

Doris Day Dog Park Survey Highlights

47 total responses | February 21, 2024 – March 25, 2024

Overarching Themes

- Respondents love Doris Day Dog Parks' centralized location in Mt. Airy Forest due to the spacious size and shaded, natural setting where visitors find a sense of community and place for socialization.
- Users asked to improve the muddy terrain/drainage, increase available garbage receptacles, and to update, and better maintain park amenities.
- Some respondents raised concerns about safety for themselves and dogs, citing issues like aggressive dogs, lack of supervision, and better separation of large and small dogs.

Please provide the zip code where you live.

57% of respondents live in the surrounding communities of Mt. Airy Forest. A significant portion of respondents live farther away, confirming the notion Doris Day Dog Park is also a regional amenity.

How often do you visit Doris Day Dog Park in Mt. Airy Forest?

66% of respondents use the park frequently (daily, weekly, or monthly).

In your words, please describe what you love about Doris Day Dog Park.

See the first bullet point above.

If you could change just one thing about the experience, what would it be?

Improve accessibility for people, and dogs, by addressing the muddy terrain/drainage issues.

More trash, shade, and seating amenities

Regular maintenance to address surfacing (mud), trash removal, and fence repairs.

Please prioritize the following list of improvements being considered.

1st Reduce the amount of mud in the lawn.

2nd Add additional, and better maintain existing, amenities such as tables, benches, trash cans, gates, park signs, water fountains and bowls.

3rd Redesign the gated entry to improve ease of access and safety.

4th Update play equipment.

5th Repair the road/pathway to the park and the comfort station.

Please rank the following list of potential play equipment to add to the dog park?

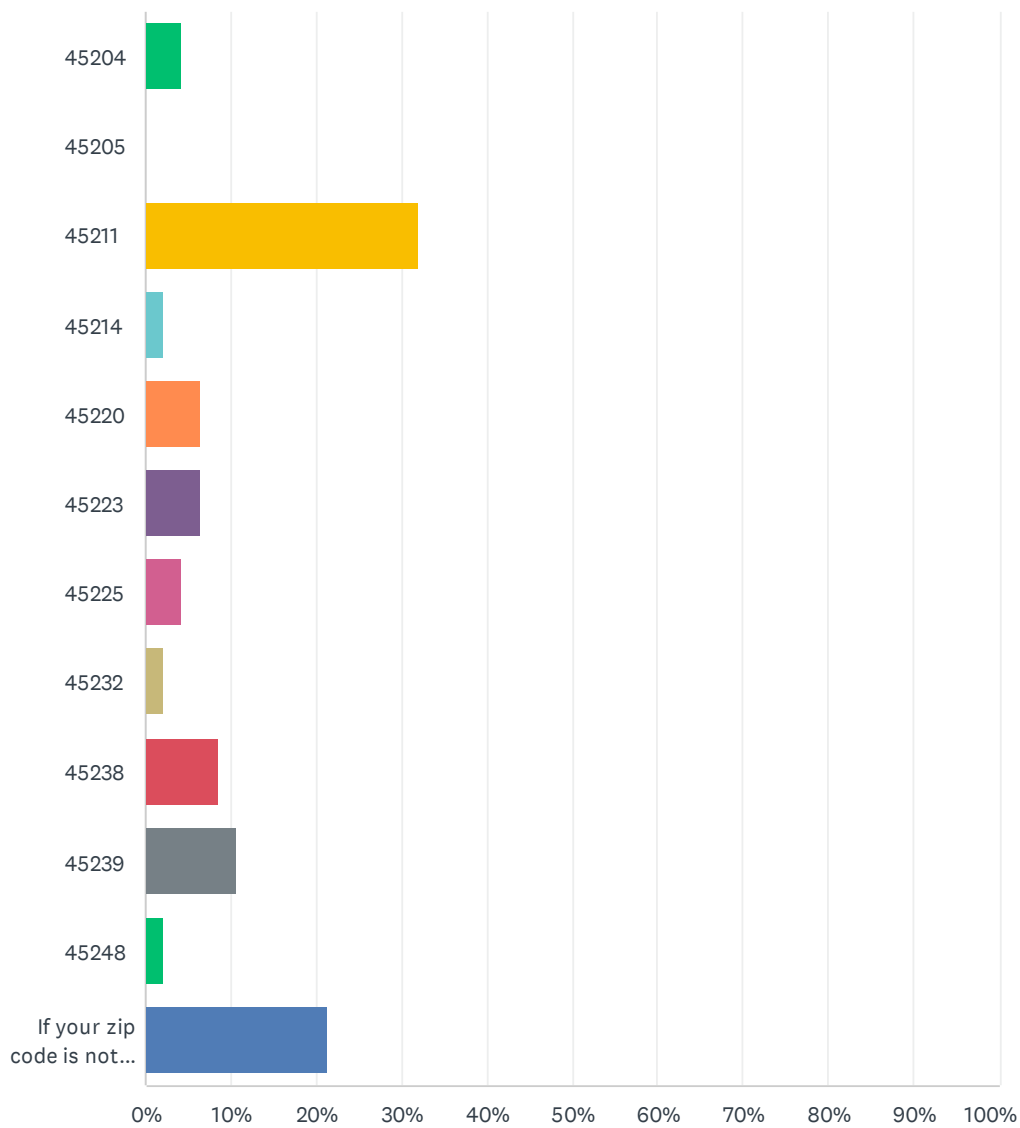
The play equipment types were ranked evenly overall. Respondents narrowly favored structures dogs could climb on, such as fallen trees, mounds and ramps. Jumping obstacles such as ring runs and jump bars, ranked lowest.

Are there any other improvements not listed you would like to see?

Overall respondents liked the suggested design. Other ideas mentioned were to split the large dog area into two large dog areas, maintain shade, and to keep the turf natural. Several suggested adding an entrance to the park closer to existing parking.

Q1 Please provide the zip code where you live.

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



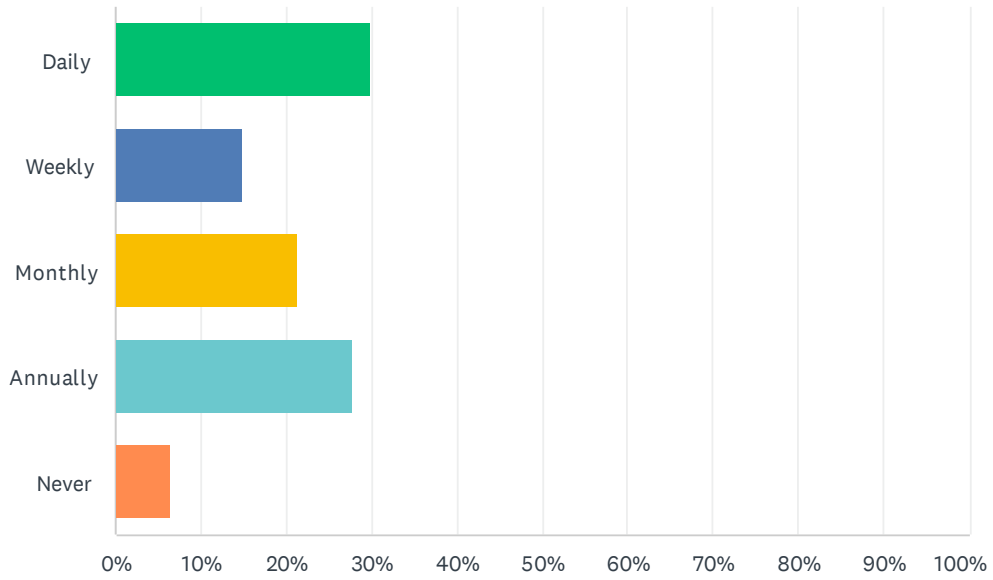
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
45204	4.26% 2
45205	0.00% 0
45211	31.91% 15
45214	2.13% 1
45220	6.38% 3
45223	6.38% 3
45225	4.26% 2
45232	2.13% 1
45238	8.51% 4
45239	10.64% 5
45248	2.13% 1
If your zip code is not listed please type it below.	21.28% 10
TOTAL	47

#	IF YOUR ZIP CODE IS NOT LISTED PLEASE TYPE IT BELOW.	DATE
1	45206	2/27/2024 6:56 AM
2	45211	2/26/2024 5:44 PM
3	45231	2/26/2024 8:31 AM
4	45224	2/24/2024 10:38 AM
5	45238	2/23/2024 12:56 PM
6	45224	2/22/2024 8:39 PM
7	45229	2/22/2024 8:22 PM
8	45030	2/22/2024 8:14 PM
9	45208	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
10	45211	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

Q2 How often do you visit Doris Day Dog Park in Mt. Airy Forest?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	29.79%	14
Weekly	14.89%	7
Monthly	21.28%	10
Annually	27.66%	13
Never	6.38%	3
TOTAL		47

Q3 In your words, please describe what you love about Doris Day Dog Park.

Answered: 45 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The space, grass, and dog fountains.	3/13/2024 1:49 PM
2	Size & location	3/12/2024 8:29 AM
3	The amount of space it provides for our pets to run and play	3/7/2024 11:46 AM
4	trees, sm and lg dog areas, water, sitting space	3/1/2024 4:15 PM
5	The size is great and it is grassy with lots of shade trees in the summer.	3/1/2024 10:35 AM
6	The size of the park	2/27/2024 4:27 PM
7	I love that is located in Mount airy Forest	2/27/2024 11:48 AM
8	I love that it is so close to my house! The times my pups and I have visited were good. I know for awhile they had some issues with holes/gaps in the fence by the road which was scary.	2/27/2024 11:46 AM
9	On my way to Mt Airy trails where we hike or run.	2/27/2024 6:56 AM
10	Today was our first time here. The separate areas for dog size.	2/26/2024 5:44 PM
11	The space, trees and community.	2/26/2024 8:31 AM
12	Large fenced area with plenty of seating	2/25/2024 4:01 PM
13	Lots of fenced in space to run. Big trees and lots of grass.	2/24/2024 3:37 PM
14	The ability to have a safe place for my dog to run	2/24/2024 2:48 PM
15	Love how much space there is for my two big dogs to run around.	2/24/2024 10:38 AM
16	Convenient location	2/23/2024 7:02 PM
17	I love the terrain, the altitude, the convenience, the view, the community, and its trail adjacent.	2/23/2024 4:44 PM
18	Large area for the dogs to run and play. Talking with other dog owners.	2/23/2024 2:45 PM
19	A separate section for small dogs a waiting area between them to wait for other pet owners or to have small social meetings large area for the dogs to roam free in the equipment for them to use the picnic tables to set at and the grill to keep warm during the winter	2/23/2024 1:03 PM
20	Location Trees People Good size for walking and running for dogs	2/23/2024 1:00 PM
21	The location is close to me and large enough for my doggie to run around.	2/23/2024 12:56 PM
22	The trees, acreage, community	2/23/2024 12:30 PM
23	I love that it's close to my house and not very crowded. My dog loves running.	2/23/2024 11:27 AM
24	Trees!	2/23/2024 8:40 AM
25	The bountiful amount of trees providing shade during the summer, and the large area that our dogs can play.	2/23/2024 8:01 AM
26	Large size	2/23/2024 7:29 AM
27	It is large, has two dog areas for large and small dogs, and has lots of trees to provide shade in the summer.	2/23/2024 12:36 AM
28	Natural	2/22/2024 11:26 PM
29	The space, the views, the community that's there is great	2/22/2024 10:30 PM

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30	Nice mix of trees and open space	2/22/2024 8:39 PM
31	There's grass. I actually really like that it's just open grass for chase play in a fence. I don't really think dogs need play equipment, my buddies go to socialize bc they like active play.	2/22/2024 8:26 PM
32	I love that the dog park is large, open, and partially wooded. I also appreciate the seating and tables throughout	2/22/2024 8:22 PM
33	Proximity of a large running space to my zip code	2/22/2024 8:20 PM
34	I love the forest that surrounds it. It's gorgeous, quite and a little oasis	2/22/2024 7:16 PM
35	Large, lots of mature tree cover, real grass/vegetation	2/22/2024 6:12 PM
36	Meeting dog owners and watching dogs have fun	2/22/2024 5:32 PM
37	I love how woodsy, hilly, and natural it feels.	2/22/2024 4:58 PM
38	Love proximity to me but needs more sectioning and rules.	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
39	How spacious it is; real grass	2/22/2024 4:16 PM
40	How big it is	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
41	the community fosters an environment where people pick up trash as they see it	2/22/2024 10:50 AM
42	I love the community that we have built there, the shady trees and large size are great for my pup to play especially during hot summer months.	2/22/2024 10:15 AM
43	The size of the large dog park vs. my back yard that allows my dog my space to run.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
44	natural elements- trees plenty of space for my boy to run	2/22/2024 8:28 AM
45	I love the vast open / shaded layout. The trees are wonderful and the presence of Mt Airy surrounding is refreshing.	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

Q4 If you could change just one thing about the experience, what would it be?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 4

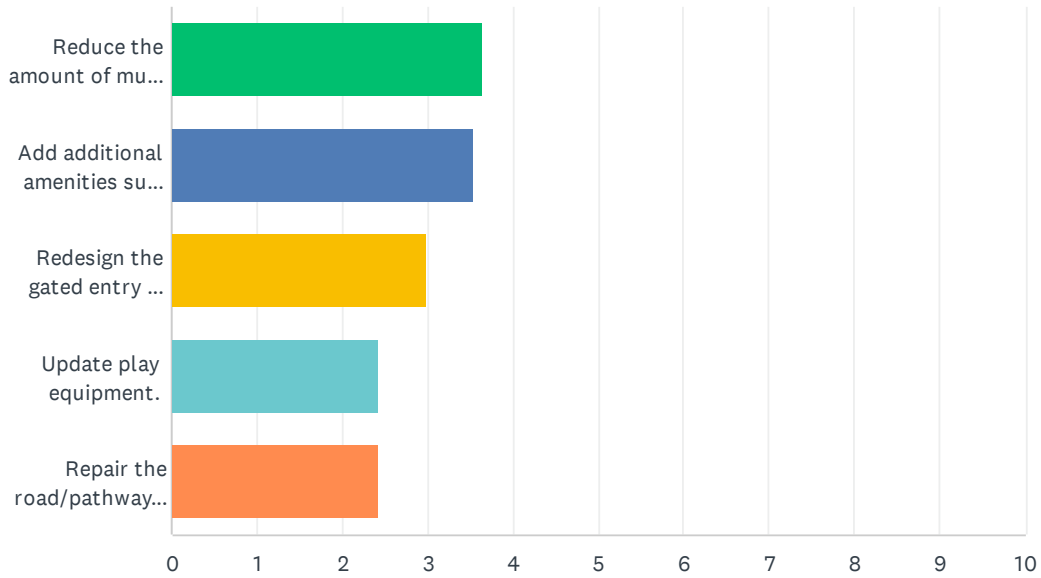
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1	We need more waste bags and trash cans	3/13/2024 1:49 PM
2	More grass in the park . It's full of muddy areas in small dog area ..more play items for pets .. Old equipment . Doggy bags	3/7/2024 11:46 AM
3	everything is run down, shabby or dirty. Please note your intro to this survey stated "improve this community asset from those who use, and love, the park" ?????? can't even proof read to correct to FOR those who use.	3/1/2024 4:15 PM
4	Have two areas for large dogs. Sometimes dogs don't get along and it would be nice to have seperate areas.	3/1/2024 10:35 AM
5	Reduce the poor drainage so the mud dries faster.	2/27/2024 4:27 PM
6	I would like it to be a more attractive place with working facilities	2/27/2024 11:48 AM
7	Updated play things for the dogs/ and more/nicer places to sit with possibly a shelter over the benches incase it started to rain.	2/27/2024 11:46 AM
8	Make it safer. Pit bulls being aggressive, people warning us about irresponsible owners, individual with open carry gun threatening to shoot a dog if aggressive. We keep away from the park these days to avoid this.	2/27/2024 6:56 AM
9	Fix water pump and bowl. The dog running track/climber has a very sharp edge sticking out on the right bottom side. Small dog area is small compared.	2/26/2024 5:44 PM
10	Make accessible!	2/26/2024 8:31 AM
11	More trash cans throughout the park.	2/25/2024 4:01 PM
12	Always muddy but the wood chips help in the spring.	2/24/2024 3:37 PM
13	Less mud where the dogs run	2/24/2024 2:48 PM
14	Having it maintained and restocked a bit more regularly.	2/24/2024 10:38 AM
15	Erosion and less aggressive dogs	2/23/2024 7:02 PM
16	The mud and having a shade area in the summer.	2/23/2024 4:44 PM
17	Have trash bins inside the park to dispose of waste.	2/23/2024 2:45 PM
18	A large sign at both entrance stating the address of the park phone number for the police and notice of no aggressive animals	2/23/2024 1:03 PM
19	Less mud Playground equipment for children	2/23/2024 1:00 PM
20	Trash cans on the inside and control of the mud.	2/23/2024 12:56 PM
21	garbage cans inside the park	2/23/2024 12:30 PM
22	The park is very muddy so we don't go there unless I'm prepared to bathe my dog after. and I don't go there alone (would not feel safe)	2/23/2024 11:27 AM
23	I would enjoy a quality walkway that is accessible for everyone inside the dog park.	2/23/2024 8:01 AM
24	A check in the dogs that go there. On my second visit my dog was badly bitten on the snout. His owner was stoned and clueless. There was no info about what to do in such a case.	2/23/2024 7:29 AM
25	Better maintenance to ensure there aren't holes surrounding the perimeter of the fence.	2/23/2024 12:36 AM

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26	Staffed	2/22/2024 11:26 PM
27	Trash cans inside the park would be great, also a walking path	2/22/2024 10:30 PM
28	I don't remember that there were a lot of benches. More benches might be nice.	2/22/2024 8:26 PM
29	The entry	2/22/2024 8:22 PM
30	It's terrain - very muddy and seemingly uncared for. By contrast, the dog park in Ft Thomas is a similar no-muss no-fuss terrain BUT somehow works better as it's incorporated into feral space.	2/22/2024 8:20 PM
31	Dog parks are unsafe for dogs. I would change that Cincinnati Parks are opening them.	2/22/2024 8:14 PM
32	The forest could use a little trail maintenance. Some of the paths have spots that are eroded away and the litter is terrible	2/22/2024 7:16 PM
33	Safety. Being tucked away in a secluded area, I want to feel safe going there alone with my dogs. People don't watch their dogs.	2/22/2024 6:12 PM
34	Fine as is.	2/22/2024 5:32 PM
35	Have the entrance be closer to the parking lot.	2/22/2024 4:58 PM
36	Hoping for more rules regarding dogs and owners. I stopped going once the shooting happened several years ago. Intact male dogs were also a problem biting my dog and others were running down dogs and being aggressive. Owner left muzzle on dog while in the park.	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
37	A separated area with more agility opportunities	2/22/2024 4:16 PM
38	Seating and shade for people. Bathrooms.	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
39	the condition of the ground. large are of dirt often are not traversable due to muddy conditions	2/22/2024 10:50 AM
40	The maintenance of the park i.e. trash upkeep and tending to the grass/muddy spots	2/22/2024 10:15 AM
41	Less muddy areas.	2/22/2024 9:26 AM
42	garbage cans inside the park for waste removal	2/22/2024 8:28 AM
43	The play area	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

Q5 Please prioritize the following list of improvements being considered:

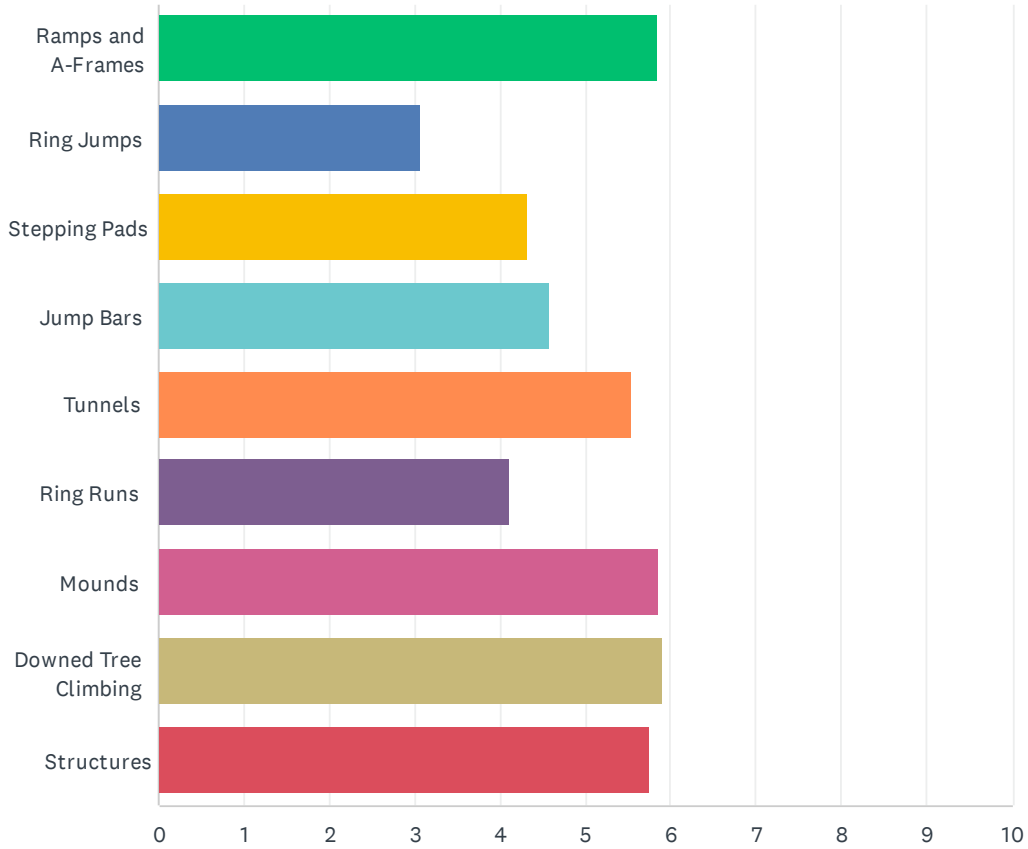
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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Reduce the amount of mud in the lawn.	38.30% 18	27.66% 13	8.51% 4	10.64% 5	14.89% 7	47	3.64
Add additional amenities such as tables, benches, trash cans, park signs, water fountains and bowls.	34.04% 16	17.02% 8	23.40% 11	19.15% 9	6.38% 3	47	3.53
Redesign the gated entry to improve ease of access and safety.	17.02% 8	23.40% 11	17.02% 8	25.53% 12	17.02% 8	47	2.98
Update play equipment.	6.38% 3	14.89% 7	21.28% 10	29.79% 14	27.66% 13	47	2.43
Repair the road/pathway to the park and the comfort station.	4.26% 2	17.02% 8	29.79% 14	14.89% 7	34.04% 16	47	2.43

Q6 Please rank the following list of potential play equipment to add to the dog park.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 3



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Ramps and A-Frames	11.36% 5	13.64% 6	25.00% 11	13.64% 6	9.09% 4	6.82% 3	6.82% 3	9.09% 4	4.55% 2	44	5.84
Ring Jumps	4.55% 2	2.27% 1	4.55% 2	6.82% 3	2.27% 1	9.09% 4	20.45% 9	15.91% 7	34.09% 15	44	3.07
Stepping Pads	0.00% 0	6.82% 3	11.36% 5	13.64% 6	13.64% 6	13.64% 6	18.18% 8	15.91% 7	6.82% 3	44	4.32
Jump Bars	6.82% 3	9.09% 4	13.64% 6	13.64% 6	6.82% 3	6.82% 3	13.64% 6	15.91% 7	13.64% 6	44	4.59
Tunnels	20.45% 9	9.09% 4	11.36% 5	9.09% 4	15.91% 7	4.55% 2	13.64% 6	9.09% 4	6.82% 3	44	5.55
Ring Runs	4.55% 2	9.09% 4	4.55% 2	4.55% 2	11.36% 5	22.73% 10	18.18% 8	11.36% 5	13.64% 6	44	4.11
Mounds	18.18% 8	18.18% 8	6.82% 3	15.91% 7	9.09% 4	15.91% 7	0.00% 0	9.09% 4	6.82% 3	44	5.86
Downed Tree Climbing	27.27% 12	15.91% 7	2.27% 1	15.91% 7	6.82% 3	9.09% 4	2.27% 1	9.09% 4	11.36% 5	44	5.91
Structures	6.82% 3	15.91% 7	20.45% 9	6.82% 3	25.00% 11	11.36% 5	6.82% 3	4.55% 2	2.27% 1	44	5.75

Q7 Are there any other improvements not listed you would like to see? Please describe.

Answered: 26 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A different entrance to the big dog park. So that 1/2 can be used for a few weeks until the other side grows back up. The same way it was done on the Simmons dog park on State Route 128. For the top, where there's no grass growing, put railroad ties on both sides halfway in the ground so you can put top soil and seed or something on the top of the hill and it won't run down each side. If you do not want to seed it, just fill it with wood chips. If you do not want to use railroad ties, you could use stones or brick. It also would be nice if you would get all of that leaves and debris off of the grass and then the grass would grow and make it look nice like all the other parks. I still can't believe that nobody that cuts grass there told upper management that there was a leak to the fountains at the front of the park. I went to this park back in the mid 80s and there was grass all over the top of that hill. If it was taken care of like it was supposed to be, we were not have this problem in the first place!	3/12/2024 8:29 AM
2	Just very muddy. Need more grass inside small dog area. It's really bad	3/7/2024 11:46 AM
3	Split the large dog area into two large areas.	3/1/2024 10:35 AM
4	Improve the frequency of general maintenance including poop and garbage pickup.	2/27/2024 4:27 PM
5	Safety improvements there have been times when there are dicey characters with pitbulls Running other visitors out of the park	2/27/2024 11:48 AM
6	N/A	2/27/2024 11:46 AM
7	More police presence	2/27/2024 6:56 AM
8	Needs more structures for the little dogs.	2/26/2024 5:44 PM
9	Recycling can. Cut down evasive vines on trees.	2/26/2024 8:31 AM
10	Light up the place so people can see where they're going and see who's there before entering also during the winter restrooms or porta potties	2/23/2024 1:03 PM
11	stop using mulch to fill in the mud	2/23/2024 1:00 PM
12	Dog bath!	2/23/2024 12:56 PM
13	There are gaps along the bottom of the fence line in the large dog park that smaller dogs can fit through. Simmonds has added a concrete-like material yo the bottom of their fences to deal with this issue	2/23/2024 12:30 PM
14	Dog pools for summer	2/23/2024 8:01 AM
15	All natural. More native plantings such as pollinator garden.	2/23/2024 7:29 AM
16	Personally, I think maintenance is needed here more than anything. Maintain the fence line, and add mulch to the center where it gets muddy. But, if you are going to make changes, adding an entrance to the large dog park area near the parking lot would be nice. I have two large dogs, and walking all the way to the top to get into it currently can be difficult as they are always so excited to get up there.	2/23/2024 12:36 AM
17	Entrance next to the parking lot, Walking path and permanent in park trash cans	2/22/2024 10:30 PM
18	Maybe extra mulch in those muddy spots in the spring. Please do not use astroturf or artificial products	2/22/2024 8:26 PM
19	Anything to make it safer? Not sure why I perceive that it's not.	2/22/2024 8:20 PM
20	Protect the environment and eliminate the concentration of urine and feces in our park.	2/22/2024 8:14 PM

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21	Honestly just keeping the size and not encroaching on the forest	2/22/2024 7:16 PM
22	Dog rinse station	2/22/2024 6:12 PM
23	Identify dog friendly paths leading from same lot.	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
24	a 10ft chain-link fence with privacy slats facing the street	2/22/2024 10:50 AM
25	No, these are all great and much needed! When you are doing the improvements it would be great if sections could be done at a time so we do not lose access for an extended period. And/or make the small/large dog area universal for a short period.	2/22/2024 10:15 AM
26	We need to figure out natural play material that can be used that would be safe for the environment and the dogs. Concrete co2 emissions are the worth considering, so what other substrates can be used? The standard agility course obstacles are hideous - should consider presentation and long term degradation of material as demonstrated by the current equipment.	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

Q8 The above rendering is an initial design sketch for Doris Day Dog Park. Please provide any feedback on the design.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 26

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Split the large area in two.	3/1/2024 10:35 AM
2	It seems the investment in play structures is being over emphasized. The focus should be on maintenance and landscaping.	2/27/2024 4:27 PM
3	I think that design looks good! I'm honestly excited for ANY improvements to the dog park. Maybe there could be a gravel area as well.	2/27/2024 11:46 AM
4	There needs to be more trash cans in the park. Near the entrance, middle and far end. No one wants to carry around that bag for long. If people don't have to walk from the far side to a trash can, they may be more inclined to pick up after their dogs.	2/25/2024 4:01 PM
5	Not sure how it is different from the original, looks very similar.	2/24/2024 3:37 PM
6	One or two more trash cans in the big dog park.	2/24/2024 10:38 AM
7	Looks great	2/23/2024 1:00 PM
8	What is the proposed resurfacing method? Preference for real grass or other natural alternatives. Do not want artificial turf.	2/23/2024 8:40 AM
9	Love it! I would highly recommend a seat placement under trees, because direct sunlight in the summertime gets very hot!	2/23/2024 8:01 AM
10	Can't really see details in this rendering.	2/23/2024 7:29 AM
11	Would love to see a double gate entrance to the large dog area down by the parking lot, and regular maintenance to the dog park	2/23/2024 12:36 AM
12	Nothing has changed in the drawing from the way the park currently is. These aren't improvements	2/22/2024 10:30 PM
13	Pls add one more shade structure by water near westwood northern blvd	2/22/2024 8:39 PM
14	What is the "resurfacing " material?	2/22/2024 8:26 PM
15	Return it back to nature	2/22/2024 8:14 PM
16	Looks nice	2/22/2024 7:16 PM
17	Can't zoom in on design so I can't see the plans	2/22/2024 6:44 PM
18	More sections divided in large dog area.	2/22/2024 4:25 PM
19	Is there shade for the humans? Umbrellas? A shelter?	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
20	Not sure what the resurfacing entails, but I would hope it is just fixing the grass NOT adding concrete etc. (that would cause injury from broken nails on the concrete) the access door would make it easier for dogs to be dumped (already a big problem at this park). I would like to see an additional waste station at the other end of the park or in the middle.	2/22/2024 10:15 AM
21	Looks great - would love to see an entrance / exit near the road for people who walk their dogs.	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

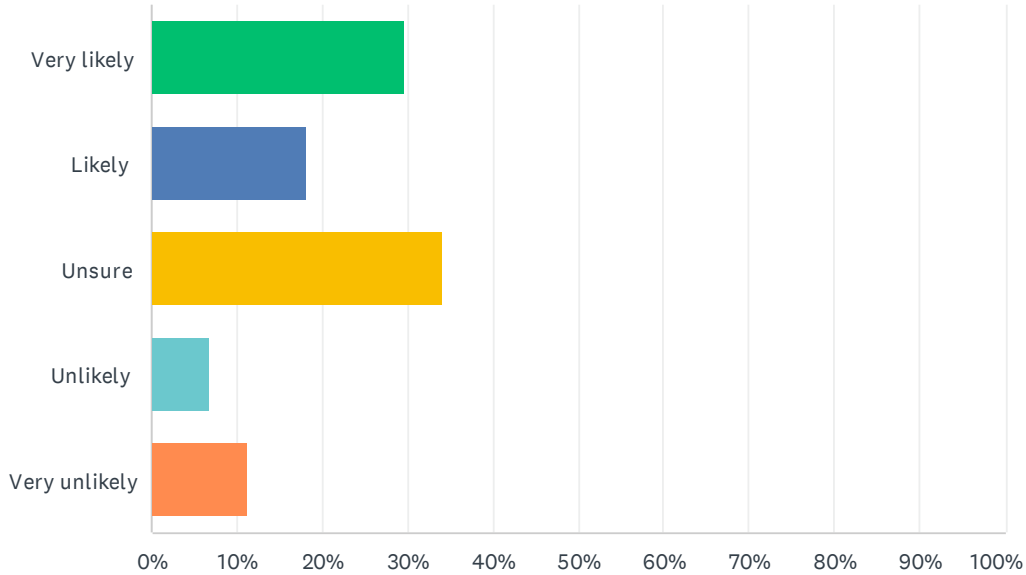
Q9 Do you have any other feedback about the Doris Day Dog Park improvement project?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 27

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please take care of the park like you would take care of your own property. Start treating each park the same!	3/12/2024 8:29 AM
2	More lighting for the night time . Very dark after 630pm tonight	3/7/2024 11:46 AM
3	any Park area should have a toilet and water available for human use. Doris Day serves the largest neighborhood in Cincinnati and should receive service and care based on that need.	3/1/2024 4:15 PM
4	It would be so much more enjoyable to have TWO areas for large dogs. So many other dog parks have this feature. I get stressed when new people come with dogs or if there are already several other dogs there.	3/1/2024 10:35 AM
5	Thank you for doing this!! :) you should contact Concerted and ask for volunteers to help with the project. They use volunteers and let them trade service hours for concert/event tickets and you would probably have a lot of help easily!	2/27/2024 11:46 AM
6	More structures for small dogs	2/26/2024 5:44 PM
7	I just appreciate the park board working to improve the park	2/24/2024 2:48 PM
8	The section for large dogs means to have the top of the hill framed in and dirt or mulch at it to reduce the erosion	2/23/2024 1:03 PM
9	Maybe children playset	2/23/2024 1:00 PM
10	I felt like the meeting was very productive. For the placement of potential gravel I would highly recommend peace stones instead of the other options for the share factor of bio friendliness.	2/23/2024 8:01 AM
11	Should be all natural. No artificial turf.	2/23/2024 7:29 AM
12	Keep natural... No turf	2/22/2024 11:26 PM
13	Please focus on improvements to the park and not maintenance that should have already been happening. Things like mud don't fall into improvements, but should have been taken care of with the general upkeep of the park.	2/22/2024 10:30 PM
14	Please don't astroturf the earth	2/22/2024 8:26 PM
15	Colossal waste of money	2/22/2024 8:14 PM
16	I think some of peoples issue is security and feeling like they and their dog is safe	2/22/2024 7:16 PM
17	No fake grass	2/22/2024 6:12 PM
18	Add shade for humans and dogs	2/22/2024 3:46 PM
19	This park needs more regular maintenance from trash pick up to grass care.	2/22/2024 10:15 AM
20	Thank you for your willingness to hear us out about making sure the ecosystem is protected. This should remain first and foremost.	2/22/2024 7:00 AM

Q10 Cincinnati Parks often relies on fundraising partnerships to facilitate park improvements. How likely would you be to help support or organize fundraising opportunities for Doris Day Dog Park?

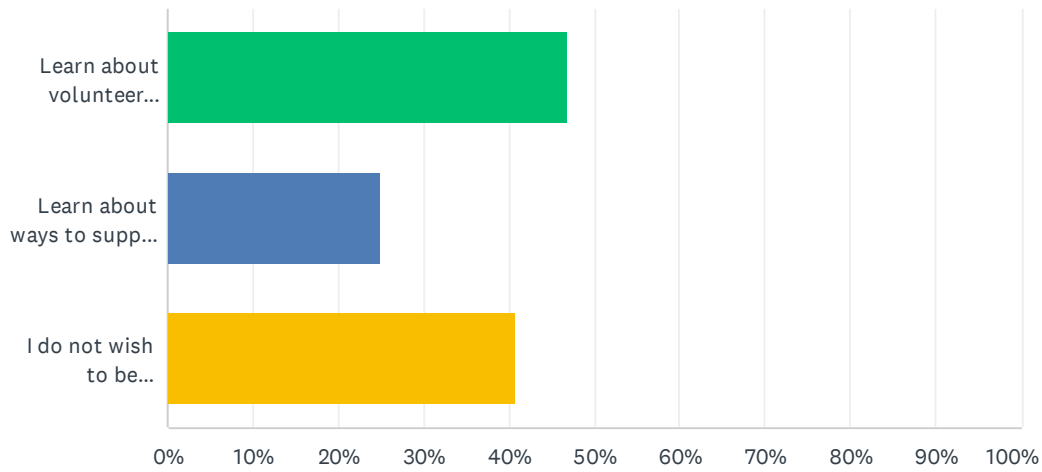
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	29.55%	13
Likely	18.18%	8
Unsure	34.09%	15
Unlikely	6.82%	3
Very unlikely	11.36%	5
TOTAL		44

Q11 Please contact me to:

Answered: 32 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Learn about volunteer opportunities with Cincinnati Parks.	46.88%	15
Learn about ways to support the Cincinnati Parks Foundation.	25.00%	8
I do not wish to be contacted.	40.63%	13
Total Respondents: 32		