

City of Newton, MA  
Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

PROPOSAL:  
**Off-Leash Designation for Edmands Park**

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## Summary

Edmands Park should be designated an off-leash area pursuant to the City of Newton (“the City”) Ordinance § 3-30(b)(2).

For decades, the primary visitors of Edmands Park have been dog owners who, despite the leash law, enjoyed allowing their dogs off-leash inside the park. In doing so, these visitors used the park as a community space to enjoy the peaceful nature of the park, walk and run the trails, and socialize with friends and neighbors. Unlike the existing off-leash areas in the City, Edmands Park offered visitors the ability to exercise along with their off-leash dogs. In 2021, the City acknowledged in its inventory of park lands that Edmands Park was an “unofficial off-leash dog area,” unlike any other City park.<sup>1</sup>

In April 2023, the City increased its efforts to police off-leash dogs at Edmands Park, resulting in numerous citations and a marked decrease in the number of visitors to the park. As a result, the Cabot Canines Working Group (“the Group”) began exploring the possibility of Edmands Park being designated an off-leash area, including meetings with the City’s Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department and the City’s Off-Leash Area Working Group. These efforts ultimately led to this proposal.

There has been and will continue to be a significant demand for trails on which visitors can let their dogs off-leash. Given the substantial and long-standing use of the area, designating the entirety of Edmands Park as an off-leash area would not displace a significant number of other visitors.

To ensure a welcoming space for visitors with and without dogs, a volunteer stewardship program would model good behavior and educate visitors about off-leash rules. In addition, with designation as an off-leash area, visitors would be able to report dangerous dogs to the City without fear of citation for all off-leash dogs. Other cities and towns in the Greater Boston area have successfully allowed off-leash dogs on trails; the City should likewise provide this amenity.

The Group also welcomes the opportunity to be a key member of a Neighborhood Liaison Committee, which would provide a forum for reporting, monitoring, discussion, and resolution of issues and concerns pertaining to this proposal and the implementation of off-leash designation for Edmands Park.

Finally, designating Edmands Park an off-leash area is a low-cost proposal which involves signage and waste-removal stations, paid by fees for off-leash licenses, which would be required for all off-leash dogs at Edmands Park. No additional fencing or other large capital improvement is necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> City of Newton, MA, *Open Space & Recreation Plan 2020-2027*, 198 (June 30, 2021), <https://www.newtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/92434/638112723460370000> (“Open Space & Recreation Plan”).

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# Site Description

## Location

Edmands Park (a/k/a Cabot Woods) is located on Blake Street and Mill Street.

There are multiple entrances to Edmands Park, including three on Blake Street, one on Mill Street, and one at Boston College.

Maps of Edmands Park are attached at Appendix B.

## Physical Description

Edmands Park is primarily a hilly, wooded area with multiple trails, a wide walking trail which stretches from Blake Street to Boston College, Edmands Brook, and a field area in the northwest corner on Blake Street.

Edmands Park is bordered to the west by Blake Street, to the south by Mill Street, to the east by Boston College Law School and athletic fields as well as residential properties along Rochester Road, and to the north by residential properties along Westchester Road and Blake Street.

A list of abutters is attached at Appendix C.

## Size

Approximately 33 acres.

## Parking

There is presently space for approximately 90 cars in on- and off-street parking, as follows:

- 2 Off-street on Blake Street at the northern entrance
  - 3 Off-street on Blake Street at the middle entrance
  - 10 On-street on Blake Street near the northern entrance
  - 10 On-street on Blake Street near the middle entrance
  - 12 On-street on Blake Street near the southern entrance\*
  - 40+ On-street on Blake Street between the middle and southern entrance\*
  - 12 On-street on Rochester Road near the Boston College entrance\*
- = 89+ total parking spaces

\*There is no interference with abutter housing in these areas.

The parking areas are shown in the map below.



If on-street parking becomes an issue for neighbors abutting the park, the 800 feet along Blake Street, which has no housing frontage and accommodates 40+ vehicles, could be designated as Edmands Park parking. Neighbors with parking concerns could also request that parts of Blake Street be changed to local residence parking.

## Fencing

Currently, there are stone walls and some chainlink fencing around the majority of the perimeter of Edmands Park.

No additional fencing is proposed, given the existing fencing and the fact that the physical layout of the park, including steep hills, provides in some places a natural geographical break between the trails and the property's edge.

## Accessibility

Edmands Park is inaccessible and is not an ADA-park.<sup>2</sup> As previously explained by the City: "Dramatic grade changes and the naturalization of the area over time have

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<sup>2</sup> City of Newton, MA Parks & Recreation Commission, *Information Manual*, 13 (Sept. 2022), <https://www.newtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/90482/638345331187830000>.

rendered the open space inaccessible. Such constraints make it impossible to retrofit the area to meet current accessibility standards.”<sup>3</sup>

## **Current Use**

There are no formal recreation areas (ball parks, maintained fields, etc.) within Edmands Park, and so there are no organized or planned activities (e.g., baseball games, soccer practice, etc.). Occasionally students from Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart or Cabot Elementary School visit Edmands Park on a field trip. The Group’s best estimate is that this occurs fewer than five times per year.

The most frequent use of Edmands Park is for walking off-leash dogs. The City recognized the significant number of visitors using Edmands Park with off-leash dogs in its 2021 *Open Space & Recreation Plan*.<sup>4</sup>

## **Environment**

Edmands Park is *not* a MassDEP Habitat of Potential Regional or Statewide Importance (see [https://umasscaps.org/data\\_maps/massdep-maps.html](https://umasscaps.org/data_maps/massdep-maps.html)). Edmands Park is also not a conservation area (see <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/conservation-office/conservation-areas>).

Despite this, Edmands Park has a thriving wildlife population. Visitors often take note of the birds in Edmands Park, especially its resident celebrities: a pair of Barred owls. Edmands Park is listed as a birding “hotspot” on [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org). Data regarding the numerous bird sighting is available at <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L716549> and <https://ebird.org/barchart?r=L716549&yr=all&m=>.

Edmands Park is also ranked third of all City parks in regards to the number of species of animals and plants, following Webster Woods and Cold Spring Park. See <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/newton-ma-conservation-areas-parks-survey>. Additional data regarding the species found in Edmands Park is available at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/edmands-park-newton-ma>.

The northern portion of Edmands Park contains a marsh-like area which leads under a bridge into a narrow channel which flows downhill towards Westchester Road. The area under the bridge periodically becomes clogged, which has led to flooding. It is the Group’s understanding that, in multiple instances, this led to flooding of properties located on Westchester Road. As a result, the City periodically unclogs and/or drains this area to prevent additional flooding. While there are sometimes waterfowl, especially ducks, present in the marsh-like area, they are absent at times when their environment has been drained.

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<sup>3</sup> *Open Space & Recreation Plan 2020-2027*, 191.

<sup>4</sup> *Open Space & Recreation Plan 2020-2027*, 191.

The Group asked Kevin Thompson, an experienced birder with an understanding of the care and maintenance of trees, to provide an overview of wildlife and environmental activities within Edmands:

Recently I was told that one of the stumbling blocks to getting the off leash request approved was the environmental impact it would have; particularly on wildlife. I've been walking my dogs there for 2.5 years. I'm always amazed at the variety of birds there. Especially this year. Walkers have witnessed our lonely Barred owl find a mate this year! There is also a mated pair of Cooper's hawks in the south east corner. Last week I spied my first ever Pileated woodpecker and several other woodpecker species. We have two pairs of Mallard ducks that return every year. While walking my dogs prior to sunrise in February, I heard the calls of several coyote. Considering dogs have been off leash in the park for decades, I've seen an increase in wildlife in just a few years.

That said; I have never heard or seen any frogs. Curious. Or maybe not. The work on the drain pipes yesterday and today has left the water body silted, murky, and a film of scum on the surface. It makes me wonder how serious Newton is about environmental impacts on the park.

The water quality in Edmands Park is impacted by overflow and drainage. For example, in April 2024, the City's Department of Public Works conducted maintenance of the drainage pipes which run through Edmands Park, removing debris in order to address flooding outside of the park, including on Blake Street. In doing so, the water quality in the park was necessarily, and visibly, impacted, as noted by Mr. Thompson, above.

The Group also contacted the City's Chief Environmental Planner in the Planning and Development Department regarding this proposal. The Chief Environmental Planner informed the Group that the wetland areas inside Edmands Park are so designated for development purposes in order to prevent dredging and foundation-building which would affect drainage, and are also part of the City's flood plane district. There are some areas, such as the southeast corner and points along the stream, where foot traffic should be minimized to protect vegetation. The Group welcomes the opportunity to work as a mechanism to inform visitors of more sensitive areas, and to remind visitors to minimize traffic in those areas. If any signage is warranted, the Group can work to ensure that its instructions are followed.

The City's Chief Environmental Planner informed the Group that, from her perspective, there does not appear to be anything preventing the City from designating Edmands Park an off-leash area. She also understands the benefits of allowing dogs off-leash.

Where Edmands Park has long been unofficially used for off-leash dogs, and there are currently no concerns about the wildlife or water quality due to the presence of dogs, the Group does *not* anticipate that an off-leash designation would have a negative impact.

## **Public Support**

In June 2023, the Group reached out to the City's Off-Leash Area Working Group to inquire about having Edmands Park designated an off-leash area. The City's Off-Leash Area Working Group and the City's Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department rightfully inquired as to the level of support for an off-leash designation. They also suggested steps to engage with the community, including holding community meetings and having an online presence for the Group.

To obtain information about the extent of public support and to identify concerns, the Group took the following steps:

- Conducted a community survey;
- Held community meetings;
- Received communications via emails and website submissions;
- Obtained Newton Police Department Reports; and
- Coordinated with Friends of Edmands Park, Inc.

### **Scope of Proposal**

This proposal for Edmands Park to be designated an off-leash area at all times is consistent with the majority of the feedback received, as discussed below. It allows for consistent, uniform communication of the rules, and for visitors to have accurate expectations regarding the presence of off-leash dogs.

The idea of off-leash hours or days garnered a minority of support. The idea of a smaller off-leash area within Edmands Park garnered minimal support and would likely defeat the purpose of this proposal: to allow visitors to enjoy Edmands Park's trails with their off-leash dogs. Moreover, fencing off a portion of the trails would be expensive and would only harm the character of Edmands Park.

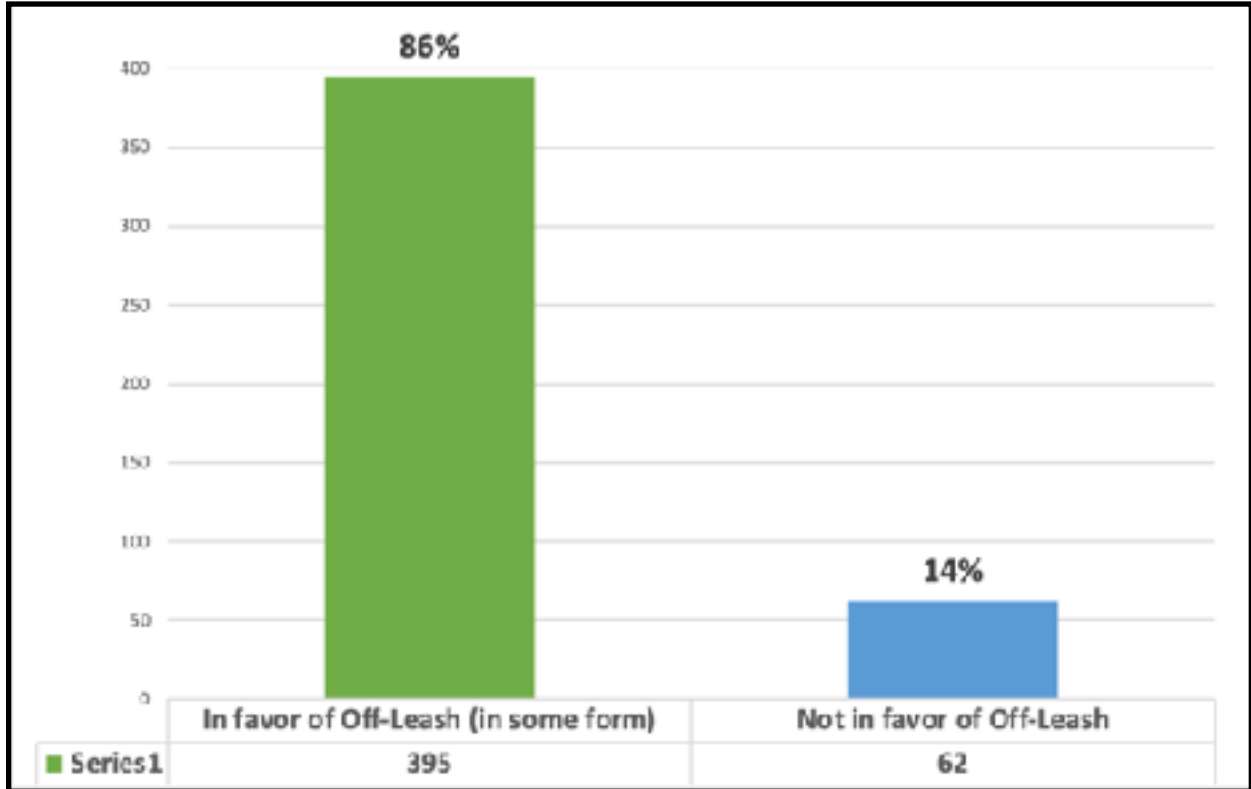
After consideration at the City's request, the Group respectfully declines to propose a trial period for off-leash dogs, due to anticipated difficulty in determining whether a trial is successful.

### **Community Survey**

A survey was conducted via an online form on June 25, 2023 to July 10, 2023, and December 28, 2023 to February 2, 2024. The questionnaire is attached at Appendix D-1, and anonymized survey results are attached at Appendix D-6.

In the summer of 2023, the survey was originally advertised by signage at each entrance to Edmands Park and by word-of-mouth. When it was reactivated in December 2023, the link to the survey was also available online at [www.CabotCanines.org](http://www.CabotCanines.org).

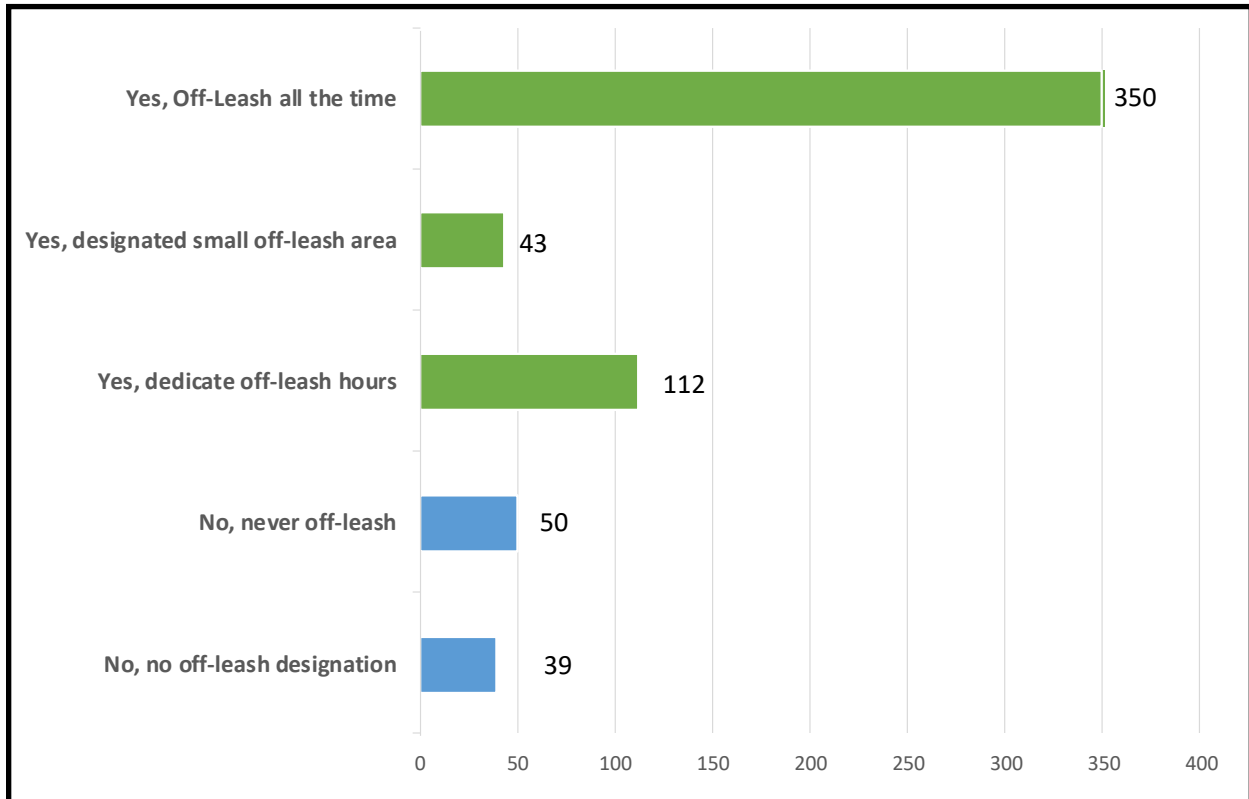
A total of 457 people responded to the survey.<sup>5</sup> 86% favor allowing off-leash dogs at Edmands Park in some form, as shown in the figure below.



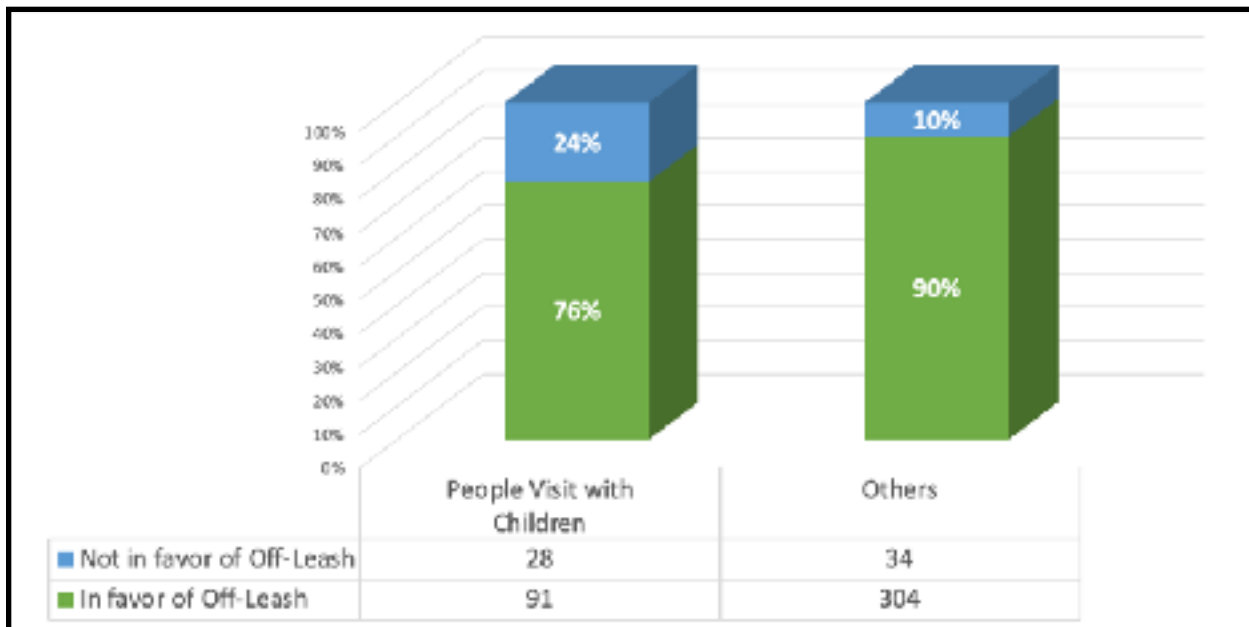
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<sup>5</sup> Anonymized survey results are available in .xls and .csv format upon request.

The survey inquired about multiple options for off-leash dogs at Edmands Park. As shown in the figure below, the most popular option was, by far, designating all of Edmands Park as off-leash all the time.



A minority of respondents expressed concerns about off-leash dogs interacting with children at Edmands Park, but the majority of visitors with children are in favor of off-leash dogs, as shown in the figure below.



Respondents had opportunities to provide narrative feedback, which is attached at Appendix D-49. Through numerous comments, respondents expressed a need for off-leash dogs (and humans) to follow rules to ensure Edmands Park is welcoming to all visitors, with and without off-leash dogs. Proposed rules to address these concerns is discussed below at page 14.

## **Community Meetings**

Two community meeting were held via Zoom on December 7, 2023, and January 17, 2024, and were recorded.<sup>6</sup> The PowerPoint slides of each meeting's presentation are attached at Appendix E. The community meetings provided an opportunity to inform attendees of the Group's efforts to have Edmands Park designated an off-leash area, as well as receive feedback.

At the December meeting, which was advertised through signage at Edmands Park and word-of-mouth, 40+ devices were in attendance, many of which were couples using one device. One couple spoke in opposition to off-leash dogs due to their and their child's fear of dogs.

The January meeting, which was more widely advertised on Facebook, Fig City News, Newton Beacon, and Our Newton, had 30+ devices in attendance, many of which were again couples. 27 of the attendees responded to a poll asking whether off-leash dogs should be allowed at Edmands Park with 20 (74%) answering "Yes, always;" 2 (7%) answering "Yes, during certain hours/days;" 2 (7%) answering "No;" and 3 (11%) answering "Undecided."

## **Additional Communications**

The Group's website, [www.CabotCanines.org](http://www.CabotCanines.org), was launched in December 2023 to provide a platform for communicating with the community. Information about the re-activated survey and January 2024 community meeting were both posted on [www.CabotCanines.org](http://www.CabotCanines.org). In addition, the website provides an email to reach the Group ([EdmandsPark@gmail.com](mailto:EdmandsPark@gmail.com)) as well as a contact form.

Of the 27 individuals who contacted the Group through these avenues, 12 expressed interest in attending the January community meeting and/or speaking with the Group without stating whether they were in favor of off-leash dogs, 6 stated they were in favor of off-leash dogs in some form, and 9 stated the they were against off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

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<sup>6</sup> The recordings are available upon request.



## Newton Police Department

Through public records requests to the Newton Police Department, the Group obtained a copy of all reports and complaints regarding Edmands Park and/or off-leash dogs in abutting properties from July 1, 2018 through January 14, 2024, in an attempt to better understand safety concerns at Edmands Park. The data is summarized in the figure below.

Year	Number of Reports	Number of Incidents Resulting in Injury (human or dog)
2018 (July-Dec.)	0	0
2019	3	3
2020	2	1
2021	10	2 (8 reports of off-leash dogs without incident)
2022	2	1
2023	2	1

A detailed summary of the Newton Police Department reports is attached at Appendix H-1. A copy of the Newton Police Department reports is attached at Appendix H-2.

## Friends of Edmands Park, Inc.

Friends of Edmands Park, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), a nonprofit which exists to coordinate and assist in the maintenance, upkeep, preservation, and improvement of Edmands Park, to enhance the safety, cleanliness, and functionality of the park, and to maintain the present use of Edmands Park.<sup>7</sup>

This proposal is submitted in consultation with and the support of the Friends of Edmands Park. In December 2023, Friends of Edmands Park voted that it “welcomes all park users and supports all efforts to legally allow off-leash dogs.” Friends of Edmands Park is not, however, involved in political activities, and as such has decided not to be an official sponsor of this proposal.

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<sup>7</sup> Some members of this group of residents seeking to have Edmands Park designated an off-leash area are also officers and/or directors of Friends of Edmands Park, Inc.

# Off-Leash Rules of Etiquette

Clear, consistent rules of etiquette are essential to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, human and canine, on- and off-leash. Other cities and towns have designated similar trailed properties as off-leash, using clear rules of etiquette to create a safe, welcoming environment for all visitors. A compendium of materials from other cities and towns is attached at Appendix H.

## Communication Methods

Off-leash rules of etiquette would be communicated through:

- Signage at each entrance;
- Email mailing list; and
- A volunteer stewardship program where frequent visitors inform others of the rules and model good behavior.

The Group also welcomes the opportunity to be a key member of a Neighborhood Liaison Committee which would provide a forum for reporting, monitoring, discussion, and resolution of issues and concerns pertaining to this proposal and the implementation of off-leash designation for Edmands Park.

## Proposed Rules

The following proposed rules are derived from City's ordinances and other cities' off-leash rules:

- Dogs must remain leashed while entering and exiting Edmands Park.
- Keep your leash on hand at all times.
- Dogs must wear current off-leash license tag and must have up-to-date rabies vaccine.
- Pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same.
- Keep your dog in sight and under voice (and/or electronic collar) control at all times.
- Never let your dog run up to any person of any age that your dog does not already know, until you ask permission for your dog to approach.
- Never let your dog run up to any dog, whether on- or off-leash, that your dog does not already know, until you ask permission for your dog to approach.
- Check for "Park Closed" signs, crews working in the park, or permitted activities, all of which mean off-leash hours are suspended.

- Violations of these rules jeopardize others' safety and enjoyment!

In addition, visitors would be made aware of the protocol for reporting dangerous dogs. Currently, there is a reluctance amongst visitors to report any dog, because then all visitors with off-leash dogs would receive a citation. By allowing off-leash dogs at Edmands Park, visitors would be more likely to report truly dangerous dogs who threaten the safety or well-being of other visitors.

## **Costs and Funding**

Designating Edmands Park an off-leash area is a low-cost proposal. The only proposed capital improvements are signage and waste removal bag dispensers at each entrance.

Notably, no additional fencing is proposed, given the existing fencing and the fact that, the physical layout of the park, including steep hills, provides in some places a natural geographical break between the trails and the property's edge.

Operational costs consist of waste removal bags.

Funding would come from annual off-leash license fees, which would be required for all off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

In addition, Friends of Edmands Park, Inc. may be able to contribute funds for miscellaneous maintenance costs which may arise.

## Conclusion

Edmands Park is a space to enjoy a sense of community amongst all visitors. The primary visitors of Edmands Park have long been dog owners who, despite the leash law, have enjoyed walking and running through the park's trails with their dogs off-leash.

Designating Edmands Park an off-leash area all the time would bring the City's leash law into conformity with long-standing practice at Edmands Park. It would not restrict access of Edmands Park to only dog owners, but instead would allow individuals who have purchased the City's off-leash dog license a place to exercise, enjoy nature, and socialize with friends and neighbors while also enjoying the pleasure of walking their dogs off-leash.

This proposal is made with full consideration of the feedback received through the community survey, community meetings, and other communications with the community. A designation of all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time is consistent with the majority of the feedback received, as discussed above, and allows for consistent, uniform enforcement. The idea of off-leash hours or days garnered a minority of support, and would be more difficult for the City to enforce. The idea of a smaller off-leash area within Edmands Park garnered minimal support and would likely defeat the sole purpose of this proposal: to allow visitors to enjoy Edmands Park's trails with their off-leash dogs. Any attempt to fence off a portion of the trails would be expensive and would only harm the character of Edmands Park.

With clear, well-communicated rules of etiquette, the City should offer Edmands Park as a location for visitors with well-trained dogs to enjoy the trails along with their off-leash dogs. Through a volunteer stewardship program, frequent visitors would model good behavior and respectfully communicate the off-leash rules, so that all visitors can safely enjoy the beauty of the park.

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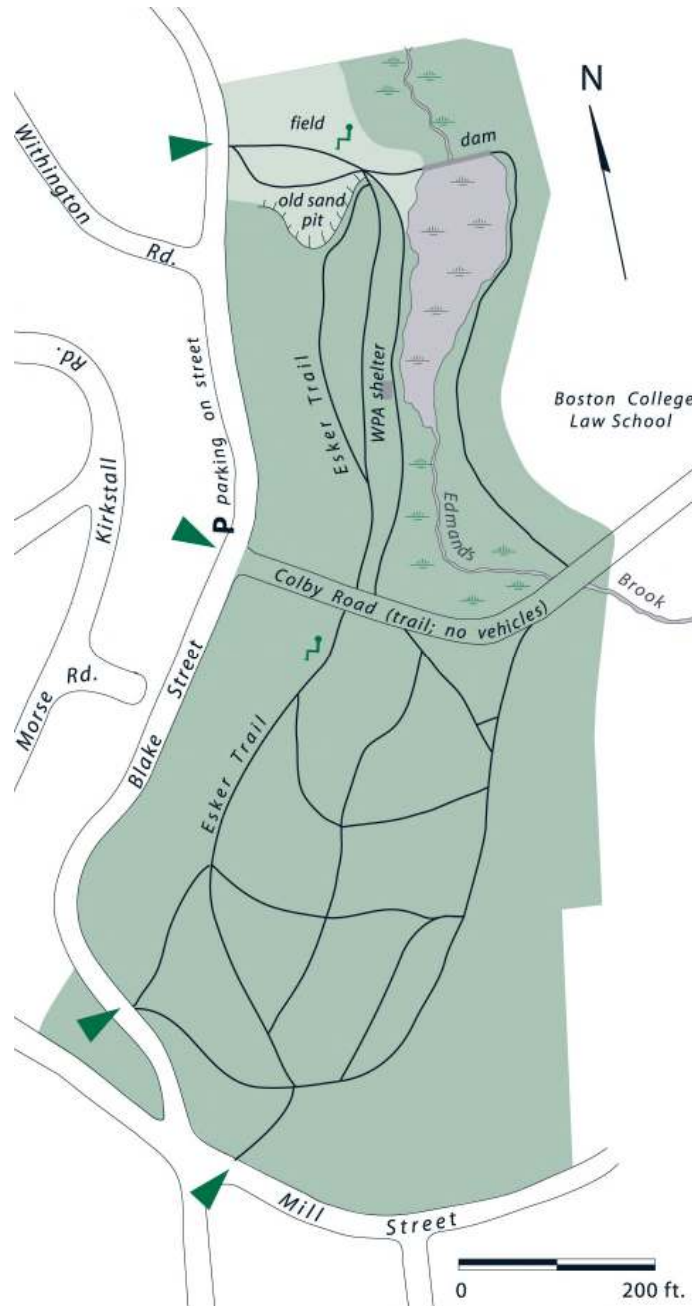
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## 7 Edmands Park



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# **Properties Abutting Edmands Park**

Blake Street:

56, 57, 58, 63, 65, 71, 73, 77, 79, 89, 95, 103, 111, 119, 127, 135, 141, 147, 197

Cedar Street:

8, 9

Centre Street:

885

Mill Street:

68, 74, 78, 90, 92, 110, 116, 122

Morse Road:

11, 31, 37, 45, 51

Morseland Avenue:

5, 6

Rochester Road:

18, 54, 48, 40

Westchester Road:

31, 33, 37, 39, 41, 43, 47, 49, 51, 53

# Off-Leash Dogs at Edmands Park

Please provide your thoughts on whether Edmands Park (a/k/a Cabot Woods) should be designated an off-leash dog area. Published survey answers will be anonymized.

This survey was created by visitors of Edmands Park interested in allowing off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

\* Indicates required question

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1. Are you in favor of the City of Newton officially designating Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area? Select all that apply. \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.
- Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).
- Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).
- No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.
- No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

2. If you are in favor of off-leash dogs at Edmands Park, please provide your reasons. Select all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash.
- For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability).
- Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.
- I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



3. Do you own a dog?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

4. Do you visit Edmands Park?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes, often. *Skip to question 5*

Yes, sometimes. *Skip to question 5*

No. *Skip to question 8*

### Visiting Edmands Park

5. How do you use Edmands Park? Select all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

Dog walking

Trail running or walking

Visiting with my children

Biking

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Monday through Friday, when do you usually visit Edmands Park? Select all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- Before 10:00 am
- 10:00 am to noon
- Noon to 3:00 pm
- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- After 5:00 pm
- I usually do not visit Edmands Park Monday through Friday.

7. On Saturday and Sunday, when do you usually visit Edmands Park? Select all that apply.

*Check all that apply.*

- Before 10:00 am
- 10:00 am to noon
- Noon to 3:00 pm
- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- After 5:00 pm

**Additional Comments**

An opportunity to provide additional feedback about off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

8. Please share any concerns about having off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

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- 9. Please share any other comments or suggestions regarding off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

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### Who You Are

Please help us understand who is completing this survey.

Your name and email address will not be included in published survey results.

- 10. Do you live in Newton?

*Mark only one oval.*

Yes

No

- 11. Please provide your name if you would like us to know who completed this survey.

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- 12. Please provide your email address if you would like to be contacted regarding future efforts to allow off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.

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Anonymous Survey Results - Off-Leash Dogs at Edmands Park

Timestamp	Are you in favor of the City of Newton officially designating Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area? Select all that apply.	If you are in favor of off-leash dogs at Edmands Park, please provide your reasons. Select all that apply.	Do you own a dog?	Do you visit Edmands Park?	How do you use Edmands Park? Select all that apply.	Please share any concerns about having off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.	Please share any other comments or suggestions regarding off-leash dogs at Edmands Park.	Do you live in Newton?
01/31/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	I walk my small dog sometimes in Edmonds Park and it's really bad for me since large dogs are running around off leash and they intimidate my dog so I cannot walk there	I think they should have a designated area for our fleet that's fenced in so that people that do not want large dogs running at them, or their dog can still walk in Edmonds Park	Yes
01/31/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking	I occasionally run/jog through the woods, but had to stop after being attacked by an off-leash dog. Although a minority, poorly trained dogs can be dangerous, especially to kids. In many ways, it feels like the dog owners have bullied everyone else (perhaps inadvertently) from using the park.	I'd like to see broader outreach to the community before deciding on making Edmands Park off-leash.	Yes
01/23/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/19/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Glass, marijuana, aggressive dogs, cars	Not sure why the city started to ticket. Prefer the way it was before	Yes
01/18/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Fear of losing the privilege.		Yes
01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	I think that setting specific hours could benefit all users. I know they use this system at Boston Public Gardens & in many of the NYC parks.	See above.	Yes
01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).	For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	My biggest concern is that people are considerate of leashed dogs and people who don't like dogs. Which means people need to have control of their dog and keep track of where their dog is at all times.	I would love it if people didn't congregate in the middle of the park where people are trying to come in or pass by.	Yes
01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	I am deeply skeptical that all off-leash dogs will be under voice/collar control - I do believe the people leading this initiative have the best intentions and want to enforce those rules, and I'm comforted to hear they intend to emphasize those rules/etiquette. I also believe making it off-leash will attract a wide array of people (many of whom have not been part of the "community" here previously) who will treat the area like a dog park, not an off-leash area for dogs with solid recall.	I feel like my concerns could mostly be alleviated by rigorous patrolling by Newton Parks & Rec, but I am not sure they have the bandwidth/capacity to do that	Yes
01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	For a similar reason, I'm also very concerned about dog walkers coming here for off-leash	I've been walking Daisy there for 9 years. She is well behaved and we love it there! It would be terrible if I had to leash her.	Yes

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01/17/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	No.		Dogs who attack or inappropriately attack humans or other dogs.		Yes
01/17/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Biking	Every owner and dog walker says their dogs are safe and friendly but I keep getting approached by loose dogs, mainly large ones, whose owners are not in sight. Dog walkers seem totally unaware that many citizens avoid our cities parks because they are afraid of losing their balance, falling, etc. due to being accosted by dogs whose owners do not abide by current regulations. Just this morning, while walking in the snow at a different park, suddenly there was a dog on either side - one a Rottweiler, the other a German Shepherd, both off-leash, owners trailing behind. The dogs circled and investigated me. Startled, I do not enjoy your dogs in this way! One of the owners said he knew his dog was nice... just like two days before, an owner explained his off-leash dog was a sweat-heart rescue dog, home for a custody visit... Dog walker with clusters of 5-6 dogs always lets 2 dogs run loose... The 2 Irish Wolfhounds always, off-leash prohibit use by dog-loving elderly friends of mine who can no longer maintain animals of their own due to fear of being rushed again by these large animals. Do you know you are keeping these people out of Newton's parks?	Charlotte, NC had this same issue a few years back. Most people were very understanding until there were terrific life-altering dog maulings. Keep Newton's parks safe for all.	Yes
01/16/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Edmands Park should not be just for dog owners.	Maybe it's good to have certain rules for caution but still allow people the freedom to give their dogs the off-leash exercise they need.	Yes
01/16/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
01/16/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
01/15/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Walking with my family	None	It is a fabulous local place for people and dogs to roam! Off-leash is the best possible option!!	Yes
01/15/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	Some owners do not watch their dogs they jump up on people, dogs roam in packs and become dangerous to people walking in park.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Meditation, walking with grandchildren, cross-country skiing	Dogs bounding over and knocking people over, dog poop, dog owners not being considerate of those who do not want to be run over, bumped into, slobbered by a dog(s)	There is an off-leash dog park on the big park area next to Cabot School and the tennis courts. We live a 2 minute walk from Edmands Park and use it all the time!!	Yes

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01/15/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Visiting with my children	I walk in Cabot woods frequently. I am happy to have dogs walk in the woods on leashes. But I am concerned about the possibility of off leash dogs can bite or knock over walkers. I learned from the Newton Animal Control Dept that every year a number of people are bitten by off leash dogs. And when that happens it can be difficult to leash dogs. The dog's owner, dog vaccination, and required medical care for the person bitten. When I walk in Cabot woods and off leash dogs run after me, usually the owner is not effective as stopping the dog from approaching me or jumping on me.		Yes
01/15/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Visiting with my children, Biking			Yes
01/15/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., It enhances my experience of nature when dogs are free	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/14/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Every time I've been walking there, my dog was the ONLY dog on leash. I don't think it's safe. I've been jumped on by other dogs & so have my kids. I actually had no idea that there was a rule... I just thought that ethically I would keep my dog on a leash. I have small children. No one follows the rules & many dogs get pretty far away from their humans. It's bad that no one follows the rules. Really bad.	Can we try to make people follow the leash law before we even consider changing it? If the law is taken away, can we mandate dog training so dogs aren't running up to people & other dogs with their humans no where in sight?	Yes
01/14/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	I am extremely allergic to dogs and I do not feel safe when dogs that aren't on leashes and jump up on me, causing me to have allergic reactions. This occurs every time I take a walk in cabot woods. I have to stop going since my allergy has become debilitating.	I have never been to Edmonds and seen a dog on a leash. No one listens or cares about the community of people who are allergic to dogs.	Yes
01/14/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children		I've been coming to this park since a child... (over 35 years). Edmonds park has always been an "off-leash" park, although not officially. In fact, the vast majority of people I have seen over those many years have been Newton residents walking their dogs off leash. It seems incredibly strange that it hasn't been made an actual official off leash park in all these years. LETS MAKE IT FINALLY HAPPEN!!	Yes
01/14/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking			Yes
01/14/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
01/13/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	They poop everywhere without the Owner taking care after, they bark at you and get very close to you		Yes

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01/12/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs are far less aggressive when off-leash.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Dogs do better with meeting other dogs on the trails when not constrained by leashes.	If constrained by leashes, resulting aggression can be misinterpreted by both dogs and humans.	Yes
01/12/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			No
01/12/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours). No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	I have a reactive dog and being able to walk her on trails provides important enrichment for sniffing and exercise. I do everything in my power to manage her behavior (medication, reinforcement training, cross conditioning, etc.) but I am not able to control other dogs. There have been many times where off-leash dogs have run up to us while walking around Edmands Park. Sometimes their owner has been visible and called them back, which is great, but more often their owner does not call them back until I have to assert that my dog does not feel comfortable being approached, or their owner is not even in sight. While I am confident in my ability to manage her on walks, it becomes more difficult and dangerous for her and other dogs when off-leash dogs approach us. I am writing in on behalf of myself, my dogs, and our experiences, and other reactive dog owners in our community who may feel less comfortable voicing this experience and truth. Reactive dogs are far more common than discussed and they need a safe space to enjoy the outdoors as well.	Dogs do not need to be off-leash to have great experiences outside - I have a long line for my dog where she can roam 15+ft and then be reeled back in and managed when necessary. I would urge dog owners to explore this option.	Yes
01/12/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Trail running with dog off-leash	Yes	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	There are few places that you can take your dog for a trail run or walk and we need some.	Dogs off-leash should be friendly and owners should be required to pick up dog poop.	Yes
01/12/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs. Off-leash dogs may discourage the mountain bikes, which are damaging the park.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Owners should carry leads and use them when other dogs or people are uneasy.	Owners must cleanup after their dogs regardless of the location of the poop.	Yes
01/11/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.			Yes, often.	Visiting with my children, Walking without children	Although most dog owners are responsible, our children have been knocked down and I have been jumped upon by unsupervised off-leash dogs, and the owners, once they came into view, did not seem at all concerned.	If the decision is to allow officially off-leash dogs, then I hope that part of the park, at least, can be retained for leashed dogs and humans (with or without dogs).	Yes
01/11/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
01/11/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	I have never had an issue with any off-leash dogs. Owners are respectful and know when their dog needs to be leashed. Off-leash dogs bring joy to the world.		Yes
01/09/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	Because off-leash isn't run around but walk next to the owner.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	No fences. The misconception that 'off-leash' means running alone around the park.		Yes



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01/09/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	My leashed dog has been attacked or charged at multiple times by unleashed dogs. Owners either laughed it off as playing (it wasn't) or weren't to be seen. I stopped bringing children here as I don't trust the dogs or owners.	There are other places. Use them instead	Yes
01/09/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking		It should be off leash.	Yes
01/09/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	From the Edmands Park entrance plaque: "Please be respectful of this habitat so it will remain a beautiful greenspace for everyone." Edmands Park was donated by the Edmands family to be used and enjoyed by the public. It was never designed to be an off-leash dog park. It is a place to enjoy natural beauty. For everyone.  There are many reasons to keep dogs leashed while visiting the park. Older people or children can be knocked off balance and possibly harmed by large and fast dogs not controlled by owners. I know of people who avoid Edmands with their young children specifically because of the loose dogs. Smaller or older dogs are not safe from larger dogs off-leash. The forest is fouled by dogs defecating freely either on the path or in the woods where owners are not following to pick it up. This is not only damaging to the flora and fauna but also can attract rats, which can lead to an increase of rodenticide of owls and other birds of prey, who eat the rats who have possibly ingested rat poison. There are often bags of dog feces left on a path, even if intended to collect later, which is selfish and unpleasant for others walking by. No ground wildlife (migrating ducks, squirrels, rabbits, foxes etc) can coexist with loose dogs. There is also the potential impact on Edmands Brook and the substantial wetlands it empties into. Dog feces contain harmful bacteria including E. coli and fecal coliform, and toxocarasis. All three of which are hazardous to human health. Rainwater washes fragments of pet waste into streams and other waterways contaminating the water. The nutrients from dog waste also create algae blooms thus further degrading water quality.  I know dogs are wonderful creatures and they are like children to their owners. However I don't think that people are thinking outside of their own experience when they let them off-leash. It's not just one or two dogs that is going to cause major problems, but multiply that by hundreds of dogs, daily, weekly, etc, and the delicate ecosystem of Edmands park suffers. In a world which is growing in population and lessening in natural space, we need to preserve what little we have. It is a special and rare thing to have a natural space like Edmands within a city. Let's keep it natural, and a welcome place for all humans and animals, not just dogs. Dogs should be allowed to walk there, but on trails and on a leash.  <a href="https://u.osu.edu/binder.56/2019/06/13/3reasons-to-keep-your-dog-on-a-leash-when-you-are-out-in-nature/#:~:text=Forests%20are%20living%20things%20just,the%20growth%20of%20the%20forest.">https://u.osu.edu/binder.56/2019/06/13/3reasons-to-keep-your-dog-on-a-leash-when-you-are-out-in-nature/#:~:text=Forests%20are%20living%20things%20just,the%20growth%20of%20the%20forest.</a>		Yes

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01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	I don't have concerns. Those owners that let their dog off leash should ensure their dog is safe being off leash. My dog is so I have no concerns for her.	I've been at many of leash parks without issue. These woods are a perfect environment for off leash.	Yes
01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
01/06/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking	Not all of us like dogs. Off leash dogs often are running around on Blake St. I have people run into my yard on a neighboring street chasing their dog.	I agree dogs should be allowed to run free, however not in public places (including Cabot woods).	Yes
01/06/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking			Yes
01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			No
01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/06/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	May need to add some gates to avoid dog going on the road		Yes
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01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			No
01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g. I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		I chose two different Offleash options, because I understand that there may be demand for times when dogs are on leash. The reason I didn't choose part of the park, being off leash, is because as a walker, I don't get exercise standing around while my dog is in the off leash area. Nor does my dog.	Yes
01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands)., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	None at this time.	In a perfect world, I would love for the park to be off leash all the time but I wish to respect needs of all park users. I think designated days or times would be the most fair solution	Yes
01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes

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01/05/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
01/05/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Dogs should not be off-leash as I've found they aren't well controlled.	I've been jumped on, growled at, and lunged at by dogs off-leash.	Yes
01/04/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	The only concern is people having dogs that aren't properly trained or aggressive off-leash.	I don't think dogs should be allowed off-leash near the playground / picnic areas.	Yes
01/04/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Biking	I regularly get jumped on by often muddy slobbery dogs, have been nearly tripped numerous times, and was once chased & bit by an off-leash dog. Dogs should never be off-leash here.		Yes
01/04/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Most owners have well-trained dogs that they oversee considerately, but a significant minority has ill- or untrained pets that they ignore as they text or phone. The animals in question can be worrisome even for large adults, let alone for small children.		Yes
01/04/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		I very much appreciate that Newton has SO MANY off-leash dog parks but, many owners don't control their dogs. As a result, my dog becomes anxious, in a smaller, contained space.. He is well trained and has great recall. Being in an off-leash environment, gives him more room to run around without multiple dogs approaching him. As a result, it's easier for me to just keep him walking along if other dogs approach.	Yes
01/04/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	I don't feel safe with random dogs running up to my dogs and I. My little dog has already been mauled once because of an off-leash park.	There are already dog parks where dogs can be off-leash. Can we not have a safe space for the rest of us?	Yes
01/04/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		100% support!	Yes
01/04/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking			Yes
01/04/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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01/04/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking			Yes
01/04/24	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
01/03/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	I was bitten several times by off-leash dogs and do not trust any of the dogs no matter how innocent they look. There are always misbehaving dogs and it is impossible to distinguish them from good ones. My daughter goes into a frenzy when any off-leash dog approaches her.	Edmands Park is no different than any other public space of our beautiful city and I would like to enjoy it with my whole family without any stress which off-leash dogs can cause. If a person has chosen to have a dog it should keep it off-leash either at their private property or walk them at specially created fenced dog walking areas such as an area near Cabot Elementary	Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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01/03/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	I think that all dogs should be on-leash. I would like to relax while walking in the Edmond Park instead to be alert and to be afraid of dogs off-leash	No	Yes, often.	Visiting with my children	I adamantly against that dogs should be off-leash at Edmond park, because most of people (including myself) and kids are afraid unknown dogs coming or chasing them. It is natural for people to be alert in the presence of unknown dogs. Owners should be responsible for their dogs keeping them on-leash		Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking			Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs. It's already used this way unofficially.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking			Yes
01/03/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Visiting with my children	The dogs there are just wild. Because of the trees, the owners are nowhere within sight and it gets dangerous with small children	There should be a higher regard for the safety of children in our community. These woods are lovely, my children love coming here, but the dogs are a menace, since owners are so irresponsible	Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes

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01/03/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Dogs are not adequately controlled, and have stopped many children or young families from visiting the park.	There are other off-leash parks. Newton park's should be accessible to all residents, not just those with dogs off-leash.	Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., Dogs get more from off-leash parks - it makes them and their humans happier	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	I have no concerns.	Dogs who harass other dogs or humans should get reported and have privileges revoked. How that would work I have no idea. Lol	Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children		I'm concerned about the amount of broken glass and garbage in the park. This is a danger for both playing children and dogs	Yes
01/03/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking			Yes
01/02/24	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	We have two toddlers and 2 times large dogs charged at them and the owners were not in control. If I had not scooped up the kids, they would have been pushed over or worse.	I do not feel this is a dog park space. Improvements to the existing dog spaces make sense for all community members, not just dog owners.	Yes
01/02/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking			Yes
01/02/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		The ability to run around and explore has been proven to be beneficial to dogs and even extend their lifetimes. Unfortunately, Newton is lacking in places for dogs to run off-leash, so making Edmands Park an off-leash area is a necessity.	Yes
01/02/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	None. After years of experience at the Park the owners are extremely courteous of walkers of all ages and abilities	Leash or no leash the Park is a way for all Newton residents to enjoy the Park.	Yes
01/02/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	I have been approached many times by big dogs who jump up on me. I know they are being friendly, but I've had clothes dirtied and even torn. It happens so fast, even vigilant owners can't stop their dogs who are off-leash. It scares me to be jumped on. I'm barely 100 lbs and I could be knocked over.	Cabot Woods is currently not an off-leash area but I have never witnessed enforcement of any kind. Currently, more dogs are off-leash than leashed. There should be some kind of enforcement or the whole designation is meaningless.	Yes
							Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.	

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01/02/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	<p><b>**Accessibility Concerns:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Designating the wooded area as an off-leash park may limit its use and accessibility for all residents. Ensuring an inclusive and accessible community involves considering the needs and preferences of all community members, including those who may not own or prefer not to be around off-leash dogs.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Uncontrolled Dog Behavior:**</b></p> <p>Not all dogs may be well-behaved off-leash, and incidents of aggressive behavior or dog fights could occur, posing a risk to both dogs and their owners.</p> <p><b>**Noise Disturbance:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Off-leash parks can lead to increased noise levels, affecting both wildlife and nearby residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Not Picking Up After Their Dogs:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Irresponsible waste management by dog owners can lead to unsanitary conditions, environmental pollution, health risks, and an overall negative impact on the aesthetics and usability of the park for the entire community.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Allergic Reactions and Public Health Concerns:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some individuals may have allergies or fears of dogs, making the presence of off-leash dogs a potential public health concern.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Environmental Impact:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased foot traffic and disturbances off trails could disrupt the natural ecosystem, leading to habitat destruction and potential harm to wildlife.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Safety Concerns for Wildlife:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An off-leash park could pose a threat to local wildlife, as dogs may chase or disturb animals, disrupt nesting sites, and contribute to a decline in local biodiversity.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Impact on Native Plant Species:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dogs, unintentionally, may carry seeds of invasive plant species on their fur, potentially introducing non-native vegetation that could outcompete local plants.</li> </ul> <p><b>**Liability and Maintenance Costs:**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An off-leash park may require additional maintenance and resources to ensure it remains safe and clean, potentially leading to increased costs for the community.</li> </ul>	I would prefer that current leash laws are enforced at the park so all residents can safely use the area.	Yes
01/02/24	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands). No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	<p>Unfortunately, there are just too many kids in the woods to have dogs off of leash just anyway. There are also a lot of untrained dogs which leads to issues.</p>	My honest view of this is I'm not sure I get the point of this survey as everyone seems to take their dog off leash already anyway, and I don't see any enforcement against going so.	Yes
01/01/24	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking	<p>It gets tiresome having to watch for dogs coming up to you or running near you. Most dogs are just not that well trained. For instance, someone today was throwing a ball to her off-leash dog in Edmands Park while I was walking in front of the person throwing the ball.</p>	There is an off-leash park at Cabot Park, people can take their dogs there.	Yes
01/01/24	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes

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12/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	Dog walkers bringing large groups of dogs that they don't have control of	Strongly think should be off-leash only with Newton tag and before 10 am and after 4 so dog walkers aren't there	Yes
12/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	No.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
12/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., Having the ability to have dogs off-leash brings more people to the park thus keeping it safer	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children			Yes
12/29/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	I have a small dog who is intimidated by the bigger dogs, so if they're off-leash, it's really a problem for me to walk there	Many people don't like big dogs running around free	Yes
12/29/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	The park is one of the only quiet, natural areas on the north side of Newton and allowing dogs to run off-leash will disturb wildlife as well as the enjoyment of it by residents.		Yes
07/10/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	In practice, dogs are already off-leash in the park and it is a better location than in Cabot park.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking			Yes
07/10/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time., Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands), Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	Dogs need to be under voice control of owners		Yes
07/10/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability), Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking			Yes
07/10/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Unable to take my rescue dog to this park because he is leash reactive and gets frightened being approached by unleashed dogs, have regularly visited this park with my kids and have been approached by unleashed dogs that frighten my younger one. Many dogs do not have good recall and are still left off-leash (was there one time only with my dog, an unleashed dog kept approaching my dog and frightening him, owner called the dog multiple times and the dog did not respond).	Allowing unleashed dogs in public space can not only make others in the neighborhood feel safe walking, but it is not responsible to assume that your dog will only encounter other friendly dogs. Dogs should not be unleashed around others unless they are trained not to approach others and can be called back reliably with distractions when they encounter other dogs and people. Unleashed dog parks are the most appropriate place where people who enter all consent to having dogs unleashed.	Yes
07/10/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking			Yes
07/10/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	People who can't control their dogs. Newton should have a behavioral test to secure an off-leash permit. (I have one dog with fabulous recall and once with horrible recall so would be impacted by this).		Yes



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07/09/23	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability)., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking			Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	Dogs who are off-leash with no recall, parents losing their dogs simply because they see it's off-leash, poorly behaved dogs	If dogs are off-leash, they MUST be able to recall to their owner and demonstrate safe behaviors. Possibly have off-leash tag that they receive because they demonstrate good recall.	Yes
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07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	For my personal safety, I need to be able to walk my dog off-leash (e.g., I use walking poles or another device to help with stability).	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	We have encountered some aggressive dogs whose owners clearly did not control. This can happen anywhere though		Yes
07/09/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	seen to many bad dog interactions here	please dont allow this -- an open field is one thing but here when trouble starts its hard to get help and it gets bad fast	Yes
07/09/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking			Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., There are no off-leash parks that offer trails. The enclosed-field type of dog park is great for some but not for everyone.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	A limit on the number of dogs off-leash with one person could make sense. It's hard to have 8 dogs under voice control, and poop doesn't always get picked up when a person has many dogs.	Thank you for considering this!	Yes
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07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs. A city of our size with the number of dogs that live here should have a place larger than the small, crappy off-leash options that we have now.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		It's the perfect place for off-leash. Weston has several off-leash trails and Newton does not have great options.	Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	none - dog owners are really good there.	it's a gem for people and dogs. let's keep it that way please.	Yes
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07/09/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Off-leash dogs don't mix well with on-leash.		Yes
07/09/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	No.		I never bring my dog to the park because inconsiderate dog owners let their dogs off-leash even though it isn't allowed. It's ruining the park for everyone else - people can't bring their kids to the park because there are so many off-leash dogs running around.	Entitled Newton dog owners already let their dogs off-leash there. It would be a nice park if they were more considerate.	Yes
07/09/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	My child has been knocked over by off-leash dogs and is now terrified of dogs. I am tired of stepping in dog poop in Edmands Park.	No	Yes, sometimes.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	It ruins the experience for people. My child is terrified of dogs after being jumped on by off-leash dogs. My whole family is tired of cleaning dog poop off our shoes after stepping in it in the park. We live near the park and often have dogs appear in our yard without their owners.		Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking			Yes

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07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking		It is a great opportunity for Edmands to be shared by off-leash dogs and humans. People will know not to come during certain hours if they are afraid of dogs. The dogs need off-leash time.	Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash. Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise. I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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07/09/23	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking	As a dog trainer, it is important to have areas where people feel safe having their reactive dogs on-leash. There are getting to be fewer and fewer areas. I either support part of the area as off-leash or certain hours. Reactive dogs deserve to enjoy the woods as well.		No
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07/09/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.			Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	Many dogs approach people. It is difficult to know if they are friendly or otherwise		Yes
07/09/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	Many dogs are not well trained to be off-leash. They bark at walkers or runners		Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	None people know if their dog can be off-leash		Yes
07/09/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking		I understand concerns of dogs who do not have great recall or others who feel safer with dogs on-leash, and they can use their leash. We tend to err on the side of caution, when we see a leashed dog, we will leash as well but if only unleashed dogs are around, we remain off-leash as our 3 yr old pup needs to run off extra energy and it's nice to have somewhere we can walk to and not always have to drive to. Thx	Yes
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07/06/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	Dogs are frequently not under voice control. When I had a dog (who needed to be on-leash) he would be approached by off-leash dogs not under control.	The current state of the park being designated on-leash but frequently filled with off-leash dogs makes it unsafe and unpredictable.	Yes
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07/06/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.	I am so frustrated by off-leash dogs jumping on me. People do not have their dogs trained to be off-leash, the park is for everyone, not just dog owners.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	I've been bit by a dog before. I don't want any off-leash dogs at the park.	Most people don't have their dogs trained to be off-leash. They jump on you and not everyone enjoys that or even likes dogs. Every time I go to the park people have their dogs off-leash. There isn't respect for the rules as it is anyways so truly I'm not sure the point of this survey/movement for off-leash dogs	Yes
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07/07/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	No concerns at all	Edmunds park brings together an incredible community of dog owners who love the park and love enjoying it with their dogs. It's truly sad that the city of Newton fails to recognize and support the dog owners and dogs who frequent the woods. Nature is meant to be enjoyed, so let your residents enjoy it.	Yes
07/07/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs. My dog is better behaved off-leash. He feels threatened by other dogs when he is on a leash and they run up at him.	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	Dogs who don't listen to their owners calling them back should be leashed.	Dogs are having fun when able to run around with each other, plus it gives people an opportunity to chat while the dogs chase each other for a few minutes. Nobody is adhering to the leash law anyways, because if your dog is leashed and others aren't it creates issues.	Yes
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07/06/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	I have no concerns. I see dogs off leash every day and it gives them a wonderful opportunity to socialize and explore in a shady area and not in open fields with little stimulation		Yes
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07/06/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking	The problem is people, whose off-leash dogs are not under voice control, so that the dogs can bother both people and dogs who for whatever reason are leashed.		Yes
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07/02/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area. No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	People are irresponsible, dogs not well trained. Dogs commonly end up in neighbors properties.		Yes
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07/02/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Biking	I don't see any concern. The dogs owner o know are supper friendly and watching the dogs all the time		Yes
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06/30/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking	No concerns	Dogs should be up to date on all vaccines	Yes
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06/29/23	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).	People constantly have their dogs off-leash so maybe if there was a designated area they would put their leashes on for the rest of the time they are in the woods like they do on Coldspring Park	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking	As I stated most of the people have their dogs off-leash and assume everyone loves dogs. It's fine if the dogs are well trained which most are, but there are also dogs which are not and it is intimidating to have other peoples dogs jump on you.	I think if the whole of the Park is made officially off-leash then it will deter people who use the park who don't have dogs, which is not fair. This is a park for the whole community.	Yes
06/29/23	No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	This would stop families with young children from walking in/ enjoying the park because from my personal experience (and that's been going on for over 5 years) dogs run up to young children and lick their faces or jump on them, uncontrollable happy big dog will scare the children, owners are never around close enough to stop the dog from jumping/licking children. When we take walks in the park with my children, I always have to be on high alert because big dogs jumped on my kids way too many times making them fall, cry or be terrified. This park is the reason we do not have a dog, the dogs have terrified my children to the point of them always being afraid of the dogs. Plus this is terrible for wild life because dogs break nests and other animal habitat.	I strongly against the off-leash idea because this will become dog park and will cut out families that do not own a dog, they will not enjoy the park at that point and will stop using it.	Yes
06/29/23	Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands), No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.		No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking	Feces on trail and off trail areas, dogs jumping on people or kids (all these have happened)		Yes
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06/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., I get great joy watching dogs doing what dogs love to do, chasing chipmunks and squirrels, running through the woods together, wading through the water, and smelling the rich smell environment.,	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking			Yes
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06/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking		Great idea. Dogs deserve to enjoy the park fully too	Yes
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06/29/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Biking		- Off-leash dogs should be socialized - Off-leash dogs should be under voice control - You are responsible for the actions of your off-leash dog	Yes
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06/28/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking		Uncontrollable dogs should be leashed	Yes
06/28/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking, Quiet time	Plenty of dog parks are already don't think the woods needs to be turned into one	Dogs are out of control running around tearing up the woods	Yes
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06/28/23	No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area., No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.		Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children	It is not safe to have dogs running free. You don't know who is reactive, large dogs can knock people over, it's a liability.		Yes
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06/26/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., Dogs learn to get along better off-leash	Yes	Yes, sometimes.	Dog walking, Visiting with my children	Dogs are much nicer here, they learn a little independence		No
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06/26/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.	I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.	No	Yes, often.	Trail running or walking		Although I currently don't own a dog, I do enjoy them and have been happy to see them at the park. I also find the dogs I see at the park seem happy and well behaved.	Yes
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06/25/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).	Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.	Yes	Yes, often.	Dog walking, Visiting with my children	Many fences around the park are damaged and allow dogs to exit too easily.	Great park with plenty of room for all kinds of exercise for humans and dogs	Yes
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06/25/23	Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.		Yes	Yes, often.		That the park will attract dog owners whose dogs may not be well-socialized for off-leash walking.	I think we'll need to educate our dog owners about the finer points of off-leash walking in a shared park, if we're to succeed in our endeavor. (This includes many of our long time walkers of wonderful dogs who may exuberantly run over to someone who is afraid or bark excessively at people. Posting off-leash decorum with things like: 1. Take your dog off the path if there are children around, control and ask the accompanying adult if they are comfortable having your dog approach. Respect that some people really are afraid of dogs and should not be put in the position of having their fear challenged or minimized. Etc Some other towns have good wording.	Yes



# Survey Results - Narrative Summary

**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I don't feel safe with random dogs running up to my dogs and I. My little dog has already been mauled once because of an off leash park.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There are already dog parks where dogs can be off leash. Can we not have a safe space for the rest of us?

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I have a small dog who is intimidated by the bigger dogs, so if they're off leash, it's really a problem for me to walk there

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Many people don't like big dogs running around free

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**



Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

It's fine when people have control over their dogs, but my dog is not dog friendly, and gets upset when off leash dogs run up to him. And my mom doesn't go there anymore because she's been knocked over a couple of times by off leash dogs

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**Do you have any concerns?**

Making it off leash will attract a lot of other dogs

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People are irresponsible, dogs not well trained. Dogs commonly end up in neighbors properties.

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I've been walking Daisy there for 9 years. She is well behaved and we love it there! It would be terrible if I had to leash her.

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Even if dogs are off leash, it is good if all dog owners have leashes with them if there's ever a need to keep certain dogs apart or controlled. Over the years, there have been 1 or 2 dogs who

have not been well behaved around my dogs. Both my dogs come to me when I need them to for their safety. I always have leashes on me and always would. Fortunately, there hasn't been any incident beyond unfriendliness when I have been around.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Maybe it's good to have certain rules for caution but still allow people the freedom to give their dogs the off leash exercise they need.

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**Why?**

Dogs are far less aggressive when off leash.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs do better with meeting other dogs on the trails when not constrained by leashes.

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If constrained by leashes, resulting aggression can be misinterpreted by both dogs and humans.

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I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., Off lead dogs may discourage the mountain bikes, which are damaging the park.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Owners should carry leads and use them when other dogs or people are uneasy.

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I don't have concerns. Those owners that let their dog off leash should ensure their dog is safe being off leash. My dog is so I have no concerns for her.

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I've been at many of leash parks without issue. These woods are a perfect environment for off leash.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

I have no concerns.

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Dogs who harass other dogs or humans should get reported and have privileges revoked. How that would work I have no idea. Lol

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**Do you have any concerns?**

None. After years of experience at the Park the owners are extremely courteous of walkers of all ages and abilities

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Leash or no leash the Park is a way for all Newton residents to enjoy the Park.

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People who can't control their dogs. Newton should have a behavioral test to secure an off-leash permit. (I have one dog with fabulous recall and once with horrible recall so would be impacted by this).

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We have encountered some aggressive dogs whose owners clearly did not control. This can happen anywhere though

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no off-leash parks that offer trails. The enclosed-field type of dog park is great for some but not for everyone.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

A limit on the number of dogs off leash with one person could make sense. It's hard to have 8 dogs under voice control, and poop doesn't always get picked up when a person has many dogs.

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Thank you for considering this!

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

none - dog owners are really good there.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

it's a gem for people and dogs. let's keep it that way please.

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**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Every dog my dog and I have met at Edmands Park has been friendly toward my dog. I don't see any issues with making this an off leash park

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Dog walking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I understand concerns of dogs who do not have great recall or others who feel safer with dogs on leash, and they can use their leash. We tend to err on the side of caution, when we see a leashed dog, we will leash as well but if only unleashed dogs are around, we remain off leash as our 3 yr old pup needs to run off extra energy and it's nice to have somewhere we can walk to and not always have to drive to. Thx

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Dog walking

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Dog poop

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More trash cans!

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

leash your dog up if you don't trust them yet

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maybe have a designated training area

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Dog walking

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No concerns at all

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Edmunds park brings together an incredible community of dog owners who love the park and love enjoying it with their dogs. It's truly sad that the city of Newton fails to recognize and support the dog owners and dogs who frequent the woods. Nature is meant to be enjoyed, so let your residents enjoy it.

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I have no concerns. I see dogs off leash every day and it gives them a wonderful opportunity to socialize and explore in a shady area and not in open fields with little stimulation

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I do worry about dog owners being responsible. No dog who had a history of being aggressive should be off leash (nor should one even bring a leashed reactive dog to an off leash area).

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Dog walking

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None.

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It should be lawful. Many do it anyway. Newton is home to many dogs. They need a place to run. The terrain at Cabot woods is not appropriate for the elderly nor for infants or very small kids. It is a safe spot for off leash dogs.

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Hi Nichole, Greg Girard here, your volunteer to run analysis on the survey data. I'll be away starting July 10 and would like to get a jump on the analysis. Could you send me the current data spreadsheet within the next day or so. I'll use that to set up my analysis. Then when you send me the final data it will be plug and chug. Thx. Gregorydgirard@gmail.com

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None, dogs who are trained well are ones that can be off leash.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Honestly, I think it would be hard to enforce this rule. Unless you can afford to hire people to patrol the park, people are going to bring their dogs off leash anyways, might as well make it legal. We shouldn't be wasting police resources for such a ridiculous thing.

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The significant majority of dog owners are respectful of making sure their dogs are under control when other people are around. There needs to be more places of size for dogs to go off-leash.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

I don't have concerns about having off-leash dogs. I find those dog owners to be alert and most responsible

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Newton has few options for off-leash dog walking. It's important for Edmands Park to be one of those places

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Dogs should be socialized and accompanied at all times by a responsible person

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It is a great park and safe place for dogs to be off leash. My dog and I have a more relaxed time off leash. He is obedient and there needs to be a place where dogs can do their sniffing and have a small amount of freedom. This is his happy place.

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Dogs who are off leash should have recall so that if they encounter other dogs who are leashed and/or people who are not comfortable with dogs, then they can be leashed as required. The park is for everyone to enjoy!

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We have been enjoying Edmands Park with our dogs, on and off leash, for about 40 years. It is a wonderful place for them to run, interact with other dogs and enjoy a natural environment. It also is our way of getting exercise everyday and in doing so enjoying nature. Everyone who walks their dogs are mindful of other people and their dogs. It is a perfect place for dogs and their owners, hope off leash at Cabot Woods will happen .

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Owners must be responsible for their own dogs and have them under voice control. Also, a dog who can be aggressive should never be off-leash!

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Dogs must be licensed and be up to date with rabies shots. Habitually Aggressive dogs or dogs not used to other dogs should be leashed

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90% of all people that I see in the Park have a dog.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs should have off leash license from Newton, and no violations of this on record.

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I rarely see kids or families without dogs walking here in the mornings. For me official designated hours for off leash dogs makes so much sense

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Vast majority of dogs are fine, but now and then there is one, or a pack, that causes trouble - usually for other dogs. So maybe a one strike and you're out system, tho I'm not sure how it would work.

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Maybe a limit on dogs per human to limit big packs via professional dog walkers,, tho usually they're fine.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I am 100% onboard with Edmand's being off leash, but I want to preserve the safety of all walkers so I would hope the courtesy of leashing your dog in the presence of a child, a senior citizen, or another dog who is on leash would continue.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

We need a fully off leash nature trail in Newton. It provides so many benefits to dogs and their guardians. Actual "dog parks" pose issues for many dogs (too confined of a space, inattentive guardians, and overcrowding being a few) and I therefore generally avoid them. In Edmand's you meet one or two dogs at a time which is completely manageable for the dogs and their humans. There is also at least a basic level of training in all the dogs who are off leash there because their guardians have built the training up enough to trust the dog to stay near them (which can't be said in dog parks). It's incredibly important and I would love to help to make it officially off leash in any way I can.

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My concerns are, sometimes unruly dogs bothering other dogs or other humans walking. It has been very rare yet something I keep an eye out for when we walk our dog.

If it is designated as off-leash park, people from various neighborhoods even outside of Newton could be bringing their dogs. That it could become bit more crowded, more unclean (as not everyone picks up after their dogs), more nuisance to people living around the area with parking and etc., and more crowded park with off-leash dogs could a bit unruly than what we have today.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

We should have an association of volunteers who could take turns to clean the park of poop bags or other trash on the weekends to keep the park clean for everyone to enjoy.

Specific off-leash time could work as others who walk the dog on the leash or worried about or afraid of dogs or doesn't want to be bothered by off leash dogs also could enjoy the park.

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A large number of Newton citizens have dogs, and just as it is important to provide folks with children city services it is important to provide services to folks with dogs. Cabot Woods in particular is used mostly by people walking dogs and we should be given proportional consideration

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I'm worried there will be some irresponsible dog owners that do not have their dogs under control.

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Off leash in the woods/any trails is far more exercise for a dog rather than the small off Leash parka offered in Newton right now

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Glass, marijuana, aggressive dogs, cars

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Not sure why the city started to ticket. Prefer the way it was before

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Dog walkers bringing large groups of dogs that they don't have control of

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Dogs who are off-leash with no recall, parents losing their dogs simply because they see it's off-leash, poorly behaved dogs

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If dogs are off-leash, they MUST be able to recall to their owner and demonstrate safe behaviors. Possibly have off-leash tag that they receive because they demonstrate good recall.

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It is a great opportunity for Edmands to be shared by off-leash dogs and humans. People will know not to come during certain hours if they are afraid of dogs. The dogs need off-leash time.

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I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., This place has really helped with my mental health. Being able to walk daily with my dogs with others has made a big difference. It's a wonderful community of people who come here with their dogs. Wonderful friendships are being made here.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking



**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It's a wonderful place with great walking paths I choose this park because it's safer than the dog parks. the dog parks in newton are small, dogs are on top of each other, often with injuries happening and a Petri dish for illnesses. My family, dogs and I have loved enjoying Edmonds Park for the past 5 years and I hope for many years to come. People and their dogs get their exercise, see friends, socialize and respect one another here. It's a beautiful community.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

If dogs are to be off-leash, they need to be under voice control. This shouldn't exclude dogs who are on leash from walking here and owners MUST be able to recall their dogs from approaching dogs on leash.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Off-leash dogs MUST be able to recall away from dogs who are on-leash. It's a safety hazard.

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Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**  
As a dog trainer, it is important to have areas where people feel safe having their reactive dogs on leash. There are getting to be fewer and fewer areas. I either support part of the area as off leash or certain hours. Reactive dogs deserve to enjoy the woods as well.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, After my dog dies I still walk there every day and then twice a day when we adopt a new dog

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

We need to let our dogs have the ability to run free in a woodsy environment in Newton. Off leash dog parks don't have anywhere near the space of Edmunds. We've been walking here years before BC built the two soccer fields, when there was a flat sand area where the biggest field is now. We're in our 70's and my husband remembers seeing skaters on the pond before remediation. Please keep Edmands open to humans and their dog companions to enjoy the woods, stream and interaction with other like minded folks.

It's a special place that should be protected. An arborist would be welcomed for sure.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Biking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

- Off leash dogs should be socialized
  - Off leash dogs should be under voice control
  - You are responsible for the actions of your off leash dog
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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

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Edmands has long been a wonderful resource for dog walkers and walkers alike. The Covid period welcomed many new walkers to the park and was a great way for people with and without dogs to enjoy nature

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Birding and being with friends

**Do you have any concerns?**

None

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The dog walking community is a place I look forward to going each to meet old and new members of the Newton and surrounding neighborhoods.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, I walk my grand dog there. He lives close to Edmands Park

**Do you have any concerns?**

Have never experienced out of control dogs there, sometimes humans can be that way.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It's a beautiful designated space for all to use including off leash dogs

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Just walking

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

seen to many bad dog interactions here

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

please dont allow this - an open field is one thing but here when trouble starts its hard to get help and it gets bad fast

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

The problem is people whose off-leash dogs are not under voice control, so that the dogs can bother both people and dogs who for whatever reason are leashed.

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I live across the street and some dogs are not fully under their owners control. They end up running across the street into my yard which becomes an issue with my dog. The problem with off leash dog skin an open park is not the dogs who are well managed by their owners, but all of the ones (dogs and owners) that are not.

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

My leashed dog has been attacked or charged at multiple times by unleashed dogs.  
Owners either laughed it off as playing (it wasn't) or weren't to be seen.  
I stopped bringing children here as I don't trust the dogs or owners.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There are other places. Use them instead

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I have never had an issue with any off leash dogs. Owners are respectful and know when their dog needs to be leashed. Off leash dogs bring joy to the world.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

The only concern is people having dogs that aren't properly trained or aggressive off leash.

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I don't think dogs should be allowed off leash near the playground / picnic areas.

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I very much appreciate that Newton has SO MANY off leash dog parks but, many owners don't control their dogs. As a result, my dog becomes anxious, in a smaller, contained space.. He is well trained and has great recall. Being in an off-leash environment, gives him more room to run

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So long as owners are responsible, I think it is a great opportunity for human and canine alike.

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**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

The ability to run around and explore has been proven to be beneficial to dogs and even extend their lifetimes. Unfortunately, Newton is lacking in places for dogs to run off leash, so making Edmands Park an off leash area is a necessity.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It's the perfect place for off leash. Weston has several off lease trails and Newton does not have great options.

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None people know if their dog can be off leash

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If you are going to limit either the portion of the park where dogs can be off leash or the time, which would be perfectly reasonable given the competing preferences, I recommend limiting the time rather than the part of the park. It is the more workable solution and most people will be able to adjust their schedules.

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There have been times when more aggressive dogs have approached our more timid one in unpleasant ways. If we succeed in retaining the right to keep dogs off leash we should think about messaging more directly the responsibility of each dog Walker to be much more aware of their dog's behavior and re-leash them swiftly should they witness signs of aggression.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

In my 30 years of living in Newton, I know him to dogs, I have walked many times in Edmonds Park with dogs. I sometimes I'm a rebel and the dogs are off leash and sometimes they are on leash. In all my years of walking and encountering many dogs, there have never been any incidents. I think people who choose to let their dog off, leash know and trust their dog. People whose dogs are undependable keep them on a leash. I think it works very well. Thanks for doing this!

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**How do you use Edmonds Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I have only run into one person who had a problem with it and I think they had a fear of dogs. Edmonds park is a great place to get over a fear of dogs, because the dogs here are very well behaved.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Whether it's allowed or not, the practice will be continuing

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No concerns- it is a happy and inviting gem in Newton for pups and owners to explore and get exercise- it's a rarity that there is any issue with off leash dogs which can also happen at any of the other off leash areas. Dog owners who come here are very respectful and responsible. This park also allows dogs to cool off in the water which is not available anywhere else. Thank you!

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As long as dog owners are responsible with their dogs, there really isn't a problem. Dogs need off leash time for their well-being and they pose little or no impact on others.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

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We try to be respectful and responsible dog owners, and find others to be the same at Edmonds, for both people walking dogs and those without dogs. It is unusual to see people without pets there, except in winter when people may cross country ski or bringing kids sledding. But I still haven't seen any issue sharing Edmond during those times. It is such a special and unique place in the heart on Newton. We would be devastated if it was taken away. We are also happy to contribute to a fund to preserve Edmonds in the future.

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I have no concerns. I am there very often and see many dogs in the park. I have never seen any problem with dogs and people who were there without dogs.

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The fact, is that very many members of the neighborhood walk their dogs there. There is no good reason why responsible dog owners shouldn't be able to go through Edmund's park and use it as an off leash exercise area for their dogs. It's also extremely healthy for the dog owner!

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I chose two different Offleash options, because I understand that there may be demand for times when dogs are on leash. The reason I didn't choose part of the park, being off leash, is because as a walker, I don't get exercise standing around while my dog is in the off leash area; Nor does my dog.

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My biggest concern is that people are considerate of leashed dogs and people who don't like dogs. Which means people need to have control of their dog and keep track of where their dog is at all times.

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I am deeply skeptical that all off-leash dogs will be under voice/e-collar control - I do believe the people leading this initiative have the best intentions and want to enforce those rules, and I'm comforted to hear they intend to emphasize those rules/etiquette. I also believe making it off-leash will attract a wide array of people (many of whom have not been part of the "community" here previously) who will treat the area like a dog park, not an off-leash area for dogs with solid recall.

For a similar reason, I'm also very concerned about dog walkers coming here for off-leash

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I feel like my concerns could mostly be alleviated by rigorous patrolling by Newton Parks & Rec, but I am not sure they have the bandwidth/capacity to do that

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Let's have designated offleash hours please! Everyone will be happy!

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The dog park in Cabot park has no shade or grass and is completely inadequate for our neighborhood.

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I have a reactive dog and being able to walk her on trails provides important enrichment for sniffing and exercise. I do everything in my power to manage her behavior (medication, reinforcement training, cross conditioning, etc.) but I am not able to control other dogs. There have been many times where off leash dogs have run up to us while walking around Edmands Park. Sometimes their owner has been visible and called them back, which is great, but more often their owner does not call them back until I have to assert that my dog does not feel comfortable being approached, or their owner is not even in sight. While I am confident in my ability to manage her on walks, it becomes more difficult and dangerous for her and other dogs when off leash dogs approach us. I am writing in on behalf of myself, my dogs, and our experiences, and other reactive dog owners in our community who may feel less comfortable voicing this experience and truth. Reactive dogs are far more common than discussed and they need a safe space to enjoy the outdoors as well.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Dogs do not need to be off leash to have great experiences outside - I have a long line for my dog where she can roam 15+ft and then be reeled back in and managed when necessary. I would urge dog owners to explore this option.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Every owner and dog walker says their dogs are safe and friendly but I keep getting approached by loose dogs, mainly large ones, whose owners are not in sight. Dog walkers seem totally unaware that many citizens avoid our cities parks because they are afraid of loosing their balance, falling, etc. due to being accosted by dogs whose owners do not abide by current regulations. Just this morning, while walking in the snow at a different park, suddenly there was a dog on either side - one a Rottweiler, the other a German Shephard, both off-leash, owners trailing behind. The dogs circled and investigated me. Startled, I do not enjoy your dogs in this way! One of the owners said he knew his dog was nice... just like two days before, an owner explained his off-leash dog was a sweat-heart rescue dog, home for a custody visit... Dog walker with clusters of 5-6 dogs always lets 2 dogs run loose... The 2 Irish Wolfhounds always off-leash prohibit use by dog-loving elderly friends of mine who can no longer maintain animals of their own due to fear of being rushed again by these large animals. Do you know you are keeping these people out of Newton's parks?

Edmands Park should not be just for dog owners.

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Charlotte, NC had this same issue a few years back. Most people were very understanding until there were terrific life-altering dog maulings. Keep Newton's parks safe for all.

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**Why?**

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I don't see any concern. The dogs owner o know are supper friendly and watching the dogs all the time

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with friends

**Do you have any concerns?**

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It is a wonderful place to get to walk with our dog and to meet other people and their dogs!

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Off leash dogs don't mix well with on leash.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Every time I've been walking there, my dog was the ONLY dog on leash.  
I don't think it's safe. I've been jumped on by other dogs & so have my kids.  
I actually had no idea that there was a rule... I just thought that ethically I would keep my dog on a leash. I have small children.  
No one follows the rules & many dogs get pretty far away from their humans.  
It's bad that no one follows the rules. Really bad.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Can we try to make people follow the leash law before we even consider changing it?  
If the law is taken away, can we mandate dog training so dogs aren't running up to people & other dogs with their humans no where in sight?

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs should not be off-leash as I've found they aren't well controlled.

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I've been jumped on, growled at, and lunged at by dogs off leash.

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The park is one of the only quiet, natural areas on the north side of Newton and allowing dogs to run off leash will disturb wildlife as well as the enjoyment of it by residents.

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It is not safe to have dogs running free. You don't know who is reactive, large dogs can knock people over, it's a liability.

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I've been coming to this park since a child... (over 35 years). Edmonds park has always been an "off-leash" park, although not officially. In fact, the vast majority of people I have seen over those many years have been Newton residents walking their dogs off leash. It seems incredibly strange that it hasn't been made an actual official off leash park in all these years. LETS MAKE IT FINALLY HAPPEN!!

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**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I'm concerned about the amount of broken glass and garbage in the park. This is a danger for both playing children and dogs

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**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It would be wonderful to have an off leash trail area to walk dogs in Newton!!

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Everyone should feel secure that all dogs are well controlled by their owners whether on a leash, or if off leash, by voice command.

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Thompson's Field in Harwich is a good example of a conservation area with trails and woodlands that is dog friendly and people friendly.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

No concerns as long as dogs are trained and not aggressive. No pit bulls

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Aggressive dogs and breeds should have muzzles

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs who don't listen to their owners calling them back should be leashed.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Dogs are having fun when able to run around with each other, plus it gives people an opportunity to chat while the dogs chase each other for a few minutes.

Nobody is adhering to the leash law anyways, because if your dog is leashed and others aren't it creates issues.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I think the ark is great my only concern is the folks that get quite upset about the dogs off leash. Most if not all pet owners know and are responsible about having their dog off leash. So I don't see the issue, I find the park picked up after dogs and I think the only potential problem is the occasional partying that goes on in night and any glass left where kids or dogs can get hurt

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We have seen same dogs over and over and it's a great opportunity for them to socialize as well.

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I have been walking my dog in Edmands for 4 years now. I have made many friends and I look forward to walking there almost every day. My dog loves it too! My dog has been through training and can sit on command, come, and “leave it.” She is a very shy dog and does not appreciate when other dogs “rush” her. In my 4 years experience walking with her there have been only a couple of times where she has been uncomfortable. I can read her body language and ask for their owner to call their dog away if I feel like she is going to be uncomfortable. I advocate for her. I would never take my dog to a traditional dog park as it would be far too overwhelming a situation for her. We walk organically in the park and she has gained confidence in herself and me with her. We have such a great bond and honesty I attribute that to our walks together in Edmands.

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Dogs interact more pleasantly when OFF leash. Everyone is safer when dogs are off leash.

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**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Having a place I can walk to where I can have my dog run off leash in the mornings while I also get exercise is a huge part of my enjoyment of living in Newton. I also love the community of

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My dog protects me against off leash animals like coyotes

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I have none.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There are no wooded off leash trails in Newton, it is time the city recognizes the need. Weston, Wellesley and surrounding towns have wonderful off leash trails. Edmands Park has been used as an unofficial off leash park for 40 years plus with our issue. It is an obvious choice for a licensed off leashed park.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

None

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Dogs who are under voice command pose little threat to other dogs/humans or wildlife and should be allowed off-leash. We have had our young children in this park often before owning a dog. We never felt unsafe during those years. This is a neighborhood resource for us (we walk there) and the threat of fines, admonishment makes no sense to us. It's been a mostly safe environment for the nearly 30 years we've lived here.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Only that it is done in a thoughtful manner.

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This just makes sense

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For all involved whether dog owners bikers or walkers, the city needs to maintain the park to the same level as Cold Spring Park. Trails in particular need to be firmed up.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

I have been coming to this park with my dog for over 30 years. I come almost every day in the morning, and have observed over the years that the people who come in the morning are very responsible about cleaning up the park, picking up trash, and talking to people whose dogs jump or are in any way aggressive. Having been to this park thousands of times, I feel I am in a good position to really say what it is like there. I have met many friends and I get a great exercise. This is one of the very few places, a Newton, or people with dogs can socialize and enjoy their own recreation.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

Off leash with rules about being able to properly control one's dog and supervision at all times.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Most of the dogs in the park are great. There are some owners that don't practice good dog etiquette- but most of the community is very good and responsible.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

I think that setting specific hours could benefit all users. I know they use this system at Boston Public Gardens & in many of the NYC parks.

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If concern is about off leashed dogs leaving park, maybe putting small gates on entry points can help

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**Do you have any concerns?**

Unfortunately, there are just too many kids in the woods to have dogs off of leash just anyway. There are also a lot of untrained dogs which leads to issues.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

My honest view of this is I'm not sure I get the point of this survey as everyone seems to take their dog off leash already anyway, and I don't see any enforcement against doing so.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

When my children were little they were very frightened of dogs. We live around the corner from the park and could not walk in there because of all the off leash dogs. Making it an off leash park has the potential to make it unsafe and unwelcoming for some children.

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Newton has no opportunities for off leash dog walking/hiking

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I have no concerns, it is a good spot for off-leash dog walking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

None, it is a perfect spot for off-leash exercise for our friends

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People not controlling their dogs

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People from Boston abusing the park

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Park community is good

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Post rules

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Thank you to the city for considering this. Right now, we have zero off-leash trail options. All other trails are on-leash. It seems reasonable and would be invaluable for Newton to have at least one off leash trail option. I would gladly pay an off-leash fee.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Picking up glass and trash tried around by teenagers.

**Do you have any concerns?**

People should be carrying dog bags and have voice control of their dog(s)

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Many of the dog owners who have been using this park for years (even decades) are the unofficial guardians/trustees of the park-picking up after others, clearing away trash and fallen limbs. We will find other places to go with our dogs to exercise them properly and the City Newton will have to regularly police and maintain the park.

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Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Sledding and winter hiking/skiing

**Do you have any concerns?**

Some people are scared of dogs running up to them, including some dog owners. For this reason, I think there should be dedicated off leash hours. I don't think that building or designating an area of the park as off leash is practical, it's not as simple as having office hours. Plus, a fenced in enclosure like we have at Cold Spring Park is not fun or safe for dogs that are scared of larger and aggressive dogs. The experience of Cold Spring Park is stressful and dangerous for many dogs, and their owners, because some dogs are aggressive and will chase other dogs continuously. At Edmands Park, the owners and dogs can, if off-leash, walk and run away from aggressive dogs. Every time I've been to Cold Spring, this is a problem.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

The city's resources are a zero-sum game. Time spent having police enforce leash laws, and ticket dog owners is time that the police cannot spend monitoring and enforcing, for instance, traffic laws. Traffic violations endanger, maim, and kill other drivers, pedestrians, and bikers. Police should not be spending their time enforcing and ticketing for leash law violations. A better solution is to have designated off-leash hours. Thank you for putting the survey together.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Trail running or walking, Walking with friends

**Do you have any concerns?**

I understand that many off-leash dogs pose a danger to small children - they can be too enthusiastic and knock them down and frighten them. When I see any people in Edmands Park that do not have a dog I call my dog over and have him sit and stay until I can assess the need to leash him. There are dozens of parks in Newton that meet the needs of children of all ages, they do not need this space for recreation as well. Let there be one space for the dogs the NEED to roam off-leash.

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I will feel as though my city is a no-dog city and would seriously consider leaving Newton if my right to exercise my dog daily is take away.

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Dog walking, Visiting with my children

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I have been going for years and years and have never seen a problem with off leash dogs. I think because more people come there to walk their dogs there are way less suspicious people and teens hanging out drinking etc then in other wooded areas

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**Why?**

I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs., Dogs learn to get along better off leash

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs are much nicer here, they learn a little independence

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Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I would want to ensure that dogs need to be licensed in Newton to use the park off leash. I think that would be a fair way to compensate the city and be sure that dangerous dogs are not allowed to use it.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

As a compromise I think specific hours for off leash dog walking would be acceptable.

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Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

There a few holes in fences along the trail by BC. Would be be great to have those repaired to keep small dogs in

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Full time or designated hours would be great. Being able to hike and get some exercise and know others will be around for safety is a great thing for people of all ages.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

None

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Please please let the dogs run off leash in Edmonds's park. It is a great place for me to do trail running and the dog to run as well!

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Obviously, dog owners need to be responsible and keep aggressive dogs on leash.

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**Why?**

Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Many fences around the park are damaged and allow dogs to exit too easily.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Great park with plenty of room for all kinds of exercise for humans and dogs

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs should not be off-leash in any public space save for a dedicated, designated area like the Cabot dog park. Not all people are okay with off-leash animals. Not all dogs are, either. The current lack of adherence to city law makes it difficult to enjoy Edmands Park with or without my dog. My preference is for the city to enforce current regulations. If off-leash dogs are permitted in the future, I hope it is done during posted, restricted hours only and enforced vigorously.

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**Why?**

Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Need for owners to be realistic and responsible regarding their dog/s not being aggressive toward other dogs on or off leash. Any off leash park requires responsible owners.

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**Why?**

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children, Biking

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Dog walking, Visiting with my children, Biking

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**Why?**

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Visiting with my children, Walking in nature as exercise while my dog is off leash

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Never had issues with off leash dogs! It's a pleasure to meet the owners walking their dogs off leash, and a great way for dogs to socialize in a safe space

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**Why?**

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Walking

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking, Walking with my family

**Do you have any concerns?**

None

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It is a fabulous local place for people and dogs to roam! Off/leash is the best possible option!!

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

They poop everywhere without the Owner taking care after, they bark at you and get very close to you

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Not all of us like dogs. Off leash dogs often are running around on Blake St. I have people run into my yard on a neighboring street chasing their dog.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I agree dogs should be allowed to run free, however not in public places (including Cabot woods).

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Many dogs approach people. It is difficult to know if they are friendly or otherwise

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**Why?**

I am so frustrated by off leash dogs jumping on me. People do not have their dogs trained to be off leash, the park is for everyone , not just dog owners.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I've been bit by a dog before. I don't want any off leash dogs at the park.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Most people don't have their dogs trained to be off leash. They jump on you and not everyone enjoys that or even likes dogs. Every time I go to the park people have their dogs off leash. There isn't respect for the rules as it is anyways so truly I'm not sure the point of this survey/movement for off leash dogs

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Even if 9 out of 10 dogs are fine off leash, there will always be a few problematic dogs. In particular, many dog owners don't appreciate the fact that many people don't want to have up close interactions with dogs, including "friendly" or "harmless" ones.

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No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I have been approached many times by big dogs who jump up on me. I know they are being friendly, but I've had clothes dirtied and even torn. It happens so fast, even vigilant owners can't stop their dogs who are off-leash. It scares me to be jumped on. I'm barely 100 lbs and I could be knocked over.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Cabot Woods is currently not an off-leash area but I have never witnessed enforcement of any kind. Currently, more dogs are off-leash than leashed. There should be some kind of enforcement or the whole designation is meaningless.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I am concerned that this survey will not yield a representative sample. I know individuals who would not have seen the sign about the survey because they no longer go to Edmands Park after their dogs were attacked by off-leash dogs. I also frequently see elderly people walking in Edmands Park, a population less likely to be able to fill out the survey (they might be less likely to have a smart phone when they see the sign in the woods, or be able to scan a qr code.)

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

While I would love for dogs to have a place to run off-leash, and, as a dog owner, I truly love dogs, I have also been tripped and bitten by off leash dogs multiple times. Most off-leash dogs behave very well, but even just a few less well-behaved dogs can seriously injure someone before their owner catches up to the dog to restrain them. I mentioned earlier that I frequently see elderly people walking in Edmands and a dogs could very easily trip and injure a senior member of the community.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I am extremely allergic to dogs and I do not feel safe when dogs that aren't on leashes and jump up on me, causing me to have allergic reactions. This occurs every time I take a walk in cabot woods. I have to stop going since my allergy has become debilitating.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I have never been to Edmunds and seen a dog on a leash. No one listens or cares about the community of people who are allergic to dogs.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

It gets tiresome having to watch for dogs coming up to you or running near you. Most dogs are just not that well trained. For instance, someone today was throwing a ball to her off-leash dog in Edmands Park while I was walking in front of the person throwing the ball.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There is an off-leash park at Cabot Park, people can take their dogs there.

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**Do you have any concerns?**

Many dogs are not well trained to be off leash. They bark at walkers or runners

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Dogs are frequently not under voice control. When I had a dog (who needed to be on leash) he would be approached by off leash dogs not under control.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

The current state of the park being designated on leash but frequently filled with off leash dogs makes it unsafe and unpredictable.

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**Why?**

Trail running with dog off leash

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

There are few places that you can take your dog for a trail run or walk and we need some.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Dogs off leash should be friendly and owners should be required to pick up dog poop.

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**Why?**

In practice, dogs are already off leash in the park and it is a better location than in Cabot park.

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Dog owners walking alone or with others a pretty responsible. The dog walkers with 5+ dogs some on some off leash cannot keep track of them.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Having dogs off leash may be a liability issue because a dog may injure a person. I am afraid of dogs.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I have walked in Edmands Park for over 30 years. Some of those years I've had a dog and some without a dog. For the last 5 years I have been without a dog and I still walk in the park every day in all weather. Having dogs off leash and running through the woods not only helps them stay calm and healthy, but it also helps me in so many ways. Running dogs are happy and seeing them be free lift my spirits. Walking with other people in the community while the dogs are running and playing helped me meet many people in Newton that I would not have known and consequently help me build community here. The dog owners often feel like the park is their home and many of us keep it clean, pick up trash, pick up poop, stop kids from lighting fires and call the parks and rec office when things need attending to. I have not had any incidents or problems with any of the dogs off leash. I'm in full support of an off leash dog park without any limits - even now when I don't have a dog walking with me.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs should win the own off leash to walk!

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Off lease dog helps owner and dogs

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I don't have any--have never experienced a negative encounter with an off-leash dog. It seems to me that owners of jumpy dogs are generally respectful of other park users and curb their dogs when appropriate.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Although I currently don't own a dog, I do enjoy them and have been happy to see them at the park. I also find the dogs I see at the park seem happy and well behaved.

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Owners should be able to control their dog.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

None

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**Why?**

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Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs need to be under voice control of owners

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I'm surprised at how many people are scared of dogs, so I appreciate you taking this survey. I love all animals but good to have signage if/when this goes through.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

If this happens and you need graphic design assistance, I'd be happy to help...I'm a local designer.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs who are not well trained

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**Why?**

People constantly have their dogs off-leash so maybe if there was a designated area they would put their leashes on for the rest of the time they are in the woods like they do on Coldspring Park

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

As I stated most of the people have their dogs off leash and assume everyone loves dogs. It's fine if the dogs are well trained which most are, but there are also dogs which are not and it is intimidating to have other peoples dogs jump on you.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I think if the whole of the Park is made officially off leash then it will deter people who use the park who don't have dogs, which is not fair. This is a park for the whole community.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands).

**Why?**

I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Areas for off leash dogs and standards for behavior need to be clearly communicated so that people with small children or people afraid of dogs are not worried about their safety. Perhaps organize some supervision (volunteer) during a transition period. A trial period (a few late afternoon, early evening hours) might help identify issues before final decisions are made.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I regularly get jumped on by often muddy slobbery dogs, have been nearly tripped numerous times, and was once chased & bit by an off-leash dog. Dogs should never be off leash here.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Biking

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Quiet time

**Do you have any concerns?**

Plenty of dog parks are already don't think the woods needs to be turned into one

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Dogs are out of control running around tearing up the woods

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**Why?**

Because off leash isn't run around but walk next to the owner.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

No fences. The misconception that 'off leash' means running alone around the park.

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I was bitten several times by off-leash dogs and do not trust any of the dogs no matter how innocent they look. There are always misbehaving dogs and it is impossible to distinguish them from good ones. My daughter goes into a frenzy when any off-leash dog approaches her.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Edmands Park is no different than any other public space of our beautiful city and and would like to enjoy it with my whole family without any stress which off-leash dogs can cause. If a person

has chosen to have a dog it should keep it off-leash either at their private property or walk them at specially created fenced dog walking areas such as an area near Cabot Elementary

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

We have two toddlers and 2 times large dogs charged at them and the owners were not in control. If I had not scooped up the kids, they would have been pushed over or worse.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I do not feel this is a dog park space. Improvements to the existing dog spaces make sense for all community members, not just dog owners.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Unable to take my rescue dog to this park because he is leash reactive and gets frightened being approached by unleashed dogs, have regularly visited this park with my kids and have been approached by unleashed dogs that frighten my younger one. Many dogs do not have good recall and are still left off leash (was there one time only with my dog, an unleashed dog kept approaching my dog and frightening him, owner called the dog multiple times and the dog did not respond).

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Allowing unleashed dogs in public space can not only make others in the neighborhood to feel safe walking, but it is not responsible to assume that your dog will only encounter other friendly dogs. Dogs should not be unleashed around others unless they are trained not to approach others and can be called back reliably with distractions when they encounter other dogs and people. Unleashed dog parks are the most appropriate place where people who enter all consent to having dogs unleashed.

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**Why?**

My child has been knocked over by off leash dogs and is now terrified of dogs. I am tired of stepping in dog poop in Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

It ruins the experience for people. My child is terrified of dogs after being jumped on by off leash dogs. My whole family is tired of cleaning dog poop off our shoes after stepping in it in the park. We live near the park and often have dogs appear in our yard without their owners.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dangerous for little children, dogs get lost frequently (Blake Street owner)

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

This would stop families with young children from walking in/ enjoying the park because from my personal experience (and that's been going on for over 5 years) dogs run up to young children and lick their faces or jump on them, uncontrollable happy big dog will scare the children, owners are never around close enough to stop the dog from jumping/licking children. When we take walks in the park with my children, I always have to be on high alert because big dogs jumped on my kids way too many times making them fall, cry or be terrified. This park is the 1 reason we do not have a dog, the dogs have terrified my children to the point of them always being afraid of the dogs. Plus this is terrible for wild life because dogs break nests and other animal habitat.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I strongly against the off leash idea because this will become dog park and will cut out families that do not own a dog, they will not enjoy the park at that point and will stop using it.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Most owners have well-trained dogs that they oversee considerately, but a significant minority has ill- or untrained pets that they ignore as they text or phone. The animals in question can be worrisome even for large adults, let alone for small children.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I have a daughter who is allergic to dogs. When I walk in Edmands Park any later than 7 am (or in inclement weather), inevitably I am jumped on or rubbed by a dog, and bring the allergen home. I am not anti-dog. I just don't see a chance in the real world of 100% compliance in terms of owners keeping their offleash dogs a few inches away from other people. I'd be in Edmands Park much more if I could walk in prime hours without fear of physical contact with dogs. The de facto presence of dogs is already keeping potential users without dogs away, and denying non-dog owners fair use of this wonderful resource.

I also fear that easing the regulations would lead to more professional dog walkers bringing large groups of dogs into the park. Even in leash this could become a nuisance.

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**Why?**

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**



People just ignore the rule anyway, which is annoying because a lot of folks think their dog is “super friendly”, and then it barks at my young child and freaks them out. Or they let their dog just run off away from their supervision. How am I supposed to know whether that dog is safe or well-trained when its owner is fifty yards away?

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Your dog is not that special. We do not want to pet your dog. We want to feel comfortable walking in a nice park without people expecting us to dawn over their animals. Many little kids can't tell the difference between safe dogs and dangerous ones. There are other off-leash parks; use those.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

From the Edmands Park entrance plaque: "Please be respectful of this habitat so it will remain a beautiful greenspace for everyone." Edmands Park was donated by the Edmands family to be used and enjoyed by the public. It was never designed to be an off leash dog park. It is a place to enjoy natural beauty. For everyone.

There are many reasons to keep dogs leashed while visiting the park. Older people or children can be knocked off balance and possibly harmed by large and fast dogs not controlled by owners. I know of people who avoid Edmands with their young children specifically because of the loose dogs. Smaller or older dogs are not safe from larger dogs off leash. The forest is fouled by dogs defecating freely either on the path or in the woods where owners are not following to pick it up. This is not only damaging to the flora and fauna but also can attracts rats, which can lead to an increase of rodenticide of owls and other birds of prey, who eat the rats who have possibly ingested rat poison. There are often bags of dog feces left on a path, even if intended to collect later, which is selfish and unpleasant for others walking by. No ground wildlife (migrating ducks, squirrels, rabbits, foxes etc) can coexist with loose dogs. There is also the potential

impact on Edmands Brook and the substantial wetlands it empties into. Dog feces contain harmful bacteria including Ecoli and fecal coliform, and toxocariasis. All three of which are hazardous to human health. Rainwater washes fragments of pet waste into streams and other waterways contaminating the water. The nutrients from dog waste also create algae blooms thus further degrading water quality.

I know dogs are wonderful creatures and they are like children/ family to their owners. However I don't think that people are thinking outside of their own experience when they let them off leash. It's not just one or two dogs that is going to cause major problems, but multiply that by hundreds of dogs, daily, weekly etc, and the delicate ecosystem of Edmands park suffers. In a world which is growing in population and lessening in natural space, we need to preserve what little we have. It is a special and rare thing to have a natural space like Edmands within a city. Let's keep it natural, and a welcome place for all humans and animals, not just dogs. Dogs should be allowed to walk there, but on trails and on a leash.

<https://u.osu.edu/binder.56/2019/06/13/3reasons-to-keep-your-dog-on-a-leash-when-you-are-out-in-nature/>  
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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs are not adequately controlled, and have stopped many children or young families from visiting the park.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There are other off-leash parks. Newton parks should be accessible to all residents, not just those with dogs off leash.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

## **Do you have any concerns?**

### **\*\*Accessibility Concerns:\*\***

- Designating the wooded area as an off-leash park may limit its use and accessibility for all residents. Ensuring an inclusive and accessible community involves considering the needs and preferences of all community members, including those who may not own or prefer not to be around off-leash dogs.

### **\*\*Uncontrolled Dog Behavior:\*\***

Not all dogs may be well-behaved off-leash, and incidents of aggressive behavior or dog fights could occur, posing a risk to both dogs and their owners.

### **\*\*Noise Disturbance:\*\***

- Off-leash parks can lead to increased noise levels, affecting both wildlife and nearby residents.

### **\*\*Not Picking Up After Their Dogs:\*\***

- Irresponsible waste management by dog owners can lead to unsanitary conditions, environmental pollution, health risks, and an overall negative impact on the aesthetics and usability of the park for the entire community.

### **\*\*Allergic Reactions and Public Health Concerns:\*\***

- Some individuals may have allergies or fears of dogs, making the presence of off-leash dogs a potential public health concern.

### **\*\*Environmental Impact:\*\***

- Increased foot traffic and disturbances off trails could disrupt the natural ecosystem, leading to habitat destruction and potential harm to wildlife.

### **\*\*Safety Concerns for Wildlife:\*\***

- An off-leash park could pose a threat to local wildlife, as dogs may chase or disturb animals, disrupt nesting sites, and contribute to a decline in local biodiversity.

### **\*\*Impact on Native Plant Species:\*\***

- Dogs, unintentionally, may carry seeds of invasive plant species on their fur, potentially introducing non-native vegetation that could outcompete local plants.

### **\*\*Liability and Maintenance Costs:\*\***

- An off-leash park may require additional maintenance and resources to ensure it remains safe and clean, potentially leading to increased costs for the community.

## **Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I would prefer that current leash laws are enforced at the park so all residents can safely use the area.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

As a parent of a young child, I find that off leash dogs make it hard to truly enjoy natural places like Edmands Park with my son, with dogs bounding up to him and me having to make snap judgements about what I need to do to keep him safe.

Off leash dogs disturb wildlife as well.

Let's keep the dogs in our park on leash so all can enjoy!

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Unpleasant and potentially dangerous

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash part of the time (dedicated off-leash hours).

**Why?**

Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I primarily use the park for trail running. My main concern would be having a dog chase me or get in my way and trip me. I've had a couple of near misses already and my fear is that an increase in more dogs being off leash would only increase the possibility of a collision between me and the dog(s).

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Most dogs I encounter are off leash anyway so dog owners are already ignoring the rule. Might as well make it officially off leash at least for part of the day.

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Yes, part of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time (a smaller dog park within Edmands)., No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Biking

**Do you have any concerns?**

Feces on trail and off trail areas, dogs jumping on people or kids ( all these have happened)

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**Why?**

Some owners do not watch their dogs they jump up on people, dogs roam in packs and become dangerous to people walking in park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking, Visiting with my children, Meditation, walking with grandchildren, cross-country skiing

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs bounding over and knocking people over, dog poop, dog owners not being considerate of those who do not want to be run over, bumped into, slobbered by a dog(s)

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There is an off-leash dog park on the big park area next to Cabot School and the tennis courts. We live a 2 minute walk from Edmands Park and use it all the time!!

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I walk in Cabot woods frequently. I am happy to have dogs walk in the woods on leashes. But I am concerned about the possibility of off leash dogs can bite or knock over walkers. I learned from the Newton Animal Control Dept that every years a number of people are bitten by off leash dogs. And when that happens it can be difficult to learn about the dog's owner, dog vaccination, and required medical care for the person bitten. When I walk in Cabot woods and off leash dogs run after me, usually the owner is not effective as stopping the dog from approaching me or jumping on me.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**Why?**

I think that all dogs should be on -leash. I would like to relax while walking in the Edmond Park instead to be alert and to be afraid of dogs off-leash

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

I adamantly against that dogs should be off-leash at Edmond park, because most of people ( including myself) and kids are afraid unknown dogs coming or chasing them. It is natural for people to be alert in the presence of unknown dogs. Owners should be responsible for their dogs keeping them on-leash

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

The dogs there are just wild. Because of the trees, the owners are nowhere within sight and it gets dangerous with small children

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

There should be a higher regard for the safety of children in our community. These woods are lovely, my children love coming here, but the dogs are a menace, since owners are so irresponsible

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No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Visiting with my children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Lots of kids are afraid of dogs, mine included. The dogs “playfully “ running towards us scares me too.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

It is treated like one already. Stopped going there for that reason.

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No, the City of Newton should not officially designate Edmands Park as an off-leash dog area.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Visiting with my children, Walking without children

**Do you have any concerns?**

Although most dog owners are responsible, our children have been knocked down and I have been jumped upon by unsupervised off-leash dogs, and the owners, once they came into view, did not seem at all concerned.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

If the decision is to allow officially off-leash dogs, then I hope that part of the park, at least, can be retained for leashed dogs and humans (with or without dogs).

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**Do you have any concerns?**

I never bring my dog to the park because inconsiderate dog owners let their dogs off leash even though it isn't allowed. It's ruining the park for everyone else - people can't bring their kids to the park because there are so many off leash dogs running around.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

Entitled Newton dog owners already let their dogs off leash there. It would be a nice park if they were more considerate.

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Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.

**Why?**

Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.

**Do you have any concerns?**

Dogs who attack or inappropriately attack humans or other dogs.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.

**Why?**

I get more exercise when I walk my dog off-leash., Dogs need opportunities for off-leash exercise., I enjoy the beauty of the park and am happy to share it with off-leash dogs.

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**Why?**

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Yes, all of Edmands Park being off-leash all the time.

**Do you have any concerns?**

That the park will attract dog owners whose dogs may not be well-socialized for off-leash walking.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I think we'll need to educate our dog owners about the finer points of off-leash walking in a shared park, if we're to succeed in our endeavor. (This includes many of our long time walkers of wonderful dogs who may exuberantly run over to someone who is afraid or bark excessively at people. Posting off-leash decorum with things like: 1. Take your dog off the path if there are children around, control and ask the accompanying adult if they are comfortable having your dog approach. Respect that some people really are afraid of dogs and should not be put in the position of having their fear challenged or minimized. Etc Some other towns have good wording.

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**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Trail running or walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I occasionally run/jog through the woods, but had to stop after being attacked by an off-leash dog. Although a minority, poorly trained dogs can be dangerous, especially to kids. In many ways, it feels like the dog owners have bullied everyone else (perhaps inadvertently) from using the park.

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I'd like to see broader outreach to the community before deciding on making Edmands Park off-leash.

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**Are you in favor of the City of Newton designating Edmands Park an off-leash area?**

No, dogs should never be off-leash at Edmands Park.

**How do you use Edmands Park?**

Dog walking

**Do you have any concerns?**

I walk my small dog sometimes in Edmonds Park and it's really bad for me since large dogs are running around off leash and they intimidate my dog so I cannot walk there

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

I think they should have a designated area for our fleet that's fenced in so that people that do not want large dogs running at them, or their dog can still walk in Edmonds Park

# OFF-LEASH DOGS AT EDMANDS PARK

COMMUNITY MEETING  
December 7, 2023



## COMMUNITY MEETING

- Introduction
- Purpose of tonight's meeting
- History of off-leash dogs at Edmands Park & enforcement
- Survey & other steps
- Discussion

## SURVEY: WHO'S IN FAVOR?

- Survey conducted June 25 - July 10
- Link shared with friends, neighbors, fellow dog owners
- Signs posted with QR code at entrances to Edmands Park

## VISITORS FAVOR OFF-LEASH DOGS

- 355 responses; multiple choices allowed
  - 290 respondents (81.5%) support off-leash park-wide at all hours
  - 97 respondents (27.2%) support off-leash park-wide, restricted hours
  - 38 respondents (10.7%) support off-leash in a dedicated dog park at all hours
  - 19 respondents (5%) do not want dogs off-leash
  - 11 respondents (3%) do not want Edmands Park designated an off-leash area

## VISITORS WITH CHILDREN FAVOR OFF-LEASH DOGS

- 25% of respondents visit with children
- 76% of respondents who visit with children favor off-leash park-wide at all times

## WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF OFF-LEASH DOGS?

- Owners and their dogs want exercise
- Visitors are happy to share the park with off-leash dogs
- 15% selected that, for their own personal safety, they want to walk their dogs off-leash

## OTHER STEPS

- Gathered information:
  - Complaints about off-leash dogs at Edmands Park (none to NPD Jan-July 2023) but some to Parks & Rec
  - How other cities/towns handle off-leash dogs on trails
  - Met with Off-Leash Area Working Group

## IDENTIFIED CONCERNS & SOLUTIONS

- Clear signage and community messaging to enforce rules
- Provide “poop bag” dispensers to address waste disposal concerns
- Ability to self-police dangerous dogs
- Not fully fenced, discouraging dogs not under voice-command

# DISCUSSION

- We welcome feedback from everyone (for and against off-leash dogs)
- Can also submit feedback to [EdmandsPark@gmail.com](mailto:EdmandsPark@gmail.com)

# OFF-LEASH DOGS AT EDMANDS PARK

COMMUNITY MEETING

January 17, 2024



## COMMUNITY MEETING

- Introduction
- Purpose of tonight's meeting
- History of enforcement of off-leash dogs at Edmands Park
- Survey (re-opened!)
- Newton off-leash areas
- Discussion

## SURVEY: WHO'S IN FAVOR?

- Survey conducted June 25 - July 10, re-opened December 28
- Signs posted with QR code at entrances to Edmands Park and on Blake Street and Mill Street
- [www.cabotcanines.org](http://www.cabotcanines.org)

## VISITORS FAVOR OFF-LEASH DOGS

444 responses as of Jan. 16 (multiple choices)

- 385 respondents (86.7%) support off-leash dogs
  - 343 respondents (77%) support off-leash park-wide at all hours
  - 108 respondents (24%) support off-leash park-wide, restricted hours
  - 41 respondents (9%) support off-leash in a dedicated dog park at all hours
- 59 respondents (13%) do not support off-leash dogs
  - 48 respondents (9.3%) do not want dogs off-leash
  - 38 respondents (3.2%) do not want Edmands Park designated an off-leash area



## VISITORS WITH CHILDREN FAVOR OFF-LEASH DOGS

- 117 respondents (26%) visit with children
- 89 (76%) of respondents who visit with children favor off-leash park-wide at all times

## WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF OFF-LEASH DOGS?

- Owners and their dogs want exercise
- Visitors are happy to share the park with off-leash dogs
- 58 (13%) selected that, for their own personal safety, they want to walk their dogs off-leash

# NEWTON OFF-LEASH AREAS

- Current Fees (<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/city-clerk/dog-licensing>)
  - Leashed license: \$20 spayed/neutered, \$25 unfixed
  - Off-leash license: \$70 spayed/neutered, \$75 unfixed
- Fees pay for enforcement (Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture instead of Police Department) and poop bags

\*\*Not legal advice\*\*

# NEWTON OFF-LEASH RULES

Newton Ordinance 3-30 Dogs Off-Leash Program lists rules for using “designated off-leash areas,” including:

- Dogs must be under the control of a person, who must ensure the dog does not disturb or threaten other dogs or persons using the designated off-leash area or surrounding area.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon exiting, and the owner must always carry a leash.
- Dogs must not be left unattended.
- Owners must immediately remove and dispose of fecal waste. (Bags are provided at designated off-leash areas.)
- Dogs must wear a collar with identification, be off-leash licensed, vaccinated, and healthy.
- Owners must ensure that the dog’s activity conforms to all rules and regulations pertaining to the off-leash area, as well as for any injury to persons or animals, or damage to public or private property caused by the dog.
- Dangerous dogs will be banned.

\*\*Not legal advice\*\*

# PROPOSAL

- Entire Edmands Park designated an off-leash area
- No additional fencing (4 of Newton's 7 off-leash areas are not currently full fenced: Graceland, Claflin, Newton Center, Cold Springs)

## IDENTIFIED CONCERNS & SOLUTIONS

- Clear signage and community messaging to enforce rules
- Provide "poop bag" dispensers to address waste disposal concerns
- Ability to self-police dangerous dogs

# FEEDBACK

- We welcome feedback from everyone (for and against off-leash dogs)
- [www.cabotcanines.org](http://www.cabotcanines.org)
  - Survey
  - Contact form
- [EdmandsPark@gmail.com](mailto:EdmandsPark@gmail.com)

## Feedback from Email and CabotCanines.org

Date	Comment
01/03/23	<p>I live very near the park, and I saw the posted notices today. I am a dog owner and walker. I do not however walk my dog in Edmands Park because of the number of dogs that are already off leash. In the past my dog and I have been approached quickly by unleashed dogs with no owner in site. That experience is stressful and intimidating.</p> <p>I do run on the trails, and many times I have been approached alone the same way. I have nearly been bitten on many occasions. Perhaps I should have taken the time to report a near miss bite to The City. I do not however know if they record that data.</p> <p>I am not in favor of the entire park being designated off leash.</p> <p>Thanks for listening.</p> <p>[Anonymized]</p>
01/03/23	<p>I love that Cabot woods Offers an awfully option Offers an awfully option for dogs. For dogs Who are friendly and like to run around. It is also an opportunity for.</p>
01/04/23	<p>Registering for Jan. 17 Zoom call Thanks</p>
01/04/23	<p>Please register me for this meeting...</p>
01/04/23	<p>Off lease for dog</p>
01/05/23	<p>Dogs needs this park for off leash!</p>
01/10/23	<p>We would like to register for the meeting on the 17th Also my husband [Anonymized] will want to speak separately.</p>

Date	Comment
01/11/23	<p>As an elderly person who is limping after a hip fracture, I hope to get back to being able to walk in Edmands, degraded as it is ecologically, for health and spiritual nourishment.</p> <p>I am appalled by the idea of turning it over to the dogs. In my years of using this neighborhood woods for walking, I met loose dogs all the time. Some were old and unproblematic. Many were quick moving, jumpy, and rowdy when socializing with other dogs. When one would jump on me, the owner would glare at me for registering displeasure, and shrug at the mud left on my clothes.</p> <p>Understanding that there are many dog owners who want their "babies" to be able to run loose, I would hope that you could at least restrict off leash to a few early morning and late afternoon hours. I am willing to restrict my time in the woods if it will assure me safe and unstressful walking during predictable hours.</p> <p>[Anonymized]</p>
01/11/23	<p>I won't be able to attend this meeting, but would like to express my support for making Edmands Park an off-leash dog park.</p> <p>Newton has no off leash parks where dog owners can hike with their dogs off leash. Cold spring has a field for ball tossing and socializing. The other dog parks are small dirt areas surrounded by wire fences.</p> <p>I have lived in Newton for 54 years and yet go to Waltham, Weston and Needham so my dog and I can hike off leash.</p> <p>[Anonymized]</p>
01/11/23	<p>Here is my email. Please include me in your meeting:          [Anonymized]          Thank you.</p>
01/11/23	<p>Registration for Zoom Mtg January 17</p>
01/12/23	<p>I am FOR allowing off-leash dogs          Share your opinions on making Cabot Woods an Off-leash Area:: My dog and I love to go trail running and it's impossible to do on a leash.</p>
01/12/23	<p>I would like to register for the discussion re Edmands Park for off leash dogs</p>

Date	Comment
01/16/23	<p>I am AGAINST allowing off-leasg dogs</p> <p>I have a reactive dog and being able to walk her on trails provides important enrichment for sniffing and exercise. I do everything in my power to manage her behavior (medication, reinforcement training, cross conditioning, etc.) but I am not able to control other dogs. There have been many times where off leash dogs have run up to us while walking around Cabot Woods. Sometimes their owner has been visible and called them back, which is great, but more often their owner does not call them back until I have to assert that my dog does not feel comfortable being approached, or their owner is not even initially in sight. As dog guardians, we may have different understandings of good recall in our dogs and leaving this distinction up to interpretation is very risky. While I am confident in my ability to manage my dog on her longline leash in Cabot Woods, it becomes far more difficult and dangerous for my dog and myself when off leash dogs approach us. I am sharing this perspective on behalf of myself, my dog, and our experiences, and other reactive dog owners in our community. All dogs deserve a safe way to enjoy the outdoors, and this does not require being off leash. As a side note, longline leashes offer a great opportunity for dogs to sniff and explore at a distance from their owners (15+ feet leashes are common) while still being able to be managed as necessary around other dogs or people. This removes questions of recall from the equation. I believe for reasons of safety and opportunities for all dogs to enjoy the woods, in addition to humans, the park should not become off leash. However, a separate fenced in portion that is allowed as off leash would be a wonderful compromise.</p>
12/28/23	<p>I am currently recovering from surgery but saw the notice of your group. I am a longtime dog owner and lover and would like to speak to someone in your group as you did mention people with disabilities and dogs.</p> <p>Appreciate a contact. [Anonymized]</p>
12/31/23	<p>We have a meeting that i'm chairing that night but if I can get away for part of it -i'd like to join your meeting. Perhaps in the future you might coordinate your public meetings with the council so we are free of meetings when you have yours.</p> <p>If I can't get there I hope you'll give us the lowdown on what happened.</p> <p>thanks [Anonymized]</p>
01/01/24	<p>Do I need to register to attend the Jan. 17 meeting about off-leash dogs in Cabot Woods? If so, I'd like to register. Thank you, [Anonymized]</p>
01/04/24	<p>Please register me for the Jan 17 off-leash Zoom meeting</p>

Date	Comment
02/05/24	<p>I live on Blake Street and have a dog I walk in the woods (leashed only).</p> <p>The major issue I have with designating the area as off-leash is that many (I might even say most?) owners don't have control over their dogs. They are often separated (out of sight), I often see dogs running onto Blake Street, and with decent frequency through my backyard — none of which is safe for anyone with two or four legs or wheels.</p> <p>What I hear more than anything else is 'don't worry, he/she is friendly' — that's not enough. I always think...How do you know MY dog is friendly?!</p> <p>Anyway this is not a hill I will die on, but considering how little oversight there is now, when off-leash dogs are not even technically allowed, I'm pretty sure these issues would be worse if there is a formal designation.</p>
02/05/24	<p>As a nearby resident I would like to share that I oppose the plan for Edmands Park to become an off leash area. I enjoy walking there and have had many dogs jump on me or almost trip me, etc, due to being off leash. It is more important that this be a safe walking area for humans.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
02/05/24	<p>I suffered through years of people telling me my dog is friendly.</p> <p>I don't like dogs, don't want them near me. My daughter was terrified of dogs the worst kind are friendly dogs.</p> <p>We could not walk in the park as owners refused to control their dogs and keep them away from us.</p> <p>Please keep safe wilderness areas for the residents.</p> <p>Thank you</p>



Date	Comment
02/05/24	<p>Hi, my husband and I live 1 block from Edmands park, and walk there often.</p> <p>My husband was bitten by an off-leash dog last year (through his clothes, luckily not breaking the skin). I had an experience another time where a large off-leash dog jumped up on me, and licked my face from my chin to my glasses. Not only was this very disturbing to me, I am also allergic to dogs, and had to curtail my walk to go home and wash myself off so as not to have an allergic reaction.</p> <p>It won't surprise you to learn that I strongly object to the park becoming an area where dogs can be off leash. Can I suggest a smaller fenced area for them to be off leash, like there is in cold spring park?</p> <p>Because there are many poorly trained dogs in the city (as I found from personal experiences above), I am not comfortable with the suggestion of changing the park regulations.</p> <p>Please do not include my name or email with this letter if it is shared or forwarded, though I'm glad to talk to someone on the committee if it is helpful.</p>
02/05/24	<p>I understand it's much easier easier to have a dog outdoors and let them run freely. My only request is when your dogs are outdoors and little children are around, at that time, put them on leashes My grandchildren have been terrified by dogs jump up on them.</p>
02/06/24	<p>Select an option: I am AGAINST allowing off-leasg dogs</p> <p>Share your opinions on making Cabot Woods an Off-leash Area:: My son and I used to spend a lot of time in the woods. To me it was not only relaxing, but most of out deep and honest conversations were taking place there. He is afraid of dogs. I am not very comfortable about running dogs. Feels like our neighbors that have dogs and letting them run off the leash are disrespectful to us. "He/she is very friendly" , "just playing" remarks are not making us feel better. On one occasion one dog growled and scared me a lot. Please, let us all enjoy the woods.</p>

Date	Comment
02/06/24	<p>Select an option: I am AGAINST allowing off-leasg dogs</p> <p>Share your opinions on making Cabot Woods an Off-leash Area:: On a recent occasion walking in Cabot Woods, every dog I saw was off-leash. One person was throwing a ball to her dog while I was walking in front of her. Another person's dog came up to me, and when I motioned for the dog to go away from me she very loudly and rudely said "I guess she doesn't like you." I told her she was right -- I do not like strange dogs coming up to me -- and she simply ignored me. If I could depend on people training their dogs appropriately I would be more in favor of allowing some sort of accommodation for off-leash dogs. But I have not seen that people and their dogs behave courteously or appropriately. And I do not want Cabot Woods to be entirely taken over by off-leash dogs -- that is tantamount to saying that people without dogs are not welcome in Cabot Woods.</p> <p>Is another option, perhaps off-leash dogs could be allowed on weekday mornings.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
02/06/24	<p>Select an option: I favor some sort of part-time option</p> <p>Share your opinions on making Cabot Woods an Off-leash Area:: I love dogs. I really do; it's their owners that make trouble by not training them properly. I have been out walking and been approached by ann unleashed dog many times; luckily, the dogs weren't aggressive. I have also been in the woods with a friend, and her leashed dog was approached by an unleashed dog. My friend tried to get her dog out of the way, and when the owner appeared, she said "Max doesn't play well with others." The owner made a face and called his dog back to him. That could have gone much worse.</p> <p>All that said, I think dog parks on an open area is a great idea. IT lets the dogs really run around, and the owners meet their neighbors. In a park, owners can keep a better eye on their dogs without the obstruction of trees.</p> <p>By all I mans, find a space for a dog park, and in the meantime, continue to allow leashed dogs to enjoy Cabot Woods.</p>
02/07/24	<p>Select an option: I am FOR allowing off-leash dogs</p> <p>Share your opinions on making Cabot Woods an Off-leash Area:: Cabot Woods is one of the few natural, wooded areas in Newton and would provide a much better experience for dogs than the existing small, unshaded dog parks that Newton has. We strongly support making official designation of Cabot Woods as off-leash!</p> <p>[Anonymized]</p>

Date	Comment
02/07/24	<p>Gentlemen:</p> <p>I am the owner of the house at [Anonymized] Blake Street, directly opposite one of the main entrances to Edmands Park. I would like to speak with Michael and/or Miriam about my concerns which were expressed to David Micley yesterday.</p> <p>I can be reached by phone as per below and perhaps we can meet for a few moments as I live close to you at [Anonymized].</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>[Anonymized]</p>

# Summary: Newton Police Department Response to Public Record Requests

**July 1, 2018 to January 14, 2024**

<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Injury</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
04/03/19	Dog Bite	Injured dog	Two off-leash dogs, "Touker" (Touka) bit Coco. (More details in report)	Mailed city ordinance violation, \$50 to all parties
05/19/19	Dog Bite	Injured dog	Greater Swiss Mountain Dog named Oscar bit Yellow Lab Oscar at Edmands (more details in report). Reported by Angell West Animal Hospital	\$50 file to Oscar's owner
05/21/19	Dog Bite	Injured human	Student of Fessenden School on a school trip in the park, riding a mountain bike, bitten in the calf by an unidentified dog	Dog unidentified, parents made aware of incident
01/19/20	Dog Bite	Injured human and dog	Shepherd Mix Ivy hurt human Karen and twice bit her dog Angie (more details in report)	\$50 fine, instructed to walk on leash with muzzle, applied for dangerous dog hearing for Ivy.
05/29/20	Unleashed Dog	None	Tan shepherd or lab mix dog running around Cabot Woods in circles.	(105) Nothing Showing
01/09/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Complaint of people letting their dogs off leash in the park. Anonymous, lives in the area and can see people unleashing their dogs.	(112) Service Complt
01/25/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Anonymous report of dogs off leash	(101) Advised Persons
03/06/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Anonymous, states a large group of people with their dogs unleashed at the park	(103) Canceled by RP
03/12/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Anonymous report of group of people letting dogs off leash	(101) Advised Persons. 2F parties leaving the woods were advised

<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Injury</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
03/15/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Anonymous report of 4 people walking dogs off leash	(105) Nothing Showing
03/19/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Anonymous report of people with dogs off leash	(105) Nothing Showing
08/09/21	City Ordinance Violation	Injured dog	On-leash dog bitten by off leash dog Zeke, being walked with other dogs by The Good Hound dog walker. Second dog bite involving Zeke (first report #21028369). (More details in report)	Issued Newton Ordinance Violation to The Good Hound for failing to restrain Zeke
09/10/21	Unleashed Dog	None	Beagle wandering the neighborhood, chasing rabbits, barking	(112) Service Complt. Dog reunited with owner
11/24/21	Dog Bite	Injured dog	Two off-leash dogs, both bit each other (?) (more details in report)	Both owners mailed ordinance for restraint of dog
11/26/21	Animal Problem	None	A beagle lost in the woods, caller is keeping an eye on the dog.	(112) Service Complt
04/29/22	Dog Bite	Injured human	Runner bit by unleashed dog in Edmands, owner contacted, dog was with dog walker at the time (more details in report)	NPD confirmed rabies status, owner renewed dog registration
09/11/22	Animal Problem	None	Beagle running loose in the area with red light on his collar	(105) Nothing Showing
03/10/23	Unleashed Dog	None	German Shepard running around, RP thinks it got out of a house nearby. There are kids around and the RP is concerned.	(105) Nothing Showing
10/17/23	Dog Bite	Injured human	Leashed dog (A) broke off retractable leash, bit another leashed dog (B). Dog B's owner sustained cuts to hands while trying to separate the dogs.	Dog A was subsequently euthanized.



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
19012494 / 1

**OFFICER**  
MIKOLEIT L

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #19012494 DATA**

As Of 04/05/2019 14:00:43

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
DOG BITE	94 BLAKE ST	
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b>	
04/03/2019 20:54:18	04/03/2019 17:00 to 04/03/2019 17:40	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b>		
(99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	HINTEREGGER, PETER	MALE	WHITE
INVOLVED PARTY	BRACHMAN, SHAEL	FEMALE	
INVOLVED PARTY	KELLEY, NATHANIEL	MALE	
INVOLVED PARTY	HINTEREGGER, HANS F	MALE	WHITE

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 19012494 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (29016)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
04/04/2019 17:48:41	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	MIKOLEIT L	29016
Reviewing Officer:	LEE B	25222
Approving Officer:	LEE B	25222



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NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
19012494	04/03/2019 20:54	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 19012494 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
04/03/2019 20:54:18	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On 04-03-2019 I spoke with Brachman, Shael who stated that her dog was attacked and bitten while she was off-leash in Edmands Park. She is the owner of a Australian Labradoodle named "Coco" who is current on the rabies vaccine (exp:09-14-2021), but not currently licensed in Newton. Shael stated that it is unknown what made the other two dogs attack her dog, and her dog is currently at Angell Animal Hospital still receiving treatment for a bite wound to the right front leg. She also stated that all dogs involved were off-leash at the time of the incident. She stated that she knows their is a leash law, but everyone has their dog off-leash. She was also advised to obtain a Newton dog license.

I then contacted Hinteregger, Peter who is the owner of an Australian Cattle Dog/Mix named "Touker" that is licensed in Newton (#208) and current on the rabies vaccine (Exp:05-30-2019). He stated that he was off-leash and aware of the leash law. He also does not know why his dog attacked "Coco". He was advised of the dangerous dog law and the ten day quarantine.

I also contacted Hinteregger, Hans who is Peters brother, and was walking his grandsons dog "Madison" off-leash. His grandson Kelley, Nathaniel owns a Australian Cattle Dog that is current on the rabies vaccine (exp:06-29-2021), but not licensed in Newton. Hans stated that he witnessed "Madison" biting the neck area of "Coco".

On 04-04-2019 I spoke with Nathaniel. He stated that he currently moved to Newton and will obtain a dog license. He stated that his grandfather never should of had his dog off-leash, because she can be dog aggressive. He was advised of the dangerous dog law and the ten day quarantine.

On 04-04-2019 a copy of the bite form was faxed to the City of Newton Health Department. Due to all parties involved in the bite incident being in violation of the leash law, they were mailed city ordinance violations 3-26 restraint of dog \$50.00.

Hinteregger, Peter (14541)

Hinteregger, Hans (14540)  
Brachman, Shael (14542)





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**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
19021812 / 1

**OFFICER**  
MIKOLEIT L

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #19021812 DATA**

As Of 06/05/2019 15:51:03

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
DOG BITE	94 BLAKE ST	
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b>	
05/30/2019 19:09:34	05/19/2019 16:30 to 05/19/2019 17:00	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b>		
(99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	LEVIN, JULIUS	MALE	
REPORTING PERSON	LEVIN, ARI R	MALE	WHITE

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 19021812 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (29016)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
05/30/2019 19:12:53	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	MIKOLEIT L	29016
Reviewing Officer:	LEE B	25222
Approving Officer:	LEE B	25222



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**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
19021812	05/30/2019 19:09	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 19021812 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
05/30/2019 19:09:34	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On 05-28-2019 I received a fax from Angell West Animal hospital reporting a dog bite that occurred in Edmonds Park on 05-19-2019. The dog that was injured is a yellow lab named "Oscar" and is owned by Levin, Julius. At the time of the incident the dog was being walked by Julius's son Ari. I contacted Ari and he stated that "Oscar" was attacked and bitten by a Rottweiler also named "Oscar". Ari also stated that he has had prior incidents with the same dog, and has asked the owners to put their dog on a leash and stay away from his dog. Ari did not report any of the incidents to Animal Control, and stated that all he knows is the male party involved is named Tom, and was given his phone number. I called the Phone number and a message was left for Tom to contact Animal Control with the rabies information on his dog. As of 05-30-2019 at 19:30 hrs., I have not received a call back from Tom. The dog license data base was checked, and no matching record was found. A copy of the bite form was faxed to the Animal Inspector to also attempt to reach Tom. Ari stated that "Oscar" was injured in the back, and received several puncture wounds. Ari was also knocked to the ground during the incident, but was not treated for any injuries. "Oscar" is licensed in Newton #6197, and current on the rabies vaccine.

**OFFICER REPORT: 19021812 - 2 / MIKOLEIT L (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
05/30/2019 19:09:34	SUPPLEMENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On 06-05-2019 I was able to speak with Murphy, Thomas who is the owner of a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog named Oscar. He stated that his dog was involved in a bite incident and is seen at Newton Animal Hospital with a Rabies expiration of 03-05-2022. Thomas was advised that he will be receiving a \$50.00 ordinance violation for 3-26 restraint of dog in the mail, and was given a verbal warning on obtaining a Newton dog license. He was

also advised that the Animal Inspector will be contacting him to go over the quarantine period that he did not complete due to not contacting them or Animal Control in a timely manner.



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
19020475 / 1

**OFFICER**  
GARCIA J

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #19020475 DATA**

As Of 06/03/2019 10:23:00

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
DOG BITE/YIXUAN YU	94 BLAKE ST	
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b>	
05/22/2019 15:33:17	05/21/2019 15:00 to 05/22/2019 15:33	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b>		
(99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	YU, YIXUAN	MALE	ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 19020475 - 1 / GARCIA J (38335)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
05/22/2019 22:42:48	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	GARCIA J	38335
Reviewing Officer:	LEE B	25222
Approving Officer:	LEE B	25222



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**INCIDENT DATA**

<b><u>INCIDENT #</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u></b>
19020475	05/22/2019 15:33	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 19020475 - 1 / GARCIA J (OFFICER)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
05/22/2019 15:33:17	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On Tuesday May 21, 2019 Animal Control received a report of a dog bite that occurred in Edmonds Park involving a student. Yixuan Yu was on a school trip in the park and was riding a mountain bike when he was bitten on the left calf by a dog. Yixuan was unable to identify the dog or the dog owner. The dog was described as a herding dog but no other information is available at this time. Yixuan was treated at NWH this morning. Animal control has not received an exposure form from the hospital at this time. Yixuan's parents live outside of the country but have been informed and consulted with by school staff. The Animal Bite Form was faxed to the Newton Health Department.

**OFFICER REPORT: 19020475 - 2 / PANICA J (OFFICER)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
05/22/2019 15:33:17	SUPPLEMENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

ON FRIDAY 05/31/2019 OFFICER ADAM SPOKE WITH ADMINISTRATORS AT THE FESSENDEN SCHOOL. IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT YIXUAN IS A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL AND HIS PARENTS ARE AWARE OF THE INCIDENT.



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
20004434 / 1

**OFFICER**  
MIKOLEIT L

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #20004434 DATA**

As Of 02/08/2020 11:39:00

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
DOG BITE - WOOTERS	94 BLAKE ST	
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b>	
01/24/2020 18:07:37	01/19/2020 08:00 to 01/19/2020 20:00	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b>		
(99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	WOOTERS, JOSEPH L	MALE	UNKNOWN
REPORTING PERSON	SHEA, KAREN	FEMALE	WHITE

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 20004434 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (29016)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
01/24/2020 18:18:57	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	MIKOLEIT L	29016
Reviewing Officer:	LEE B	25222
Approving Officer:	LEE B	25222



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
20004434	01/24/2020 18:07	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 20004434 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
01/24/2020 18:07:37	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On 01-24-2020 I spoke with Shea, Karen to follow up on a bite incident that occurred earlier in the day at Edmonds Park in Newton. She was injured along with her dog by a Shepherd Mix named "Ivy". (See #20004364) She then stated that this was the second time this week that the same dog attacked and bit her dog "Angie" a Lab/Shepherd Mix who is licensed in Newton (#7107) and current on the rabies vaccine (exp. 02-19-2022). She was in Edmonds Park on 01-19-2020 and came upon "Ivy" with her owner Wooters, Joseph, and again "Ivy" was off-leash and attacked "Angie". At the time, Karen did not know "Angie" was bitten, and located an older bite wound on her right rear side that she sustained from the first attack while she was checking her dog for injuries from today's bite incident. Due to two known bite wounds, Karen decided she will take "Angie" to her Veterinarian for treatment.

Before the veterinarian appointment, Karen came in to Newton Police Headquarters and nine photos were taken of her and her dogs injuries from both bite incidents. A few hours later I was also able to speak with Joseph, who stated that he was in Edmonds Park earlier in the week but does not remember meeting Karen. He states he walks his dog almost everyday and can not remember where he has all been. I then informed Joseph that due to the bite incident, "Ivy" will need to be quarantined for ten days and to expect a call from the Boston Animal Inspector. I then discussed today's bite incident, and Joseph stated that he is aware that Karen was injured, and he admitted to having his dog off-leash. He also stated that dogs do get in to it with each other and they usually work it out. I then explained that we can not have dogs working it out by getting in to fights with each other. Due to these two incidents that Animal Control is aware of, "Ivy" has obvious aggression towards "Angie", and is not the type of dog that can walk off-leash and without a muzzle. I also went over the Dangerous dog law in Massachusetts, and Joseph also stated that he sustained an injury to his right hand, and his dog has an injury to the left ear from today's bite incident. Joseph then agreed to meet me on 01-25-2020 at Newton Police Headquarters and a total of five photographs were taken of Joseph and his

dog. Joseph will also be given a city ordinance violation for 3-26 restraint of dog (14623) \$50.00. I also advised Joseph to use a humane muzzle while walking "Ivy" and to follow the leash law.

A copy of the three bite forms were faxed to the City of Newton Health Department and the Boston Animal Inspector.

Due to the two bite incidents and the injury to Karen, I will be applying for a dangerous dog hearing for Wooters, Joseph and his dog "Ivy".





# CAD Incident Report #20029510

Incident Information			
<b>Incident #</b>		<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Call Taker</b>
20029510		05/29/2020 09:14:57	msulliva
<b>Incident Type</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Priority</b>
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
<b>Ems Level</b>	<b>Alarm Level</b>	<b>Modified By</b>	<b>Modified Date</b>
			05/29/2020 09:22:49

Event Information			
<b>Municipality</b>		<b>Business Name</b>	
1 NEWTON		CABOT WOODS	
<b>Fire Box</b>		<b>RA</b>	
2682		137	
<b>Correct Location</b>			
CABOT WOODS / 0 BLAKE ST			
<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Apartment #</b>	<b>Cross Street</b>
0	BLAKE ST		
<b>Near</b>		<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Additional</b>
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		BLAKE ST / MILL STREET	

Reporting Person		
<b>RP Name</b>	<b>RP Phone</b>	<b>How Received</b>
██████████ N	██████████	
<b>RP Address</b>	<b>Closed By</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
	msulliva	05/29/2020 10:21:52

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	05/29/2020 09:20:56	msulliva
Narrative Description		
TAN SHEPHERD OR LAB MIX DOG RUNNING AROUND CABOT WOODS IN CIRCLES. BROWN OR RED WITH YELLOW WRITING. IN THE PATH NEAR MILL ST AND CEDAR		

ST.

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	494	12695	BOUDREAU M
NWT-PD	BK1	38335	GARCIA J

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
494	RESP	09:22:49	N		msulliva
BK1	RESP	09:23:43	N		msulliva
494	CLEAR	09:24:12	Y		msulliva
BK1	ONLOC	09:41:35	N		rmcdonal
BK1	CLEAR	10:21:52	Y		msulliva

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(105) NOTHING SHOWING			BOUDREAU M



# CAD Incident Report #21001304

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21001304		01/09/2021 10:33:15	cbrunelle
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			01/09/2021 10:34:32

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
Fire Box		RA	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
94	BLAKE ST		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	dmaldonado	01/09/2021 11:44:54

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	01/09/2021 10:33:58	cbrunelle
Narrative Description		
COMPLAINT OF PEOPLE LETTING THEIR DOGS OFF LEASH IN THE PARK		

<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
INFO	01/09/2021 10:35:18	cbrunelle
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
RP WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS - LIVES IN THE AREAAND CAN SEE PEOPLE UNLEASHING THEIR DOGS		

## Officers and Units

<b>CAD Units</b>			
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Personnel Id</b>	<b>Officer Name</b>
NWT-PD	538	29016	MIKOLEIT L

## Unit Statuses

<b>CAD Units</b>					
<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Avail?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disp ID</b>
538	DISP	10:34:32	N		cbrunelle
538	ONLOC	10:51:09	N		dmaldonado
538	CLEAR	11:44:54	Y		dmaldonado

## Dispositions

<b>Dispositions</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Incident Report?</b>	<b>Accident Report?</b>	<b>Due By</b>
POLICE	(112) SERVICE COMPLT			MIKOLEIT L



# CAD Incident Report #21003982

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21003982		01/25/2021 09:14:05	msulliva
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			01/25/2021 09:14:51

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
Fire Box		RA	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
94	BLAKE ST		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	rmdonal	01/25/2021 09:26:19

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
INFO	01/25/2021 09:14:46	msulliva
Narrative Description		
ANONYMOUS REPORT OF DOGS OFF LEASH.		

<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
INFO	01/25/2021 09:27:16	msulliva
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
NO COVID		

## Officers and Units

<b>CAD Units</b>			
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Personnel Id</b>	<b>Officer Name</b>
NWT-PD	494	12695	BOUDREAU M

## Unit Statuses

<b>CAD Units</b>					
<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Avail?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disp ID</b>
494	RESP	09:14:51	N		rmcdonal
494	ONLOC	09:21:05	N		rmcdonal
494	CLEAR	09:26:19	Y		rmcdonal

## Dispositions

<b>Dispositions</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Incident Report?</b>	<b>Accident Report?</b>	<b>Due By</b>
POLICE	(101) ADVISED PERSONS			BOUDREAU M



# CAD Incident Report #21011017

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21011017		03/06/2021 11:17:16	samsie
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			03/06/2021 11:18:45

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
Fire Box		RA	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
94	BLAKE ST		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
REFUSED		
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	brimar	03/06/2021 12:05:42

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	03/06/2021 11:18:47	samsie
Narrative Description		
RP STATES A LARGE GROUP OF POEPL E WITH THEIR DOGS UNLEASHED AT THE PARK		

DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE THEIR INFO		
Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CLOSED	03/06/2021 12:05:42	brimar
Narrative Description		
INCIDENT CLOSED		

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(103) CANCELED BY RP			





# CAD Incident Report #21012008

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21012008		03/12/2021 12:35:46	samsie
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			03/12/2021 12:38:28

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
Fire Box		RA	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
94	BLAKE ST		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
REFUSED		
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	msulliva	03/12/2021 12:56:02

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	03/12/2021 12:36:12	samsie
Narrative Description		
GROUP OF PEOPLE LETTING DOGS OFF LEASH		

<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
INFO	03/12/2021 12:56:18	msulliva
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
2F PARTIES LEAVING THE WOODS WERE ADVISED.		

## Officers and Units

<b>CAD Units</b>			
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Personnel Id</b>	<b>Officer Name</b>
NWT-PD	494	12695	BOUDREAU M

## Unit Statuses

<b>CAD Units</b>					
<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Avail?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disp ID</b>
494	RESP	12:38:28	N		msulliva
494	ONLOC	12:48:25	N		msulliva
494	CLEAR	12:56:02	Y		msulliva

## Dispositions

<b>Dispositions</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Incident Report?</b>	<b>Accident Report?</b>	<b>Due By</b>
POLICE	(101) ADVISED PERSONS			BOUDREAU M



# CAD Incident Report #21012587

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21012587		03/15/2021 15:54:46	areibman
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			03/15/2021 15:59:29

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
Fire Box		RA	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
94	BLAKE ST		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
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RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	cbrunelle	03/15/2021 16:07:23

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	03/15/2021 15:56:36	areibman
Narrative Description		
4 people walking dogs off leash -- big clearing near cabot school side -- rp wants to remain anon and does not want to speak to police.		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	494	38804	HOWES C

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
494	RESP	15:59:29	N		cbrunelle
494	ONLOC	15:59:42	N		cbrunelle
494	CLEAR	16:07:23	Y		cbrunelle

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(105) NOTHING SHOWING			HOWES C



# CAD Incident Report #21013265

Incident Information			
<b>Incident #</b>		<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Call Taker</b>
21013265		03/19/2021 13:55:25	samsie
<b>Incident Type</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Priority</b>
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
<b>Ems Level</b>	<b>Alarm Level</b>	<b>Modified By</b>	<b>Modified Date</b>
			03/19/2021 13:57:31
Event Information			
<b>Municipality</b>		<b>Business Name</b>	
1 NEWTON		EDMANDS PARK	
<b>Fire Box</b>		<b>RA</b>	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
EDMANDS PARK / 94 BLAKE ST			
<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Apartment #</b>	<b>Cross Street</b>
94	BLAKE ST		
<b>Near</b>		<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Additional</b>
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		WITHINGTON RD to COLBY ST	
Reporting Person			
<b>RP Name</b>	<b>RP Phone</b>	<b>How Received</b>	
REFUSED			
<b>RP Address</b>	<b>Closed By</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	
	brimar	03/19/2021 15:03:24	

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	03/19/2021 13:55:57	samsie
Narrative Description		
PEOPLE WITH DOGS OFF THE LEASH		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	538	38335	GARCIA J

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
538	DISP	13:57:31	N		samsie
538	CLEAR	15:03:24	Y		brimar

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(105) NOTHING SHOWING			GARCIA J



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
21034346 / 1

**OFFICER**  
GARCIA J

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #21034346 DATA**

As Of 08/17/2021 09:25:15

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
DOG BITE	94 BLAKE ST	
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b>	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b>	
08/10/2021 09:33:22	08/09/2021 13:37 to 08/10/2021 09:33	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b>		
(003)CITY ORDINANCE VIOLATION		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	MEGERMAN, SUSAN	FEMALE	WHITE
INVOLVED PARTY	STEELE, SCOTT D	MALE	WHITE
INVOLVED PARTY	THE GOOD HOUND,		

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 21034346 - 1 / GARCIA J (38335)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b>
08/10/2021 13:36:26	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	GARCIA J	38335
Reviewing Officer:		
Approving Officer:	WADE M	24877



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
21034346	08/10/2021 09:33	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 21034346 - 1 / GARCIA J (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
08/10/2021 09:33:22	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On Tuesday August 10, 2021 I responded to 4 Townhouse Drive for a report of a dog bite. The reporting party is Susan Megerman who states she was walking her 5 month old dog Rosie in Edmonds park yesterday while on leash.

Susan states they had made it about 100 feet into the park when a group of dog walkers approached with a large number of dogs off leash. One dog described as a black terrier mix named Zeke approached and lunged at Rosie. Susan states it took the two dog walkers to get Zeke off of Rosie. Susan was informed this is not Zeke's first time attacking another dog. There is a report for another dog bite involving Zeke which occurred on July 1, 2021 (report #21028369)

Rosie was taken to Angel Memorial Animal Hospital for treatment where she was given a drain and multiple stitches. The medical bill so far has totaled \$586 and Rosie has to return for follow up treatment. Susan was able to provide me with the information for the dog walking company which is The Good Hound out of 12 Duncan Road West Newton, MA. 02465. I spoke to the manager of The Good Hound and explained Edmonds Park is not an off leash dog park and her company was in violation of city ordinance. I issued The Good Hound a City of Newton Ordinance Violation for failure to restrain Zeke.

Rosie is under 6 months of age and is not required to be licensed at this time but is up to date with her rabies vaccine (expires 06/14/2021). Zeke is licensed in the City of Newton (license #6524).





# CAD Incident Report #21043300

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
21043300		09/10/2021 17:03:36	sevans
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			09/10/2021 17:34:34

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON			
Fire Box		RA	
135		137	
Correct Location			
18 ROCHESTER RD			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
18	ROCHESTER RD		
Near	Landmarks	Additional	
BOX 135 ROCHESTER RD & WESTCHE	COLBY ST to DEAD END	SEGMENT ADDRESSES RANGE FROM 2 TO 58	

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
	347 267 5406	
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	sevans	09/10/2021 17:51:43

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	09/10/2021 17:04:26	sevans

Narrative Description
Proposal: Off-Leash Designation for Edmands Park

DOG WANDERING THE NEIGHBORHOOD , CHASING RABBITS, BARKING, ITS A BEAGLE HAS A PINK COLLAR ON AND A HARNESS		
Note Type	Entered By	User ID
INFO	09/10/2021 17:51:55	sevans
Narrative Description		
DOG REUNITED W/ OWNER		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	494	32411	DONAHUEKAYLA
NWT-PD	538	29016	MIKOLEIT L

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
494	RESP	17:34:34	N		sevans
538	DISP	17:45:35	N		sevans
538	CLEAR	17:51:22	Y		sevans
494	ONLOC	17:51:23	N		sevans
494	CLEAR	17:51:43	Y		sevans

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(112) SERVICE COMPLT			DONAHUEKAYLA



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT # / REPORT #**  
21050150 / 1

**OFFICER**  
MIKOLEIT L

**RANK**  
OFFICER

**REVIEW STATUS**  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #21050150 DATA**

As Of 12/02/2021 16:46:15

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<b><u>CASE TITLE</u></b> GOMEZ	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b> 94 BLAKE ST	<b><u>APT/UNIT #</u></b>
<b><u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u></b> 12/02/2021 15:35:33	<b><u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u></b> 11/24/2021 15:30 to 11/24/2021 16:00	
<b><u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u></b> (99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<b><u>ROLE</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>SEX</u></b>	<b><u>RACE</u></b>
INVOLVED PARTY	GOMEZ, GREGORY M	MALE	WHITE
INVOLVED PARTY	SALINGER, JULIE	FEMALE	

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 21050150 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (29016)**

<b><u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u></b> 12/02/2021 16:46:06	<b><u>TYPE OF REPORT</u></b> INCIDENT	<b><u>REVIEW STATUS</u></b> APPROVED
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**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	MIKOLEIT L	29016
Reviewing Officer:		
Approving Officer:	WADE M	24877



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
21050150	12/02/2021 15:35	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 21050150 - 1 / MIKOLEIT L (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
12/02/2021 15:35:33	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

ON 12-02-2021 I SPOKE WITH SALINGER, JULIE, AND SHE REPORTED HER DOG "WILLIE" AN AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD, WAS BITTEN IN THE RIGHT EAR BY A HUSKY RETRIEVER MIX NAMED "WILLA" ON 11-24-2021. "WILLIE" IS CURRENT ON THE RABIES VACCINE (EXP:02-27-2022) AND NOT LICENSED IN NEWTON. SHE STATED THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN EDMUNDS PARK WHILE BOTH DOGS MET UNLEASHED WHILE WALKING ON THE TRAILS. JULIE WAS ADVISED OF THE LEASH LAW AND SHE WILL BE MAILED ORDINANCE #12274 FOR 3-26 RESTRAINT OF DOG. SHE WAS GIVEN A VERBAL WARNING ON GETTING BOTH HER DOGS LICENSED. I THEN CONTACTED GOMEZ, GREG WHO IS THE OWNER OF "WILLA", WHO IS LICENSED IN NEWTON #7830 AND CURRENT ON THE RABIES VACCINE. HE ALSO ADMITTED TO HAVING HIS DOG OFF-LEASH AND WILL BE MAILED ORDINANCE #12275 FOR 3-26 RESTRAINT OF DOG. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT WITNESS THE INCIDENT BUT WAS TOLD BY A WITNESS THAT "WILLIE" WAS THE AGGRESSOR AND HIS DOG REACTED TO THE SITUATION. "WILLA" WAS TREATED FOR HER INJURIES AT COMMONWEALTH VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AND RELEASED. A COPY OF THE BITE FORM WAS FAXED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.



# CAD Incident Report #21055469

Incident Information			
<b>Incident #</b>		<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Call Taker</b>
21055469		11/26/2021 15:35:17	heldridge
<b>Incident Type</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Priority</b>
162 ANIMAL PROBLEM			3
<b>Ems Level</b>	<b>Alarm Level</b>	<b>Modified By</b>	<b>Modified Date</b>
			11/26/2021 15:42:04

Event Information			
<b>Municipality</b>		<b>Business Name</b>	
1 NEWTON		CABOT WOODS	
<b>Fire Box</b>		<b>RA</b>	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
CABOT WOODS / 0 BLAKE ST			
<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Apartment #</b>	<b>Cross Street</b>
0	BLAKE ST		
<b>Near</b>		<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Additional</b>
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		BLAKE ST / MILL STREET	

Reporting Person		
<b>RP Name</b>	<b>RP Phone</b>	<b>How Received</b>
<b>RP Address</b>	<b>Closed By</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
	rmdonal	11/26/2021 16:10:56

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	11/26/2021 15:40:47	heldridge
Narrative Description		

[REDACTED]  
 CABOT WOODS. A BEAGLE DOG LOST IN THE WOODS. CALLER IS KEEPING AN EYE  
 Proposal: Off-Leash Designation for Edmands Park

ON DOG. HE IS IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PARK NORTH OF MILL ST		
<b>Note Type</b>	<b>Entered By</b>	<b>User ID</b>
INFO	11/26/2021 16:11:39	rmcdonal
<b>Narrative Description</b>		
owner captured dog		

## Officers and Units

<b>CAD Units</b>			
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Personnel Id</b>	<b>Officer Name</b>
NWT-PD	538	29016	MIKOLEIT L

## Unit Statuses

<b>CAD Units</b>					
<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Avail?</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disp ID</b>
538	DISP	15:42:04	N		rmcdonal
538	CLEAR	16:10:56	Y		rmcdonal

## Dispositions

<b>Dispositions</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Incident Report?</b>	<b>Accident Report?</b>	<b>Due By</b>
POLICE	(112) SERVICE COMPLT			MIKOLEIT L



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

INCIDENT # / REPORT #  
22015059 / 1

OFFICER  
GUARINO C

RANK  
OFFICER

REVIEW STATUS  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #22015059 DATA**

As Of 05/07/2022 16:19:17

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<u>CASE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APT/UNIT #</u>
MCBRIDE DOG BITE	94 BLAKE ST	
<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u>	
04/29/2022 17:38:36	04/29/2022 14:15 to 04/29/2022 14:22	
<u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u>		
(99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>
INVOLVED PARTY	VAUGHN, SUSAN	FEMALE	WHITE
INJURED PERSON	MCBRIDE, DAVID	MALE	WHITE

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 22015059 - 1 / GUARINO C (38802)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
04/29/2022 21:07:42	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	GUARINO C	38802
Reviewing Officer:	BROOKS J	38339
Approving Officer:	DOUCETTE D	23297



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
22015059	04/29/2022 17:38	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 22015059 - 1 / GUARINO C (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
04/29/2022 17:38:36	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On April 29, 2022 at approximately 17:42 I, Officer Guarino received a report for a past dog bite at Edmands Park, 94 Blake St.

I spoke with the victim, David McBride, via telephone who informed me that at approximately 14:19 hours he was running through Edmands park when he was bit by an unleashed dog. He explained that a woman was walking two dogs who were unleashed and the dog bit his left leg leaving a one inch laceration. The dog walker, Amy Johnston, was not the owner of the dogs and provided David with the information of the dog owner. David was treated at Newton-Wellesley Hospital for the dog bite and he explained that it was bleeding, red and swelling.

I spoke with the dog owner, Susan Vaughn, who provided me with her dog information. She said that her black and white Border Collie, "Jasper" was involved in the incident but explained that she did not know what happened because she was not there. Susan said Jasper was up to date with vaccinations but could not provide the documentation and Newton Animal Hospital was closed so I could not verify. Jasper was previously registered with the city but was not renewed. The information on the animal licensing database shows that Jaspers vaccination had expired on 7/24/2020.

I completed an Animal Bite Form and attempted to fax it to Health and Human Services but came back undeliverable multiple times.

**OFFICER REPORT: 22015059 - 2 / GARCIA J (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
04/29/2022 17:38:36	SUPPLEMENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

On Friday May 8, 2022 Newton Animal Control received a call from David McBride requesting the rabies status on Jasper. I was able to contact



Newton Animal Hospital and verify that Jasper is up to date with his rabies vaccine which expires July 8, 2023.

I provided this information to David and also advised Susan Vaughn that her dog walker, Amy Johnston, was in violation of Newton city ordinance requiring the use of a leash in Edmands Park. Susan stated she understood and has expressed her displeasure with Amy. Susan also licensed Jasper right after I informed her of the expired dog license.



# CAD Incident Report #22037861

Incident Information			
<b>Incident #</b>		<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Call Taker</b>
22037861		09/11/2022 17:19:47	acapone
<b>Incident Type</b>		<b>Description</b>	<b>Priority</b>
162 ANIMAL PROBLEM			3
<b>Ems Level</b>	<b>Alarm Level</b>	<b>Modified By</b>	<b>Modified Date</b>
			09/11/2022 17:23:21
Event Information			
<b>Municipality</b>		<b>Business Name</b>	
1 NEWTON		CABOT WOODS	
<b>Fire Box</b>		<b>RA</b>	
2682		137	
Correct Location			
CABOT WOODS / 0 BLAKE ST			
<b>Street #</b>	<b>Street Name</b>	<b>Apartment #</b>	<b>Cross Street</b>
0	BLAKE ST		
<b>Near</b>		<b>Landmarks</b>	<b>Additional</b>
BOX 2682 BLAKE ST / OPPOSITE #		BLAKE ST / MILL STREET	
Reporting Person			
<b>RP Name</b>	<b>RP Phone</b>	<b>How Received</b>	
<b>RP Address</b>	<b>Closed By</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	
	sevans	09/11/2022 17:33:34	

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	09/11/2022 17:21:04	acapone
Narrative Description		
BEAGLE RUNNING LOOSE IN THE AREA WITH RED LIGHT ON HIS COLLOR- MILL STREET END		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	491	39281	STAKE S

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
491	RESP	17:23:21	N		cbrunelle
491	CLEAR	17:33:34	Y		sevans

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(105) NOTHING SHOWING			STAKE S



# CAD Incident Report #23009661

Incident Information			
Incident #		Incident Date	Call Taker
23009661		03/10/2023 17:33:09	dmeade
Incident Type		Description	Priority
169 UNLEASHED DOG			2
Ems Level	Alarm Level	Modified By	Modified Date
			03/10/2023 17:36:39

Event Information			
Municipality		Business Name	
1 NEWTON			
Fire Box		RA	
716		140	
Correct Location			
6 MORSELAND AVE			
Street #	Street Name	Apartment #	Cross Street
6	MORSELAND AVE		
Near		Landmarks	Additional
BOX 716 COMM AVE & MORSELAND A		MILL ST to CHANNING RD	SEGMENT ADDRESSES RANGE FROM 5 TO 18

Reporting Person		
RP Name	RP Phone	How Received
RP Address	Closed By	Date Closed
	sevans	03/10/2023 17:46:19

## Incident Types

Dispatch Class	Incident Type
AMBULANCE	
FIRE/RESCUE	
POLICE	ANIMAL PROBLEM

## Note(s)

Note Type	Entered By	User ID
CALL-TKR	03/10/2023 17:36:00	dmeade

Narrative Description
Proposal: Off-Leash Designation for Edmands Park

RP: 857-231-6730 GERMAN SHEPARD RUNNING AROUND, RP THINKS IT GOT OUT OF A HOUSE NEARBY. THERE ARE KIDS AROUND AND THE RP IS CONCERNED		
Note Type	Entered By	User ID
INFO	03/10/2023 17:46:34	sevans
Narrative Description		
CHECKED THE AREA NOTHING SHOWING		

## Officers and Units

CAD Units			
Agency Name	Unit ID	Personnel Id	Officer Name
NWT-PD	494	32456	ANDERSON D
NWT-PD	495	42902	BRITO E

## Unit Statuses

CAD Units					
Unit ID	Status	Date/Time	Avail?	Location	Disp ID
494	RESP	17:36:39	N		sevans
495	RESP	17:36:55	N		sevans
494	CLEAR	17:36:58	Y		sevans
495	ONLOC	17:37:03	N		sevans
495	CLEAR	17:46:19	Y		sevans

## Dispositions

Dispositions				
Type	Disposition	Incident Report?	Accident Report?	Due By
POLICE	(105) NOTHING SHOWING			ANDERSON D



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

INCIDENT # / REPORT #  
23032666 / 1

OFFICER  
GARCIA J

RANK  
OFFICER

REVIEW STATUS  
APPROVED

**INCIDENT #23032666 DATA**

As Of 10/29/2023 12:32:03

**BASIC INFORMATION**

<u>CASE TITLE</u> DOG BITE/NIPS	<u>LOCATION</u> 94 BLAKE ST	<u>APT/UNIT #</u>
<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u> 10/17/2023 11:08:51	<u>DATE/TIME OCCURRED</u> On or about 10/17/2023 11:08	
<u>INCIDENT TYPE(S)/OFFENSE(S)</u> (99943)ANIMAL BITE / SCRATCH		

**PERSONS**

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>RACE</u>
INJURED PERSON	NEVILLE, NICHOLAS	MALE	WHITE
INVOLVED PARTY	LUPINO, ANDREW J		

[ NO OFFENDERS ]

[ NO VEHICLES ]

[ NO PROPERTY ]

**OFFICER REPORT: 23032666 - 1 / GARCIA J (38335)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u> 10/29/2023 12:35:40	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u> INCIDENT	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u> APPROVED
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**REPORT OFFICERS**

Reporting Officer:	GARCIA J	38335
Reviewing Officer:		
Approving Officer:	WADE M	24877



**NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NEWTON, MA**

**INCIDENT DATA**

<u>INCIDENT #</u>	<u>DATE/TIME REPORTED</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION TYPE</u>
23032666	10/17/2023 11:08	GENERAL INCIDENT

**OFFICER REPORT: 23032666 - 1 / GARCIA J (OFFICER)**

<u>DATE/TIME OF REPORT</u>	<u>TYPE OF REPORT</u>	<u>REVIEW STATUS</u>
10/17/2023 11:08:51	INCIDENT	APPROVED

**NARRATIVE**

Newton Police Animal Control received a report from NWH of a dog bite at Edmands Park which occurred on Saturday October 14, 2023 at 7:00am. [REDACTED] Nicholas Neville [REDACTED] he sustained in an attempt to remove a biting dog from his dog.

Nicholas stated, he was walking on a trail in Edmands park with his dog on leash when they came upon a Andrew Lupino walking his two leashed dogs. Andrew pulled off the main trail to let Nicholas and his dog pass but as Nicholas attempted to walk by them, one of the Andrews dogs broke off the retractable leash and charged at Nicholas' dog Memphis.

The dog that broke loose from Andrew was Nips who attacked Memphis and latched onto her neck. Nicholas put his hands into the mouth of Nips in an attempt to break her loose from Memphis's neck. In doing so, Nicholas sustained cuts to his fingers and hand. Nicholas was able to get Nips off Memphis but Nips charged at Memphis a second time. Nicholas placed Nips in a head lock to stop her from attacking Memphis again. Nicholas transferred possession of Nips to Andrew and exchanged information.

Andrew corroborated the story and stated he had to carry Nips home in a headlock in order to maintain control of her. Andrews partner, Elizabeth Frank, stated her and Andrew took ownership from Andrew's sister in Philadelphia because Andrew's sister was no longer able to care for Nips.

I spoke to Elizabeth on Tuesday October 17, 2023 and she stated she had been bitten by Nips before as well. Elizabeth stated they were planning on humanely euthanizing Nips the following day.

On Wednesday October 18, 2023 I received an email from Elizabeth with documentation from Angell West from of humane euthanasia and rabies preparation for testing. Elizabeth was advised to provide the rabies test result to the Newton Animal Inspector since a 10 day quarantine would not be possible. Newton Animal Inspector, Victor Peiroten, was made aware of

the current status and will be in contact with Andrew and Elizabeth.

Nips and Memphis were up to date with their rabies vaccines at the time of the incident (Nips expires 07/27/2024, Memphis expires 08/11/2025). Nips was not licensed at the time of the incident but Memphis was (1879).



# Off-Leash Resources

## Cities and Towns

### **Arlington:**

Informational website: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/i-want-to/learn-about/dog-ownership>

Brochure: <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/41504/637583304631970000> **(see attached)**

### **Boston:**

Informational website: <https://friendsofthepublicgarden.org/our-parks/the-common/common-canine/>

### **Brookline:**

Informational website: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/752/Green-Dog-Program>

Brochure: <https://www.brooklinema.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21186/>

[Green Dog Brochure-Nov-11-2019-Update](#) **(see attached)**

### **Cambridge:**

Informational website: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/parks/osplanning/offleash>

Shared use/trail website: <https://www.cambridgema.gov/Water/freshpondreservation/dogregulations>

Off-leash rules and etiquette: [https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Files/CDD/ParksandOpenSpace/OSPlanning/OffLeash/20191017\\_OffLeash\\_RulesEtiquette.pdf](https://www.cambridgema.gov/-/media/Files/CDD/ParksandOpenSpace/OSPlanning/OffLeash/20191017_OffLeash_RulesEtiquette.pdf) **(see attached)**

### **Concord:**

Dog bylaw website: <https://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1838/FAQ-on-Article-59-Dog-Bylaw-Changes-PDF#:~:text=Dogs%20are%20required%20to%20be,%2C%20parades%2C%20fairs%2C%20etc> **(see attached)**

Conservation land website: <https://concordma.gov/2319/Dogs-on-Conservation-Land>

### **Lexington:**

Brochure: <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/383/Walking-your-Dog-on-Conservation-Land-PDF?bidId=> **(see attached)**

### **Lincoln:**

Brochure: <https://www.lincolntown.org/DocumentCenter/View/79244/Lincoln-Dog-Brochure?bidId=> **(see attached)**

### **Needham:**

Informational website: <https://www.needhamma.gov/3711/Off-Leash-Dog-Recreational-Area>

Brochure website: <https://www.needhamma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10323/Tri-Fold-Dog-Area-a?bidId=> **(see attached)**

**Waltham:**

Informational website: <https://www.city.waltham.ma.us/home/news/a-reminder-to-pet-parents-that-there-are-leash-laws-in-waltham-per-city-of-waltham-general>

**Wellesley:**

Informational websites:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/753/Dogs-in-Wellesley>

<https://www.wellesleyma.gov/1259/Animal-Control-Regulations>

**Weston:**

Informational website: <https://www.weston.org/221/Dog-Walking>

Brochure website: <https://www.weston.org/DocumentCenter/View/309/Walking-Your-Dog-in-Weston-Brochure-PDF?bidId=> **(see attached)**

### **Other locations in Massachusetts**

**The Trustees properties:**

<https://thetrustees.org/content/guidelines-for-dog-walkers/>

**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation properties:**

[https://www.mass.gov/guides/dogs-in-dcr-](https://www.mass.gov/guides/dogs-in-dcr-parks#:~:text=In%20designated%20off%20leash%20areas,comes%20immediately%20when%20called)

[parks#:~:text=In%20designated%20off%20leash%20areas,comes%20immediately%20when%20called](https://www.mass.gov/guides/dogs-in-dcr-parks#:~:text=In%20designated%20off%20leash%20areas,comes%20immediately%20when%20called)

### **Other Resources**

**American Kennel Club:**

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/lifestyle/tips-for-hiking-with-your-dog/>

**Sit Means Sit Dog Training: Yes, There Is A Thing Called Off Leash Etiquette:**

<https://sitmeanssit.com/dog-training-mu/austin-dog-training/yes-there-is-a-thing-called-off-leash-etiquette/>

**Dogtime.com: The Complete Guide to Off-Leash Etiquette:**

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/complete-guide-off-leash-etiquette-175527655.html>

**The Association of Professional Dog Trainers: What Makes a Good Dog Park:**

<https://apdt.com/resource-center/makes-good-dog-park/>

# Off-Leash Dogs in the Town of Arlington

## Off-leash Dogs in Arlington Parks are under the supervision of the Recreation Department and Park & Recreation Commission

[www.arlingtonma.gov/recreation](http://www.arlingtonma.gov/recreation)



### Ways To Report A Violation

1. Contact the Animal Control Officer at 781.645.8014
2. Contact the Recreation Department at 781.316.3880
3. Email the Recreation Office to file a complaint about an off-leash dog area or maintenance issue: [recoffice@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:recoffice@town.arlington.ma.us)

## OFF LEASH HOURS 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM PLEASE SEE BOTTOM OF LIST FOR ANY EXCEPTIONS

- Buzzell Field\*\*
- Cutter Park
- Hill's Hill upper area
- Hill's Hill Field\*\*
- Hurd/Reservoir Fields\*\*
- McClennen Park\*\*
- Menotomy Rocks Park (excluding woods)
- Park Circle
- Poets Corner\*
- Reservoir Beach (excluding 6/1-8/31)
- Robbins Farm Park\*\*\*
- Spy Pond Park and Field\*
- Summer Street Field\*\*
- Turkey Hill
- Wellington Park

**NOTE: For Thorndike and Magnolia , please only use the Thorndike Off-Leash Recreation Area (OLRA) open daily from 6:00 am - 9:00 pm. The fields do NOT have off-leash hours.**

\* Off-leash hours end at 8:30am on Saturdays from April 1 - June 30 and Sept. 1 - Nov. 15

\*\* Off-leash hours end at 8:30am on weekends from April 1 - June 30 and Sept. 1 - Nov. 15

\*\*\* Off-leash hours at Robbins Park are from 6:00 - 7:45 am & 8:30 - 9:00 am, weekdays, Sept. 1 - June 30. If the field is in use by a permitted event, off-leash activity is only behind the backstop.

In Spring 2010, Arlington Town Meeting approved a by-law amendment allowing responsible dog owners to have their dogs off-leash during limited morning hours.

*"from park opening time until 9:00 am, a maximum of two dogs per handler may be off-leash, under effective owner control, in all lands under control of the Parks and Recreation Commission except:*

- A. those lands directly contiguous to school properties
- B. within 15 feet of playground equipment
- C. by specific exclusion of the Park and Recreation Commission."

All parks with off-leash times will have signs and waste cans. Owners with off-leash dogs will be allowed in the properties specified in this hand-out from 6:00 am until 9:00 am only (unless otherwise noted or posted).



## Rules and Regulations

### 1) Know When To Keep Your Dog On-Leash

- Dogs are allowed off-leash ONLY in the morning hours from 6-9am (or earlier as specified), unless the area is posted "No Off-leash Dogs Allowed".
- Keep your dog leashed when entering or exiting the park. Hours are suspended when there are special events permitted by the Recreation Dept. in the park.
- Dogs must be leashed when the DPW crews are working in the parks, so that they don't interfere with the work.

### 2) Be Respectful of Park Users & Neighbors

- Clean up after your dog!
- Maintain sight and voice control of your dog. You must be able to see your dog at all times and maintain effective verbal control of your dog. You are responsible for any damage or injury your dog inflicts or receives.
- Excessive barking is not allowed.
- Dogs are not allowed in playground areas, sand boxes, court areas or abutters' yards.
- Dogs must not chase or disturb wildlife or enter conservation areas or sensitive open spaces, such as wetlands and planting beds.

### 3) Ensure Your Dog Meets the Criteria

- Aggressive dogs are not permitted off-leash. Dogs who show continued aggression towards people, other dogs, or wildlife must be removed immediately and should not be brought to public parks. If you need behavioral assistance, dog training professionals are available near Arlington.
- Each person is limited to two dogs.
- Dogs must be 4 months old to participate.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed off-leash.
- All dogs must be licensed, vaccinated, and healthy.

## How does this work?

### Before you go to the Park

- License your dog(s) at the Clerk's Office at Town Hall-make sure vaccinations are current. Put license and identification on dog's collar.
- Make sure you know the rules, regulations and expectations listed in this hand-out (and that are available on-line) for you and your off-leash dog.
- Find a park near you with off-leash hours.
- Bring your dog to the park with its leash on and bring bags for dog waste. **THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE TOWN BYLAW THAT REQUIRES DOG WASTE PICKUP! It is essential to everyone's enjoyment of the parks that this by-law is respected.**

### At the Park

- Keep your leash and pick up bags on hand at all times.
- Check for "Park Closed" signs, wet fields, crews working in the park, or permitted activities – all of which mean that off-leash hours are suspended. You can check our website [arlingtonrec.com](http://arlingtonrec.com) for any changes to the off-leash hours.
- Pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same. The pooper-scooper bylaw is in effect at all times.
- Keep your dog in sight at all times and under effective voice control. Your dog should come to you when called and respond to commands. If you need assistance with your dog's behavior, dog training professionals operate in and around Arlington.
- Be mindful of your dog so that other park visitors are not anxious about their safety. Many people do not like unfamiliar dogs approaching them, and only you know whether your dog is friendly to other people. **When in doubt, leash your dog.**

## Areas WITHOUT off-leash hours

- **All Park & Rec lands directly contiguous to school properties** - Bishop Field, Crosby School, Crusher Lot (Ottozon), Florence Park (Dallin), Gibb's School , Lussiano Field (Thompson), Parmenter School, Peirce School Park, Stratton School
- **All School Dept. properties** - Brackett School, Hardy School, Ottozon Playing Fields, Arlington High School Fields
- **All Town Playgrounds** - Buzzell, Cutter, Hibbert, Locke, Magnolia, McClennen Playground & Skateboard Park, Menotomy Rocks, Mt. Gilboa, Parallel, Poets Corner, Robbins Farm, Spy Pond, Summer Street, Waldo, Wellington
- **Properties excluded by the Park & Rec Commission** - Buck Field, McClennen Baseball Field, Scannell Field, Hibbert Street Park, Waldo Park, woods at Menotomy Rocks Park, Reservoir Beach from June - August, Parallel Park, Thomdike Field & Magnolia Park
- **Conservation lands and community gardens** - Cooke's Hollow Park, Magnolia Community Garden, Meadowbrook Park, Mt. Gilboa, Robbins Farm Park Garden, Window on the Mystic
- **Other town properties** - Minuteman Bikepath, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Robbins Library Grounds, Town Hall Gardens, Uncle Sam Park, Whittemore Park), DCR Alewife Brook Pathway and Whittemore-Robbins House Grounds

*The Park and Recreation Commission has the authority to temporarily or permanently eliminate or modify the boundaries of off-leash areas or further limit hours for any reason including: environmental damage, failure to comply with rules and regulations, public health or safety, conflict with other uses or serious unanticipated problems affecting other users. We have thousands of park users, and sharing our parks helps us maximize the use and enjoyment we all receive from our open spaces. With good stewardship and courtesy, dog owners play a key role in keeping our parks clean, safe and well-maintained.*



Town of Brookline

# Green Dog Program



Under supervision of the:  
**Brookline Park and Recreation Commission  
 & Parks and Open Space Division**  
 870 Hammond Street  
 Brookline, MA 02467  
 617-879-5650

Contact us at:  
**GreenDog@Brooklinema.gov**  
[www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog](http://www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog)  
 Follow us on Twitter @BrooklineDogs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why are off-leash hours occasionally suspended?**  
 During permitted activities (school group activities, sports games, etc.) or when park crews are working, dogs must be on-leash for their safety and the comfort of other park users. Fields may be completely closed due to inclement weather or for other reasons related to maintaining healthy fields. We post field closed signs, and you can call the Green Dog hotline 24 hours a day at **(617) 879-4850** to hear a recording if fields are closed.

**I'm a dog walker. Can I bring my clients to play and exercise off-leash?**

Dog walkers are required to register for the program and will receive a permit for their business. In addition, all individual dogs must be registered to participate. Everyone, including dog walkers, is limited to 3 off-leash dogs at a time. Dogs must be under voice control and in sight at all times.

**Why do I need to license my dog?**

While the GreenDog Program is optional, Massachusetts state law requires that all dogs be licensed, and have a current rabies vaccination. Licensing is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our canine friends and other people, and can help identify your dog if they become lost.

**Why do I need to pay a fee to participate?**

The Green Dog program is an optional recreation program and a service to the community. Fees are charged similar to other recreation programs, and are used by the Town to cover costs incurred by the program, including park ranger services, program administration and tags; ongoing maintenance; communication and outreach; monitoring of park conditions; and program improvements.

**Why are other people in the park during Green Dog hours?**

Green Dog parks are shared use spaces. As a semi-urban town, Brookline has a limited amount of open space. The Green Dog program addresses the need for off-leash spaces in Brookline without sacrificing parkland for the greater community. We have thousands of park users, and sharing our parks helps us maximize the use and enjoyment we all receive from open spaces.

## HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Please visit our website at [www.brooklinema.gov/greendog](http://www.brooklinema.gov/greendog) or contact us at **(617) 879-5650** or [greendog@brooklinema.gov](mailto:greendog@brooklinema.gov).

## GREEN DOG PARKS & OFF-LEASH HOURS

Parks listed are **shared use** spaces. Please be considerate of other park users.

### OFF-LEASH HOURS:

(All hours are subject to change, **please heed signage.**)

#### Dawn to 9:00 AM

- Boylston Street Playground (Boylston St.)
- Coolidge Playground (Columbia St.)
- Corey Hill Park (Summit Ave.) **Overlook Area Only**
- Emerson Garden (Waverly St.)
- Waldstein Playground (Dean Rd.)
- Schick Park (Addington Rd.)
- Robinson Playground (Cypress & Franklin St.)
- Soule Playground Upper Field (Hammond St.)

#### Dawn to 1:00 PM

- Amory Playground (Amory St.)
- Eliot Playground (Eliot St.)
- Griggs Park (Griggs Rd.)

#### Dawn to 1:00 PM, April through November Dawn to Dusk, December through February

- Brookline Avenue Playground (Brookline Ave.)
- Harry Downes Playground (Highland Rd.)
- Note: No dogs allowed in fenced portion of park with track.**
- Larz Anderson Park (Newton St.)
- Note: Top of the hill area, Avon Street side ONLY. No dogs allowed in children's play area, pond, garden area or BBQ sites/shelter.**

Dogs are not allowed on any fields when the ground is thawing, generally during the entire month of March.

**Parks not listed do not have off-leash hours.**

**If you see a violation, please report it!**  
 Contact the Brookline Police Department 24-hours a day at **(617) 730-2222**

**WHAT IS THE GREEN DOG PROGRAM?**

Participants in the Green Dog Program enjoy time to play with their dogs off-leash, while sharing the spaces with other park users. Dog owners must register for the program, pay the annual fee, follow the program rules and regulations, and adhere to the specific off-leash hours established by the Park and Recreation Commission.

**The Park and Recreation Commission has a responsibility to address any issues promptly and appropriately. The Commission has the authority to temporarily or permanently close, or modify the boundaries of off-leash areas for any reason including the following: park damage, failure to comply with rules and regulations, public health or safety, or problems affecting other park users' enjoyment of the park. Violators are subject to incremental fines, removal from the off-leash area, and suspension of off-leash privileges.**

**IS MY DOG READY?**

We are glad you are interested in the Green Dog Program! Before jumping into the registration process, let's make sure you and your dog(s) are ready to join.

**PRE-REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:**

**Dog(s) must be...**

- At least 6 months old to participate
- Up-to date on **all** vaccinations
- Healthy
- Trained
- Under voice control

**Dog(s) must not be...**

- Aggressive towards people, other dogs, or wildlife

**HOW TO REGISTER**

**ONLINE (Residents Only)**

Renew your Green Dog registration and dog license online at <https://www.brooklinema.gov/permits-and-licensing>

**BY MAIL**

Download the instructions and forms to sign up for the Green Dog Program and dog license at [www.brooklinema.gov/303/dog-licenses](http://www.brooklinema.gov/303/dog-licenses). Mail the completed form, proof of rabies vaccination and payment to:

*Green Dog Program  
c/o Town Clerk's Office  
333 Washington Street  
Brookline, MA 02445*

**IN PERSON**

Stop by the above office and drop off or request forms to license your dog and sign up for the Green Dog Program

**GREEN DOG PROGRAM ANNUAL FEES:\***

- Resident Fee per Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100**
- Non-Resident Fee per Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$150**
- Brookline Commercial Dog Walker Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$100**
- Non-Brookline Commercial Dog Walker Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$200**

**GUEST PERMIT FEES:\***

- Two-Day Permit Fee per Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$5**
- One-Week Permit Fee per Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$10**

**REGISTER AFTER DOG LICENSED OR AS A NON-RESIDENT**

Complete the appropriate resident or non-resident registration form found online at [www.brooklinema.gov/greendog](http://www.brooklinema.gov/greendog) and mail to or drop off at the address above with payment and documentation.

\*Annual fees cover the calendar year, but will be prorated for dogs new to the Program or to Brookline. **Tags expire at the end of December, and must be renewed each year.** For non residents, dog walkers, or guest permits, visit [www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog](http://www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog)

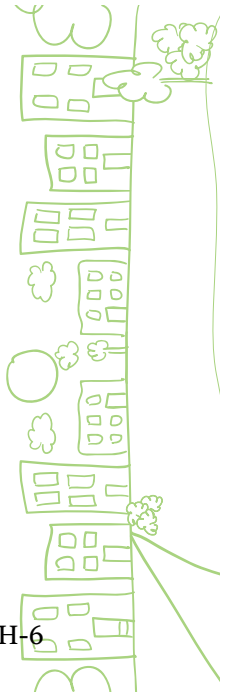
**BEFORE YOUR VISIT**

We hope you enjoy the off-leash opportunities available to you and your dog. Before visiting a designated Green Dog area, please make sure you...

- Put the dog license/Green Dog tag and identification on your dog's collar. Dogs must be wearing a current tag to be allowed off-leash.
- Bring bags for your dog's waste
- Review the program's rules and regulations

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Keep your dog on-leash until you are in the designated Green Dog area. Keep your leash on hand at all times.
- Check for park closed signs, wet fields, crews working in the park, or permitted activities, all of which mean off-leash hours are suspended.
- Pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same.
- Keep your dog in sight at all times and under voice control.
- Keep dogs out of the playground and hardcourt areas (basketball, tennis courts, etc.)
- Excessive barking is not allowed. Please play quietly.
- Dogs must not enter sanctuaries or sensitive open spaces, such as flower beds, damage fields by digging, or chase or disturb wildlife.
- The number of dogs per person is limited to three.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed off-leash.
- Be mindful of your dog so that other park visitors feel safe. Many people do not like unfamiliar dogs approaching them, and only you know whether your dog is friendly to other people.



## Cambridge

### Off Leash Rules:

1. All dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving this area.
2. At all times while dogs are using this area, their owner(s)/keeper(s) shall be in the designated area with his/her dog.
3. The owner/keeper of the dog(s) must have a leash in his/her possession at all times while his/her dog(s) is using this area.
4. All dogs using this area must have a current Cambridge license and the license must be displayed on the dog at all times.
5. Dogs wearing prong or choke collars are not permitted in this area.
6. All dogs using this area must be accompanied by an owner/keeper. The owner/keeper must maintain visual contact with his/her dog(s) and must maintain voice control over his/her dog(s) within this area at all times.
7. Dogs determined to have a vicious disposition pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 140, §157 or Cambridge Municipal Code ch. 6.08, are not permitted in this area.
8. Female dogs in heat are not permitted in this area.
9. Each owner/keeper may have no more than three (3) dogs at a time in this area.
10. The owner/keeper of any dog(s) excessively barking in this area is subject to the penalties promulgated by M.G.L. ch. 140, §157.
11. The owner/keeper of any dog(s) must appropriately remove and properly dispose of any and all feces left by the dog(s) pursuant to Cambridge Municipal Code §6.04.060. The owner/keeper is responsible for providing a means of feces removal.
12. *ALL DOGS AND OWNERS/KEEPERS USE THIS AREA AT THEIR OWN RISK.*

### Dog Park Etiquette:

- Keep all gates closed.
- Do not linger, or allow your child or dog to linger, at the gates.
- In order to prevent overcrowding, please limit off-leash play to 30 minutes during peak hours or when other people with dogs are waiting.
- Maintain visual contact with your dog(s) at all times.
- Do not allow digging. Please refill any holes you find.
- Do not allow your dog to run along the fence, barking at passersby.
- Dispose of any cans, bottles, food wrappers, feces, or other litter you find. If we all do this, the dog park will remain clean.
- Supervise young children in the dog park.
- Work collaboratively with other dog owners/keepers regarding situations where dogs don't seem to get along, in order for all people with dogs to have access to the dog park.

ARTICLE 59  
REVISED DOG BYLAW  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. *Does Concord now require owners to pick up after their dogs?***

No. While many owners do pick up after their dogs and properly dispose of the waste, some do not. Dog waste is frequently found in playgrounds, on sidewalks, cemetery paths and graves, conservation land, public tennis courts, and even at the end of the outfall pipe of the Town's storm drain system. There is no current requirement in the bylaw to prohibit this.

**2. *Does Concord have a leash law?***

No. Concord has a "dog control" bylaw. No leash is required except within the confines of the Cemetery property. Dogs are required to be "under the control" of their owners/keepers. Under the proposed revised bylaw, dogs will be prohibited from the town cemeteries and must be on a leash while walking on a public sidewalk or while attending a public gathering, including organized athletic events, parades, fairs, etc. Dogs must also be held on a leash at Emerson Field during summer camp (July-August weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm).

**3. *May I let my dog off a leash at Emerson Field or Rideout if there is a ball game going on?***

Except during summer camp activities at Emerson, ***if you are able to effectively verbally control your dog*** so that the dog does not interfere with the game or participants, you may let your dog off leash at Emerson or Rideout ***in another area of the park***, away from the ball game. Emerson Field is 14 acres and Rideout is 11 acres.

**4. *What cemeteries are affected by Concord's Dog Bylaw?***

All three of Concord's public cemeteries are covered by the Bylaw – Sleepy Hollow Cemetery on Bedford Street (including the newer Knoll section), the Old Hill Burying Ground (on the hillside overlooking Monument Square), and South Burying Place (Main Street, at the intersection of Keyes Road). St. Bernard's Cemetery, located on Bedford Street, is a private cemetery and not affected by the Town's Bylaws.

**5. *Will I be able to take my dog on the walking paths that are behind Sleepy Hollow Cemetery?***

Yes, as long as you don't bring your dog through the cemetery to access the paths (there are other public access points), and as long as your dog is held firmly on a leash or is under your effective and direct voice control.

**6. *How will the new bylaw be enforced?***

If the bylaw passes and is subsequently approved by the Attorney General, then we will start with increased signage and a public education campaign. Copies of the new bylaw will be distributed to dog owners when licensing their dogs. Dog owners will be given verbal warnings. Continued non-compliance will result in the issuance of a Non-Criminal Disposition ticket by the Animal Control Officer or Police Officers.

**7. *What is the fine for non-compliance?***

Fines for violations of the Dog Bylaw were approved at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, and are \$25 for the first offense; \$50 for the second offense; and \$100 for the third and each subsequent offense. We are not proposing any changes to these existing fines.



## Walking your Dog on Conservation Land

The Conservation Commission has passed regulations regarding the walking of dogs on conservation land. These regulations are in place to ensure that all visitors have a safe and comfortable visit to Lexington's conservation areas.

On all conservation areas:

- Dogs must be under the immediate restraint and control of a guardian, either by leash, or by sight and voice command. Sight and voice command mean that dog(s):
- are within the guardian's sight at all times;
- come to the guardian immediately when called;
- stay at the guardian's command;
- do not charge or chase any person, dog or wildlife, nor engage in any aggressive behavior;
- do not cause damage to any conservation land, or any land used to gain access to conservation land.
- No more than 2 dogs per person are permitted
- Guardians must carry a waste bag for each dog in their care and pick up and properly dispose of their dogs' waste
- Guardians must carry a leash for each dog in their care

At Willard's Woods: Dogs must be on leash on Saturdays and Sundays at all times. Dogs may be walked off leash on weekdays, but they must remain under the immediate restraint and control of their walker, either by leash, or voice and sight command.

At Parker Meadow: Dogs must be controlled by leash on all marked "Universally Accessible "UA" trails.

Dogs must always be leashed in the On-Leash Zones at the major entryways.

Violations to the regulations are punishable by fines and can be reported to the Police Department at 781-862-1212.



## Bag That Poop!

Nobody wants to see dog waste or (filled poop bags) left on a trail – and most visitors are good about picking it up. Dog feces causes problems even when it's out of sight in the woods. The EPA has identified dog waste as a significant source of pollution because it contains harmful bacteria (including E. coli, and parasites such as giardia, roundworm, and hookworm) that can be washed into our waterways. People and dogs have contracted diseases and parasites from contact with water polluted by dog feces.

## How Can You Help?

Always collect your pet's waste in a plastic bag (biodegradable bags are available) and dispose of it properly in a garbage receptacle.

## Lincoln Conservation Land Dog Walking Rules

Dogs and other pets must be fully controlled at all times. "Control" is defined by the dog being leashed, or within the owner's sight and hearing at all times and trained to come immediately when called.

- Dogs must stay on trails.
- A maximum of 3 leashed dogs are allowed per person. Visitors with 2 or fewer dogs may unleash their dogs, except where leashes are expressly required.
- Dog waste must be picked up and removed from property.

### Leash Always:

- Approaching people, bikes, or horses (unless the other trail user says it's ok not to)
- Parking areas & trailheads
- Flints Pond Cons. Land
- Certain Trails at Mt. Misery
- Agricultural Fields and Pollinator meadows (signed)

Look for LEASH & OFF-LEASH signs



Dogs are not allowed to chase or harass people, wildlife, other dogs, horses, or livestock.



## GOOD OWNERS MAKE GOOD DOGS

RESPECTING CONSERVATION  
LAND, WILDLIFE, AND  
VISITORS

We welcome you and your dog to our conservation land! We understand that your dog is an important part of your life, and we're pleased to provide this opportunity. With your help we can ensure your dog does not negatively affect other visitors, wildlife, ponds and streams, soil, and water quality.

Town of Lincoln  
Conservation Commission  
781-259-2612  
[conservation@lincolntown.org](mailto:conservation@lincolntown.org)



## Other Visitors

While you may love your dog, other visitors may not enjoy dogs or may even fear them. It can be frightening to see an unleashed dog running toward you, even if you like dogs. They might jump on or bark at people and other dogs. In rare cases, uncontrolled dogs have bitten people or attacked other dogs.

## How Can You Help?

Always leash your dog when approaching people, bikes, or horses (unless the other trail user says it's ok not to). Otherwise, dogs must be on leash or under effective voice & sight control. This means your dog is always in your sight & comes immediately when called. (Additional Leash requirements can be found on the other side of this brochure.)



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR  
COMPLETE TRAIL RULES

## Protecting Wildlife

Dogs, especially when unleashed, can cause serious and potentially life threatening issues for wildlife including:

- Dogs chase, harm, and sometimes kill wildlife.
- They flush birds from nests, which exposes eggs and nestlings to the elements and predators.
- Just having dogs in wildlife areas subtly alter wildlife behavior in harmful ways. For example, many mammals and birds perceive dogs as predators and will avoid areas

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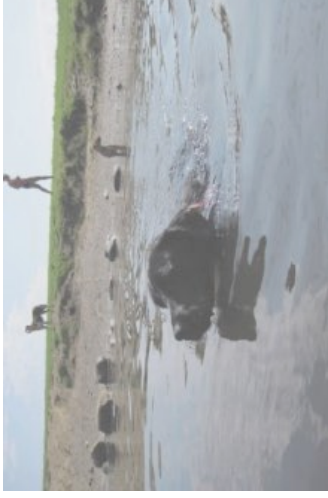
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- If your dog is off leash, ensure that he/she stays on the trail corridor. This also protects your dog and you against tick bites and tickborne diseases and protects sensitive vegetation from trampling.

## Educational Resources

- The Scoop on Dog Waste: [www.ecolandscaping.org/03/pests-pest-management/the-scoop-on-dog-waste/](http://www.ecolandscaping.org/03/pests-pest-management/the-scoop-on-dog-waste/)

## Reducing Erosion To Streams and Ponds

Most dogs love water! If they love it too much, however, they can have a significant negative impact, causing erosion to stream banks and pond shores.



## How Can You Help?

- Control your dog's access to streams, wetlands, & ponds.
- Only allow your dog to enter and exit bodies of water at designated access points. **Please note:** In Lincoln, only Mt. Misery allows dog swimming (at two marked locations).

## See a problem on the Trail?

If you see erosion or a tree down along a trail or other issues, please contact the Conservation Dept. at [conservation@lincolntown.org](mailto:conservation@lincolntown.org) or 781-259-2612.





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### Code of Lexington Chapter 145-2: Rules & Regulations for Conservation Land

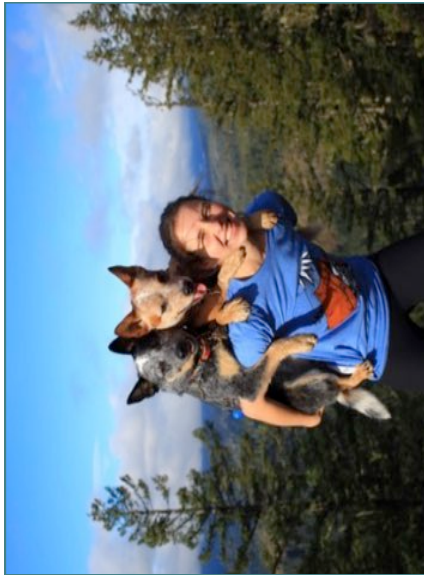
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### Educational Resources

- Leashing vs. Not Leashing in Eastern North America: <https://tinurl.com/DogsandWildlife>

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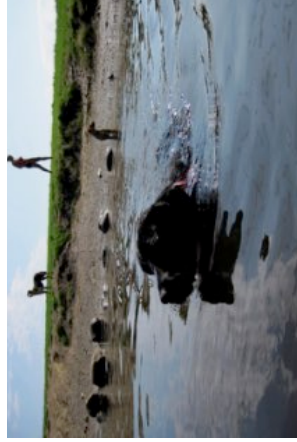
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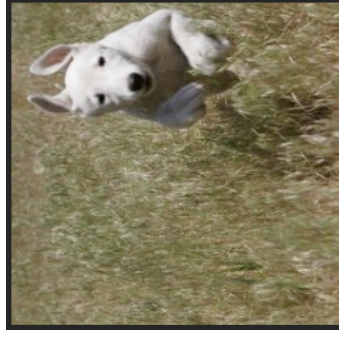
### Educational Resources

- The Impacts of Dogs on Wildlife and Water Quality: <https://tinurl.com/DogImpactsLitReview>



# TOWN OF NEEDHAM OFF LEASH DOG AREA

## RULES AND TIPS FOR USING THE OFF LEASH DOG AREA



### LOCATION:

End of Pine Street (off Central Avenue) next to Needham Community Farm.

### Additional Resources:

[www.needhamma.gov](http://www.needhamma.gov)  
[www.needhamdogpark.org](http://www.needhamdogpark.org)  
Needham Animal Control:  
(781) 444-1212

### TIPS FOR SAFELY USING OFF LEASH DOG AREA

1. Take it slowly. Consider coming to the dog park with your dog and staying outside the fence the first time. Let your dog get used to the idea that this is a place to come play with other dogs. If they are pulling to get in there, then consider giving it a try. If their tail is between their legs, just watch this time.
2. Take it slowly. Don't allow you or your dog to have a negative first visit. When your dog first comes through the gate, there may well be a bunch of dogs that want to come over and say hello. This can be intimidating for your dog. Stay close to them and put yourself between the other dogs and your dog if you can.
3. Watch your dog. If their tail is between the legs, they are uncomfortable. If they are getting chased by more than one dog and keep looking back over their shoulders, they are uncomfortable. If they are getting rolled multiple times by a chasing dog or dogs, and can't seem to turn the tables, they are uncomfortable. Go get them and remove them from the situation until they are ready to try again. Take them out of the park for a few minutes if they need it. Stay close to them so they know you are with them.
4. Watch your dog's body language. If they are showing signs of being over stimulated or aggressive in any way, remove them from the situation. Most fights can be avoided.
5. Watch your dog. If your dog goes to the bathroom, it is your responsibility to clean it up.
6. Watch your dog. Don't assume that everyone else is watching their dogs.

It is fun to chat with your friends and neighbors but your first job is to make sure your dog is enjoying their experience at the dog park.

This is a learning experience for your dog but once they get it, they will love coming to play with their friends.

**3.7.7 Removal of Pet Waste.** No person owning or keeping a dog shall suffer, permit, or allow such a dog to leave feces in any public or private property of someone other than that of the dog's owner or keeper within the Town of Needham, without the approval of said property owner. Any person having custody and control of a dog in any such area shall carry with him or her proper equipment for the removal of feces. For purposes of this section, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement, or other device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces. No person shall leave or dispose of said feces in any catch basin, drainage structure, waterway or on any public property or street except in a trash receptacle.

**3.7.8 Off-Leash Areas.** The Town may authorize an area or areas to be used as off-leash areas for dogs licensed in the Town of Needham for which a separate fee will be assessed and for which the Board of Selectmen may, from time to time, establish regulations for use. No person owning or keeping a dog shall suffer, permit or allow such dog to use the off leash area without the proper license or in violation of such regulations.



# Town of Needham Recreational Off Leash Dog Area

**All dogs must be in compliance with the following rules:**

1. Only dogs with up-to-date Needham dog license may use the Needham Dog Recreational Area.
2. All dogs must be wearing a collar with identification and an up-to-date Needham dog license.
3. All dogs must be on-leash until they are inside the off-leash area.
4. All dogs must be under voice control at all times.
5. All dogs must be spayed/neutered.
6. All dogs must have a current rabies vaccine.

**All dog companions must be in compliance with the following rules:**

7. Users must be respectful of the operations of the Needham Community Farm.
8. Users must carry an appropriate leash with them at all times.
9. Users must carry dog waste removal bag with them at all times.
10. Users must clean up immediately after their dogs and remove all pet waste and other trash from the area after every visit (trash barrels will be provided at the site).
11. Users must ensure that all dogs are within sight and under voice control at all times.
12. Users must remain in the fenced in area while their dogs are using the area.
13. Users must prevent their dogs from digging any holes and immediately fill in any hole they may dig.

**Incidents and Violations:**

14. All users agree that the use of the Needham Dog Recreational Area is at their own risk and that the Town of Needham shall not be held liable for any injury or mishap which occurs while the area is in use.
15. Owners are legally responsible and liable for their dogs and any injuries or destruction caused by them.
16. Users are required to immediately report all bites and significant incidents to the Needham Animal Control Officer at (781) 444-1212.
17. Violation of these rules may result in removal of privileges to use the Needham Dog Recreational Area.

## NEEDHAM GENERAL BY-LAWS SECTION 3.7 DOG REGULATIONS

**3.7.1 Use of Leashes.** No person shall allow a dog owned or kept by her/him to go beyond the confines of the property of the owner or keeper unless the dog is held firmly on a leash.

**3.7.2 Disturbing the Peace.** No person shall own or keep within the Town any dog which bites, excessively barks or howls or in any other manner disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood, or endangers the safety of any person, domesticated animal or farm animal.

**3.7.3 Complaints.** The animal control officer is hereby authorized to seek a complaint against the owner or keeper of a dog who is found to have violated the provisions of sub-sections 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.4, 3.7.5, 3.7.6, 3.7.7, or 3.7.8 for which the following penalties shall be imposed:

1. First Offense – twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)
2. Each Subsequent Offense – fifty dollars (\$50.00)

**3.7.4 Restraint of Dogs.** In addition to the foregoing penalties, the animal control officer is also authorized and empowered to muzzle or restrain a dog, or to order the owner or keeper of a dog to muzzle or restrain a dog, pending a hearing before the Board of Selectmen as hereinafter provided, when the animal control officer finds that a dog has bitten or threatened any person or domesticated or farm animal, or has chased any vehicle upon any way open to public travel in the Town, or the owner had violated the provisions of section 3.7 more than three times in any calendar year. The owner or keeper of any dog that has been ordered to be restrained or muzzled under the provisions of section 3.7 may request in writing to the Board of Selectmen that the animal control officer vacate such order.

**3.7.5 Uncontrollable Dogs.** In addition to any other statutory authority contained in M.G.L. Chapter 140, the animal control officer may, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, enter a complaint before the Board of Selectmen to obtain an order to control or dispose of a dog found to be uncontrollable, or whose owner or keeper is unresponsive to any other penalties contained in Section 3.7.

**3.7.6 Restricted Areas.** No person shall allow a dog, other than a service dog, owned or kept by him or her, whether leashed or unleashed, to trespass on Memorial Park or DeFazio Park.

### Trail Maps

Are you looking for places to enjoy a quiet stroll with your dog? Copies of the **Weston Trail Map** (\$10) and Elmer E. Jones' book **Walks on Weston Conservation Land** (\$15) are available at:

Weston Town Hall - Building Dept.  
11 Townhouse Road  
Weston, MA 02493

### Maps for Mobile Devices

Access our trail map on your mobile device while exploring Weston's trails. Just scan this QR code, press "zoom" and "follow," and look for the blue dot. Explore "layers" to add aerial photos and more.



[www.mapsonline.net/westonma/trails.html](http://www.mapsonline.net/westonma/trails.html)

### Weston Forest and Trail Association

Weston Forest & Trail Association was formed in 1955 to protect and enhance Weston's treasured open space resources for everyone's enjoyment. Today, WFTA owns more than 200 acres of conservation land and easements and maintains more than 100 miles of trails in the Town of Weston. WFTA sponsors monthly trail walks, offers an illustrated lecture at its annual meeting in May, and sponsors other nature-oriented special events. To join or learn more, visit: [www.westonforesttrail.org](http://www.westonforesttrail.org).

### Friends of Weston Reservoir

Friends of Weston Reservoir helps to maintain the land around the Weston Reservoir by supplying "muff mitts" at this popular area for walking dogs. To donate or to help fill the boxes, email: [jfcooper@comcast.net](mailto:jfcooper@comcast.net).

### Report a Problem, Ask a Question

In case of an emergency: **911**

#### 781-786-6200 - Police Department

- Report violations
- Report safety issues
- Inquire about Commercial Dog Walking permits

#### 781-786-5010 - Town Clerk's Office

- Inquire about dog licensing
- Apply for Commercial Dog Walking permits

#### 781-786-5068 - Conservation Commission [conservation@westonma.gov](mailto:conservation@westonma.gov)

- Inquire about conservation land
- Report trail issues

For the full text of Weston's Dog Regulations (Article XX of the General Town Bylaws), scan this QR code:



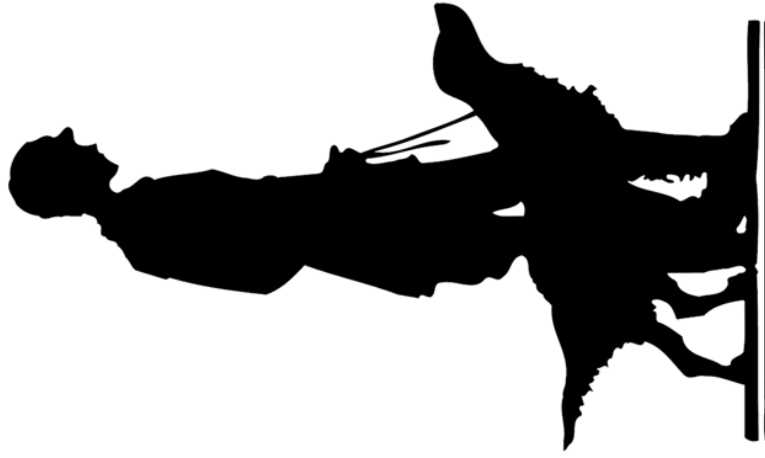
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**All dog bites must be reported to the Police Department at 781-786-6200.**



More information available at:  
[www.weston.org/221/Dog-Walking](http://www.weston.org/221/Dog-Walking)

# Walking Your Dog in Weston



Provided by  
Weston Animal Control  
Weston Conservation Commission  
& Friends of Weston Reservoir

Revised April 2022



# Help us keep Weston's neighborhoods, trails, & open spaces enjoyable for everyone



## Weston's Commercial Dog Walking Policy

### LICENSE AND CARRY A LEASH

- ✓ Carry a leash for each dog in your care
- ✓ License your dog by April 30 each year
- ✓ Your dog must wear its tags and have up-to-date vaccinations
- ✓ If you are non-commercial dog walker (resident or non-resident) and are walking **more than** three dogs, then all dogs must be leashed

### PROTECT YOUR DOG, YOURSELF, & OTHERS

- ✓ When approaching others, keep your dog close to you, clearly under control or leashed
- ✓ Don't allow your dog to jump on anyone
- ✓ Don't let your dog out of your sight. Out of sight is out of control.
- ✓ Leash your dog when horses are approaching

### KNOW WHERE DOGS ARE NOT INVITED

- ✓ Dogs must be leashed:
  - on school property
  - on playgrounds
  - on unfenced playing fields
  - at public gatherings
- ✓ Dogs are not permitted:
  - on fenced playing fields
  - on agricultural fields
  - at cemeteries

### LEAVING DOG WASTE DOESN'T CUT IT

- ✓ Properly dispose of your dog's waste, **every time**
- ✓ Never leave dog waste on the trail side, bagged or not—it is ugly & unhealthy
- ✓ Carry a waste bag for each dog in your care

### RESPECT PLANTS & WILDLIFE

- ✓ Don't let your dog chase wildlife, including birds
- ✓ Don't let your dog dig holes on public land
- ✓ Keep your dog out of eroded and ecologically sensitive areas

### TREAD LIGHTLY ON TRAILS

- ✓ Keep your dog on designated trails
- ✓ Avoid muddy trails during wet seasons if possible
- ✓ Leash your dog when entering and exiting trails

Weston has a permit system in place for commercial dog walkers. All commercial/compensated dog walkers operating within the Town of Weston must acquire a permit issued by the Town. Permit applications are available at the Weston Town Clerk's Office. Fees must be paid at the time of application. Photo identification cards and placards will be issued by the Weston Police Department following completion of the application process.

While walking dogs in Weston, permitted commercial dog walkers must:

- carry commercial permit ID cards
- display ID placard in their vehicle
- walk no more than 5 dogs at a time
- carry a leash for each dog in their care
- carry an adequate number of dog waste disposal bags
- properly dispose of their dogs' waste in a trash receptacle or take it with them; waste may not be left in plastic bags on the trails
- ensure that all dogs in their care are properly licensed and up-to-date on their vaccines
- follow all Town regulations

For more information about commercial dog walking, contact the Animal Control Officer at 781-786-6201.

*Violations jeopardize others' safety and enjoyment and may be punishable by fines. Report violations and dog bites to the Police Department at 781-786-6200.*