

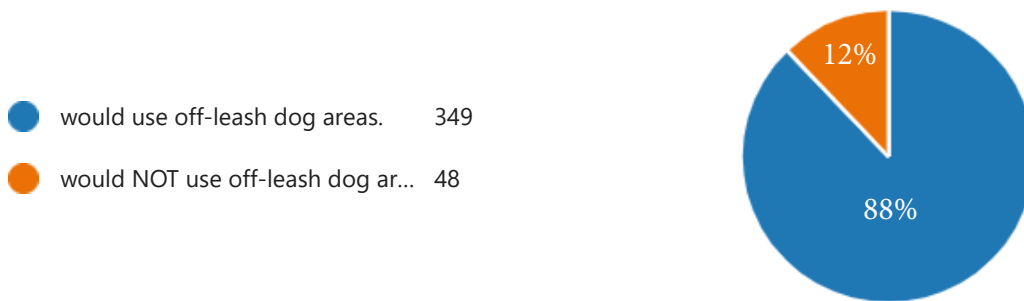
# Off-Leash Dog Areas Survey

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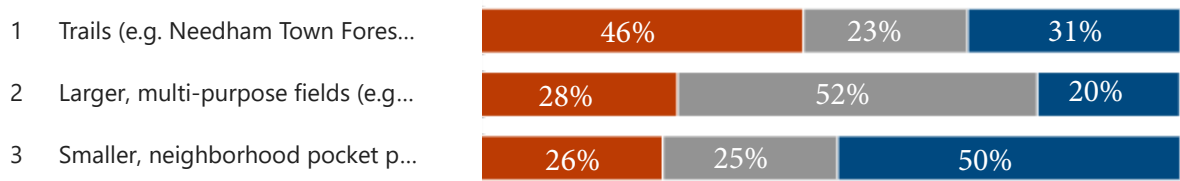
## 1. I am a dog owner and I...



## 2. What type of setting would you prefer as an off-leash space? *Please rank in priority order. The locations listed are to illustrate the type of setting, not to propose that exact site.*

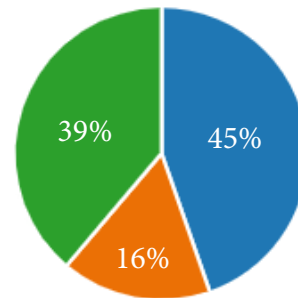
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### 3. Would you want the area to be fenced in?

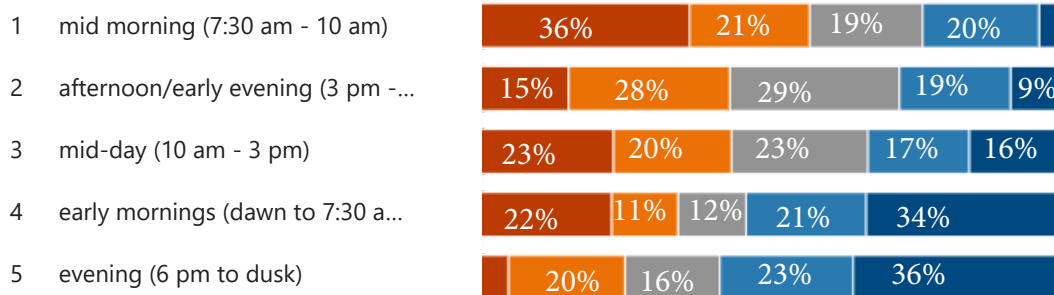
<span style="color: blue;">●</span> Yes	176
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> No	65
<span style="color: green;">●</span> I do not have a preference.	153



### 4. What hours are most important for you to access off-leash areas? *Please rank in priority order.*

**Rank Options**

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### 5. Are there any other comments you would like to share?

**Note: all comments are in the packet.**

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*"I definitely think there should be off leash areas for dog owner..."*

*"there are other towns that have off leash such as Centennial P..."*

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#	Are there any other comments you would like to share?
1	A combination of location choices would be preferable so there is better opportunity for everyone to spread out and the dogs can run. Thank you
2	A fenced in dog area closer to needham heights would be greatly appreciated as the current dog park is 10+min and as such many people I know don't bring their dogs.
3	A trail like Centennial in Wellesley would be our preferred choice but if it's a fenced in area it should not have bushes with burrs like the current dog park. 😊
4	Agility equipment would be amazing!
5	All dogs should be on a leash except in a designated area.
6	Also Perry Park
7	Any off leash area should be supported by having a waste can for people to properly dispose of dog waste.
8	Are there any other comments you would like to share?
9	As a dog owner, I am really against the idea of having off-leash areas. If you do have them, it's critical that they be fenced in. I am not comfortable having an off-leash dog approach me or my dog and I've had off-leash dogs jump up on my kids. It takes a skilled owner who has invested in training their dog to be successful off-leash and that's rare. There are so many priorities for Needham, I fail to see why this is one of them.
10	As a dog owner, off-leash dogs can be a real danger. My dog adores all people but is highly aggressive with other dogs, and is therefore NEVER off leash. Unleashed dogs are threatening to her, and most owners of "friendly" dogs simply don't understand that not all dogs want to socialize! "Oh, my dog just wants to sniff yours! My dog just wants to play!" Sorry, mine does not, and if your dog keeps ignoring my dog's signals it'll get ugly, And yet, I'd get blamed even though my dog's under control on her leash. I love dogs - it's the uneducated and inconsiderate dog owners I'm worried about.
11	As a dog person, I wish that dog poop pick up could be better enforced.
12	Athletic fields should not be sacrificed for a dog park
13	Being a long time resident, I feel Needham should become more dog friendly. Overall I feel less at home in the town because of over regulation of everything.
14	Centennial park in Wellesley is a great site to emulate!
15	Currently we go to Weston
16	Do not allow dogs off leash ANYWHERE in Needham at any time in any area that is not fenced in. You are asking for trouble if you do.
17	Dogs do not belong in playgrounds meant for children.
18	Every effort should be made to ensure off-leash access does not conflict with any other simultaneous use. I LOVE dogs but realize that is not a universal feeling. They can be a cause of anxiety and dog owners can't guarantee that their dogs will always behave.
19	Fenced in location is key, along with open space with limited brush... to minimize ticks and mosquitoes. Regular trash pick up and pet clean up bags to help keep space clean
20	Fenced in would be crucial in my opinion
21	Fenced in, specifically designated dog parks would be respectful of those who do not feel safe/comfortable around dogs running loose. I have a medium size dog, walk it on a leash, run him in my very small back yard. I live near Hatfield, and it can at times be overrun with off-leash dogs and owners. I feel that many who use it for this are not always attentive to their dog's behavior. Also, this is a field that sees constant use by kids and adults who are playing/exercising, etc. Public health factors should be considered.

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22	Fenced-in areas are usually too small. Having a larger space will allow for dogs to separate and gather as wanted
23	Fencing is important. Barrels for animal waste
24	Fingers crossed off leash early hours are approved!!
25	Garbage receptacles for waste bags. Shaded areas.
26	great idea--most dogs need to genuinely get active exercise beyond the casual walks around the block. Someplace fenced in that is large enough to chase balls, frisbees, etc. would be wonderful.
27	Having a larger designated off leash area would facilitate a safer environment for all of town to enjoy
28	Having an off leash dog area in town would be great. Wellesley's Centennial Park is a very good example of a large park that allows off leash dog walking with great success.
29	Having been a long term resident and responsible dog owner for over 20 years, I feel strongly that it is time to allocate some resources to our furry friends. I have never been to the isolated dog park off Pine street and have zero intention of ever using it. In my mind a total waste.
30	Having opportunities where dogs can run off leash in groups while the owners monitor and hang out has been one of the most important pieces of my life during covid and beyond.
31	Hooray!
32	How would you handle aggressive dogs, check if vaccinations are updated?
33	I am a dog owner but only walk my dog on leash. I think it is really important to make walking around town feel welcoming to everyone and having areas with off leash dogs scares many young children. I think that the children of Needham have a right to go to playgrounds and parks without worrying about unleashed dogs approaching them.
34	I am a dog owner, and would NOT like to see off-leash dog areas in Needham. As it is, dog owners in Needham do not train their dogs sufficiently, resulting in bad behaviors in public. At the Needham dog park, my dog has been attacked by other dogs while standing quietly next to me, and the owners stood chatting with others and did not respond or apologize. Off-leash parks are for owners to socialize, and we have plenty of places in Needham for people to socialize. In addition, Needham dog owners are notoriously poor about picking up after their dogs and curbing them. I have seen so many poop baggies left around town, trails, yards, and parks, and I have seen dog walkers toss poop baggies down sewers. Until dog owners can act more responsibly in Needham, I would not support an off-leash area for them in this town.
35	I am in favor of both fenced and unfenced areas and would depend on setting. Additional asked about hours of use and it differs weekday vs weekend
36	I am not a dog owner, but I love dogs. The reality is that some dogs don't deal well with other dogs that are off leash and not fenced in. There also many people who have phobias of dogs and should not be subjected to off-leash dogs. And there are dog owners who are not responsible and whose dogs are not well trained and so pose a threat to other dogs or people. I would encourage the town to add more fenced in locations where dogs can be off leash. I strongly oppose unfenced, off leash hours.
37	I am not a Needham resident (Dedham resident) but would use these off-leash areas with the Needham dogs I hike with. I hope its ok that I filled this out, I appreciate all the work your group is doing. :)
38	I am strongly opposed to off-leash spaces on trails. I have had too many bad encounters with off-leash dogs and their caretakers at Cutler Park.
39	I currently take my dogs, who are under voice and to centennial. Can't go when oi ts dark. Also avoid dusk and dawn because of coyotes. My dogs need off leash exercise.

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40	I definitely think there should be off leash areas for dog owners in the town.
41	I don't have a dog. But I have kids. And my kids get very scared when unleashed dogs come charging at them and jump on them at town parks and trails no see the need for this to let dogs run and play freely but not at the expense of terrifying children. I think my kids remain afraid because of all the negative experofnbeing jumped on and knocked over when enjoying public outside areas.
42	I don't have a preference on fencing as long as the animals can be safe. If it is a smaller area near roads then a fence would be a good idea. If it is in the town forrest then the risk of a dog running into the street is much less.
43	I enjoyed the golf course when it was allowed off leash. That was perfect.
44	I have a dog and bring him on neighborhood walks. Such dog parks are of very limited value to me.
45	I have a dog. Leash laws should be enforced. Too many people are using the town forest with unleashed dogs.
46	I have a reactive rescue dog who I *always* keep on a leash because of how he responds to other dogs. I like to take him on the trails in the town forest, Rosemary Lake, etc. but am always anxious about dog owners who do not leash their dogs, because they know that their dog is "good." I don't want to be responsible for how my leashed dog reacts to their unleashed dog, so I strongly prefer that the town maintain leash rules for those trails. I am not interested in the parks or fields, since I wouldn't take my guy there anyway. Thanks for this opportunity to express our views.
47	I have a small older dog and I would want to avoid any area with unleashed dogs
48	I have owned dogs most of my life, but am currently between dogs. I walk at different times during the day in the Town Forest, on the Bike Trail and at Ridge Hill. I often see off leash dogs even though we have a leash law. Some owners do not pick up after their dogs, others pick up dog poop in a bag and then drop the bag on the ground. I have never seen anyone around to enforce the leash law as it stands now.
49	I have two rescues who we aren't able to have off leash. So our preference would be for a better quality town maintained fenced in dog park. But I know that isn't what we're really discussing here when talking about off leash needs. I'm not opposed to unfenced off leashed area, but they need to clearly marked and have very set hours so I can avoid it. Although some off leash dog owners have control of their dogs, many do not. And if you have fearful dogs on leash with aggressive dogs off leash it is a bad combo.
50	I hope this happens in Needham and I don't have to keep driving to other communities.
51	I live in the Olin Woods neighborhood. Dog owners here frequently schedule playdates in our backyards. It would be great to have a place to meet that isn't private property! I currently take my dogs to Centennial Reservation in Wellesley. Something along those lines would be a nice option.
52	I love that this is happening. Hatfield would be a great spot- to be fenced in for this purpose.
53	I personally wouldn't let my dogs go into an off leash area as I feel many dogs and owners aren't well trained in recall and I don't want my dogs hurt. But I think there should be an off leash option.
54	I prefer limited times at non-dog park sites rather than a dedicated dog park. Multiple locations at times that parks are not used (8-9: early AM, midday) make most sense.
55	I REALLY appreciate you gathering information on this topic. We love living in Needham and would enjoy feeling like our dog is welcome too! I find the dog owning community to be highly responsible and friendly.

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56	I really hope this happens... our dog park now is awful. We go to Newton when we want to bring our dogs to play with other dogs.
57	I support separate areas for small and large dogs.
58	I think a mix of fenced and non-fenced areas would be great! It would also be nice to add some "bag stations" to ensure that dog owners clean up after our pets.
59	I think a trail area, similar to Centennial Park in Wellesley (which allows dogs to be off leash) is what we need most in Needham.
60	I think it is important that dog owners have a convenient location to bring their dogs where they can get the exercise that they require.
61	I think it should be generally permissable in some larger areas like the town forest to forego a leash as long as the dog is under voice control. Thanks for considering this.
62	I think taht this is a waste of time and taxpayers funds to think about another dog park I do not walk my dog in a dog park nor would I ever
63	I think the most important part is for the dog areas to be much more centralized than they are now. The current dog park feels like it is pushed into the far corner of town we are 90% of the people would have to make a significant drive in order to bring their dog there. A park that is walking distance from the center and or the heights would be much more accessible and user-friendly and make more sense. A fenced in park is a requirement for safety.
64	I used the current dog park when it first opened but found it too isolated and difficult to access as a senior citizen.
65	I walk at present in Centennial Park in Wellesley. My golden Retriever is off leash and thoroughly enjoys romping on trails and with his dog buddies. The other dog parents are thoughtful about controlling their dogs so everyone feels comfortable. We also pick up after our dogs and there are bags provided and trash receptacles. This opportunity to walk the trails has the added benefit of helping the humans be healthy as well.
66	I walk with my dog almost every day at Centennial Park in Wellesley. This park/woodland area is about perfect for both dogs and their owners. Needham should develop a similar set up (Ridge Hill would be perfect!) A significant walking area is beneficial to both dogs and their owners. Please!!!
67	I work at one of the local elementary schools and I can't tell you how much poop we pick up while the kids are in school. Additionally, I have stepped in it myself and even had to go home and change my clothes. While there are people who don't pick up their dogs poop, I believe this is more of a result of letting dogs off leash and not watching where they poop to be able to go back and pick it up. I wish there was a way to get control of the amount of poop bags left around town as well as people not cleaning up their dogs poop
68	I work remotely 3 days so depends on the time of day. My dogs love being off leash. Somewhere safe and fun would be amazing. I have three dogs. Thank you for looking at this issue and trying to come up with a nice solution.
69	I would like to propose Perry Park for off leash play between 7:30-9:30am every day. We have used it in the past and it worked well.
70	I would like to see the town Forest available for dogs off leash
71	I'm all for off leash areas to bring dogs!!!
72	If possible, it would be good to have a separation for smaller dogs.
73	if the decision is to have some fenced-in areas, there should be a smaller one for small dogs and a larger one for large dogs.

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74	If the town forest allows off leash time, I believe there should be a limit on how many dogs one person can have. I run into dog walkers in there all the time and they have 5 or more dogs off leash and not under voice control. It's a chaotic experience every time. Otherwise the forest is wonderful!
75	If you drive around you will see there are no children or others at local parks before 9:30Am on most days. It is completely unused space. I am not sure why the town would ever waste money fencing in dog areas and having to maintain it when there is literally no need. If concerns are dog poop - I find more dog poop on leashed walks with my dog on sidewalks then I ever see on fields I bring him to. If the concern is dog fights, attacks / then policy needs to be in place that owners know they are responsible and there will be consequences if an issue arises. My feeling is this is being unnecessarily politicized for no good reason and other towns including Boston have off leash hours in unfenced in areas. I don't see how if people can have dogs off leash in Boston Common how on earth there is any argument why in the suburbs of Needham we feel it is unsafe. Dog owners are not complaining of the outdoor cats who meow and leave poop in yards daily....just my two cents. Thanks!
76	improvements to the current dog park are also needed: more toys/obstacles, water, benches/chairs
77	In terms of hours that are most important, this is dependent on the season. In the winter, having afternoon hours would be preferable whereas in the spring or summer, later in the day would be preferable. Thanks
78	It is important that dogs are given the space to "be dogs" in a setting that is normal and natural for canine behavior and well-being. Dogs need space to explore, chase squirrels and freely interact with one another in a natural environment. It is understandable that not everyone appreciates or welcomes off leash dogs. I would be more than happy to have restricted trails or times of day for dogs to be allowed to enjoy outdoor off leash time.
79	It is time for the town to give some space for recreation for our dogs. Other towns have figured this out and it is now time for Needham to catch up.
80	It would be fabulous to have off leash areas on Needham!
81	It would be great to have areas for off-leash walking - a few time frames during the day
82	It would be ideal to have several off leash areas with some accessible by foot - rather than offleashnknly on the perimeter of town accessible only by car.
83	It's very needed in Needham. We travel to neighboring communities so our dog can go off leash. Parks or open fields great.
84	It's very important ti separate and fence in areas where dogs are off-leash. Many people don't like dogs coming at them or touching them.They are within their legal rights to kick or hit a dog that touches or barks at them. So, it's best, and safer for the dog, to keep them separate when not controlled by a leash.
85	Just a few areas for off leash. Much more important to have a better dog park. The existing one is pathetic.
86	Look at both doing small and large dog area's. Keep for needham residents. Down at ridge hill there is a dog walker from outside needham that brings up to 6 large dogs almost daily during week in late AM. Very scary and I know persons who will not use park then including myself. Put signs for needham residents only and unforced.
87	Make any facility convenient and accessible via walking as well as driving
88	Mills field would be perfect. Simply fence off an area where the trees meet Gould. It's perfect.

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89	More off leash areas for dogs allows for more opportunities for dogs to be well socialized, and tired out! A well exercised dog is a happy dog that isn't incessantly barking at home. There will be growing pains though. There are a lot of "covid dogs" anything to my neighbors who haven't all gotten the proper socialization. Maybe offering some off leash seminars or etiquette classes would go a long way to make sure everyone has a safe and happy experience in these areas. Could even consider an off-leash dog pass where the owner has to at least read something/take a quiz etc in order to use the of least areas (though please don't make a fee associated with that, would only discourage people) I believe there's a great path forward here to make Needham more dog friendly!
90	Mud and wood chip holes are not helpful-fields to throw items for retrieving like frisbees or balls are helpful.
91	Must have trees/shade and water for it to be a useful dog park.
92	My answer to Question 4 varies with the type of location I'd be using. I'm more inclined to bring my dog off-leash to a neighborhood park in the mid-morning afternoon / early evening hours but to walk him off-leash on a trail mid-day.
93	My family looks forward to safety and responsibly walking our dog in the Town Forest at the designated time slots. The defined leash areas will benefit both responsible dog owners and nonowners.
94	Natick has a great dog park and I love the smaller vs larger dog area
95	Nearby towns have this. Needham has excess taxes so should allow this such as Wellesley and most of Newton. Most people have dogs under control and trained for these spaces. We sadly drive to Wellesley to use Centennial. There are never issues.
96	Needham needs more public trash cans
97	Needham should provide off-leash access at various areas around.
98	Not a fan of off-leash dog areas. They are dangerous both to the dogs and the people that accompany the dogs. Big money maker for the town's vets, I am sure.
99	Off leash parks are a great idea, but please don't use places commonly used by others, particularly kids, unless fenced apart from them. Cricket, for example, would be a terrible choice.
100	Off leash such as Centennial Park and Charles River Peninsula were instrumental for training (when dog was learning) and now main source of activity. Would be great to have more available. Needham Forest and Cutler are nice but currently do not offer off-leash
101	Off-leash options would be incredibly desirable and significantly enhance livability and a sense of community in Needham. We travel out of Needham multiple times per week to experience the joy and freedom of hiking and playing off-leash with our beloved dog. Off-leash options allow people and dogs to socialize, get exercise, and enjoy the outdoors together. We sincerely hope the town will meaningfully pursue options, including expanding access to the Needham Golf Course in winter months. Thank you so much for your consideration.



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102	Off-leash trails can cause major problems for owners with reactive dogs. When people have their dogs off leash, they don't always have good recall with their dogs and just let their loose dogs run up to anyone, even if the other owner is saying "my dog isn't friendly". Because of this situation, for trails, I would suggest only allowing off-leash in the early morning hours, rather than times where families may be walking with their dogs. More families are out together mid to late afternoon. If they have a reactive dog and a loose dog isn't in control, it could cause a fight and risks children getting in the way too. I've seen it happen in our own family. However, allowing off-leash for training in small pocket parks I think it helpful. For example, I like to take my reactive dog when training to a small park that I know I can get control of him in. We don't remove the leash, but we drop it to practice recall and walking together.
103	Only went to current dog park (off Pine street) a couple times. Very undatisfactory
104	Other towns, such as Wellesley, encourage dogs on fields and town property. Centennial Park in Wellesley is a great off-leash example.
105	Parks are an important part of our community. It would nice to be able to accommodate various interests with the use of our parks. It will be important for dog owners to clean up after their dogs, so signage would be helpful.
106	Perhaps slots for small breed only.
107	Perry Park is a good location for early hours (before 9:30) as it's typically empty then, and is a big enough footprint that a fence isn't required (only untrained/young dogs would run into the street).
108	Please do not allow off lease in areas not fenced in, such as the town forest. I have run into too many irresponsible dog owners as is that have their dog off leash that let their dogs frighten children, jump on people and growl. I have also been lightly bitten once from an off leash dog. A dog that bites in an off leash area exposes the town to lawsuits. I can guarantee you I'll sue if I get seriously bit. PS, Q4 has a typo in it - off-lease
109	Please enforce the rail trail. It is not a leash free area but dogs are consistently off leash on the trail. This makes walking or biking the trail with children extremely dangerous.
110	Please ensure there a trash bins and poop bags available. Also access to water to keep the dogs hydrated.
111	Please make the areas fenced in and separate from people who are afraid of dogs or who have aggressive dogs. Some people who have aggressive dogs keep them on a leash; if an unleashed dog approaches their dog, the dog on the leash could attack the other dog (not theoretical -- happened in another town with my sister's aggressive dog)
112	Please make the Needham town forest an off leash park
113	Prefer that we do not have an off-leash area to avoid injuries.
114	Recognizing that not everyone is comfortable around dogs and that not all off leash dogs are friendly, I think priority has to be given to PEOPLE ( not pets) for shared off leash areas. We cannot take over public spaces as of leash areas of it will be significant disruption to the public. Any off leash areas/ times should be clearly posted.
115	Separate space for small dogs
116	Some flat areas for fetch etc, and some structural areas similar to a pup playground with staked tug toys, tunnels and hanging ropes... that's if we're dreaming, I realize.
117	Stiff penalties for owners who bring aggressive or out of control dogs.
118	Thank you and good luck in this task, I'm sure it will be a difficult job.
119	Thank you for asking about this- I really think it would enhance our community.

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120	Thank you for doing this. Needham can definitely use off-leash options as dog owners represent a significant population. In my opinion, a fenced in area is a dog park - not an off-leash area. And often those attract the dogs that are not under voice control and are aggressive. And we already have one in Needham. Also- this will take compromise by non-dog lovers but I think we can share our spaces.
121	Thank you for looking into this!
122	Thank you. I hope you will come back with ideas that are broad in scope, and not uber limited to one or two locations, with limited hours. Those types of rules are hard to follow, and recipe for disaster. The current dog park is example of what can happen when you try to squeeze a square peg into a round hole - it just doesn't work if it somehow is designed to meet a small number of uses. Broad thinking, new approach to recognizing dogs as integral in Needham lifestyle for many (not all). So my vote is broad acceptance of dogs in different places with some prohibits - rather than only in a one or two locations. Thank you again.
123	Thanks for Red Wing Bay. More trails would be great.
124	thanks for thinking about this!
125	Thanks for this survey. Many of us have dogs and would like a safe area in which our dogs may get exercise..As tax payers we feel that we are entitled to an area for our dogs to run. We pickup after our dogs and we are responsible owners.
126	The current dog park is a muddy, tick infested embarrassment.
127	The current dog park is too isolated if going alone. Would love something along Greendale with parking.
128	The current dog park is too remote for most people in town. Dogs need a place to run and chase a ball. Please consider the many dog owners in town. Thank you.
129	The current Needham dog park is too far away to be useful to the majority of residents. The area also feels creepy and secluded.
130	The existing dog park is pretty isolated so it would be nice to have one that is more visible and closer to residential area.
131	The fencing question only makes sense for the fields. Since trails are my top preference, I wouldn't want trails enclosed in fences. For example, I would like an unaltered Town Forest available on weekends for unleashed dogs. I would've liked to specify "weekends" as a the most important hours for availability but it wasn't a choice. thank you.
132	The idea of a dog park is an excellent proposal. It caters to the many current Needham dog owners and increases the desirability of Needham.
133	The only other thing would be that owners need to be held responsible for the control of their dog. Dogs need to be trained and competent in off-leash activities to be taken to off-leash areas. This should not be an area where any dog owner can take their pet and then not pay attention to the dog.
134	The Trustees property is off-leash during posted hours. The town's Animal Control Officer wanted to give me a ticket for having my dog off-leash there. Please let employees know of the different rules on that property.
135	there are other towns that have off leash such as Centennial Park in Wellesley. the dogs there are friendly and interact well with other off leash dogs. plus it gives thema good amount of exercise for the little time that they are outside.
136	There is a park by west and Webster. I would love for that to be fenced in for dogs to run around. It's a beautiful area that has limited use. There is a lot of potential.
137	This is especially important because the dog park is so terrible
138	This would be an awesome idea

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139	time preferences are hard to fill out...answers for weekends are different than weekdays for those of us who work during the day so I wasn't sure how to answer
140	Too many paid dog walkers bring too many dogs to dog parks. Using them as a part of their business.
141	Unfenced in areas for off leash dogs are DANGEROUS for people and other animals and should not be allowed in any public space
142	Walking off leash with my dog is a joyful moment in our day. We really enjoy hiking spots in some of our neighboring towns. I have noticed that other towns have signs saying that it's ok to have your dog off leash if they have good recall. I make a point to be respectful of other dog owners and hikers and keep my dog nearby. Having spots in Needham where we could do this would be incredible. There are so many families that would enjoy this.
143	We desperately need large areas of space for unleashed dogs to play!
144	We love centennial and having an option like that would be amazing.
145	We need to have fewer to no off-leash dogs on the trails and woods. I have seen and been approached by too many dogs who are not under their owners command or, alternatively, the owners don't understand why I don't want their dog charging up to me and mine.
146	Weekend Days have different priorities than weekdays for question 4. I will not use a fenced in area unless it contains several miles of trails.
147	When I first moved to Needham a few years ago, I soon found the group of folks that would meet behind Pollard Middle School early in the morning. This kind group of people (and their dogs) welcomed me to Needham and became my first community here. They helped me to get my bearings in the town and were a constant source of guidance, advice and encouragement. Since the group has not been able to meet, I have fallen out of contact with these folks, and that is unfortunate. Dog parks are an important opportunity to build community and bring people together and I would love for Needham to have fenced dog areas in central locations in the town.
148	Wherever dogs are permitted to walk there needs to be trash cans available so that all owners can dispose of poop properly
149	would consider perry park as an option, very quiet in the morning and if off leash hours are through 9 or 10am the kids who use the playground wouldn't be impacted. same for evening hours.
150	Would like to have areas for leashes dogs to socialize within the larger space
151	Yes, as a responsible dog owner, I am concerned some dog owners will not pick up after their dogs. I also am concerned that there are some dogs who could be reactive .We have experienced this even when our dog and another dog meet and are on leashes. Personally I would like an area that was enclosed and could be used for training, such as agility . Thanks so much
152	Yes, we need a dog park but not one that is just a fenced in dirt pit. A useful dog park would have multiple surface types, water source, seating, waste disposal and proper guidelines for its use. The working group should look at Brewster's dog park. It is fabulous and because it is behind the police station it is safe. Safety is critical to me.
153	Yes. Weekend hours would be really important, as would after school. having the park fenced in would also be a major decision maker so we know our dog can't run off. And lastly, ideally if the locations can be more centrally located so they encourage people to be able to walk or even take a short ride over rather than having to go to the very edge of town. Thank you