fenced n dog park areas. P ease. P ease.	7/16/2019 11:44 PM
730	I have sma ch dren that are afra d of dogs. They are st frequent y approached by dogs n c ty parks both on and off- eash. Many dog owners are d srespectfu and do not fo ow the current ord nance.	7/16/2019 9:29 PM
731	Keep ng an eye on your dog s a must, not p ck ng up the r waste shou d st be pocketab e. But f your dog s ca m n hect c s tuat ons, no matter how busy the park s, they shou d be a owed wh e on eashes.	7/16/2019 9:04 PM
732	We are beh nd the t mes on be ng dog fr end y. Parks shou d be for everyone. Dog owners know f the r dog shou dn't be n a park (aka f they're aggress ve) and they wou dn't br ng them. Just ke they don't br ng them to dog parks. Th s s an out dated ru e. Make Mad son nc us ve for a types of fam es.	7/16/2019 8:16 PM
733	I th nk many parks n my area of Mad son are under ut zed and typ ca y empty. I be eve that dogs not be ng a owed contr butes to th s. It s a so frustrat ng to not be ab e to wa k my dog through these parks. I wou d a so ke to be ab e to take both my ch d and dog to the park together.	7/16/2019 7:50 PM
734	I wou d ke to see dogs a owed n more parks and the opt on to be off eash as ong as the owner has verba contro of the r dog.	7/16/2019 6:47 PM
735	In my observat ons, Mad son parks are empty or near y empty a ot of the t me even on a very n ce weekend, when you'd expect them to be bus er (part cu ar y O br ch and V as wh ch have a ot of space). I do not use the parks as much as I wou d ke to because I can't take my dog w th me. I assume, other peop e are n the same s tuat on. I'd ove to wa k down to O br ch and s t and read, but I'd have to eave my dog at home wh ch I can't just fy s nce he's home a one a week wh e I'm at work. Wh e my dog stens very we off eash and stays w th me, most dogs have a tendency to want to exp ore, so I'd propose to et dogs n the parks on eash or even on a ead of certa n ength so they can pay a tte. Th s wou d a ow many more Mad son res dents the opportun ty to enjoy the parks and spend t me w th the r furry fam y members. In add t on, t wou d be great to have an off- eash dog park that was n wa k ng d stance of the Eastmor and ne ghborhood. I current y have to dr ve n order to get my dog some off eash exerc se.	7/16/2019 6:14 PM
736	I th nk dogs shou d be a owed on- eash n the parks. I wou d not be comfortab e br ng ng my dog or ch dren to a non-dog park where dogs are a owed off- eash.	7/16/2019 6:07 PM
737	I recent y moved to Mad son and was surpr sed and d sappo nted to eam that dogs were not a owed n the parks. I want to be ab e to wa k my eashed dog when I take my ch d to the park.	7/16/2019 6:07 PM
738	I ove the dea of dogs on eash. However, there are often owners who do not eash the r dogs n parks OR wh e out wa k ng. I do not support that.	7/16/2019 5:50 PM
739	Who s ab e for an ssue? You never know what w happen, even w th good dogs.	7/16/2019 5:45 PM
740	As a dog owner I just want to say that I abso ute y respect fo ks who don't ke dogs and don't want them runn ng about. It fee s sort of ke ssues w th b kers n town, n wh ch most comp a nts center around b kers who don't stop at ghts or check for traff c/are a hazard! That sa d, I have made more fr ends and commun ty connect ons at the dog park n the ast month than I have n dog ess parks the ast f ve years. W th ru es that non-dog fo ks fee comfortab e w th, I suspect dogs n parks wou d foster commun ty engagement, ne ghbors meet ng ne ghbors face to face, an excuse to ta k to each other. These days we can use as much of that as we can get.	7/16/2019 5:44 PM
741	As more apartment bu d ngs are a ow ng dogs, so shou d c ty parks. A c ty park perm t for a dog s tota y reasonab e and wou d be w ng to pay. Not a ow ng dogs restr cts many nd v dua s and fam es from go ng to the park. As someone who ves a one, I'd ove to be ab e to go s t at James Mad son on the grass w th my dog.	7/16/2019 5:43 PM

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742	I have a very well behaved dog, so I would love to be able to take my dog to all parks without restrictions. I would trust my dog off leash, but wouldn't want unleashed dogs to run free for a lot of us, so I strongly agree on leashed dogs in parks for that reason	7/16/2019 5:31 PM
743	There is a so not a convenient off leash dog park to the near east side. Nothing whatsoever which is highly frustrating considering any whatsoever park is technically "restricted"	7/16/2019 5:28 PM
744	Step up enforcement of people taking dogs in parks. But this should not be allowed in the City of Madison, let alone parks. Create an exception for dogs to be allowed in parks when: on leash and CROSSING a park to get to the center on one of the lakes (e.g. crossing Yahara Park to get to the center on the lake).	7/16/2019 5:27 PM
745	Would love to see dogs allowed at the very east on leash on sidewalks in all city parks. And specifically at orchard park for the Bergarten!	7/16/2019 5:13 PM
746	If we want Madison to continue to be an attractive place to live for millennials, young couples/families, etc. we need to allow on-leash dogs in parks.	7/16/2019 5:06 PM
747	Dog owners complain that not all dog owners pick up after their dog. Students that are allergic to dogs should not be tempted to pet a dog at school. Dogs can be very intimidating.	7/16/2019 5:03 PM
748	As long as owners are respectful and pick up after their pets, I don't mind having them at our park. I have been disappointed when I go to a park where I find who can't handle the dog. Beautiful weather means they get to enjoy it too!	7/16/2019 4:59 PM
749	On-leash dogs should be allowed in parks. Provide poop receptacles in parks. My dog has a cystitis and a dog park cystitis. It would be nice to walk her through the parks by my house on a leash.	7/16/2019 4:33 PM
750	I think this ordinance is unnecessarily restrictive. Many dog owners like to walk and spend time in public spaces other than city sidewalks. Dog owners, myself included, have to drive to a dog park or one of the few city parks allowing dogs to legally spend time somewhere other than a private residence or sidewalk—whichever is unsustainable. Dog owners are generally very cognizant of keeping to themselves when their dogs are with them, and do a very good job of picking up after their dog (there are notable exceptions, which get a lot of attention), so I don't believe it will be a nightmare situation as some non-dog people might think it will be. Many of us dog owners do not do things like go on walks or enjoy public spaces without our dogs, who would be stuck inside and alone. Please loosen the restrictions so that parks will be accessible to dog owners and their dogs.	7/16/2019 4:33 PM
751	I don't have dogs but go to the park often because I have two young children. I very often see people with off-leash dogs in the parks when currently dogs are not even supposed to be in the parks. This is dangerous for my children and I feel unsafe. I think dogs should be allowed on sidewalks with their parks if they are on leashes but because many people do not follow rules, even if dogs were allowed on leashes in parks there would be even more people letting their dogs off leash. I'm in favor of off-leash dog parks away from public parks. Rather than letting dogs in the parks, maybe the number of dogs with their city should be limited.	7/16/2019 4:26 PM
752	For a midsize, progressive city, Madison's behind the times with dog-related ordinances. There is a large population of dog owners in Madison and only a small fraction are irresponsible/respectful in management of their dogs. Creating ordinances based on the few does not make sense when a more dog-friendly policy would improve Madison parks overall.	7/16/2019 4:26 PM
753	Dogs need to be leashed unless in a dog park. Too many possibilities of biting, etc.	7/16/2019 4:26 PM
754	I have a dog and would love to have greater access to city parks. But I understand that not everyone wants that and that not all owners are responsible about watching their dogs. That being said, I wish there were more fenced areas allowing dogs. As for off-leash dogs in parks, I would be opposed to that due to the number of irresponsible owners. As for on-leash in parks, well, I guess I could go either way. If more fenced areas are allowed, there may be no reason for them. If not, then let dogs be on-leash in city parks.	7/16/2019 4:21 PM
755	I would like to walk my dog on-leash in a park.	7/16/2019 4:19 PM
756	Walking a dog poo may be inconvenient and slightly unsanitary, it's nowhere as dangerous as used hypodermic needles, used condoms, etc. Dog dirt washes off. Furthermore, most people do tend to pick up after their dog given a way to do so. A can for dog dirt needs to be placed at parks.	7/16/2019 3:49 PM
757	When I first moved to Madison and lived with dogs, I walked them on-leash along the lake where they liked to wade and cool off. I couldn't believe it when I found out that it was illegal and you had to have a car and drive somewhere else so your dog could be in a park. It needs to be changed.	7/16/2019 2:38 PM

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758	Dogs should not be allowed in areas with small children if they are off leash. I would support fencing around playground areas to allow dogs to make use of the rest of the space	7/16/2019 2:20 PM
759	Madison is too uptight. It's time to relax and let dogs share the parks.	7/16/2019 1:49 PM
760	I feel you are just creating problems. There are some dogs that I would not want to risk being around. I really don't see some owners being responsible for the whole time that they would be visiting the park. We are very fortunate to have dog parks in the Madison area. If a dog owner wants to use a park, they should use the dog parks.	7/16/2019 1:38 PM
761	I walk parks in our neighborhood multiple times a week. Even though dogs are not allowed, most days there are dogs off leash in the parks. Numerous times, dogs have lunged at me and I have had to be careful were I step due to dog waste.	7/16/2019 1:28 PM
762	I would be happy with an on leash addition. Off leash is not necessary. But enforcement of off leash behavior should occur	7/16/2019 1:25 PM
763	Madison is one of the most dog unfriendly cities in the state. Before owning a dog myself I thought dogs should be allowed in parks. I don't often take my dog to off leash dog parks because she is very small and I worry about her being hurt by other dogs. When I do take her to parks where dogs are allowed I have noticed less dog waste. When I walk her around (not in) parks that do not allow dogs I have noticed quite a bit of dog feces that people failed to clean up on the periphery and grass strip between the sidewalk and street. I'm not sure why this is but it's something that is irritating.	7/16/2019 1:22 PM
764	While there are many responsible dog owners, too many owners do not clean up after their dogs, their dogs are out of control and lunge at people, and dog owners assume everyone loves dogs.	7/16/2019 1:19 PM
765	Too many dogs. Keep the ordinance as is.	7/16/2019 1:15 PM
766	no dogs	7/16/2019 1:12 PM
767	This ordinance is archaic and out of step with most metropolitan areas. Dogs and dog walking are good for neighborhoods, for building community and protecting neighborhood safety.	7/16/2019 12:51 PM
768	Please don't change the ordinance. Instead, actually enforce it and keep people safe in the parks. It's scary to have dogs growl, lunge, chase, and jump on me in supposed dog-free parks. It's not safe to take kids to playgrounds or beaches where dogs are running free. Please keep a few parks that allow dogs and actually patrol and ticket in other parks to keep us all safe.	7/16/2019 11:46 AM
769	I can't even walk down the walkways in most of the parks	7/16/2019 11:28 AM
770	If I could take my dog to more parks and places in Madison, I'd be able to enjoy more of what Madison has to offer and different activities going on. I don't have enough free time outside of work to both enjoy the Madison area parks and activities, which is so caring for my dog. Being able to go to other parks or walk around Madison while also taking my dog with me would allow me to enjoy Madison more while helping get my dog exercise at the same time. It's important to allow dog(s) to use sheds/restrooms. If I'm alone & need to use the restroom, it's safer to be able to bring the dog on leash with me into the bathroom vs trying to take a pee outside. Winter is especially hard for dogs and their owners. Being able to take dogs on snowshoeing and cross country ski paths would allow us to exercise our dogs while we exercise and stay warm. Standing in a dog park in the winter is very cold and there are limited to no indoor spaces to get exercise with dogs. I'd especially like to be able to go to The Bergarten at Orchard Park with my dog. It's disappointing to show up somewhere, realize you can't take your dog and have to go home. I'd also recommend providing an option for purchasing a dog permit that would be a multi-day visitor passes or an annual visitor pass that would make it easier for people to visit, bring their dog and go to the parks. My brother has a dog and it'd be nice if we could go to the dog park once a month when he comes with his dog. He doesn't live in the area. It'd be nice if we could take dogs to the Farmers market, sports events and city festivals. Thank you	7/16/2019 11:06 AM
771	Dogs are important for emotional well-being. Allowing dogs in parks will allow Madison dogs to be more socialized and will reduce dog aggression overall. Restricting dogs from areas with people makes it difficult for dog owners to properly socialize their pets and may lead to behavioral problems. Most dog owners know their pet and will not take an aggressive pet to an area near children, people, or other pets if they think it will cause an issue.	7/16/2019 10:54 AM

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772	If dogs are to be allowed to be more in parks, they and the r owners shou d have to pass a behav or test, ke a b ke r der or motor veh c e operator must pass for operat ng n a c ty. BUT we wou d have to prov de ow cost or subs d zed dog/owner tra n ng programs to teach owners and dogs proper behav or for park pr v eges outs de of the spec f c dog parks. Just ke some c ty's have for the owner/dogs n the r dog parks.	7/16/2019 10:50 AM
773	It's a r d cu ous and outdated ord nance. My fam y and I ove our c ty parks, and t's frustrat ng to have to eave my dog at home. In the parks that a ow dogs, I persona y haven't not ced any prob ems, and pretty much exc us ve y see dog owners wa k ng the r eashed dogs on paved paths very po te y, just ke they do n our ne ghborhood. I th nk t makes a ot more sense to have str ct requ rements for use (6ft eash, p ck up waste) than to ban dogs comp ete y.	7/16/2019 10:46 AM
774	Ch dren's safety shou d be more mportant than peop e w th dogs hav ng yet another avenue for the r dogs to run free. The parks (other than the obv ous dog parks des gned FOR dogs) are des gned for commun ty use. Peop e w th dogs can wa k the r dogs throughout the c ty on the s dewa k, et them oose n the r own backyards, etc. w thout endanger ng ch dren on the park. Further, many peop e don't cean up after the r an ma s--there are nsuff c ent trash cans at the parks as t s, so I mag ne ett ng dogs n a c ty parks wou d ncrease the mess. Further, what happens f dogs beg n f ght ng other dogs n the park, f they are a owed? What about chas ng w d fe? What about the ncreased noise from bark ng (we ve next door to a house w th dogs that on y bark when other dogs go by--tota y understandab e--but f the park across the street has dogs, t wou d be constant and annoy ng). What f a ch d br ngs the r dog to the park and doesn't ma nta n adequate contro ver t? Ser ous y, the safety of the pub c has to outwe gh the w shes of the dog owners.	7/16/2019 10:45 AM
775	I wou d say that dogs cou d be off eash n SOME parks, n SOME areas of that park at SOME hours of the day. For examp e: Prospect park n Brook yn a ows dogs off eash n the b g meadow from 6-9 AM and after 9 PM at n ght. It s very very heav y used for that purpose every day and puts ots of peop e n the parks-- ncreas ng use and safety. It s a so extreme y soc a be for dogs and peop e and encourages phys ca act v ty for both.	7/16/2019 10:39 AM
776	Mad son needs to be way more pet fr end y. In add t on to a ow ng dogs n parks, we shou d a so a ow dogs everywhere. And have water ng ho es for them as we .	7/16/2019 10:31 AM
777	I f nd th s current ord nance ncred b y m t ng and over y restr ct ve, g v ng Mad son a reputat on for be ng dog UNfr end y. We tra ned, vacc nated, and soc a zed dogs shou d be a owed n ALL Mad son parks, at east on eash, and off eash n many more p ces. It wou d be better for everyone's hea th to be more act ve n green space and dog wa k ng s a major reason for many peop e to get out and go.	7/16/2019 10:07 AM
778	The dea of dogs n parks s great. The REALITY of dogs n parks s na ve. I ong ago stopped wa k ng my sma er dogs (15# to 22#, so not t ny) because we so often encountered dogs and owners who do not p ay by the ru es. It was nerve wrack ng.	7/16/2019 9:57 AM
779	When I moved here, t was such a shock that dogs were not a owed n most parks! I do not have a dog, but I'm not sure why parks ex st other than for dogs and k ds (I do have a k d...). For such a progress ve town, the ord nance fee s qu te restr ct ve.	7/16/2019 9:44 AM
780	As a parent of sma ch dren, I do not ke the dea of dogs roam ng around (b g or sma , w/ or w/o eashes). As above, one of our ch dren s scared of dogs and the others have a erg es to them. As a Phys ca Therap st, I often see pat ents n PT due to dogs runn ng nto them caus ng var ous njur es nc ud ng fractures f they fa . I th nk the des gnatd dog parks are great. There are a so s dewa ks for wa k ng- p enty of opt ons. P ease eave the parks for the peop e.	7/16/2019 9:21 AM
781	I understand that not a peop e want dogs n parks, but t wou d be n ce to adopt a stance s m ar to W scons n State Parks, where dogs are a owed on-eash on h k ng tra s, but not a owed n she ters, bu d ngs, beaches except f spec f ca y stated.	7/16/2019 9:20 AM
782	Desp te v ng w th n a 2-10 m nute wa k of 7 C ty of Mad son Parks, my eashed dog and I aren't a owed n a but one of them (Yahara Parkway). Th s ord nance m ts my ab ty to enjoy my ne ghborhood and access the akefront when out for a stro w th my dog, wh ch seems unfar and unnecessar y restr ct ve. Add t onal y, n order to make use of an off-eash dog park n a reasonab e amount of t me, I have to use my car because the c oset off-eash park w th n wa k ng d stance s 50 m nutes, round tr p. More access to my ne ghborhood green spaces wou d be mprovement to my qua ty of fe, as wou d an off-eash dog park w th n wa k ng d stance of my home.	7/16/2019 9:20 AM

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783	I like dogs, and have had them myself, but I have two major concerns about dogs in parks. First, the poop. I live downtown and spend a lot of time walking or biking in the downtown area, and everywhere I see dogs, I see people leave dog poop. If dogs are going to be allowed in more city parks, there must be some way to prevent poop from being left. Second, off-leash dogs are a major problem downtown. I see them regularly, and have seen them threaten or attack people and other dogs many times. The existing rules against dog poop and off-leash animals are rarely enforced, and in the rare case that they are enforced, the owner usually gets a warning. In the very rare case that a fine is issued, it's \$25 - less than a typical parking ticket. Pet owners I know basically laugh off the rules as unenforced. So, no, even though I like dogs, and enjoy seeing them and playing with them, I don't want dogs to be allowed in any more city parks, especially near where I live. I don't trust dog owners to manage their pets, and I don't trust the City to enforce any rule more nuanced than "No dogs".	7/16/2019 8:48 AM
784	There are places where the ordinance makes no sense. Like the small space north of the Waite Circle Open Space that connects the commuter path to Parman Terrace. In 10 yrs I have never seen a child there - ever - except on the human end of a dog leash. . But I cannot walk my dog from the bike path to Parman Terrace street. This makes no sense.	7/16/2019 8:46 AM
785	The ordinance is too restrictive and most other cities comparable to Madison do not have this type of restriction	7/16/2019 8:31 AM
786	Off-leash dogs are a danger to people and dogs on a leash.	7/16/2019 8:29 AM
787	I moved here from Boston a year ago where leashes dogs are welcomed just about anywhere. I was dismayed to learn that most parks in Madison do not allow dogs even if leashes! I've also lived on the west coast where dogs are welcomed in most public spaces. Time to update your ordinances!!	7/16/2019 8:29 AM
788	There needs to be more off-leash fenced areas for dogs in parks. The city also needs to enforce the leash law. Dogs should be allowed in parks as long as they are on a leash. Too many people disregard the leash law and it's not safe for dogs and people.	7/16/2019 7:50 AM
789	Many people disregard the rules and take their dogs on or off-leash to public parks. I think this wouldn't happen as much if more parks allowed dogs, because they would have more places to take their dogs legally. I also think the city needs to be much more strict in enforcing the laws about leashing dogs and picking up after them to make this safe for everyone. Right now, a small number of dog owners are making a dog owners look bad and they don't face any consequences.	7/16/2019 7:41 AM
790	The current ordinance is very confusing and I'm happy you are reviewing and updating this. If a dog owner has a license and Park permit, they should be allowed in Parks, period.	7/16/2019 7:40 AM
791	It would be nice to have access to park paths, sidewalks (but not those open to cyclists) as well as shelters and restrooms. A so-called retractable leashes should be disallowed since these can cause a real danger for other people when the owner isn't paying attention.	7/16/2019 7:27 AM
792	I understand not allowing dogs at beaches for good reason, but some places have an early morning option that might be nice to try here.	7/16/2019 7:24 AM
793	what are your plans for enforcement. I think if an unleashed dog bites someone and runs off, the Parks Director and others should take the rabies shots along with the bitten person!!!! What's the point of acknowledging race? are you going to twist this into another "equity" issue???	7/16/2019 6:28 AM
794	It is important to keep dogs on leashes, as even in the designated dog parks we've met uncontrolled dogs with owners who don't respect safety. Also, in many neighborhoods, pet cats wander freely (kangaroos, mammals, insects, and reptiles) and those ordinances are NEVER enforced, so it's up to the dog owners to be good examples. Dogs as a whole category should be kept separate from small children, so I support dogs excluded from playground areas. When other swimmers are not using beaches, it would be nice to bring my dog to the lake.	7/16/2019 6:17 AM
795	Since moving to Madison in March of this year, my dog (who was on a leash walking with me in our neighborhood) has been attacked three times by dogs who were not on a leash as currently required by law. One of the attacks required several stitches to close a wound on the top of her head. I think dogs should be allowed in parks, but always on a leash and restricted to certain areas. There are too many dog-owners that fail to control their dogs, as evidenced by our experiences in the last few months. It is simply not possible to allow free-roaming dogs throughout the Madison park system. This is what the dog-parks are for. It is my firm belief that if dogs are permitted off-leash in our parks, there will be attacks on other dogs and quite possibly children. I don't see how, from a risk management viewpoint, allowing dogs to roam off-leash is permissible.	7/16/2019 6:16 AM

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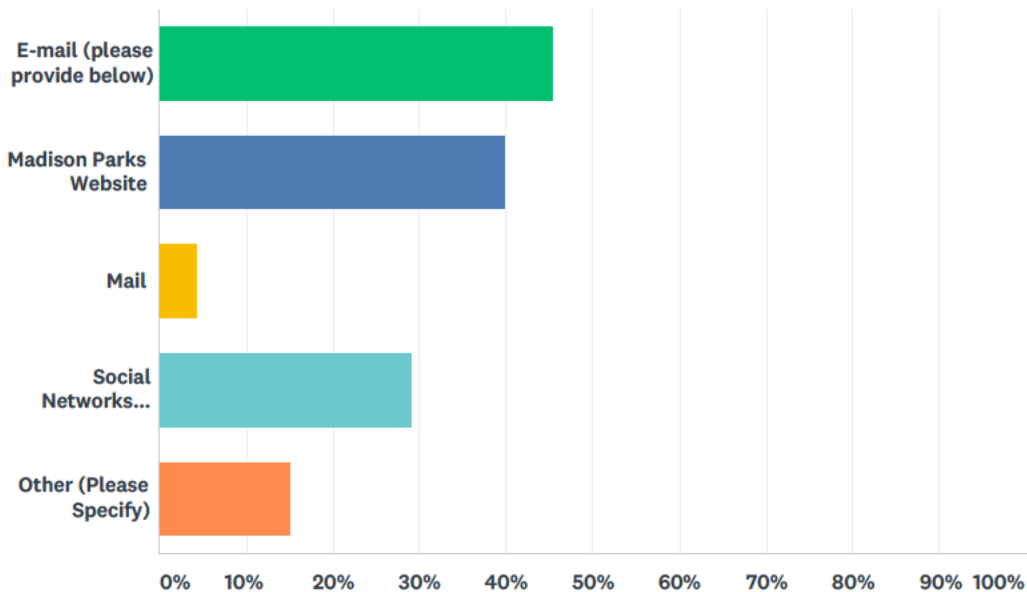
796	The parks nearest to me (O br ch, OB Sherry, Garver) are very sparse y used/populated by humans most of the t me. I wa k by the var ous parts of O br ch on a da y bas s, and most of the t me there are very few other peop e. In fact, the peop e I see most often n O br ch are w th dogs. A ow ng dogs n parks wou d great y ncrease the da y use and enjoyment of these p aces.	7/16/2019 6:07 AM
797	More fenced off eash areas are needed nc ud ng runn ng areas, sma dog areas.	7/16/2019 6:07 AM
798	If they are a owed t shou d on y be on the paths not around kd areas. And eashed on y.	7/16/2019 5:50 AM
799	Th s s a poor y wrtten survey and w not y e d va d or re ab e nformat on. It forces response regard ng "a " parks n genera . Th s does not he p to d scern the ssues. If we need to expand dog access to parks, et's do so moderate y eav ng some parks and p ay areas dog-free for those who do not apprec ate the d rupt on that dogs (and rude owners) br ng to an otherw se serene park or p ay area. Wou d you put your todd er ch d or grandch d down to p ay n a "dogg e potty"? Wou d you vo unteer to weed and care for a garden n a park where you know dogs pee da y? What f you or you ch d s wary or just fr ghtened of arge dogs? P ease eave space for those of us who care more about our ch dren than dogs.	7/16/2019 5:47 AM
800	The need for peop e to cean any an ma waste w thout eav ng t for the r to sme and step on s mportant.	7/16/2019 5:17 AM
801	My ch dren and I go to parks and prefer not hav ng dogs there.	7/16/2019 5:09 AM
802	Dogs under contro by eash shou d have access to most areas n a park. Mad son s *extreme y* dog unfrend y. We ove Mad son, but when we moved here from Ind anapo s the one th ng that we hated (and st do) s how naccess b e Park areas are for dog owners. Part of the reason why many peop e get dogs s to be act ve outs de w th them and spend ng t me n the park s an enjoyab e exper ence for owner and dog. Add tona y, as both a parent and a dog owner t has been very frustrat ng to be unab e to go to the park w th my dog AND k ds. Severa ct es a ow dogs n parks on eashes and seemed to have great success w th t. M nneapo s s a arge ct y that seems to do t we . We d dn't not ce any dog re ated ssues (off- eash dogs, poop, etc.). They even have dr nk ng founta ns des gned for dogs. My persona be ef s that f dogs are a owed on eash, Mad son w see a decrease n off- eash dog comp a nts. If you cons der mak ng of p aygrounds off- m ts to dogs, t shou d be on y the p ay structures themse ves as many fam es wa k the r dogs w th the r k ds to the park and need to have a dog-fr end y space nearby n order to ma nta n contro of dog wh e superv s ng ch dren.	7/16/2019 5:02 AM
803	1. I am concerned that the current ord nance s not enforced. Park rangers have to d me they have been coached to te park users that dogs are a owed on eash n parks where the ord nance proh b ts them. Rangers shou d know the ord nance and te peop e what t says. 2. The parks and open space p an ctes 3 surveys (p. 38, 144, 149) where Mad son res dents were asked about dogs n parks. In a 3 80% or more of comments were categor zed as 'concern' or 'negat ve'. 3. I have not seen any research on the safety mpact of a ow ng dogs n parks. Before even cons der ng a change ke th s we need to understand the expected ncrease n dog b tes as we as the expected change n park demograph cs (fewer ch dren us ng parks). The best I cou d f nd was an o d CDC study that found dog b tes to be the 12th most common cause of non-fata njury. Dog b tes are a rea safety concern. 4. Other ct es a ow dogs n parks as ong as they are on eashes of 6 or 8 feet n ength or ess. How are the eashes that extend hand ed n th s rcumstance? I've had mu t p e run- ns w th dogs on these extendab e eashes where the s tuat on wou d be much safer f the dog was on a short eash. 5. Per the parks and open space p an annua Mad son dog perm ts dropped from 2016 to 2017 (p. 50) and exerc se perm ts ssued for 2016 are about 10% ower than were ssued n 2011 (p. 90). In th s same t me per od (2011-2016) d sc go f perm ts near y doub ed. There ce ar y s NOT an ncreased demand for dog parks. The parks and open space p an a so cted a study (p. 58-59) where Mad son ranked 6th n the nat on n dog parks per cap ta. Mad son was not n the top 10 n ba d amonds, d sc go f courses, nature centers, sw mm ng poo s, tenn s courts, or skateboard parks. Let's focus on what Mad son ans actua y want and are tra ng our peers n. 6. The parks and open space p an nc uded th s quote "Park fac t es such as dog parks, ce r nks, she ters w th restrooms, and sp ash parks requ re h gher eve s of ma ntenance" (p. 117). So chang ng the ord nance to a ow dogs n a Mad son parks wou d cost more, n add t on to not be ng wanted or needed.	7/16/2019 4:45 AM
804	A parks shou d be opened for on- eash and many more off- eash parks a so need to created. A arge parks shou d have at m n mum a 5 acre area des gnated and preferab y fenced for off- eash exerc se.	7/16/2019 4:38 AM

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805	<p>I was a dog owner for 20 years and dogs were my best friends. But then I experienced multiple traumas including a dog bite. Today, dogs that are not under control of their owners give me significant anxiety. I'm sure you are getting lots of pressure to open more areas to dogs but too many dog owners are irresponsible, not courteous and/or lack common sense. Dogs are a dominant use in parks just like ATVs are a dominant use on trails and thus need to be kept segregated from other uses in public spaces at least until there is a comprehensive education and licensing program to ensure that dog owners understand the responsibility and impacts of being a dog owner.</p>	7/16/2019 4:35 AM
806	<p>I am not against dogs in Madison Parks, IF people followed the rules- but they don't! It's human nature to a ways think, "Well, this rule doesn't really apply to me, or my dog is somehow different or special." Currently, if dogs are allowed in a park on-leash, owners take that one step further to take the leash off of their dog. If the park doesn't allow dogs, the owners think it's ok if they just keep them on-leash. Everyone pushes the rules... My main problem with dogs in the parks is that owners a ways assume everyone loves dogs- and many of us don't. I don't hate dogs, or the owners, but after being bitten as a child, I am mildly afraid of them. I can't tell you how many times I have been in my neighborhood park (which doesn't allow dogs) and an unleashed dog has come running up to me, jumped on me, and while the smiling, owner excuses something like, "Oh, they're friendly, they just want to say hi!" At the same time, my heart is racing and I'm trapped by a jumping, yelping dog until the owner casts it off. I have seen this exact same scene repeated countless times with other (certainly agitated, fearful) recipients of a dog's greeting. Beyond this point, I am so very concerned about the lack of dog clean up in the parks. While most owners are respectful of the need to clean up after their dogs, many are not. I spend a lot of time in my neighborhood parks, and while there, it's very common to see at least one owner leave their dog mess behind. When I have ever (gently and very politely) asked an owner to pick up the mess, I have been met with anything from impotent righteousness to outright hostility- so I have given up. I know that my feelings are going to be greatly outnumbered by the vast numbers of dog owners/lovers in this community, and I know your policies need to evolve with the times, but I hope that you will consider the voices and needs of those of us who would like to continue to enjoy Madison Parks without having to be fearful of or disturbed by dogs, or worry about where we step. I hope that if dogs are allowed in more parks, that there is separate areas and that any new laws are adequately enforced. Thanks for the opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings around this issue.</p>	7/16/2019 3:31 AM

Q11 How would you most like to receive additional information regarding the discussion of this ordinance?

Answered: 1,497 Skipped: 474



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

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E-mail (please provide below)	45.49%	681
Madison Parks Website	40.01%	599
Mail	4.41%	66
Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter)	29.12%	436
Other (Please Specify)	14.96%	224
Total Respondents: 1,497		

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171	No nfo needed. Just happy to offer some feedback!	7/18/2019 10:02 AM
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185	Info at parks and peop e happy events, dogg e p aces, and p aces where both affected and d senfranch sed fo ks can and w fee to any extent ke they can be effect ve.	7/18/2019 6:10 AM
186	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/18/2019 5:57 AM
188	None	7/18/2019 5:10 AM
189	E [REDACTED] m	7/18/2019 4:49 AM
190	I don't want 8t	7/18/2019 4:48 AM
191	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] contact me	7/18/2019 4:32 AM
193	W State Journa	7/18/2019 4:24 AM
194	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/18/2019 3:58 AM

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196	Nextdoor, Tw tter, v age of Shorewood H s news etter	7/18/2019 3:49 AM
197	Nextdoor	7/18/2019 3:34 AM
198	[REDACTED]	7/18/2019 2:18 AM
199	Next Door	7/17/2019 6:20 PM
200	[REDACTED]	7/17/2019 4:51 PM
201	A derman b ogs	7/17/2019 4:28 PM
202	[REDACTED]	7/17/2019 4:26 PM
203	I' fo ow th s n the med a as we . Thank you for th s survey!	7/17/2019 4:06 PM
204	[REDACTED]	7/17/2019 3:36 PM
205	Newspaper	7/17/2019 3:18 PM
206	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/17/2019 12:12 PM
208	Text	7/17/2019 10:48 AM
209	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/17/2019 8:46 AM
212	None	7/17/2019 8:26 AM
213	Loca newspapers/news etters.	7/17/2019 8:22 AM
214	Ne ghborhood st serve	7/17/2019 3:02 AM
215	B ah	7/17/2019 2:43 AM
216	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/16/2019 10:50 AM
221	Th s needs to be way better pub czed so you get an actua fa r, accurate v ew of peop e's thoughts.	7/16/2019 10:45 AM
222	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/16/2019 7:50 AM
224	newspaper	7/16/2019 5:47 AM

Q12 Please provide your email address if you would like to receive updates on this ordinance review process.

Answered: 694 Sk pped: 1,277

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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7/16/2019 2:20 PM

41

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/13/2019 12:15 PM

82

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/12/2019 6:43 AM

111

[REDACTED]

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8/9/2019 10:26 AM

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8/4/2019 8:11 AM

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8/3/2019 1:45 PM

287

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/3/2019 5:58 AM

328

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/2/2019 10:12 AM

363

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/2/2019 9:01 AM

369

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/1/2019 4:25 AM

410

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7/30/2019 10:04 AM

447

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7/30/2019 9:50 AM

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492

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7/29/2019 6:41 AM

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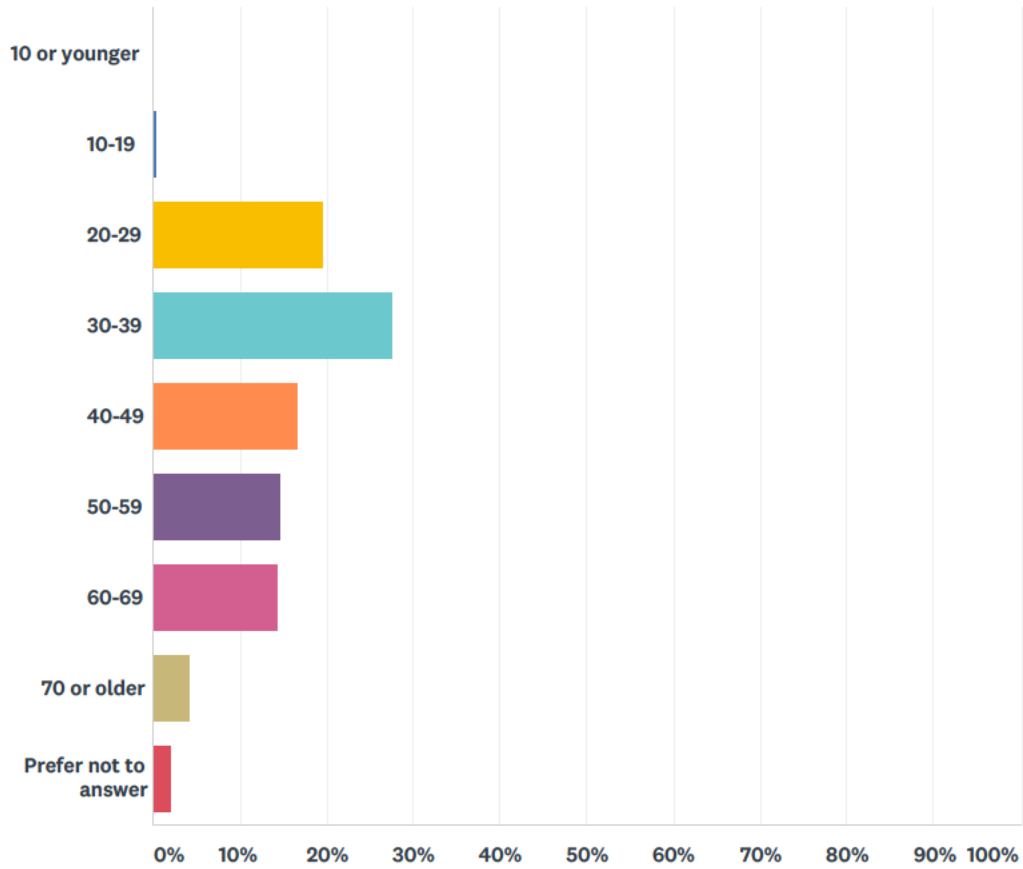
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Q14 What is your age?

Answered: 1,961 Skipped: 10

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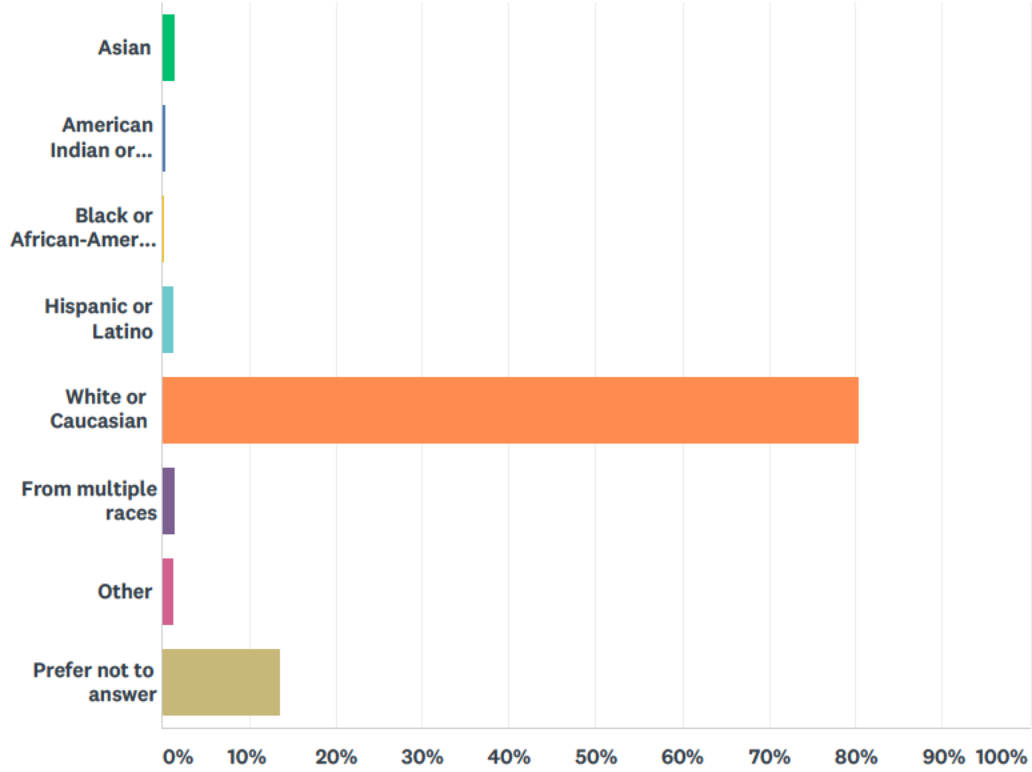


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
10 or younger	0.00%	0
10-19	0.51%	10
20-29	19.58%	384
30-39	27.64%	542
40-49	16.78%	329
50-59	14.69%	288
60-69	14.38%	282
70 or older	4.28%	84
Prefer not to answer	2.14%	42
TOTAL		1,961

Q15 How do you identify your race?

Answered: 1,946 Skipped: 25

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
As an	1.54%	30
Amer can Ind an or A askan Nat ve	0.36%	7
B ack or Afr can-Amer can	0.21%	4
H span c or Lat no	1.23%	24
Wh te or Caucas an	80.27%	1,562
From mu t p e races	1.54%	30
Other	1.18%	23
Prefer not to answer	13.67%	266
TOTAL		1,946