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From: Luci Walshe[SMTP:LUCIOXFORD@YAHOO.COM]  
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 12:15:37 PM  
To: LARA ANDERSON  
Subject: Dog fun zone!!!  
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Dear Lara -

I won't be able to make it to the city council meeting on the 20th to discuss the dog "fun zones", but still wanted the opportunity to express how wonderful it has been to have these areas around Dana Point. We take our two-year old boxer to the "fun zone" near Sea Canyon Park nearly every day and it has been so great to have the access there. Our dogs get along so well and there is nothing better than letting them run free for their exercise.

We truly can't imagine not having these dog "fun zones" around Dana Point. Thank you for thinking of our four-legged "kids" and giving them the space they need to exercise.

Sincerely,  
Luci Walshe

From: Tracy Russo[SMTP:TLCRUSSO@YAHOO.COM]  
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2006 3:36:25 PM  
To: LARA ANDERSON; RUSS CHILTON; WAYNE RAYFIELD; JAMES LACY; DIANE HARKEY  
Subject: Dog Fun Zones  
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Hi,

I'm writing to you about the upcoming vote on the Dana Point Dog "Fun Zones".

We've lived in Dana Point for almost 5 years and it wasn't until a year ago that we got a dog. While going to the Crystal Cove dog park over the last year, I've met and gotten to know more neighbors than I did the previous 4 years combined. And I've really gotten to know them- not just the small talk you do with neighbors you see once or twice a month. Dogs gives people a common bond and are a huge conversation starter. Standing in the park while your dogs plays for half an hour, talking to these people, over time really brings people together. It's the most sense of community I've had since moving to Dana Point. Sure you can go to the concert in the park but you really don't meet new people that way. I know people 6 streets down better than I know a lot of the neighbors who live across the street. I'd probably never have gotten to know them if not for the park. Plus everybody really pitches in to keep it clean. Nobody thinks twice about cleaning up a mess that was left by another dog.

I think it would be a shame to get rid of these dog parks just because a very small portion of people don't like them. The good far outweighs the bad and so many more people benefit from it than are bothered by it.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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From: Sue Walshe[SMTP:SEWALSHE@COX.NET]  
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2006 9:41:39 PM  
To: LARA ANDERSON; RUSS CHILTON; WAYNE RAYFIELD; JAMES LACY; DIANE HARKEY  
Subject: Dog Fun Zones - In Favor Of.  
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Dear Mayor Anderson and Council Persons:

I live very close to Sea Canyon Park where we are fortunate enough to have a Dog Fun Zone. Having always owned large dogs and living so close to the park for over 20 years, it is such a huge benefit to finally have a place where my dogs can exercise and run freely.

Before the Fun Zones were installed, pet owners would bring their dogs to run freely in the park, ignoring leash laws and allowing them to use the park as a giant bathroom. Now this is rarely an issue, making everybody happy!

A couple of ideas for future implementation, possible improved lighting. A separate exit from the entrance at the opposite end, in case of a dog fight and hiring of a company such as Entre Manure for clean up.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Luanne Burton[SMTP:DAWGMA@COX.NET]  
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To: LARA ANDERSON; RUSS CHILTON; WAYNE RAYFIELD; JAMES LACY; DIANE HARKEY  
Subject: In Favor of Dog Fun Zones  
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Dear Mayor and Councilpersons:

I live across the street from Sea Canyon Park and think the Dog Fun Zone is best thing that has happened in our area. I take my two aussies over to play occasionally and have met some of the most wonderful people (and dogs ;- ) in Dana Point. Keep up the Dog Fun Zones!!!  
Thank you Lara Anderson!

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From: dennymikus[SMTP:DENNYMIKUS@COX.NET]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 6:40:23 AM  
To: LARA ANDERSON; RUSS CHILTON; WAYNE RAYFIELD; JAMES LACY; DIANE HARKEY  
Cc: 'Drew & Kirsten Reynolds'  
Subject: Existing Dog Zones in Dana Point Parks  
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Dear council members.

It is my understanding; the Dog Zones in our parks are coming up for review on Nov 20, 2006.

As a home owner in our community, I would like to express my feeling and findings on this.

The dog zones have been a great benefit to both me as a dog owner and the community as a whole.

It has been my observation:

1. It is preferable to have my dog do her business in a dog park then a neighbor's yard while walking my dog. I do clean up after my dog, but understandably, some home owners do not like dogs doing this in their yards.
2. When I use to take my dog around the block, the other dogs would start barking when we walked by their houses. When one started, they all would bark. This can be annoying to the home owners. I don't have this problem if I go to the dog park.
3. By socializing my dog at the park, she is friendlier to both other dogs and people. This is recommended in dog training books.
4. Dogs need to run and exercise. While on a leash, they are held back from getting the necessary exercise. Now, this can be done in a controlled environment.

5. It is a great way to meet our neighbors with like interests.
6. It keeps our dogs away from the regular parks which I believe most people find a benefit.

I hope I can continue to visit our dog zones in the future. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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From: Kay Lehmacher[SMTP:KLEMACHER@COX.NET]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 3:11:04 PM  
To: LARA ANDERSON  
Subject: Dog Fun Zones  
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Dear Laura,

Please pass this to the City Council.

Dog Fun Zones are a great asset to the community, they are needed for exercise and socializing and in my experience have been kept clean by the dog owner's. Cleaner than some of the streets.

Please don't let anti dog brigade take this away from the animals it is the treat of the day for many as they do not always have a yard to play in.

Thank you Laura for all you do.

Kay Lehmacher

From: L. Step.[SMTP:RUBYSTAR88@COX.NET]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 7:26:05 PM  
To: LARA ANDERSON  
Subject: please don't close our doggie run area!!!  
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Dear Lara,

I know you have alot more important issues on your mind than a dog play area but I just heard a rumor about the fact that we might be losing our doggie run in Heritage Park and from the Library.

I have no idea what I would do without those free run areas. It is a place where my dog and I go and vent all of our pent up energy. It will be devastating for a group of us doggie owners...where else will we be able to take them?

The only complaint I have about the doggie run is that it isn't big enough....in the evenings around 5pm there can be as many as a dozen dogs in there having a wonderful time and a few times, my dog has run into an interior fence pole. The play pen itself has some design problems which can be remedied but please, I beg you, don't close our dog run.

Thanks,  
Lori Stephen  
El Camino Capistrano