

PEOPLE+PUPS

IN THE CITY


WHAT WE HEARD




The City engaged with pet owners and residents in February 2022 to obtain feedback on dogs, dog-friendly spaces, and dog amenities in the City.


RESPONDENTS ENGAGED WITH US ON THE CITY'S LET'S TALK ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM:

 **1,366**
SURVEY
SUBMISSIONS
+ 4 paper surveys submitted

183 PINS 
indicating places of interest

14 
STORY
CONTRIBUTIONS

2.8K 
visits to the project page

62 
DOCUMENTS
DOWNLOADED

WHAT WE HEARD

TOP ISSUES: **Off-leash dogs in leash required** areas  Managing **dog waste** was a **top issue** 

NON-DOG OWNERS & DOG OWNERS AGREED:

 **Top benefits of designated dog off-leash areas:**

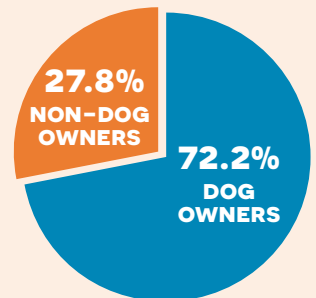
Off-leash areas help reduce conflict for park visitors



Off-leash areas should be separated from other park activities



WHO WE HEARD



MOST RESPONDENTS AGREED THAT 

DOGS ARE A WELCOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY



WHAT WE HEARD FROM NON-DOG OWNERS

65% respondents report a **negative experience** with a dog or dog owner 

BUT overall agree they are **comfortable** and **feel safe** with dogs and have **mainly positive experiences** with dogs and dog owners in the City.



AREAS OF CONCERN

- Mosquito Creek
- Lynnmouth area
- Mahon Park Trails



TOP PRIORITY

More investment in enforcement

WHAT WE HEARD FROM DOG OWNERS

90%

responded that
their dog
is licensed



90%+
dogs have
training



90%

knowledgeable/
experienced with
dog ownership
when they got their dog



Reasons dog owners have NOT
licenced their dog:

- Didn't know it's legally required
- Didn't feel it was necessary



Other reasons:

Young puppies, difficulty with the
licensing process, forgot, concerned
with how licensing fees would be used.



DOG OWNERS: Socializing and Exercising



Top 3 reasons for
letting dogs off-leash
in on-leash areas:

- Need more space for exercise
- Off-leash areas are too crowded
- Convenience



DOG OWNERS: Home Space

Almost
55% of dog owner
respondents
live in multi-family
residences

75% multi-family living
respondents
have no dog friendly amenities
in their building



These owners take their dogs
to City property, sidewalk, tree,
boulevard, to relieve themselves.

DOG OWNERS: Existing Off-Leash Areas



Most popular designated areas to exercise dogs
were off-leash areas outside of the City, including:

- 1 DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
- 2 DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER
- 3 CITY OF VANCOUVER

MOST POPULAR
IN THE CITY:

Mosquito Creek Park
designated trail

Top 3 issues:

Lack of
water
for dogs



Owners not
cleaning up
dog waste



Areas too
far away
from home



DOG OWNERS: New Designated Off-Leash Areas

Top 3 important factors:

- 1 LOCATION
- 2 SIZE
- 3 DOG AMENITIES

Top 3 factors impacting use of off-leash areas:

- Other dogs' behaviour
- Too busy
- Not large enough for running/fetching

