



AGENDA REPORT

SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Meeting Date: July 20, 2021

Agenda Item 9C

Approvals:

City Manager ES gk

Dept. Head SW

Attorney _____

Finance gk

Department: Beaches, Parks & Recreation
Prepared By: Samantha Wylie, Beaches, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: *DOG ACCESS ON CITY BEACHES AND PARKS*

Fiscal Impact: Yes. A temporary dog run installation is estimated to cost \$25,000 in fencing and surfacing materials. Future potential improvements are unknown at this time.

Summary: The Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission recommends upholding the current rules and regulations surrounding dog access on San Clemente beaches and do not recommend any location for on- or off-leash dog access to city beaches; and earmark funding for the current fiscal year for increased or improved off-leash dog amenities as it would relate to our site-specific master plans and/or immediate funding for a temporary solution while we plan for permanent amenities.

Background: Dog access on City beaches has been a longstanding conversation and discussion for years amongst Commissioners and Councilmembers. A complete history is storied in Attachment 1.

At its March 16, 2021 meeting, the City Council considered a resolution to allow dogs on a beach area (Attachment 2), and directed staff to bring a staff report to the Beaches, Parks & Recreation Commission for review of allowing dog access on San Clemente public beaches and provide a recommendation for a location.

On March 22, 2021, staff released a public survey seeking feedback and comment regarding dog access to city parks and beaches. While this survey is not considered or intended to be statistically valid, it is intended to provide a platform for discussion for Commission and Council.

At its April 13, 2021 meeting, the Commission reviewed a staff report concerning factors that should be considered in the review of allowing dog access on the beach. The Commission voted (6-0) to make no changes to dog access on the beach and, therefore, did not provide a recommended location due to the infrastructure of San Clemente beaches; and

Discussion: Based on Council direction at its March 22, 2021 meeting, and the Commission discussion at its April 13, 2021 meeting, staff has provided the following areas for consideration:

Fiscal Impact

Approval of a dog beach would likely result in increased staff costs related to enforcement and monitoring. Some of these staff costs could be offset by administrative citation fines for violation of rules. Minimal costs for added signage and changes to existing signage would be required. Additional installation of pet waste stations would be reviewed and would cost an estimated \$2,500 per station install, and \$500 in ongoing maintenance and supplies.

Environmental Impact

Concerns have been raised by public comment and the Coastal Advisory Committee relating to water quality as dog waste can potentially impact bacteria counts. A report by the Environmental Programs Supervisor detailing the environmental considerations is attached (Attachment 3).

Most recently, the City's Environmental Services staff has been actively monitoring the bacteria levels in certain areas along the San Clemente coastline. The four beach segments that exceed bacteria water quality objectives at the ocean shoreline are, (1) Poche Beach; (2) North Beach; (3) Pier; and (4) T-Street. Note, the origin of the bacterial specimens is not known, and may not be fully attributed to dogs alone.

Public Safety & Enforcement

Prohibited under San Clemente Municipal Code 6.08.020 (a), individuals who currently take their dogs on the beach are subjected to a citation by either Marine Safety Officer or Animal Control Officers. In recent years, Marine Safety has taken the lead role in the enforcement of this code. Lifeguards, in the past two years, have issued ten (10) citations to dog owners for violation of SCMC 6.08.020 (a), and have recorded 260 field investigations (written warnings) to dog owners.

As the primary enforcement body at the beach, the Marine Safety Division's priority is to ensure the safety of swimmers and surfers while in the water. Although dogs are not currently permitted on City beaches, Marine Safety personnel have responded to dog-related activity and incidents, which has resulted in one staff injury from a dog bite. Allowing for dog access on the beach could result in a greater need to respond to these types of calls.

Coastal Commission Review

If dog access to beaches is approved, a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) will be required by the California Coastal Commission. A CDP is also required for a pilot program; this would be issued in the form of a temporary CDP for up to five years. Furthermore, this could trigger requirements for environmental impact surveys.

Public Input/Survey Results Summary

A community survey related to dog access was available from March 23rd through April 7th. The survey is not statistically valid but was intended to provide a localized platform for citizen response. Complete results and comments are included in Attachment 4.

A total of 1,346 submissions were received with 91% of respondents stating they are San Clemente residents and 81% are dog owners. Among responders to the survey, results indicate a desire to allow dog access on the beach with a variety of comments

on operations and regulations of the activity. Responders to the survey have indicated a preferred beach location of North Beach.

(1) I live in San Clemente		
Yes	1,221	90.7%
No	122	9.1%
(2) I am a dog owner.		
Yes	1089	80.9%
No	251	18.6%
(3) Dog Access to San Clemente Beaches (Multiple selections allowed)		
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Other ("Other" responses attached)		
(5) Dog Access to Parks (Multiple selections allowed)		
On-leash dog opportunities in parks should be increased.	694	51.6%
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Surrounding Agency Comps

In a brief review of surrounding area beach access for dogs, the following details were discovered:

- City of Laguna Beach
 - No designated dog beach
 - Dogs are allowed on all city beaches before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m. between June 15th – September 10th, and during regular beach hours from September 11th – June 14th.
 - Dogs must be on a 6' or shorter leash at all times.
 - Owners must clean up waste.

- Capistrano Beach/Hole in the Fence (County of Orange)
 - Dogs are *not* permitted from June 15 to Sept. 10, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 - Dogs must be on a leash at all times
 - Dogs are allowed in the water

- City of Huntington Beach
 - Huntington Dog Beach – designated on-leash dog beach, open daily 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - Dogs must be licensed; owners must pick up waste
 - Dogs are allowed in the water.

- San Diego
 - Dog Beach (“Ocean Beach”): 24 hr. off-leash
 - Fiesta Island - Mission Bay: Dogs are allowed in all areas daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., except for the campground and nesting sites (seasonal).
 - North Beach Dog Run – Coronado: 24 hr. off-leash
 - Dogs must be licensed; owners must pick up waste
 - Dogs are allowed in the water.

- City of Del Mar
 - South Beach: On-leash only (6-foot), year-round
 - Main Beach: On-leash (6-foot), Labor Day thru June 15th; Off-leash, allowed from 25th to 29th street from dawn to 8 a.m.; No dogs are allowed June 16th thru Labor Day.
 - North Beach: Off-leash dogs all day from the day after Labor Day thru June 15th, and dawn until 8 a.m. June 16th thru Labor Day. Dogs must be leashed from 8 a.m. until dawn June 16th thru Labor Day.
 - Dogs must be licensed; owners must pick up waste
 - Dogs are allowed in the water in designated areas.

- City of Newport Beach
 - Dogs are not allowed between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 - Before 10 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m., dogs are allowed, if they are securely restrained by a substantial leash or chain not exceeding six feet in length and controlled by a person who is competent to restrain the dog.
 - Off-leash dogs are never allowed

- Dogs are NOT allowed on beaches in the following cities:
 - Oceanside
 - Carlsbad
 - Seal Beach
 - Encinitas (State Beach only)

Park Opportunities for Off-Leash Dog Access

During Commission deliberations, several opportunities were identified for improvements to off-leash dog access in parks.

- Existing Dog Park Improvements
Several improvements could be made to the existing Baron Von Willard Dog Park site including surfacing replacement and landscape and/or shade additions.

- Temporary Off-Leash Dog Amenity
Vista Hermosa Sports Park, Meadows or the vacant lot above Courtney's SandCastle (former lease area) are park areas for potential opportunities to establish a temporary dog run area.

- Permanent Off-Leash Dog Amenity
Site-specific master plans are currently being updated for the following five parks, and opportunities for expanded dog access will be considered in the final plan proposal to Council.
 1. Bonito Canyon
 2. Linda Lane
 3. Richard T. Steed
 4. San Gorgonio
 5. San Luis Rey

Recommended

Action:

- THE BEACHES, PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT the City Council
- 1.) Uphold the current rules and regulations surrounding dog access on San Clemente beaches and do not recommend any location for on- or off-leash dog access to city beaches; and
 - 2.) Direct staff to earmark funding for off-leash dog access improvements through the site-specific park master plan updates; and/or
 - 3.) Direct staff to return to Council with cost details for approval of a temporary off-leash dog access solution ahead of completing the site-specific park master plan updates.

Attachments:

- 1) Dog Access Historical Overview
- 2) Resolution considered at March 16, 2021, City Council Meeting
- 3) Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting, April 5, 2021, Staff Report, Dog Beach Access and Water Quality
- 4) Dog Access Survey Results (04/07/2021)

Notification: Interested Parties

City of San Clemente History of Dog Access in Public Spaces

1989, the then-named Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the City ordinance that did not allow dogs on any park or beach, and recommended that the existing prohibition on dogs in parks and on the beach remain in place. Council upheld the existing prohibition of dogs in parks.

1994, the Commission reviewed the current subject City ordinance and received extensive public input on both sides of the issue, and recommended that the existing prohibition remain in place. Council upheld the Commission recommendation.

2001, Council requested the Parks and Recreation Commission consider whether dogs should be allowed in City parks. As a result, the Commission created a sub-committee to research and study options.

As a result of the Commission recommendation derived from the sub-committee report, Council conceptually approved the development of a permanent off-leash dog park at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park and changed the City ordinance at that time to allow currently-licensed dogs on-leash in Verde, Mira Costa, and Calafia Beach Parks for a two-year test period with oversight by the Commission and quarterly reports. (Note: Calafia Beach Park was a city-operated and maintained park but is now under the jurisdiction of the State Parks System since the 20-year lease with the State expired and was not renewed by the City.)

2002, Council approved the development of a permanent off-leash dog park at Richard T. Steed Memorial Park and approved changing the current ordinance to allow currently-licensed dogs on-leash in Verde, Mira Costa, and Calafia Beach Parks for a two-year test period.

2003, The Commission considered and agreed, by petition from Talega residents, to request that City Council consider opening Talega Park to dogs on-leash if the two-year test period was a success. (The two-year test period was successful and ended in May 2004.)

2004, City Council adopted a resolution that allowed currently licensed, on-leash dogs in Calafia, Mira Costa and Verde Parks.

2008, the Commission created a Dog Access Sub-Committee to evaluate dog access in parks and beaches. The Subcommittee submitted a progress report in late 2009, and hosted public workshops in early 2011. At that time, the Coastal Advisory Committee considered the subject of dog access to beaches and did not support a pilot program. Based on past research, the critical topics are still relevant and include health, safety, cleanliness, enforcement, environmental issues, location, and hours available on the beach.

2011, The Dog Access Subcommittee presented a report of its findings to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission who considered increased access to parks and a phased program for Beach access.

2012, the City Council directed staff to (1) develop a program to allow dogs on-leash at all City parks; (2) consider a pilot/phased approach and availability of some sports fields, with attention to the Vista Hermosa Sports Park and trail; and (3) return to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council with the understanding that the City is open to expanding dog presence in the park system; and (4) identify locations for new dog runs in existing parks and (5) return to the Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council for possible amendments to existing park master plans, CEQA documentation, and amendments to Municipal Codes, with the understanding that the City is open to allowing more dogs to enjoy the park system.

The City Council directed Staff to keep the issue of increased dog access to beaches open, pending changes in circumstances relative to sand replenishment. Because of the diminishing beach space for the public, the Council voted to defer this item until there was a significant change on City beaches.

2013, as recommended by the Commission, the City Council approved dog access to Bonito Canyon, Leslie, Linda Lane, Max Berg Plaza, Marblehead Inland, Mira Costa, Parque Del Mar (excluding Park Semper Fi special use area), Rancho San Clemente, San Luis Rey, Talega, and Tierra Grande Parks, as well as the Community Center grounds. Discussion was held to explore additional opportunities for dogs including fenced dog runs in existing parks.

2014, as recommended by the Commission, the City Council approved a municipal code change to allow dogs on all City parks except playground areas, sport fields, and Park Semper Fi special use area.

2016, the Commission directed staff to research of the option of allowing dogs on-leash on beaches during specific hours. During discussions, the following comments were provided:

- Enforcement and related costs need to be explored.
- Signage needs to be carefully considered if access is granted.
- Beaches are very narrow and have not changed since the last discussion.
- Liability of dogs on beaches is a concern.
- Dog waste on beaches is a concern.
- Aggressive dogs and irresponsible owners are a concern.
- Impacts to lifeguards are a concern.
- Liability would be the same as other public property.
- Allowing morning and evening hours serves residents, not visitors.
- Allowing dogs to walk on the beach may free up space on the Beach Trail.

ATTACHMENT 2

City Council Meeting of
March 16, 2021 - Item 9C
Agendized by Councilmembers
Knoblock and Ferguson

A Resolution Of The San Clemente City Council
Allowing Dogs On A Designated Portion of Beach

"San Clemente Dog Beach"

Whereas; Dog owners are currently prohibited by Municipal Ordinance No. 6.08.020 from taking their dogs to the beach.

Whereas; San Clemente dog owners are forced to drive to other beach communities to enjoy time on the beach with their beloved pets.

Whereas; San Clemente residents own approximately 16,000 dogs, a large number of whom desire to take their dog to a local beach.

Whereas; A majority of dog owners are responsible individuals who properly care for and clean up after their pets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Dogs shall be allowed on San Clemente Beaches effective immediately, for a test program of one-year from the date of passage of this Resolution. Said allowance shall be in strict conformity with the following conditions:

- 1) Dogs shall be allowed only on the following portion of San Clemente Beaches: in the area between the Dije Court stair access from the beach trail and the El Portal stairs access from the beach trail.
- 2) Dogs shall be allowed on the above referenced portion of beach during all times when the beach is open for public use.
- 3) All dogs must remain on a leash no more than 6 feet in length.
- 4) Dog owners or dog attendants shall remain with their dog at all times while on the beach.
- 5) Dog owners or dog attendants shall immediately clean up after their pets.
- 6) This program shall only apply to, and be for the benefit, residents of San Clemente.
- 7) Dogs that have been designation as vicious or potentially dangerous dogs, or are currently pending determination by Animal Control Services (CASA), or any other animal control agency, concerning the dog's possible status as vicious or potentially dangerous dogs, and even if muzzled, are prohibited from the beach access granted in this Resolution.
- 8) The enforcement of all City ordinances, rules or regulations prohibiting dogs on the beach shall be suspended for the duration of the test program as it relates to the portion of beach described above.
- 9) The City Recreation Department Manager shall report to the City Council after the one-year test program on the results, efficacy and community response to this program. This program shall remain in effect after the one-year test period pending future City Council determination of whether this program should cease, be extended or modified in any manner.

The San Clemente City Council hereby determines per Municipal Ordinance No. 6.08.020(E), that the test program described herein is not contrary to the public health, safety or welfare.

Date March _____, 2021

Mayor, City of San Clemente

Clerk, City San Clemente



Memorandum Utilities Department

6.A.

April 5, 2021

To: Coastal Advisory Committee (CAC)
From: Cynthia Mallett, Environmental Programs Supervisor
Subject: **Dog Beach Access and Water Quality**

Recently, there has been renewed interest in allowing dogs to access a section of beach in San Clemente. One item to consider when a dog beach is proposed is water quality in the ocean shoreline. Dog feces has potential to contribute to Fecal Indicator Bacteria (FIB) in ocean waters. FIB water quality data is used to “indicate” if ocean waters are protective of human health for people who recreate in the water. If Bacteria Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) exceed a specific level, then the beach segment is placed on an advisory list. Signs informing beach goers that water quality could cause health problems are required to be posted throughout the length of the beach segment that has exceeded water quality objectives.

AB411 requires that each of these beach segments be monitored weekly throughout the year unless there is a rain event or conditions are unsafe to collect samples, such as ocean water splashing/crashing on beach rocks/rip rap. The Clean Ocean Program contributes money to the Unified Beach Water Quality Program that streamlines ocean shoreline water sample collection and lab analysis for Orange County cities and agencies. FIB water quality data for each of these segments is publicly available at OCBeachInfo.com. The Coastal Advisory Committee is provided a spreadsheet at each of its meetings that includes the FIB data from each beach segment collected during the previous month.

Bacteria TMDL

The City of San Clemente is required to comply with the Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) which is incorporated into the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4 Permit) issued by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). There are eleven San Clemente Pacific Ocean Shoreline beach segments listed in the Bacteria TMDL:

- Poche Beach
- Ole Hanson Beach Club Beach at Pico Drain
- San Clemente City Beach (SCCB) at El Portal Street Stairs
- SCCB at Mariposa Street

- SCCB at Linda Lane
- SCCB at South Linda Lane
- SCCB at Lifeguard Headquarters
- Under San Clemente Municipal Pier
- SCCB at Trafalgar Canyon (Trafalgar Lane)
- San Clemente State Beach (SCSB) at Riviera Beach
- SCSB at Cypress Shores

Attached to this memo is an aerial image of the San Clemente shoreline with each of the beach segments labeled.

The Bacteria TMDL has dry weather and wet weather compliance dates. The dry weather compliance date is April 4, 2021, which just passed. The wet weather compliance date is April 4, 2031. During dry weather (when there has been no rain for 72 hours or more) the City is required to meet FIB WQOs for *all* shoreline samples at each of the eleven beach segments. If a sample exceeds FIB WQOs after April 4, 2021, the city is subject to enforcement by the RWQCB.

The Bacteria TMDL was issued in 2010 giving San Clemente and other coastal cities subject to the regulation about 10 years to comply with the April 4, 2021 dry weather compliance deadline. Since that time, eight of the eleven San Clemente beach segments have come into compliance with the Bacteria TMDL. Three beach segments still exceed dry weather FIB WQOs on occasion. These beach segments are:

- Poche Beach
- Ole Hanson Beach Club Beach at Pico Drain
- Under San Clemente Municipal Pier

Dog Owner/Caretaker Responsibility

Many dog owners and caretakers are responsible about picking up after their dog when walking their dog in public places. Unfortunately, there are some people who do not pick up after their pet.

At the beginning of the Pier Bacteria Source Characterization Study, water samples were initially analyzed for the canine DNA marker to determine if dogs could be a source contributing to FIB exceedances at the pier. None of the samples analyzed detected the canine marker. A survey of Staff from other San Diego and Orange County coastal cities that have dog beaches stated that they do not analyze water samples for the canine marker.

Dogs Ingesting Salt Water

Dogs love the beach, but playing games of fetch, chasing waves, and swimming can all lead to a thirsty dog that consumes salt water. A few mouthfuls of salt water may cause diarrhea which can be difficult to pick up if deposited directly in the ocean shoreline waters. Allowing dogs to access ocean water should be a key discussion point when considering a dog beach.

Summary

When considering a dog beach, it is important to keep in mind the water quality regulations for which the City must comply with to protect the health of beachgoers. The Clean Ocean Program strives to meet water quality objectives and has been successful in improving beach water quality by implementing various components of the program. Potential implications of introducing another bacteria source to the ocean shoreline should be discussed and thought out in detail in order to protect human health, comply with environmental regulations and avoid potential enforcement actions and monetary penalties from the RWQCB.







Dog Access Survey Results

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Percentages expressed out of total submissions

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“Other” Beach Location Responses

Any of the above
ALL
None
No access
All beaches. I think it's a bad idea to condense them to one area.
definelty should be a less crowded beach
None- people don't pick up after their dogs
Whole in the fence
Poche
I am open to any location
All beaches! City & County
Perhaps several designated beaches
All beaches leashed and owner carry doggie poo bags
Calafia
Poche
Don't really care. Just would love to have a dog beach closer than San Diego.
Any location is fine but not all the beaches
Any beach would be appreciated
Riviera
State beach, Calafia
Calafia
South of poche poochie beach
All of them
North beach to Linda lane
Anywhere where the beach is narrow and the sand is cleansed regularly by high tides.
None
San Clemente city Beaxh along the trail
Poche
No opinion
Poche beach
Whichever is most feasible. Would love there to be somewhere where dogs can play off leash for limited hours.
At least two of the above
None
None
No preference
Walking trails only
Dogs and their waste do not belong on our beaches. People don't clean up after their animals even when bags are provided.
Capo beach areas

At least one that could accommodate a hundred dogs at once.
All beaches during winter months and after 6 pm during the summer months
The pier so it is monitored
The pier so it can be monitored
North of North Beach
No where
Salt creek
Park, their own home
Trestle
Wherever
Any
None
None
Any or all beaches! Walking a leashed dog (especially before 9am and after 5pm) should be permitted on all beaches. And then there should be a sections for off leash play.
Only where the highest value homes are close by
Far south as possible
Any one of them
No opinion
Between T street / Calafia
Where best
The hole (south of t street and north of Lasuens
None
South Beach or Riviera
I have children that are extremely scared of dogs and highly allergic, dogs shouldn't be in the beach.
Large like Huntington
None
Open to any location
Need a wide beach area - Trestles or San Onofre
Calafia
Because North beach is the least populated and usually rocky vs Sandy - it seems the best choice (with the exception of safety around the homeless population)
Rivi's
Any beach with easy parking access
No where
San Clemente
South as possible (San Onofre)
North Beach with all the homeless
Lasuen (Lost Winds)#Any beach that is More secluded... less chance for them to run off
South of Calafia is a great area.
NONE!!!
Remote areas only

None
In other words, the area between.
All beaches
None
Only bona fide Service Dogs
Any access would be great!
Any
Calafia
Not near the pier.
no where
north of the guard tower
State beach
No where, dogs are not children
All of above
NONE. maybe Capo Beach?
None of the above
Least used beach
Pooche
Leave that to those who live in San Clemente
Poche
absolute nowhere
dogs have plenty of freedom out on the hills of san clemente, no beach access
any beach deemed safest
Any beach s/o SC City Limit
Calafia
All residents have dogs...all beaches
not sure on location as not familiar with all of those listed
none of the above
Rivera, Calafia
NONE
Wherever is the least inhabited by beachgoers
Any of the beaches
somewhere
No where. Feces and urine is unhealthy
Calafia
The hole / Boda del cannon
see comments below
None
South of Calafia
None
All beaches or at least most

I don't know these areas well enough
no location
the trails as currently allowed it's close
None
NONE
Any of the above
Calafia
Isolated area of beach
No dogs on beaches!
None Its so dirty
Riviera
Poche
At low tide between Dije and El Portal. Off leash please.
I think the dogs will be happy with any beach
Just North of Calafia
None
All beaches
Poche'
██████████
Not sure
None
Calafia - Less people around
No beach
Nowhere. People do not clean up after their animals!
All beaches
During certain hours & seasons
ALL
None
All beaches but off hours.
Not sure
none
All beaches
Any
no where
Calafia
None do we want our beaches to be a giant dog toilet? It's bad enough that they pee on every available garbage can, light post and parking meter.
NO BEACH
Calafia
No
Wherever they would interfere the least with people
Riviera and Calafia

None
None
South of Calafia
Any
NO !!
Should not be allowed anywhere on our beach .
None of them
Or all city beaches (see notes below)
Poche
Anywhere but t street and pier
None
Not at all
Zero beach access.
None
maybe somewhere south of Lasuen
None
You decide, I would go as others regardless.
All
Poche
South of State Park before Cottons
Calafia
State beach
Not on any beach
NONE
Not on beaches where people ly on the sand not knowing .
zero - none - never
Any option is a plus
Calafia
Early mornings off leash; Leashed other times
None
No beaches!
No I think none
Riviera
Any beach, subject to hour restrictions.
None of the above
Calafia and all SC beaches
Calafia
Poche
cancan?
Calafia
As I am not a resident of San Clemente it is not my call

The Hole
Nowhere!
NO ACCESS ALLOWED
T-Street and south
none
At the park
All San Clemente beaches should be open to responsible dog owners.
ZERO
San Onofri

Comments

<p>The beach is where we relax as families and with friends and stepping in dog waste or having a child startled by a dog while managing ocean safety seems unnecessary and unsanitary.</p>
<p>There is one dog park in San Clemente and no beach access. I don't see the harm in allowing a leashed dog on any part of the beach, and unleashed in designated area (s) like a dog beach, similar to Huntington Beach. I am happy to see that this issue is being addressed. Whatever the outcome, it takes discussion and forward thinking to make progress of any kind.</p>
<p>Most cities only have 1 or 2 dog parks. There are a few challenges with the Baron Von Willard park: 1. It's remote for most residents; 2. It is not maintained well (broken seating, lack of shade, old water fountains, etc); 3. It is obviously a cheap design (no play structures or trees or shrubs).</p> <p>We should improve the existing dog park and add one more off leash location, whether on a beach or in a park.</p>
<p>I think some attention could be paid to our existing dog park areas as well - they're very run down</p>
<p>how will you prevent very dangerous breeds from coming to the beach (e.g pitbulls)?</p>
<p>Dog owners can go to Trails or San O (Dog Patch). The city will be inundated with out of town dog owners. Our beaches are too small as it is now especially during high tide. We do not want to be surfing or hanging out on the sand with dog feces that irresponsible dog owners will leave behind.</p>
<p>I believe in a balanced approach that takes account of environmental and safety concerns while providing opportunities for dog lovers in our City to enjoy out beautiful beaches in a reasonable way. Restricted times or areas would be appropriate. The current prohibition on dogs at the beach and the astronomical fines are very unreasonable.</p>
<p>I am a local veterinarian and We would love to have a local spot, that doesn't require state passes or long lines like at San-o to take our dog who loves to swim. Maybe ideal to allow before and after peak hours to reduce incidents but I think this could be a great addition to San Clemente.... as long as dog owners respect our beaches!</p>
<p>Not a good fit for San Clemente beaches..plenty option elsewhere.</p> <p>Reasons why no dogs on beach</p> <p>1. Negative Impact to water quality</p>

<p>2. negative impact to sand</p> <p>3. Risk of safety to residence who use beach</p> <p>4. Increased fiscal impact in variety areas to include a dog odor, clean up, lifeguard exposure, doggy waste bag cost impact, noise.</p> <p>5. Narrow beaches compared to other dog beaches be it HB</p> <p>6. Dog owners failure to comply ...just look around now be beach trail, other trails or sidewalks in greater SC where plenty of dog owners fail to pick up</p> <p>7. Health issue linked to dog poop</p> <p>8. foolish rational linked to "city storm " drains are polluted any way so dog poop will only add little to problem</p> <p>Non logical rational</p> <p>9. Negative impact to surfer or ocean users down stream from a dog beach</p> <p>10. Likely hood dog owners do not keep dogs on leash while running in water</p> <p>11. Increased flea problems in sand and other diseases.</p> <p>Conflicting support to city / state clean ocean quality program</p>
<p>There are more dog owners that don't have their dog leashed at the parks even though the current code is they must be on a leash. Why have a designated dog park if all parks are open to dogs? The current code also states no dogs allowed on San Clemente beaches yet there are consistently dogs leashed & more often not leashed on the beach, particularly on low tide occasions.</p>
<p>As an OC resident I frequently go down to San Clemente with my dogs. It would be great to have a location at the beach for them to play.</p>
<p>Irresponsible dog owners are the problem, not the dogs themselves. Perhaps the solution to making the owners more responsible would be a privilege system similar to a driver's license. Perhaps an owner comes to the humane society, registers, pays a nominal fee to cover costs and maybe a slight premium to help fund the shelter, takes a responsibility quiz to the owner, then gives a quick basic discipline test to the dog (sit, stay, come, etc.), also giving the opportunity to view a dogs aggressive tendencies. With a pass the dog owner gets a card to wear around their neck when they take their dog to the beach. If they abuse the privilege (leaving waste, bothering other beachgoers, etc.) they can have the privilege/card revoked.</p>
<p>Dogs are not the ones littering on the beach- it's their humans so make sure there are poop bags and disposable containers available to dispose of the poop bags.</p>
<p>some dogs just adore playing in water but not have access to pools. let them enjoy the water</p>
<p>As a dog owner and surfer who lives at 204's I would personally LOVE to bring my dog down there to run around off leash but the beach is WAY too small most of the time, and I'm afraid the parking here is already really limited when there is any type of swell or is a nice day during the summer.</p>

<p>It is also clear that many dog owners can not be courteous enough to clean up after their dogs on the beach trail currently, which I'm afraid would only result in a nasty situation for anyone who uses the 204's beach to hang or surf.</p>
<p>I would be more apt to vote to allow dogs on the beach for certain early hours (ie until 8am) and only during off months like October to March. Otherwise I am hugely against this.</p>
<p>In San Clemente, people do not pick up after their animals on the beach trails and/or leave the bags just sitting on the trail. So this will all end up in the ocean with the lack of people picking up after them, just like the beach trail. Plus kids play in the sand, they do not need to be playing and come in contact with feces.</p>
<p>A dog beach would be ideal and more beaches that allow access with a leash.</p>
<p>San clemente needed a dog beach for a long time !</p>
<p>Make penalties and enforcement on dog waste cleanup heavy and immediate! However, dog beaches are incredible places to meet and are good for everyone.</p>
<p>We should start by improving our dog park. The lage dog park is pathetic.</p>
<p>People who own dogs pick up and clean up after them and are very responsible ♥</p>
<p>During certain times of the day or times of the year. The locations I chose were based on the amount of parking, stairs, and visitor/resident traffic. Thank you for providing this opportunity. Trash containers, poop bags and signs enforcing the laws referring to littering by not picking up after your dog and disposing properly.</p>
<p>Responsible dog care should be encouraged. And perhaps even education for non dog owners to help them understand the need for dogs to have some independence and play as well as social time with their humans having fun. Dogs are and have been such an integral part of many human's worlds - especially in this pandemic! And dogs need places to play and be dogs!</p>
<p>I've seen the condition of dog beach in Huntington Beach and it's gross. Dog poop and fleas everywhere. I also have seen many dogs get hit on PCH from running away from the beach.</p>
<p>I love my dogs but I do not like them on the beach or the beach trail. There are to many ppl that will not follow the rules now on the trail and on the beach if allowed. Law enforcement can not handle the problems we have now. Just my two cents.</p>
<p>I feel that since DP pay their tags to SC, that the first question about living in SC should also apply to those who live in DP.</p>
<p>Unless it's a designated dog beach/park, dogs should be on leash.</p>
<p>PS. I live in Rancho Mission Viejo, my brother lives in San Clemente</p>
<p>Dog owners can take their dogs to trails and capo beach . We don't want the tides to wash dog pee and poo into the ocean. Please do not allow dogs in any unsupervised beaches , beaches that have no lifeguard on a regular basis . Dogs should be kept on leashes so they are not disturbing beach goers . It's not out responsibility to educate disrespectful dog owners . I live in north beach and there is poo everywhere on the side walks , I don't that on the beach also .</p>
<p>My dog loves water but I prefer only k on leash... too many pit bull altercations if dogs are allowed off leash. My dog is a 12 pound dog.</p>
<p>Dogs on the beach shouldn't outweigh the health and safety of our children. Dogs poop where ever they are, and let's face it half of dog owners do not pick up after them. If you allow dogs on the beach our kids will be playing and swimming in dog poop.</p>
<p>Dog should be allowed always on-leash</p>

Dog beach in Del Mar is very successful, they have limited off leash hours during summer months (i.e. early morning) and full day off leash hours during winter months.
Dog's should be allowed at any outside areas as long as dogs stay on leashes for everyone's safety.
A lot of the cities around us allow dogs on their beaches, as long as it's not one of the more crowded beaches, like the pier or t-street, I think it would be good. It could help with congestion on the beach trail since currently dog owners can only walk their dogs there.
As Capo Beach, the nearest dog beach, is unsafe and being swept away we should have another dog beach available. The next closest dog beaches are quite some distance. My do loves the beach, but hates the car. As a resident of San Clemente for 20 years, I love how dog friendly this city is. Having a dog beach would be amazing.
I see and I hear the debate on dogs on an off leash. I what people fail to acknowledge is the dogs need to socialize and their need for Positive socialization. If the city could promote more positive dog socialization events than the dogs and the owners would have more opportunities for the dogs in the area to build socialization skills, both in the dog and in the human. these events would allow dog trainers the opportunity to offer their services to people that owns dogs that might need their services. And it would increase the opportunities for dogs to interact with each other. I think most dogs are great off leash when they've been trying to be off leash. It's those dogs that have been trained to be protective and territorial unleash better than a problem.
It's a waste of time to allow dogs on the beach unless it is off leash. Dogs go to the beach to run, chase the frisbee, play in the water. Go to De Mar and look if you want to know what it all about.
Please allow dogs to be on beaches and city parks. I strongly believe all dogs should be on leashes for control purposes and heavily fine dog owners who don't pickup poops.
On-leash access to all beaches!
Laguna Beach allows access in off summer months only and they have very, very few issues. They then get my business for lunch or dinner and shopping after our walks. Just saying.
Maybe consider allowing dogs on the beaches only during specific times, like early morning and late afternoon hours. My dog has no interest in the beach but most dogs and their owners enjoy spending time together on the beach
Hello my name is Teresa. I first moved to SC in 1992. I have had the honor of owning four children with four legs. I also was a breeder for the sheriffs dept and the high desert blind society. I currently do not have a dog for the first time in my life, the owner of our home doesn't allow them. I currently am my mothers caregiver. The smiles and happiness mom and I have on our walks in town and the beach and trails ARE those we see and meet with their dogs. Please the owners are not the only ones that feel positive about this.
Thank you
I live in MV, have a business in Dana point. I'm often at the beach with my dog but would love to do it legally and for my pup to socialize. I hope a dog beach will be considered.
Been waiting a long time for this. Let us walk our dogs in the beach at least in the off season or between hours of 6am-10am and 4pm-8pm. Thank you!
Dogs on leashes only!! Have 2 shiba inus and they love the beach but dont want to get fined for taking them, they are always on leashes.
Dogs on the beaches also increases the chances of dogs getting hit by trains, or luring children onto the tracks. The area between El Portal and Dije Court has a natural buffer of high boulders between the tracks and the beach, making this a logical place for a dog beach.
The North beach's : Dije, El Portal and Mariposa have limited areas to post up and enjoy the beach due to tidal conditions . With the passage a few years ago to open the street above (Buena Vista) to

short term rentals , that limited space is even more occupied .

People are passionate about their pets and sure it would be great to let them run the beach . It's astonishing to me that the council would consider this idea at these locations when there is very limited sand at the above stated locations .

I would like to think that the council is sensitive to the residents of Buena Vista and North Beach area quality of life and ability to spend the day at the beach . Isn't that why we live here ? H.B and Del Mar's dog beach's are located on large beach areas with no immediate residents for a reason.

Again, the above locations are not logical locations. Let alone water quality, feces control and potential dog issues.

Do we not allow dogs on the beach in the Winter months when there are not many beach goers ?

Thanks for your consideration, Tom and Kelly Phillipson

Not all dog owners will pick up after their dogs. That's just a fact. Dogs should have a small section of their own beach away from human beach goers

Most dog owners who take their dogs to the beach are responsible and pick up after them. There is no reason why dogs should not be allowed on the beach.

As a SC-DP Shelter volunteer and dog owner in the past, I believe dogs are family members. With that said, I still believe for the safety of the public in general, access to public areas needs to be limited.

Unfortunately, there too many irresponsible pet owners. Many do not train or restrain their animals and far too many refuse to pick up after their animals.

Providing and maintaining dog parks seems an acceptable compromise.

We already have people taking their dogs into stores, markets and other facilities here in San Clemente, abusing the laws that provide for service animals. Employees are reluctant to speak up even in food establishments since the dog may be considered an "emotional support dog".

Let dogs be free. Humans are free, why not dogs ? Voltair says man is born free but everywhere he is in chains. Should we allow the same for dogs? Absolutely. Freedom.

I am not a dog owner, but I'm also not a dog hater. I love that people have companionship and are encouraged to get outside because they have a pet. This makes San Clemente the wonderful city it is. Unfortunately, not all dog owners are responsible dog owners. From what I've seen on the beach trail we should be very hesitant on allowing dogs on our actual beaches. There are two major issues I've seen with dogs on my daily beach trail walk.

The first issue being, not all dogs are trained. I've personally witnessed and have friends who have been bitten by someone's dog while walking on the trail. This is totally unacceptable. Along these lines, dogs don't respect people's personal space. This means that anyone who is laying out enjoying themselves on the beach will have to keep an eye out for any dog who decides to introduce himself uninvitedly.

The second and most prevalent issue is people not picking up after their animals. If you've walked the trail recently, you spend more time looking where you step to avoid poop rather than enjoying the view of the ocean/beach around you. By allowing dogs on the beach you'll have more people just burying their dogs poop rather than actually picking it up. A perfect example of this is OB Jetty in San Diego. It is a very popular dog beach, but because of that the smell is atrocious and you aren't able to lay down a towel without coming into contact with someone's buried dog treasure (poop).

In a perfect world, this would be a non-issue. But we don't live in a perfect world. And as any local knows, our city/beaches are getting more popular. I've lived here for 30 years and I can't believe how crowded our beaches are even during a pandemic. We can't expect that visitors will respect our town in the same way as locals. By allowing dogs on our beaches we are going to open ourselves up to a Pandora's Box of issues. We want our lifeguards saving lives and not spending their time monitoring people's animals.

There are always going to be irresponsible people whether with dogs or kids - don't follow the rules - however, the beaches and most dog owners who use them are responsible and pick up

after their pets, certainly more than parties who leave trash all over. Open the beaches to let us run and enjoy nature.

Giving people places to really exhaust their dogs makes them better neighbors, less barking and happier people and pets. Off leash ball catching runs would be great. Thank you for considering better dog access.

I understand that dog owners want to walk on the beach. However, I am constantly picking up dog waste on my own property, sidewalk, driveway and my lawn. It will be hard to trust dog owners to pick up after their dogs on the beach. And the plastic bags they do use, end up being left behind.

I'd like an area where we can throw a ball or frisbee for a off leash dog. Our dog also likes to get in the water.

Beach access should be on leash only and enforced

I love dogs but dog owners can't be relied upon to clean up after their dogs. Few things are grosser than stepping in dog sh*t on the sand.

I think it would be amazing to have a dog beach in sc. locals & tourists would love it.

The problem is Dog Poo my picked up, and then dogs running and knock down kids and Adults.

The residents(and pups) would San Clemente would be eternally grateful if dogs were allowed!!!

Maybe a license fee could be charged to each dog owner so cost of clean-up- whatever- could be shared buyers of dog-beach.

Would love something like the model in Del Mar. Dogs are allowed on beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day. They can run and play without leashes. Leashed dogs tend to be more aggressive than unleashed dogs. Besides, it sort of defeats the purpose of having a dog beach at all.

I would love to be able to walk my dog on the beach. I have a miniature dachshund so I am concerned about letting people let their dogs off leash as some with big dogs do not pay attention or don't care what their dogs are doing and have no control over their dogs. I do feel however that at the least we should be able to walk leashed dogs on the beach and maybe make an area where people can let their dogs off leash to run and play on the beach and in the water.

We live in Dana Point and either drive to Del Mar or Huntington to take the dogs to the beach. Maybe you could allow dogs on beaches off leash before 8am and after 6 or 7pm. Have poop stations available. We walk our dogs at Salt Creek and everyone is respectful and pick up after their dogs.

<p>Dog owners don't follow the rules. They don't pick up after their dogs. I walk on Cap beach almost daily. Dogs are allowed in winter ON LEASH. Every day, I see dogs off leash. Every day. Is the city going to pay for enforcement of the rules?</p>
<p>Dogs need to run free! There should be more space for dogs to be dogs. Thank you!</p>
<p>It would be great to have more opportunities to allow our dogs to run, play and enjoy the beautiful space we offer. It would be owners responsibility to clean up after pets and be responsible and i think we have some lower traffic beach areas that would.offer a great place.</p>
<p>unless folks can be trusted to keep their dogs on a leash, we should not allow access. This is a really big issue.</p>
<p>Dog owners in San Clemente do not pick up after their dogs, even though there are plenty of dog bags and receptacles made available in the parks. Just take a walk along the green belt in Forster Ranch and you will see what I'm talking about. Please do not allow them to ruin our beaches. Also, people do not follow the "on leash" rule with their dogs on hiking trails. I doubt they will follow the rules on the beach.</p>
<p>The city of laguna beach had a great method that works. Dogs can be walked on the beach until a certain time in the morning after that no dogs. Also having a specific beach designated fir dogs off leash to play would be great. Perhaps during summer months this time is limited.</p>
<p>I'm agreeable to allow dogs to play on the beach for certain hours. Like 5 to 7 pm perhaps 3x a week.</p>
<p>If owners can be held accountable for dogs that are rude, I think dogs should be allowed everywhere. They're family.</p>
<p>Most of the dogs are NOT licensed in SC and there is no enforcement by setting up spot checks in the parks and on the streets.</p> <p>There may be standards established, but as usual no funding is available for enforcement.</p> <p>Without a funding source there is no need to establish rules because they will not be followed for the most part.</p> <p>Beaches currently have water quality problems and adding dogs will only add to our current problem. Plus, you will have dogs from all the surrounding cities using the beach without any fees coming into the City for enforcement</p> <p>JUST A VERY, VERY BAD IDEA!</p>
<p>Although I am not a dog owner, I am a dog fan. However, I don't think dogs should be allowed off leash on our beaches or in parks. There are too many other people and children and dogs can be dangerous or simply frightening to unfamiliar people. I am also extremely concerned about dog urine and excrement on the beaches as unfortunately not all dog owners are responsible and clean up after their animals. Especially in seasons when there isn't a lot of rain, I'm afraid our beaches will get an odor and be unclean which washes into the water. There is no way to "isolate" a dog-friendly beach.</p>
<p>People walking their dogs on my street do not clean up after their dogs. Do you think they will keep the beaches clean of dog feces?</p>
<p>I love dogs but don't believe they belong on the beach. Dogs are going to urinate and poop both of which are unsanitary conditions for our beautiful beaches. I see no major offsetting good</p>

<p>I don't think dogs should be allowed at the beach, unless in some designated area specifically for that. They will urinate and poop, aside from being a potential danger. Sorry, but I years ago witnessed a severe bite (of a child in the face) by an unleashed dog in a park. The owner was very remorse, accompanied them to the hospital, said it had never happened before, etc. Dogs should be leashed and under control at all times, never unleashed unless in a specified dog park area. I was nipped in the foot a couple of months ago by an unleashed dog in San Clemente while I was running, this in the south, near the state park. There should be more signs and more enforcement.</p>
<p>This doesn't make sense to me because dog owners won't pick up waste and the sand will smell like poop or urine and yet further pollute the ocean.</p>
<p>People don't pick up dog poo in the reserve, where you have provided bags and containers, so they will be the same on the beach, but now there are health concerns and people walking bare foot.</p>
<p>I should be able to walk my leashes dog on San Clemente pier.</p>
<p>I would like to have a dog beach on our San Clemente beach.</p>
<p>My duty as a dog owner is to make sure that I encourage my fellow dog owners to be responsible dog owners.</p>
<p>Dogs have plenty of places to go. Keep them off our beaches.</p>
<p>Please increase beach access for dogs. We all have been through so much this last year and many of us have quarantined at home with our dog(s). So many families have adopted dogs during this pandemic and increasing beach access would be the perfect support to our community to move beyond this horrible year we all experienced.</p>
<p>At least one beach in San Clemente for dogs to play off leash would be ideal. We live in Dana Point and the closest beaches for dogs to play are Huntington and Del Mar. We buy breakfast and lunches and get car washes and do errands and shopping along the way. Would love to keep our money and our dog closer to home.</p>
<p>Unfortunately there appear to be more dog owners who are unable to properly clean up after their animals .. I'm constantly having to clean poop off lawn and pick up bagged poop that they literally leave where they bag it .. even though there's plenty of trash cans . It would be very sad to see our beautiful seaside in the same manor.</p>
<p>I think having dogs on the beach during less crowded months in the off season is great.</p>
<p>During the summer you could do it after 6 and before 9 am as well. Laguna Beach has a pretty great dog policy.</p>
<p>Maybe dedicate one beach as a "dog beach" where dogs can play off leash.</p>
<p>Controlled dogs assuming they are cleaned up after should be allowed</p>
<p>Unfortunately, many individuals have proven that they can not clean up after their pets. No one wants to be stepping on dog poop on the beach. I use to frequent the beach trail and I had to constantly be dodging dog poop that their owner failed to pick up, and this is with provided supplies handy. Ridiculous! There is NO need for someone to take their dog to the beach. We don't even have enough sad to enjoy as humans. Let's work on solving the issues we have as opposed to creating new ones.</p>
<p>We need an area similar to Del Mar where dogs are allowed to play on the beach.</p>
<p>We fight having polluted water already and the addition of dog urine and feces will only make this worse.</p>

<p>I love dogs and have one myself but we visited a dog beach up the coast and it was nasty! The dogs were pooping in the water! There were sand fleas and flies everywhere. Really changed my mind 100%!</p>
<p>Enough people don't clean up after their dogs. I do not want my children playing in the waste that will be left behind.</p>
<p>I wish the council would stop ruining North Beach. You already allow Airbnb there, and residents have to deal with parties and fighting all the cars for parking (on our own street), and now in addition to fighting for a spot to sit on the beach, we will have to smell and dodge dog poop. Does not sound like fun. If you want it put it were it can be easily monitored, and where there is parking available. This is not North Beach, we already have a handful of issues to solve before creating more. Let's solve our sand problem, and not trying and sweep it under the rug be turning it into a dog beach.</p>
<p>If we can mirror Laguna Bch, but not Huntington</p>
<p>We are fine the way it is. Take a drive up to HB and see what a mess people leave the beach (e.g. dog excrement; plastic bags; general trash). Moreover, permitting a dog beach will bring more congestion and traffic from inland areas, and our infrastructure is not apt to accommodate more people, vehicles, & trash.</p>
<p>If people feel the need is that great to have our dogs on the beach, San Onofre "Dog Patch" is just a short drive away. That's what most of us San Clemente families do.</p>
<p>I'm not a dog hater and have actually owned dogs most of my adult life.. I just hate dog owners who don't clean up after their dogs. And if leashes are required, many will not abide. Look at the beach at Trail 1 at the Bluffs. I'm sick of off leash dogs charging me while laying on the beach. People do the same at Sano where dogs are not allowed on the beach. No one enforces the laws.</p>
<p>Beaches are for people to enjoy not for careless dog owners to let their animals roam free to do as they please. There's dog parks for that.</p>
<p>Yay! Dog beach!!!</p>
<p>Follow Laguna Beach's guidelines perhaps:</p>
<p>Dogs are allowed on beach between 6pm and 8am, June 1 to September 16. The rest of the year, they are allowed on the beach from dawn until dusk. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.</p>
<p>We live in Capo Beach and drive down to Del Mar almost ever weekend to take our dogs to the beach. People pick up after their dogs, and the dogs are well behaved. Given the chance, I think most people in San clemente would do the same.</p>
<p>While most dog owners keep their dogs under control and following the dog laws, many do not and allow their dogs to attack people and dogs. Many dog owners do not clean up their dog's waste in the city sidewalks and will not clean up after them on the beach..</p>
<p>The water off San Clemente is already severely contaminated and more dogs on the beach will make the problem even worse.</p>
<p>Even though dogs are not presently allowed on the beaches, many people ignore the laws and bring their dogs to the beach.</p>
<p>Del Mar has wonderful dog beach.</p>
<p>The dog park in San Clemente is inadequate. The pens are too small and too many dogs are using them at peak times. We have beautiful open spaces (beach, ridge line trail) where responsible owners should be able to have dogs off leash.</p>

We live in San Juan Capistrano and travel to Doggie Beach in Huntington Beach when we take our dogs.
I would love to see an off leash dog beach but there should be restrictions. Owners must clean up after their dogs and aggressive dogs are not permitted.
I think that an increase in areas where dog owners can allow dogs to play would be great for this community. However, I think that it needs to be made abundantly clear that responsible dog ownership (ie. Leashing unfriendly dogs, picking up feces, disposing of feces, etc) is expected and enforced. It would be a shame if the few irresponsible dog owners ruined it for everyone. Thank you for considering this SC!!
Fenced in areas like baseball fields to let them run like the wind!
Because we live in Populated town I think all dogs should be on a leash at all times. You never know for sure how your dog will react to a new dog or human. Mine are well trained but I would not trust them off leash with other dogs they don't know. I also think the city should really fine dogs owners for not picking up their poop. I get so tired of walking on the trails and parks having to avoid the poop. Maybe have residents take pictures and turn them in. To the. It's to be fined. It is disgusting.
I live in dana point but go to San Clemente all the time and would love this
Thank you for considering this for the dogs in San Clemente
I would love to see San Clemente become more dog friendly. One suggestion is to have off hours for dogs on the beach like 5pm-8:00pm or 5am-9am during summer and then extend the hours during the winter.
Responsibility is in the hands of the owner. Not the city
I live in Dana Point. Poop bag dispensers with attached trash containers should be easily accessible in parks and beaches
Capo. Bch let's dogs on a leash on the beach and it runs smoothly.
I like the idea of how neighboring cities do it with certain timeframes such as morning and evening. Or the idea of a dog beach is fun too! I wish the Talega area had a dog park at Liberty Park or Tierra Grande Park, even if it was just a small fenced area for a few dogs to play. Another great location would be at the Vista Hermosa Sports Park - there's seems to be open grassy space there. Thank you!
I think there should be a dog in the beach pass paid for at a parking meter or a annual pass otherwise tee will have no beach parking and lots of poop / the pass comes with a waiver instructions to clean up after your pet and will bring income to the city otherwise we will turn into gross Huntington Beach
Too much poop too much dog hair everywhere. In the water and ground
I live in Dana Point.
We could use some more open areas to let them off leash. My dog does best after he gets to run off leash.
Large dogs pose a danger to small children and should not be allowed to run free except in dog parks.
On leash activities should be permitted. Owners must pick up after their dogs.
There needs to be a consequence for people who don't pick up after their dog pees/poops.
There is too much dog feces on all of our Trails right now. It shows that the dog owners don't clean up after themselves. I don't want to see the same thing on our beaches. our waters are polluted enough.
Some dog owners don't even pick up their droppings where they are allowed. Further, our City doesn't even enforce the current dog restrictions- I see dogs on the Pier and INSIDE Fisherman's all the time. If ANY further access is granted it will be mere minutes until we see dogs on every beach. If the City ever demonstrated the ability to actually enforce the current rules I might feel differently. We already lead SoCal in bacteria closures on our beaches, it would be a flat out dereliction of duty to allow dogs on ANY of our beaches.

Our dog park is a small mud field. There isn't a beautiful place for dogs to run off leash and play fetch and frisbee and play in the water. Thank you!
We really need more off leash spaces for dogs! San Clemente dog owners are responsible and respectful. Dogs need open space to play and socialize!
No dogs on beaches. Owners are not responsible enough, the amount of poop and poop filled bags I see in my own neighborhood is a problem. Furthermore, it will impact parking around a designated beach and also bring in people from neighboring cities who don't have dog beaches.
Need to have parking available near dog beach. Pier and T-street are too busy with surfers and gatherings already. Need less active beach so dogs don't bother dogless beach people.
The only dog park in San Clemente is a dirt lot!! Not acceptable at all dog love grass. They also
Love the beach. It would be helpful if could provide the bag dispensers with appropriate signage similar to those in Dana Point
Dogs need to run and play and socialize. it's good for their physical and mental health and also for that of their owners. there's dog beaches in San Diego county and Huntington Beach and there's a giant hole in the middle which San Clemente is right in the middle of. Wonder woman dog friendly beaches in this town would be amazing.
It would NOT be wise to allow a dog beach in San Clemente because many more people and their dogs from other areas will utilize SC beach which would result in larger crowds and many more dogs on the beach. Currently, people drive to San Diego or Huntington Beach to let their dogs run on those dog beaches. If we open our beach, many of them will show up here from other cities. Does the City of San Clemente have the additional funds and manpower to provide extra law enforcement and clean up which will be necessary with the large influx of additional people and dogs resulting from having a dog beach? I was a dog owner for 16 years and love dogs dearly. My two dogs grew old and passed away. I will probably get another dog soon. However, I would still say NO to a dog beach here in San Clemente for the reasons I've stated. It is important to look at the situation using reason and logic and consider the consequences that will occur, most likely ending up being more negative than positive. There are definitely more serious issues our city needs to be handling and paying attention to right now.
my small child has been almost bitten by people's dogs and the attitude is always unconcern from the owner. Barking and the mess is unpleasant
Walking a leashed dog (especially before 9am and after 5pm) should be permitted on all beaches. And then there should be sections (or at least one) for off leash play. Having lived in San Diego near "Dog Beach" before being here for past 22 years, I saw the communal benefits of people out enjoying sunset with their dogs on the beach. Dogs running all over happy as can be. I lived their for 8 years and rarely ever saw dog fights. They were all too busy playing and owners enjoying.
I also find it ludicrous that I can't go out and throw the ball to my dogs for 15 min in the large park near my house (usually without a person in it) without fear of an off leash ticket.
I have owned 4 dogs here in SC and not one of them enjoys the bleak, lifeless dog park off La Pata.
Please do the right thing for all the many pet owners in SC. Let's at least try it! 😊 🐾
The city should be concerned about dangerous racist insurrectionist right wing extremism and anti-science activism supported by council members Steve Knoblock, Gene James and Laura Ferguson

before discussing things like dog beaches and becoming a gun sanctuary city. Disgusting behavior by council members.
Special park areas or beaches for dogs but not all of them should allow access
There is no place in SC where dogs can run off leash near our homes in SW San Clemente, excepts for the disgusting so-called dirt dog park near the skate board park and that is unexceptible. And that is 4 miles from my home. Obviously not in walking distance on a daily basis. So, the beach is the perfect place for off leash running to take place.
Companionship, protection, and service need not be excluded from the beach. Make violation fines outrageous. Ensure the hours of access permit people who don't like dogs need not encounter them, but let's please make a way for those who do love dogs to share.
I do not believe that any beach should allow dogs. I respectfully ask you to keep dogs off any of our beaches.
This is a dog loving city please embrace that by investing in more dog bag stations. There should be bags and waste bins in EVERY park especially Max Berg and Bonito Canyon since they are large parks. You should have them on Del Mar, at the community center lawn and above the pier as well. Use the money from the excessive fines issued for dog offenses. Also, the officer assigned to writing dog tickets should be focused on helping to solve the coyote issues which have increased dramatically
We support the idea as long as the dogs remain leashed and the beaches remain clean.
A big no with children at beach and parks. Also, bare feet and dog poop do not mix.
While I love dogs on the beach and giving them the opportunity to play on the sand I know not all dog owners are respectful of others. I would recommend a dog beach as south of town as we could go. I would also recommend the access be seasonal or based on time of day so that in high tourist times the dogs stay on the trail. If more off leash opportunities are available I would recommend some type of registration to ensure the people who allow their dogs off leash truly have command over their dogs regardless of the environment.
As far as beaches, early morning hours could be expanded without significant impact to other beach goers. I spend one month minimum in San Clemente with a Golden Retriever and love walking him at dawn while on vacation near T-street.
Glad to see this is being considered! Thank you
There are plenty of areas where people can walk their dog in San Clemente. They can walk them on the strand. My husband and I walk the Beach near the pier every day. A month ago we were walking and there in front of us was a large pile of dog poop. Little children were playing near by. We had to get the life guard and he cleaned it up. Not all dog owners are responsible! Another time. We were walking and almost knocked down by 2 dogs running around unleashed on the beach. We are elderly and this is just wrong! Yes these were people ignoring "no dogs on the beach" rule. We love dogs! We have owned dogs. We just believe there should be a dog free area for children playing and running in the waves . Can you imagine the chos in the summer when the beaches are packed?
I think dogs should be allowed on all beaches early mornings and evenings to avoid the crowds and you could even do Labor Day thru Memorial Day.
Although I am not currently a dog owner, I love dogs and have many friends who do have them. However, I am not in favor of allowing dogs on our San Clemente beaches, and certainly not in areas where people are using the beach for recreation or relaxation. Not all dogs are well behaved, and could disrupt, annoy, or injure people, children and families in those areas. Not all dog owners will keep their dogs on leash, and certainly will not chase after them to pick up the poop they will leave behind. Who will monitor this?

Pet waste is a major concern, as there are too many dog owners who either do not pick up after their pets, or dispose of their dog bags in trash cans. Our beach areas are used for surfing, running, walking, swimming, volleyball, eating, and lounging on the sand. Dogs running through these activities would be a major problem.

It would be akin to allowing dogs on Baby Beach in Dana Point.

North Beach would be the only area that makes sense since fewer people use that beach, and there is sufficient parking that would not take away from the other parking areas.

Other areas with dog beaches have a lot more space to dedicate for this purpose. I believe it's a better idea to have dedicated dog parks for dog recreation.

Thank you.

Please do not allow this. I enjoy dogs, however, I have three small kids who love the beach and parks. I cannot tell you how many time dog poop has ended park days. People are not responsible enough to allow this. Let them go to Huntington if they want to take their dog to the beach. It will also increase our popularity here with other cities. Please please no!

I love dogs, but on public beach's isn't necessary. So many owners don't even pick up after their dogs.

Update the current large dog park area with grass in at least half of the area.

If Carmel can make this work (and it has worked very well for years) then San Clemente can also. Owners need to be responsible!

So many people have dogs - you would be serving so many. The dogs and their people would love you for this!

The issue with this mainly is enforcement. We simply do not have the resources to monitor this. Dogs are already allowed on the beach trail and many already take their dogs on the beach. This will also bring more dog owners and doggy doo doo to our beaches. With eBikes allowed on the beach with no enforcement I don't think adding dogs too is a smart idea. Build another dog park somewhere if needed.

I am a dog owner and I walk my dog daily. I am also a parent and a grandparent. I do not like the idea of dogs on beaches where they are excreting and making our beaches even more unsanitary. The excrement that is very prevalent on the beach trail is already out of hand. By the way, I am daily on the beach trail. I see a responsible dog owner is walking the dogs on the pier, on the beach. If beaches were open to dogs I feel it would give responsible responsible dog owner is carte blanche. I always think the animal control officer when I see him or her because they're doing q good job that is often thankless.

Lots of pet owners are responsible, it's the irresponsible ones & the lack of resources to enforce the laws that make this a bad idea. If pet owners want a beach to let there pets run & play they should pay a use fee to maintain & police the area.

I don't really trust the dog owners will be responsible to clean up after their pets on the beach. I've also been at dog beaches n the past where dogs have chased my children and pulled on their surfboard leashes and owners are not paying attention.

More dog parks. The current dog park is not great.

Folks do not clean up after their dogs

Would love to be able to take my dog to the beach and let her go for a swim. She loves catching waves and being in the ocean.

I think limited hours and locations would be great. We always pick up after our dog and even pick up after other dogs on the beach trail and in town.

As long as everyone is respectful I think it would work out great.

I love dogs but have concerns for dog waste on the beach. I walk the beach trail and observe the results of their urinating and lack of diligence in picking up their dog's poop. This when there are bags provided regularly along the trail. Not sure how much more poop & per will wind up in the water and pollute the water up and down the coast with the tidal surge.

Thanks for asking for our input.

Jay Benitez

Home Owner

As a dog lover owning 2 dogs, my position on this issue is to keep our beaches "people friendly" and remain off-limits to dogs. There are already ample areas around our beautiful city with access for dogs.

There is almost no parking north of Linda Lane and half the time the tide is too high to even use the beaches between Linda Lane and North Beach. Why the council would pick that spot is unfathomable. Add to that the fact that little dogs might actually need to be carried up and down the long steps at El Portal and Dije makes that particular location among the worst considered.

Dogs should be allowed on certain parts of the beach. Even certain parts of the day would be great like laguna beach does.

The only issue I have is the owners need to pick up after there dogs!!!!

Walking dogs on the beach on leashes should be allowed as it already is in Laguna Beach - same access limits.

I am not in favor of a small beach area that dogs can only visit on leash - what's the point really.

The dog park is unacceptable - it needs to be significantly upgraded and the Small.dog area expanded.

the former lawn bowling adjacent to the San Luis Rey Park would be a great official dog park

I live on SJC SC border. We would love a beach spot to be available; as you know, we self police and make sure the area is kept clean. Most dog owners go early am or later pm. Thank you!

Unfortunately many irresponsible pet owners live in San Clemente. There are already dogs running on the beach. I know this because I walk the beach north of the pier nearly every day. Owners do not clean up after their dogs as it is. And you want to draw more by actually allowing dogs on the beach? Unfettered male cats wander the neighborhood all hours of the night yowling and pissing on doors and furniture cushions. Constantly have to avoid dog poop on the sidewalks as it is.

Our beaches are small, we have limited parking, it's crowded during summer and there are no trash cans on the beach north of the pier. Where will even responsible owners put dog poop?

This is an ill advised idea that will draw nonresident dog owners to our beaches. Off leash dogs running on the beach during summer? Trying to find a poop free spot to sit? Poop between your toes when you walk with your SO on the beach at sunset? Floaters polluting the ocean? Really? Eew.

<p>Does the city budget provide for an on site enforcement officer?</p> <p>As someone who was brutally attacked and bitten by a neighbor's off leash dog in my own yard when I was a child, the safety of children mixed with dogs running and playing on the beach concerns me. If the city does not plan for a persistent presence of an on site enforcement officer to maintain safety and fine owners for not cleaning up after their pets and confining them to a specific area, this will be an unmitigated disaster and decrease the quality of life for a majority of residents. We already have a dog park.</p> <p>Surely the city has more important issues to address, such as the idiots launching fireworks in the neighborhood and homeless wandering our streets and camping at the beach over night. Yes, fireworks every night for weeks last summer and camping on the rocks at north beach just last week.</p> <p>Please focus attention and funds on matters that will increase the quality of life for all residents, not a minority of dog owners.</p>
<p>This would be awesome! A lot of people in San Clemente live in small apartments, condos, etc with no backyard. Giving the dog a place the run and get their energy out would be great!</p>
<p>Thank you for considering allowing dogs on the beach!</p>
<p>San Clemente is a dog friendly town with zero facilities for dogs. Please allow responsible dog owners the freedom of allowing their pups to play freely on the sand.</p>
<p>THANK YOU for this survey!!!! As a resident of San Clemente, I would love the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful ocean with my best friend. I absolutely understand and hope we can enforce the rules to clean up and be respectful but would love the opportunity to prove we can do it! Even limited dog hours would be great (before 9am, after 6pm).</p>
<p>I am so beyond thrilled this is being considered and will be closely watching and praying this passes!</p>
<p>There is absolutely no reason that we should not be able to walk our dogs ON A LEASH in any public area. However there should be fines for those that do not clean up after their dogs.</p>
<p>I see dogs on the beach all the time whether they are permitted or not. People let their dogs roam free. I have two small children that are scared of dogs. I personally love all animals but they are still animals. Even the nicest, smallest or most gentle dog can scare a child or worst bite a child when they feel threatened. This ruins the beach experience. Plus, my kids play in the sand and the idea that the dogs will defecate in the same sand grossed me out. And I'd like to think ppl will clean up after their dog but trails and neighborhoods prove that there are a lot of lazy ppl that don't. This is unfortunate for responsible dog owners.</p>
<p>I think a trial should be done where beach access is allowed (similar to Newport Beach) dogs on leash are allowed s on beaches after 5 (for safety sake/sanitation, etc) - when the crowds die down.</p> <p>If after 6 months or so people don't clean up after their pets or many problems are reported, cease the rights and go back to how it is now.</p>
<p>Otherwise make a more appealing dog park (especially the large dog side - it's terrible!!)</p>
<p>Stiff fines for owners not picking up after their dogs on the beach and elsewhere!</p>
<p>The less populous beaches (ie....those outside of the Pier and TStreet) should definitely allow dogs on leash AND/OR dedicate at least 1 or 2 more less populous beaches in San Clemente to dog access.</p>

<p>There are definitely not enough dog options for the city outside of the select dog parks and the beach trail.</p>
<p>Even as a dog owner and lover I know that dogs can instantly change their temperament due to various circumstances. It isn't safe or sanitary for dogs to roam our beaches. The safety of people (especially children) needs to come first. There are plenty of spaces throughout our city for dogs to go.</p>
<p>This would make life so much better. We go down to watch sunset and it would be so nice to be able to bring our dogs for a walk at the same time. Health & happiness benefits for us and our pets. If there are naysayers, then they can have all the dog free zones around. If they are worried about poop, make the fine for not picking up dog poop steep. If you go to most dog beaches, there is not a lot of poop around. People are mostly good, and responsible when it comes to that. North beach seems ideal location for leash free play area, but make all beaches open for walking dogs after 5 or 6pm. If no one is around, we should be able to take them off leash to play.</p>
<p>Dog owners are not responsible enough presently in cleaning up after the animals as well as throwing away the poop bags. Our trails are littered with animal waste and poop bags and if dogs are allowed on the beach, then there is no incentive to clean up after their dog. Residents and visitors already violate the current posted signage of not having your dog on the beach and they will not respect having to leash their dogs which, from personal experience with dangerous dogs off leash, could be harmful or even fatal to people and especially children. There is a dog beach in Dana Point and having one in San Clemente is only catering to dog owners who choose not to travel a simple 15 minutes to Dana Point.</p>
<p>There are no beaches or parks where dogs are allowed off leash.</p>
<p>Other cities have designated times for dogs on the beach - 6 - 10 am and then maybe 4 pm on depending on the season. Summer could start later. This would be a good compromise. Most early riser / dog owners are responsible and clean up after their dogs.</p>
<p>Most dog owners clean up after them, but there are still quite a few that don't. This would produce unsanitary conditions for others using the beach.</p>
<p>NO DOGS on any of San Clemente beaches.....</p>
<p>Because it seems like a large percentage of the population in San Clemente owns dogs, I think it's important to provide more than one location in town for the dogs to be off-leash. Although the beach is not ideal, an area like Dije will regulate itself with the tides and swell. It won't be accessible all day, every day like many of the other more popular people beaches. Also, an area like Dije has parking nearby at North Beach, but will probably not bring tons of people with dogs from out of town.</p> <p>Carving out another off-leash area in a park, such as San Gorgonio or somewhere along the Forster Ranch open space should also be considered.</p> <p>Please take into consideration the two biggest risks of off-leash dogs: aggressive behavior/biting and litter/failure to clean up after the pet. It's very easy for an owner to look the other way when their dog is off-leash, and then the dog jumps on someone or poops, and the owner has no idea that it happened. I've seen it frequently on the beach at Cyprus Shore where I live. I've seen dogs knock over beach walkers. I've watched owners ignore their squatting dog and never bother to pick up the poop.</p>
<p>There are already off leash dogs on the beach due to lack of enforcement. When running on the beach they run up to me and I can't tell if they're being aggressive or just want to play. Their sh*tty owners don't call for them either.</p>

Our dogs love to play on the beach off leash. It would be so nice to have a place closer to home for them to play and not drive to San Diego or Huntington. Dog loving volunteers could form a group to make sure it's a safe and clean place for everyone to enjoy.
PLEASE allow dogs on the beach !!!
We would love a dog beach in San Clemente! We live in Dana Point and the closest dog beach is in Huntington or San Diego. A little bit of a drive, so it would be nice to have something closer! Thank you!
Please keep dogs off our beaches!
NO DOGS ON BEACHES!!!
Dogs on the beach is unsanitary and unnecessary.
What are the concerns? the usual anti-dog, sh*t in the sand rhetoric? How many fish swim in the ocean? Trillions? They all sh*t in the ocean. We shouldn't be too worried about a couple of dog turds.
Just one in 20 people not picking up their dog's poop is a lot of poop. Off leash? At a park or beach with children? Are you kidding? Try a dog park.
We walk the beach and the trails in south SC. In the past year, unleashed dogs are everywhere. Some dog walkers bring up to 5-6 big dogs and let them loose. This is very intimidating to other dogs and walkers (scary at times). Dogs bring waste to the beach and ocean waters - well known - and they do not need access to the beach. If owners were universally - or even largely - responsible for their dogs on the beach that would be another issue and a small area could be set aside. The boldness of many citizens in SC (ebikes on the road/trails/defiance of Covid rules/ off leash dogs/selfish drivers, etc.) has increased exponentially - we favor waiting to see if sanity returns a bit on its own as EDUCATION does not seem to be making much of a dent.
In addition, SC has become known as a place to go where rules are not enforced and with summer coming, it could be a real concern.
San Clemente also needs a Dog Park Drinkery! I used to live in Texas and attended Dog House Drinkery and Dog Park almost every other day. It was always a great time for their dogs there and it brought the community together!
Thank you for considering beach access for our beloved pets!
No off-leash on populated beaches.
Honestly, I think we should follow Laguna Beach and Corona Del Mar's lead on this. They allow dogs on leash at certain times of the day year round and all day between Labor Day and Memorial Day (I think). Also adding a "dog beach" for unleashed play in addition to allowing leash walking would be nice.
Something similar to the laguna beach dog policy - dogs are allowed to be on the beach, on leash, from September to early June and then during the summer months, they are only allowed on the beach before 9am and after sunset
Newport Beach has great Dog beach access hours depending on the time of year. I believe that leashes are good for certain dogs..but also off leash should be allowed. The dogs are only as good as their owners
We have had dogs bull over our kids many of times and scare them, as well as nip at our kids when we are at parks. There is already poop all over the sidewalks down town please don't let the dogs poop all over the beaches as well and in the water polluting the water where our kids play. I've been hearing talk about letting dogs be at Linda lane beach. Please don't let this happen! That is such a fun family beach with so many kids. Don't pollute it with dog poop everywhere.

<p>Beach areas where dogs can play & be walked is quite viable as shown in most other beach cities throughout the State. Time restrictions may be appropriate depending on the area. Having more than one area will help with overcrowding.</p>
<p>Responsible pet owners should be able to walk their dogs in public areas</p>
<p>Good to communicate that dog owners should always clean up after their dogs. Often I see dog poop on the trail and pedestrian bridge.</p>
<p>The ideal dog beach is one without a parking lot nearby, otherwise we will have people from all over south OC bringing their dogs to the dog beach. It also should be a deep, sandy beach where there is only one access path. This will help keep dogs on the beach and avoid having them run up on the train tracks. There also ought to be dog poop bags and trash cans available so dog owners have no excuse for leaving poop behind.</p>
<p>I love dogs. I just do not love the many irresponsible dog owners. It is unbelievable that how much dog poop is found on sidewalks! I walk every day, and I find several EACH day! So what makes anyone think that this won't happen at the beach. Unfortunately many people are irresponsible!</p> <p>Besides, we have too much waste on beaches already, so why add a potential of harmful dog feces issue that could harm adults and children. The city should think about potential lawsuits should someone get infected by dog urination or feces.</p> <p>So, NO DOGS ON BEACHES! Period.</p>
<p>Would like to see what kind of enforcement there will be for picking up waste. All of these places are where surfers and kids walk and play without shoes. Walks on the beach trail or around our neighborhood indicate that dog owners already don't feel responsible for picking up dog waste, so any further allowance of dogs on beaches should include enforcement (not just fines but actual staffing to give out these fines).</p>
<p>I've had dogs here in San Clemente my whole life and it is a crying shame they have never had access legally. I would be thrilled, as would my newest friend - 4 month old Winnie, to be able to walk her leisurely and all of us enjoy together what San Clemente has to offer.</p>
<p>There ARE dogs that are trained to behave off-leash.</p>
<p>Any SC beach would be great. We have to drive to San Onofre every time we want to go on the beach with our dog.</p>
<p>We moved here from HB thinking SC was dog friendly. HB has a nice dog beach and we were shocked SC didn't have one.</p>
<p>With so many people having dogs there needs to be more places where dogs can have the opportunity to run and play. I lived in Hawaii for many years where dogs are allowed off leash at many of the beaches. Even at Lanikai beach which is one of the most famous beaches in the world. Rarely did I see any issues. Dog owners love their pets and don't want to see any harm come to them and because of that they take care to see that they don't harm themselves or any other pet or people. I've never been able to understand why in Hawaii at some of the cleanest beaches around dogs can run free. Then you come here and they can't step foot on the sand.</p>
<p>I am human and cannot urinate or defecate because there are laws that prevent me from doing so. But a dog is an animal and allowed with certain restrictions. We treat animals better than our homeless? Curious when we will use a survey for the homeless?</p>
<p>There's too many children and visitors that congregate around the pier. Not all dogs are friendly and get excited around a lot of people. Children don't understand, they will approach a dog with no fear.</p>

<p>This is an accident waiting to happen, and the city will be liable for allowing a dog park so close to the pier. Dogs and crowds of people do not mix.</p>
<p>Leashed dogs should be allowed on all beaches. Lost Winds is probably the least crowded so would be a good place for off-leash dog play.</p>
<p>As dog owners that are responsible and pick up after our dogs should have access to the beach!! We live here and pay a lot of money to live here and should have at least a small reward such as being able to take our dogs to the beach.</p>
<p>My biggest trepidation about the whole thing is that there will be irresponsible dog owners that will not pick up after their dogs, and make it bad for us responsible ones. Maybe put some rules in place and a fine for those who don't pick up their dog waste.</p>
<p>My 12 year old cattle dog is scared of water because she has never been allowed to even experience our beautiful beaches.</p>
<p>maybe could be restricted access after 5pm before 9am or something like that.</p>
<p>We already see dog poop all over our streets and parks on a daily basis!! The last thing we need is to have dog poop and urine on our beaches, getting washed out into our ocean water!!! Absolute disgusting!!</p>
<p>Thank you!</p>
<p>My only concern is that dog owners don't always pick up after themselves. I'd hate for our beaches to look like our trails with dog feces everywhere.</p>
<p>It's sad that I cannot walk my dog on the beach. Even if you have certain hours per season like Kaguna Beach it would be ok.</p>
<p>The best beach for dogs are the ones where people are not going to want to spread out a blanket and sit. We have beaches that are used primarily for surfing or walking, these should be considered.</p>
<p>It's taken too long to give dogs access to the beaches. Most dog owners are responsible and will make sure their pet does not soil our beaches. For those few who will not keep their pet under control the solution is a serious fine. Money talks and most will abide by the rules when significant cash is at stake.</p>
<p>Encourage people to be sure and pick up after dogs to be able to have this privilege. May need signs</p>
<p>Dogs should be leashed for their own safety, and that leash held by a person competent to maintain control of the animal, if needed.</p>
<p>One way simple way to assess a person's competence to control their animal is whether they're holding the leash at all. A dog with a leash on is not considered leashed under the law if that leash is not held.</p>
<p>While we love our dog dearly, but we want limitations of dogs in human spaces- stirs, beaches, parks. They can't help but pee and poop wherever they roam. Many dog owners are not responsible and their animals are aggressive and unruly. It is unfair to our children and adults alike, to have animals roaming around everywhere. People should be able to enjoy our city and it's beaches without dogs roaming everywhere. We need more children, less dogs.</p>
<p>I chose North Beach, because it has more parking than the other beaches listed.</p>
<p>Our dogs need at least a couple of off-leash areas, besides the dirt cages. Dogs need to run and play, not just walk on a leash. Other nearby cities have at least one off-leash beach and a couple of off-</p>

leash park areas for dogs to play in. San Clemente is way too strict on dog laws and it's not fair to our residents or our dogs.
I feel that responsible dog owners should be able to have their dogs with them at a beach.
If the City decides to designate a specific location (e.g., El Portal) for dogs to play on the beach, then the City should install bag dispenser at each public entrance for that specific location, including a sign reminding dog owners to pick up after their dog, and that they will be fined if they do not pick up after their dog.
The sign should also state that burying dog waste in the sand does not count, and floating it away also does not count.
If ALL dog owners cleaned up after their pets, this might be worth discussing. Unfortunately that's not the case. Huge NO
1% of people allowing dogs on the beach would pick up the dogs feces. Horrible for beach, massive bacteria, pollution, NO DOGS ON BEACH. I've live here my entire life 69 years, and our beaches have never allowed dogs and for good reason. Not to mention being bitten.
Dogs must be on leashes that can not expand to be longer. They are animals and no one knows what they may react to. Sick of dogs attacking and/or running after a dog on a legal length leash.
Pooche is rarely visited by many residents - with the exception of July and August. This beach would be PERFECT for dogs. We live directly above this beach. We see animal control continually park nearby in anticipation of catching someone walking their dog on an otherwise empty beach. APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS REQUEST!!!!
Most people love dogs. Most owners would probably love to take their dogs to the beach to run around and play. If there was a designated area for dogs on a beach, especially a part of the beach people don't typically go to, then the people that don't want to be near dogs can avoid that area, and the people that want to experience the joy of watching their dog(s) play with or without other dogs on the beach can have a place to do that!
I live in San Juan Capistrano, however, I really enjoy the ability to have beach access for my dog and she loves it. I would utilize it more often if it was available in San Clemente rather than going to Huntington Beach. A good solution may be to have a beach be dog accessible from September or October to May. That way you are not limiting your beaches during the high season.
As a former dog owner I understand that well trained dogs are wonderful. However, most days I have to pick up doggie gifts from my yard and my sidewalk. I am afraid that our beaches and parks would be worse than they are now if we allow changes from our current practices.
All activities should be 'on-leash' where owners can responsibly walk there dogs and no worry about interaction with off-leash dogs.
Enforcement will be an issue that needs to be addressed, what are the fiscal impacts. Parking impacts in need to be addressed. Ocean water quality and sand cleanliness will be affected greatly! The dog beach in HB is nasty! Migratory birds shore birds are severely effected by the very presence of dogs... leashed or unleashed.

<p>If San Clemente choses this path, ALL dogs from everywhere will be allow.</p>
<p>I live in Capo Beach and access beaches in San Clemente often. I have no issues with dogs being walked on any and all beaches as long as they are leashed and the owner pick up their dog's waste. However, it would be good if there was a designated beach area where dogs can play in the water off leash.</p>
<p>This would be so cool !!</p>
<p>I drive to Del Mar If our beach dog park was in our town so many would be Stoked</p>
<p>one word.....POOP</p>
<p>The proposed location at Mariposa often has no sand during high tide! Dogs should be allowed in areas where there is more sand and less frequented such as North Beach, El portal and lost winds.</p>
<p>Dogs (and their owners) want to run/ play at the beach, having them be leashed sort of defeats the purpose!</p>
<p>Other cities such as Ocean Beach In San Diego County have had a dog beach for years with no significant problems. Owners know they need to clean up after their dogs, and when dogs are off leash they are much less likely to fight.</p>
<p>I'm not sure what the best spot would be, but it would be nice to be able to walk my dogs on the beach. I know Newport allows dogs on the beach before and after specific times.</p>
<p>I am a responsible dog owner and clean up after my pooch. If you simply stroll the beach trail you will see many many examples of owners not cleaning up after their pets. If you go to the dog park there are always piles of fecal matter left by dog owners. It is obvious that allowing dogs on the beach would add to this pollution.</p>
<p>It's too bad, cause I would love for my dog to frolic in the sand and water. Use the knowledge of the mess on the beach trail to not allow dogs on the sand.</p>
<p>Dog owners should big cognizant are their dogs behavior patterns and know whether it's safe, or not, to have their dog off a leash. The owners are always responsible for their dogs actions and behavior. All owners should always have bags to clean up after their dogs no matter where/what/when.</p>
<p>I commend the city of San Clemente for offering this survey and for considering adding another reason why everybody would want to live in San Clemente.</p>
<p>As the owner of a corner home lot, there are dog owners who still think it's ok to allow their pets to poop and not pick it up. Strict guidelines should be enforced like covid, too many dog poops should shut down the idea of a dog beach. Of course there are those who "surprisingly " forget their poop bags. If my rescue dog was still alive I would definitely give the dog beach a shot. Again STRICT code enforcement must be adhered to.</p>
<p>Dogs need to have the freedom to play and run on our beaches! People are concerned about dogs "relieving themselves causing contamination" of our oceans! However, the trash and refuse of what humans discard is far more polluting, including THEIR elimination and trash that is non bio-degradable and live in our oceans forever!!</p>
<p>I don't believe dogs should be on the sand. The dog owners who walk the trail do not pick up the poop with free bags provided every 100 feet and trash cans to dispose of it. Sooooo, so what makes you think they will not let their dog poop and hide it in the sand??? And then someone puts their kids</p>

<p>on the sand in a huge pile??</p> <p>Unsanitary!!</p>
<p>We have three dogs and have to drive to huntington for the nearest dog beach. Keep people in SC and \$\$\$ will flow behind.</p>
<p>If most dog owners were responsible and picked up after their pet then I would not object. Unfortunately, some owners will not pick up after their animal which ruins it for the rest. Please keep dogs off our beaches.</p>
<p>I have had dogs in the past (mine just died), so I completely understand wanting to take dogs on the beach. However, I run on the beach, and often times I find dog poop after a dog who has not been on its leash. Unfortunately, not all dog owners are respectful and pick up the poop. Countless times I have been running on nearby trails and beaches, only to see dog poop and be thankful I didn't step in it. I don't want that on our beach. I am sorry. There are plenty of dog parks and dog-friendly parks in the area - dogs don't need to have access to the beach to get a good walk/run.</p>
<p>Since most dogs are considered family members, I think owners with their dogs should have access to our beaches...with 2 conditions. The most important revolves around safety and therefore dogs should be on a leash.</p> <p>Owners who cannot abide by this rule should have strict penalties or fines. Picking up after your dog would be the other.</p> <p>Although I want my dog to be able to run free, I and my friends have been victim to an unsuspecting and unleashed dog rushing and or attacking another animal...that is not right.</p>
<p>As a dog owner, my dog is part of my family and it's really painful that I can't have her on the beach with me. I have to drive all the way to Huntington Beach to play with my dog on the beach. That's not fair. As we've progressed as a society we should be more loving and accepting towards our dogs. Some of us can't have children and our pets are like our children. Leaving the dog at home while I go to the beach feels wrong. It's like going to a playground and leaving your kids at home. I've heard some concerns about dog poop. I've been to HB dog beach many times and never seen any droppings.</p>
<p>Dogs are not allowed on the beach now, but there are dogs off leach on the beach every day. If we allow dogs on the beach, how many more will there be off leash? How much is the extra enforcement going to cost? I say no dogs on the beach.</p>
<p>25% of the San Clemente residents have a licensed dog, and who knows how much higher a percentage this would be if counting unlicensed ones too, but likely substantial - could be 50% or more. Not providing this large segment just one city beach for dogs is a travesty for the humans and the dogs.</p> <p>I'd venture to say most dog owners are cleaner (in terms of cleaning up after their dogs) than many other users of the beach who leave untold amounts of track on the beach.</p>
<p>I think it's a mistake to allow dogs on beach. It adds to more pollution in ocean from urine and feces.</p> <p>Also people walk on the sand barefoot and there will be dog urine.</p> <p>I own a dog and I think it's not sanitary.</p>

<p>99% of dog owners in San Clemente are responsible pet owners. I witness this firsthand every day as I live directly across the street from Leslie Park, a very common dog and dog owner destination. San Clemente needs to open a portion of the beach to enable dog owners to expand San Clemente's beauty with their pets. With certain restrictions such as holidays, etc./time frames, I am confident our community and visitors would follow these rules. And, if not abided by, I have no doubt our community would remind the offender of the rules.</p> <p>Thank you for your survey and consideration.</p> <p>Cordially, Chris Dunbar</p>
Dogs belong with their families...can't play catch on leash
The dog owners in San Clemente have proven on a daily basis that they don't clean up after their dogs in public spaces.
We absolutely need to adopt these changes. Most beach cities are way more relaxed regarding dogs on the beach!
Owners should be accountable for any dog messes left on the beach with a stiff fine for rule breakers.
Have a dog beach would be a great idea, totally for it.
We need more spaces for dogs in San Clemente. The current dog park is really not dog friendly. It is small and not well maintained. Please consider expanding these offerings!
Many people don't pick up after dogs on trail, why would they do it on the beach. Now we would have to sit on waste while sitting on beach.
<p>I do not like being accosted by dogs while I try to walk on the beach. I do not want my grandchildren being accosted while on the beach or playing in sand that has dog pee or dog poop on it.</p> <p>Not everyone likes dogs, and dog owners tend to think their dogs are special and so shouldn't have to follow the rules, as evidenced by how many dogs are walked right past the no dogs allowed signs onto the beach. I have been bitten by a dog whose owner assured me would never bite, so I do not want to run that risk again while I'm trying to get exercise or enjoying the beach.</p> <p>There are already so many dogs on the beach even though it isn't allowed, to allow dogs would make it impossible for people to enjoy the beach due to the number of dogs running around.</p>
Encinitas has scheduled times for off-leash dogs that works beautifully!
It would be great to dogs allowed off leash on the beach during certain hours .
The last thing we need is dog poop on the beach. It currently is the only place you can walk in the whole city without (much) fear of stepping in dog poop. Also, I'm scared of big dogs due to a previous situation so I don't feel safe around off-leash dogs.
I walk the beach early morning every day. There are plenty of people walking their dogs on the sand. They are always off leash. It's unsettling when a big dog comes running full speed at you while the owner is yelling for the dog to stop. I've seen a few people knocked down. I have witnessed, more times than I can count, the dog owner not cleaning up after their pet. Dog owners can walk their pets on the beach trail as well as many other areas for exercise. I would hate, each time going down to sit at the beach, to have to always worry about sitting, laying or stepping in dog business.
We would LOVE to have a portion of our beaches devoted to our furry friends!
DOGS ON LEASE IS THE ONLY WAY IT WILL WORK., NOT TO UPSET NON DOG LOVERS / OWNERS, AND TO "FINE" ANYONE WHO'S DOG POOPS ANYWHERE ON THE BEACH AND THEY DON'T PICK IT UP..

<p>There's no reason why dog owners should not be able to walk their dogs on the beach on leash. As long as picking up waste is enforced.</p>
<p>Irresponsible dog owners who don't leash their dogs or pick up after them do not deserve a beach for dogs in my opinion.</p>
<p>Dogs are great, but they poop and pee. You can't clean up the pee. Our waters are already polluted. Some owners are irresponsible with their pet. Dog's do not belong on public beaches. They are already allowed on the trail.</p>
<p>I believe that having dogs on a beach or in a park is a privilege. If the city moves to make this possible the dog owner rules and responsibilities should be enforced. A few bad apples will make this chance disappear if neglected. Like any rule.....if not enforced it is not viable.</p> <p>I look forward to dogs on the beach!</p> <p>Dave</p>
<p>Great idea! Would love to have a off leash dog beach area closer than Huntington! Kudos.</p>
<p>Please stress the importance of picking up poop and disposing the bag.</p>
<p>I love dogs. Dogs are not predictable. No risks should ever be taken where dogs may injure people, especially children, or other dogs. Not all dogs love to be approached by wildly friendly other dogs. Some can get acquainted slowly and carefully. Dog leashes provide the only hope for avoiding lots of accidents and injuries.</p>
<p>The Current regulations exist for those who cannot control their dogs and who do not pick up after their dogs. For those of us who are responsible dog owners, the current regulations are punitive and should be modified at least slightly. Hungtinton beach has a glorious section of "dog beach" that is an amazing experience for dog owners and dogs alike. I pay taxes in San Clemente so I would prefer to have that experience here. I don't see why we can't have that here in San Clemente, we certainly have teenagers partying and people being irresponsible on the beach.</p> <p>The San Clemente dog parks are hideous and unclean and WAY too small to afford adequate exercise. In addition, there are pet owners at those dog parks that do not control their dogs so we do not utilize them for this reason.</p>
<p>This is a terrible idea. Dog owners in this town already flout the law about picking up after their dogs. We had this same discussion about the beach-trail and the dog-owners won. Now there are feces up and down the trail, dogs on the pier, dogs inside Fisherman's etc. etc. etc.</p> <p>Dog owners are given an inch and take 10 miles and there are no resources to enforce any regulations. If dogs are given access to ANY beach in SC, it will be minutes, if not seconds, that we will see dogs on ALL beaches. There again is no one to police or enforce this (don't get me started about the RSVP retirees - they do nothing about bikes and dogs on pier). Dogs would be off leashes (no one is bringing their dog to the beach to keep it on a leash - think about it!) and we know what kind of trouble that brings if they are not confined to a dog-park. And no, SC doesn't have the resources to be setting up enclosed dog parks on our beaches. I wonder what the CCC's take on this is?</p> <p>SC already is a leader in bacterial readings on our beaches - just look at all the beach closures we have during the warmer months - add a few thousand dogs crapping all over the beach, and no one will be able to get back in the water again.</p>

Let's stop with the foolishness and concentrate on fixing problems in SC, not creating new ones only for the satisfaction of people who are delusional and consider dogs, people. Dogs are not people, dogs do not take precedence over human safety, dogs do not have civil rights, dogs do not pay taxes, and dogs do not VOTE. But I do, and will be watching carefully which Councilmembers vote for this inane proposition.
So many other cities are more dog friendly and I hope that San Clemente joins the trend.
As much as I oppose dogs on the beach, I would suggest North Beach for dogs. Why... better parking and less people on the beach..
Good luck...
Shelley
There are no real large areas dogs can run around and play freely in. The tiny dirty areas called dog parks are insufficient for exercise for dogs. Back on east coast there are 1acre+ off leash dog parks
An area on beach for dogs to run would make the town more desirable for residents or a larger size area to run in.
Even trails in the hillsides are not allowing dogs off leash
Many coastal cities have limited access for dogs to run and play, so we know it can be done in a safe and responsible manner. Thanks!
Any beach dogs can play on or be walked on would be wonderful. We have so many miles of shoreline I feel like we can find a small portion that could be dog friendly. Maybe an area that isn't used by beach goers as much! Thank you for considering this!!
I think dogs and owners of the dogs should be able to enjoy the beach together off leash, but the owners need to make sure they handle any dog waste.
Please don't have the access next to State Parks because people will get confused and will get tickets by lifeguards/Rangers. Not near Lost Winds. By/near the pier maybe during certain hours like Avila Beach in central CA.
Hi, great idea! We live in Dana Point, but walk the beach trail and frequent your restaurants, Thanks for considering this. Lori Stephens
Dog owners dont clean up
And it can not be policed
Not on the beach.
Leashed at parks ok
Way over due....most dogs behave better than EBikers, just sayin
Having a dog beach in San Clemente would be amazing. I have 2 water dogs and having to drive to Carlsbad or Huntington Beach to get them in the water is a bummer. San Clemente has so many great features, why not a dog beach for all us dog lovers out there!
I live near the beach. I have seen, early morning, dogs on the beach. One day I saw a dog defecate on the beach and the owner covered it with sand. I know that not everyone cleans up after his dog. Sorry, but not everyone follows the rules.
Thank you for considering this idea.

I have owned a house in San Clemente since 2013.

I thank Council Members Knoblock and Ferguson for bringing this issue to the Council.

I looked at the proposed Dije Court and El Portal area of the beach. I also looked at parking access to both. They are residential areas. Citizens could park at Pico parking lot.

I also walked T Street Beach to Lasuen Beach. T Street has a small parking lot. Lasuen is a residential area.

I walk the beach path regularly. I have never seen dog feces left unattended on the beach path. I have never seen dog feces on the beach. I will concede that some dog owners do not pick up feces while perfunctorily walking their dogs in the residential neighborhoods. I do not believe these are the type of people who will gather their dog and schlep them down for a walk on the beach.

I would ask the Council to consider allowing leashed dogs on all beaches year-round before 9:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. to be more in line with other local beach areas. If that proposal is rejected, then I suggest the Lasuen Beach to Califia Beach at all times. Of course, complying with the conditions as set out in the resolution for Item 9C from the March 16, 2021 City Council meeting.

Here are neighboring areas and their rules related to dogs on the beach:

Capistrano Beach Park:

June 15 to Sept. 10 dogs are not permitted on the beach between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dogs must be on leash at all times.

Laguna Beach:

Almost all of the city and county beaches in Laguna Beach are dog-friendly if you abide by the rules. Dogs are not allowed on the beach between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. from June 15th through September 10th. At all other times they must be on a leash.

Newport Beach:

Before 10 a.m. and after 4:30 p.m., dogs are allowed, if they are securely restrained by a substantial leash or chain not exceeding six feet in length and controlled by a person who is competent to restrain the dog.

Cardiff State Beach:

Cardiff State Beach is a dog-friendly beach on the San Diego Coast. Fido can join you on the sand, as long as they are on a leash under 6 feet. The beach is open every day from 6am to sunset.


North Beach Del Mar:

Nine months of the year, dogs are allowed along the entire two plus mile stretch of beach. Dogs must be leashed June 15th through Labor Day. Dogs able to run under voice control of owner from the day

after Labor Day through June 14th.

I look forward to hearing more about this issue.

Thank you,

Carolyn J. Dasher


Most dog owners are responsible and will pick up after their dog.

Also, most dog owners know if their dog is a good off-leash candidate.

Fairly new to area. Don't know the beaches well enough to make a recommendation.

It's about time. I understand there are pros and cons. That said it seems to work down south like Carlsbad, Encinitas etc. it's hard to say which beaches should be dog friendly I think common sense could go along way in choosing which beaches are more appropriate locations. North beach for sure, possibly Calafia , that seems appropriate, and possibly another in the middle. North and south for sure.

Thx to whoever suggested this survey.

If we allow dogs on the beach, there should be ample parking so the owner and dog have easy access. If the area that is chosen has limited parking, i i would never use the area. I hardly use the beaches now on San Clemente due to horrible parking.

Dogs on or off leash should not be allowed on beach. People will not pick up after their dogs, dogs will run rampant and ruin family and vacationer time.

The water near the San Clemente Pier has been rated "F" for at least the last couple of years. Do we want to add dog feces to that? If you walk the trails around San Clemente, you'll find that dog owners do a poor job of cleaning up after their dogs. **DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN TO OUR BEACHES!**

Dog owners in a lot of cases **DO NOT** pick up after their pets and leave the mess for others to step in or have their children get soiled. We do not need uncontrolled access to any of our disappearing beaches. How do you clean up when it is deposited in the water? Also, the waste left on the beach is washed into the ocean when the tide comes up.

A bad idea that should be of no further discussion.

Especially since the pandemic, there are exponentially increased numbers of dog owners in San Clemente. We need to provide places where they can play off leash.

Dog beach hours would be great!

We take our dog to the dog beach in Del Mar almost every weekend. She loves it, and more importantly the owners are courteous, the dogs well behaved, and everyone enjoys themselves. Signs designating the areas dogs can be off leash (or only on leash) are prominent, and owners abide by the rules.

It would be so great to have an off leash dog beach right here in San Clemente!!!

I think the 204/Mariposa stretch of beach is appropriate for dogs because it is less generally populated than popular beaches like T-Street, the Pier, North Beach, Rivi and Calafia. But still has

<p>parking reasonably close by for those who need it.</p> <p>We live in southwest. Our closest beach access is above the t-street steps. We would walk the trail, let our Pippa enjoy her off leash time, then walk back home.</p> <p>Thanks for considering adding an off leash dog beach to our wonderful city!!!</p>
<p>Water quality tests are already bad along our beaches, we don't need added bacteria. People leave their soiled dog bags along our sidewalks and sometimes on the beach path.</p>
<p>I am a dog lover and former dog owner. My doggie has gone on to greener pastures. I am against dogs on the beach for a number of reasons.</p>
<p>1, Dog poop on the beach. People claim they are responsible and will clean up. Lets say 99% are responsible and 1% are not. Lets say 100 dogs visit the beach per day, and that is a conservative figure if you look at the beach trail. That means there will be 1 poop per day on the beach. After 1 week, there is 7 poops, 1 month....you get the idea. That is a lot of poop. If you think people will pick up after their dogs, just walk on the beach trail or the ridge trail on any given day, and I guarantee you will find numerous droppings in spite of trash cans and bags at convenient locations. I can recall when San Onofre beach opened in the 70's, dogs were allowed on the "Trails" beaches. The beach smelled of dog urine and feces. Flies were thick, and when you stuck your hand into the sand you often found a surprise....get the picture?</p>
<p>2. Dogs running untethered and even on a leash has the potential for disaster. You know that owners will let their dog off the leash and who knows how far they will run away and possibly bite a child or worse.</p>
<p>3. Enforcing the leash law or the beach restrictions will be a nightmare for lifeguards and police. Their eyes should be on the water and not maintaining the order of running dogs.</p>
<p>4. The beaches should be for the peaceful, quiet, safe enjoyment of the public. Allowing animals on the beach is a bad idea.</p>
<p>I support dogs (on leash) at specific areas on the beach. However dog owners need to also take responsibility and clean up after their pets. Pet waste bags would be a great option like on the beach trail, if feasible. Thanks!</p>
<p>Dogs should be allowed. No questions!!!!</p>
<p>Dogs are treated better than children. Maybe consider more basketball courts.</p>
<p>Walk the beach trail and see all of the messes left by dog owners, see dogs urinate on the stair posts on the stairs that go to the beach and watch the and you will know why there should be no dogs on the beach where children and adults play and lay in the sand.</p>
<p>We need to implement some sort of accountability for dog owners that do not adhere to the rules! We don't want one or two bad players to ruin it for the masses!</p>
<p>Hoping dogs can have access to the beach, perhaps before 9 a.m and after 5 p.m. Or something similar.</p>
<p>We need more dog parks in north San Clemente</p>
<p>The way laguna does it seems pretty reasonable... some dog friendly beaches, seasonal so it's not an option during peak summer daytime hours. Off-leash dog beach seems like a terrible idea in town.</p>
<p>I feel dogs on the beach would lead to poor water quality due to irresponsible dog owners not picking up their dog's feces.</p>

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/301800852_Impacts_of_dogs_on_wildlife_and_water_quality

https://www.stormwatercenter.net/Pollution_Prevention_Factsheets/AnimalWasteCollection.htm

I would also be concerned with the safety the public in general with dogs off leash. Dogs can have a bad day and just happen to end up biting someone, perhaps a child. A former neighbor's child was bitten by a so called friendly dog. That child now has a fear of all dogs.

Our beach pollution ratings are low enough without dog urine and feces in the water. San Clemente maintains excellent dog parks for owners and should avoid polluting the ocean with dog activity.

Please don't allow dogs on the beach. People already have dogs off leash at Calafia even though it's illegal. It's dangerous for kids and people aren't great about picking up poo. I also witnessed a dog run onto the train tracks and nearly get hit, very dangerous for the dog and owner who was frantically chasing it. Dogs are already allowed at San O and that's plenty.

We have always owned dogs, and have responsibly picked up after them. I feel there are too many dog owners that don't pick up after their dogs. I don't want people thinking it was our dog, so we actually pick up other dogs feces. We also own a boat in Dana Point Harbor and see the result of irresponsible dog owners both on the docks and the harbor sidewalks. There are also too many people who leave their litter behind. I say keep our beaches clean, and sadly, keep dogs off the beach.

I love dogs but don't believe they should be on the beach. Even my friends who do own dogs say they hope dogs will not be permitted. It would change and ruin some of our quiet beaches. Trails are already open to dogs- please preserve our local beaches!!

Dogs should be allowed to swim in ocean in San Clemente but should not be able to run on the beach out of the control of the owner.

for many of us, our dogs are our family. it's truly unfortunate as a dog owner to not be able to enjoy the various beaches in San Clemente when our dogs are with us. when it comes down to it, these rules essentially just push residents to travel elsewhere to spend time with their dogs, which is the opposite of community.

Why not let dogs enjoy the so cal beaches, they should be able to enjoy the ocean and run and play on the beach. If people are responsible and clean up after them I see no reason why we can't take them to the beach. They deserve to have fun too. We love our furry friends.

I do not believe dogs should be allowed on Sn Clemente beaches. One should be able to lay on the beach or leave their towel and belongings and not have to think about a dog near them. Some dog owners already bring their dogs on the beach anyway, I have seen people bring their small dogs and try to conceal them. I have also had an unleashed dog the beach run up to my stuff and got sand all over my fishing gear. Unfortunately pet owners are not always responsible, and finding feces on or in the sand would be horrible!! If dogs are ever allowed on any beach it should be only a specific designated beach.

The city of Del Mar in San Diego county has a north beach dedicated to dogs for play, walks and swim. It's wonderful. I moved to San Clemente in 1969 and recently moved to San Juan. Our north beach would be a perfect place as a dog beach.

The city needs to improve existing dog parks before it expands access. If the city cannot maintain what we have now, why should we expect it to maintain a new place for dogs when we already have filthy water. The water quality will only get worse and that rating will hurt our tourists economy so many businesses need. Expand/Improve what we have.

<p>More and more people have dogs that want to be able to enjoy the Ocean San Diego has dog friendly beaches. That are excellent off leash beaches like Del Mar. we go once a week to fiesta Island and once a week to Del Mar.</p>
<p>Dogs consistently poop all over town. Most owners are good about cleaning it up, but many are not. There is no need to add to add this problem to our beaches. The idea of using the beach between Dije and El Portal is terrible, as there is frequently no beach at all and only a small one at lower tides. Dogs running around would make the beach much less relaxing for families with small children who regularly enjoy the area. If there really needs to be a dog beach, it should be at the south end of town where there is plenty of sand.</p>
<p>early morning hours for dogs on the beach should be implemented</p>
<p>My dog loves to run on the beach and is good with other dogs. He is missing his favorite activity due to the current policies but he would really benefit from the exercise. I don't think every park and location has to be opened up to off leash dogs but some access would be a great opportunity for dogs that need socialization and exercise. I do think the pier is too populated of a space for free leash dogs. People should be able to walk around, eat, etc without a bunch of dogs running around</p>
<p>Please make the old lawn bowling area san luis rey a dog park.</p>
<p>Could dogs play on certain areas early mornings such as 7-8 AM?</p>
<p>I believe it would make a significant amount of San Clemente residents happy to hear that one designated beach is dog friendly. Lost winds and south of this point might be a great area for this!</p>
<p>We already have the problem of dog feces all over the beach trail. People do not clean up after their pets/ It is insane to consider expanding this problem to the beach itself. Think about it. Kids playing in the sand, and the sand has dog waste. In addition to being disgusting, this is a city liability issue waiting to happen. Don't do it.</p>
<p>The dogs are not the problem, irresponsible owners are. Poop bag stations will help.</p>
<p>Good dog owners get punished for bad dog owners</p>
<p>Please give the good dog owners a chance to prove that they can make this work. When I had a dog she was happiest at the dog beach and I'd love to see one in South county</p>
<p>Too many dog owners are irresponsible and do not pick up after their dogs. The thought that our beaches would be open to owners who show no respect for others and our environment is very concerning and I do not support this consideration.</p>
<p>Councilman Knoblock's resolution states that dogs have to be on a leash, but does not state that the dog has to be under control of the owner, as all other leash law muni codes state. Dogs will run loose on the beach, possibly attacking other dogs and beach goers.</p>
<p>Who is going to enforce the restriction of dogs to a specific area of beach? Why are multiple locations for a dog beach listed in this survey, when the resolution specifies only one?</p>
<p>99 % of pet owners are responsible and should be allowed to take there pet for a walk on the beach and the 1% should be fined for not picking up the pets waste Im a hone over looking the beach at T street</p>
<p>I love San Clemente, but the city is not as friendly to dogs as it should be. thank you for providing this opportunity</p>
<p>Unfortunately, too many dog owners do not clean up after their dogs and/or leave a feces filled bag for others to deal with. They have ruined it for the responsible dog owners. If san clemente was able to afford bicycle police who would ride up and down the trail and enforce any rules, i would change my mind. Alas, this dies not appear to be an option. If the lifeguards were given the abilitynl to enforce and give out tickets, that would be a viable option.</p>

<p>There are no acceptable location in San Clemente within walking distance of our homes for our dogs to run off leash and play. The only dog park is disgusting, with a area. And it's 4 mikes from my home. The beach would be one of many great places where dogs can run on the sand and play in the water.</p> <p>And Fine those people,who don't pick up and carry after their dogs crap off the beach \$1000. They need to be accountable.</p> <p>San Clemente Resident since 1973</p>
<p>While I understand why dog owners would love to play with their dogs more freely on the beach and in the parks, not all dog owners are responsible. This freedom is not worth the mess it will make and the increase in pollution. I already have to avoid dog poop on the trails down to the beach, no one wants to dodge dog poop in the sand and ocean too! Dog beaches elsewhere are proof: there is just no way to make sure all that access them are responsible. Please keep our beaches clean!</p>
<p>No aggressive dog breeds (Rottweilers, etc)</p>
<p>I don't want to see dog poop on our beaches. Dog owners here already have a spotty record of picking up after their dogs</p>
<p>Hours could be restricted during the summer to early morning and evening when the beach is less crowded.</p>
<p>San Clemente is such a dog-loving city - it only seems natural.</p>
<p>I think it would be great for our furry citizens to enjoy the beach and ocean!</p>
<p>I frequently bring my dog to Dog Beaches in Solana Beach/Del Mar, and have done so for years. Always a positive experience and people/dogs are respectful & responsible.</p>
<p>I would like to see more beach access for dogs in San Clemente.</p>
<p>While I don't live within San Clemente city limits, I am a neighboring resident in Dana Point. I love being able to take my dog on hikes along the Sea to Summit trail, as well as others. I would hate to have that rescinded. And while i typically drive down to San Onofre State Park to bring my dog into the beach from time to time, it would be great if there was a small section of beach in San Clemente that offered the same allowance. I do find that when I take my dog on hikes I genuinely end up grabbing breakfast or lunch in the area afterwards, so maybe it is worth considering not only the benefits to locals, but also the increased revenue from visitors of neighboring cities. There really are not a ton of trails that dogs can be taken on in Orange County.</p>
<p>People do not clean up after dogs as it is. I routinely find dog feces in parks in San Clemente.</p>
<p>There needs to be available dog poop bags on the beach and enforcement of cleaning up after your pet. Also any vicious dogs should be leashed. So it needs to be enforced</p>
<p>My dog loves the beach</p>
<p>As I just drove up yesterday all the way to Huntington dog Beach with my grand puppy to jump in the water I'd love to have one in the city I have lived in my entire life.</p>
<p>water quality of our ocean is paramount . I will not support the renewal of the Clean Ocean Fund if dogs are allowed on beaches. It is counter intuitive</p>
<p>People don't pick up after their dogs even when bags and receptacles are available.</p>
<p>Please do not create a dog beach where people will leave behind dog poop to pollute the ocean!</p>
<p>never</p>
<p>not at all</p>
<p>In my experience there are people who will come with their aggressive dogs and ruin it for everyone. San Clemente has many pit bulls because of the no kill shelter and I have found them to be unpredictable and can be very aggressive. My dog has been attacked and almost killed by a "friendly"</p>

<p>pit bull at San Onofre. Also, I live in Southwest and see dog poop all over the place. People don't clean up after their pets. Our ocean/beach doesn't need more pollution in it because of owners that don't properly clean up after their pets.</p>
<p>San Clemente needs improved dog parks.</p>
<p>I sidestep dog poo on the trail already. I don't want to see it on the beach.</p>
<p>More access but additionally leash control...provide adequate pet waste bag stations</p>
<p>It is my opinion that dogs should be allowed to use the public spaces we all enjoy in San Clemente. (With obvious restrictions of course: no biting, aggressive behavior, or being out of voice and sight control)</p> <p>If appetite for a dog beach area open to the public is not in high demand, I propose a compromise:</p> <p>If dog owners in the area attend a class and get an off leash license, they can enjoy select beaches with their dog, knowing that other owners present also are aware of any rules or restrictions. This will also limit dogs visiting from neighboring cities, keeping the population lower.</p>
<p>The San Clemente dog park is not a pleasant place to spend time. It's way out of the way, it's not long enough to actually throw a ball and it's dirty:dusty. My dogs never have liked it so we don't even bother going there anymore.</p> <p>There are so many apartment:multi-family housing dwellers in the town and they need to have places to take their dogs. The beach is ideal, but it needs to be somewhere that is enjoyable at all tides, not just super low tides.</p> <p>No dog wants an on-leash dog beach. That's just pointless. Make it off leash. Let people and dogs play. Get rid of \$300+ dog fines. That's a terrible way to treat your people.</p> <p>Kids are loud, messy and crazy, yet we have dozens of places for them to play off leash. Most dog owners are responsible and keep track of their dogs, most dogs are well behaved, yet they are only allowed on-leash and on sidewalks in the majority of the city. That's just nuts.</p> <p>Poop is easy to clean from beaches. It's hard to clean from sidewalks! Let them be on the beach!</p>
<p>All I know is what I see. I walk the the beach trail several times a week and I see dog feces left on the trail by dog owners who do not police their dogs. What makes you think it is going to be any different if you allow dogs on the beach. With that being said, how are you going to do when a dog decides to urinate on the sand and minutes later a family with children park themselves right where the dog urinated. How does that work? I have lived in San Clemente over 30 years. I have talked to people in my neighborhood and friends regarding allowing dogs on the beach. Not one thought it was a good idea.</p>
<p>I'd like to see San Clemente become a "dog friendly" community with dogs on leashes allowed everywhere. Especially in the winter months - dogs should be allowed on all beaches. I'm okay with limited times for example in the mornings until 10:30 AM and after 6:00 PM. This way dogs could give way to sunbathers as there are more people on the beaches during the warmer parts of the day. Often in winter months there are very few people on the beach.</p>
<p>Having dog seasons and times has worked successfully on many beaches throughout California.</p>
<p>State beaches & other cities like laguna beach & corona Del Mar allow dogs on the beach.</p>

Long Beach has a dog access area where dogs are allowed and nowhere else. That way, those who prefer not to be around dogs can simply not set up in the dog area.
It's not only the filth. But the sharks move toward the shore. They hear the dogs barking and think they are seals.
Dogs are an integral part of the community!
dog poop is EVERYWHERE in our city already. It is already on beaches because the lifeguards do not enforce the law very well. Ole Hanson had it right years ago.. Dog people have stepped way too far. The beach trail is disgusting. The kids in all greenbelts and parks are rolling around in dog crap. Nuff said.
Unfortunately I don't think SC has the funds or capacity to monitor dogs on the beach. Though we have a lot of responsible dog owners, we also have irresponsible owners with no accountability.
IS THERE NOT SOMEWHERE WE CAN GO WITHOUT BEING BOTHERED BY DOGS AND DOG POO ?
There is already doggy poo all over the city.
Dogs are unpredictable and most times dangerous animals. Allowing dogs to run wild in any open public space, including beaches and parks, creates a safety hazard for all children and adults. Dog owners unfortunately do not follow the current laws of keeping dogs on a leash or cleaning up after their pet, creating dangerous and unhealthy environments for the public. I have witnessed several times on the beach trail, at the SC pier and other parks, dogs biting and lunging at unsuspecting children and adults. My husband was bitten by a dog that ran unleashed from their owner as we walked along a public San Clemente greenbelt. City Council also needs to step up and protect the safety of all humans by NOT permitting dogs in restaurants, grocery stores and retail establishments. It is scary and unnerving to be confronted by multiple dogs starring you down as you shop for supplies at Lowes or try to enjoy a meal at a restaurant. Human safety and health safety of the public needs to be the first priority! Dog owners should not be allowed to impede onto the public their choice to own a dog. Smoking has been banned in public spaces as it is a hazard to public safety. Dogs should also NOT be permitted at the beach, restaurants, grocery stores or retail stores for the same reasons.
I think that all beaches should be given access to beach before 10 am and after 6pm similar to Laguna. I think dog beaches are gross otherwise.
Please no dogs on the beach!! Not all dog owners pick up after their pet. I grew up in Laguna beach where dogs are allowed off season and there was always dog poop all over the beach including hidden in the sand where pets just threw sand over the poop. Along with all the pee where kids dog and play! Please keep dogs to the trail only!
I would love to have beach access for our dog. She's a lab and loves running in and out of the water with the waves. We are prepared to be responsible for cleaning up after her and ensuring safe interactions with other dogs and people. I hope all other interested dog owners commit to the same.
I can go either way with dogs on the beach. I think dogs should always be on a lease if they are at the beach. I personally would like to wait on a dog beach. Our beaches have gotten smaller each day. Dogs would make it even harder to enjoy the beach.
I would look into dogs in all parks if they are on a leash.
Expanding access to dogs at public beaches and parks would result in significant negative impacts to existing biological resources, water quality, noise, traffic, and the health/safety of the community. A particular issue: the decreasing volume of sand at San Clemente beaches would constrict dogs and people into tighter areas. If dogs are allowed, the policy would be very difficult to reverse and/or enforce restrictions when negative impacts are realized. There are sufficient existing recreational opportunities for dogs and their dog owners at private locations and public dog parks. Thanks for your consideration and please let me know if you would like further input from me.

Dije Court is second choice. Thank you for considering this opportunity for our pups!
Dogs on the beach severely damage beach quality. Off leash dogs can be very frightening and should not be permitted anywhere except designated, fenced, off-leash dog areas.
or North Beach
Being a dog owner and former resident of San Clemente (live in Dana Point now). I think walks on the beach and play time would be awesome. It's good for everyone!
Beaches should be for people not dogs.
To keep most residents happy (dog lovers & non dog lovers) why not allow dogs on certain beaches and/or at certain times. I for one really hate driving all the way to Huntington Beach to let our small dogs play at the beach.
All of these beaches are regularly occupied with kids and can get crowded. More southern beaches less so until u get to Calais. Even well meaning dogs, who are just acting curious can be destructive and seem threatening to others. Many dog owners think that everyone should love their dog as much as they and tolerate their activities even when they are disruptive. I think leased dog access could address that issue, but see too much dog mess not being cleaned up on the trail already to really support that. It's always the disrespectful few that these policies have to end up mitigating...
There is no accountability when someone allows their pet to freely run around or do not pick up after their pet.
Some bad apples make it rough but the dog owner should be held responsible if their dog misbehaves.
Or perhaps, follow the rules Laguna Beach follows.
I currently do not have a dog but had many in the 40 years I have lived here. I think most pet owners are responsible & pick up after their dogs. A few will always spoil it for others and that is not fair. Pet owners should be allowed access with their pets. Maybe a system for identifying slackers?
Dog owners don't clean up after their dogs in their own neighborhood so I don't expect them to clean up after their dogs at the beach. No dogs on beach! I enjoy our San Clemente beaches and don't think allowing dogs on the beach will have a positive affect on our environment.
Be known as a dog friendly city. It will increase tourism, both for hotels, restaurants, shops and local sightseeing locations. Invest in helping the cleanup where negligent owners 'misbehave', because it is in the interest of the city. You can invest by hiring staff to ticket those who do not pick up after themselves to satisfy the local residents.
First I must say, I love dogs. Unfortunately there are too many people who don't pick up after their dogs, and sadly, that ruins it for the rest. I walk the beach trail a lot and I'm surprised and ticked off at the amount of dog poop on or around it. I'm afraid that would happen on the beach.
Our dogs love the beaches just like we do. Any spot would be wonderful for all of us!
Dogs should be licensed so we know that have had their shots
My dog loves to run and go in the water, he never bothers anyone on the dry sand. I keep him on the leash while walking near people to trail, He also loves to chase ball! He smiles when playing on the beach. I would love if there was specific hours or days they can play!! Off leash!! Thank you!
The current situation regarding bacteria levels at the beach seems to make it clear that more waste on the beach going into the ocean is not a good idea. There are far too many poop bags and unclaimed poop piles already around the area. While I sympathize with dog owners wanting to take dogs to the beach, I think allowing dogs onto the beach will create a draw that will not improve the cities reputation or cleanliness.

I hope San Clemente will focus on solving the water quality issues rather than compound them. Being a clean beach will have more positive effects economically than turning it into a dog centric beach.
I am very tired of dog owners not picking up after their dogs in parks, and especially along beach trails. We've been to San Onofre many times where dog droppings are common place and the stench was bad.
Dogs should only be allowed on the beach if there is a designated dog beach.
I think a designated dog beach where dogs can run, swim, and be off leash would be very fun, greatly appreciated, and a good thing.
Always enjoyed the Huntington dog beach but we live in Dana Point so it's too far to go to.
As long as dogs are leashed (except in actual fenced dog parks), their owners pick up after them, and they are civilized acting, they should be able to accompany their owners on walks.
If dogs aren't socialized and can't mingle with other people and animals without becoming vicious and scaring/harming others, they shouldn't be allowed.
We have a well-behaved, somewhat elderly dog and would like to take her more places with us.
Many people are fearful of dogs, and despite all assurances to the contrary, dogs of every breed through irresponsible owners will be running up to people laying out making them uncomfortable at best.
Small children playing at the shoreline 20 yards from their parents will be accosted and scared to death by this.
Also, since smoking has been banned on the beach I only see the occasional cigarette butt. I don't need this prior problem replaced with dog pooh.
It's bad enough to step in it with shoes on left by irresponsible owners, I gross out at the thought of doing so barefooted.
Our residence directly overlooks Bonito Canyon Park. It would be beneficial to install a dog waste station and/or additional trash cans for the park. It would also be nice to have the "dogs on leash" rule enforced.
Beaches are made to be sat on and enjoyed by digging in the sand etc...I don't want to sit on a dogs toilet.
NO DOGS ON THE BEACH...PERIOD! Based on the landmines left behind by irresponsible dog owners on our sidewalks and trails and homeowner lawns gives me no reason to think they are going to be any more responsible at the beach. Don't we already pay a Clean Ocean Fee included in our water bill. Now we have urine and feces contaminating our oceans.
It should be how San Diego does there dog beach. Dogs allowed off leash during the winter and spring. When summer hits dogs are on leash until after Labor Day.
Del Mar dog beach in San Diego. But early mornings and after 5pm should be allowed off leash. When the beach gets busy they should be on leash.
I think dogs should be allowed to walk on leash on the beach with designated hours. Possibly limiting the hours to morning and after 6 p.m. during the summer and expanding those hours during the winter

Please use tax dollars to mount a bag sign and station.
Strict rules of picking up the poop. Very concerned as on trail poop is not picked up.
My dog, a small corgi loves the water. He is so happy bouncing around in the waves, so having the opportunity to take him to the beach and frolic in the waves on a leash would be so much fun for him and me!!
I live and pay taxes in San Clemente I have no children but part of my taxes goes to schools and parks for children. I should be able to take my dogs to beaches to enjoy. I understand the issues of people possibly not picking up after their dogs. But currently the beach patrols are vigilant about ticketing anyone who brings dogs on the beach. Why not just have those patrols ticket anyone who does not pick up after their pet. That should solve the problem. And anyone with large aggressive dogs should not be allowed as well for obvious safety reasons. I think this can be done safely and effectively. Monterey is a great example. All dogs allowed on their beach. Please open beaches to out pups.
This seems like a great opportunity for the City to increase revenue
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Require that resident dogs have a license or tag to be on the beach. Visitors can buy passes on line- or maybe the parking pass kiosk could have passes? 2. By having to buy a beach license the City can double check that dogs have city license, rabies shot 3. This will creat parking revenue especially in the Winter months
Hope this passes
I think letting dogs on the beach is a slippery slope. My concern peers won't keep dogs on leash & I have family members very afraid of dogs. The beach the place we can go as a family and enjoy. We can't go to most parks because people let their dogs go off leash.
If there has to be a dog park, please not in areas the families enjoy, especially T Street, Linda Lane.
I live in Dana Point. I think at least one beach should be open for dogs perhaps with special hours. I know in San Diego they have several dog beaches.
While I am a dog owner and lover, I think it is very important to be safe about all this dog access stuff, either on the beach or in the park. Our English Springer Spaniel was attacked by a large Labrador Retriever who was not on a leash in a public park. My dog was on a leash as was required. My dog nearly lost his ear, and had to have many stitches to repair. Very traumatic experience. There are dogs who bite, are aggressive, and owners who don't watch their dogs as they should. Same problem with bikes on the beach trail. Potentially very dangerous and people can, and will, get hurt. So I ask for caution and education to the public from our elected officials and city staff if we do move forward with a dog beach/park.
Many thanks for your excellent work on behalf of our great city.
Many other cities allow dogs access to the beach without problems and here in San Clemente we have a wonderful opportunity to allow dogs and dog owners to enjoy our wonderful city.
Keep dogs off the beach!
I feel like you are only goi to get pro dog, dog owners accessing this survey. Something to consider.
I think "Beach Dog Hours" is a good idea and a compromise for people who don't want dogs on the beach. Perhaps we could try to get a volunteer group to do cleanup at the end of dog hours to reduce leftover "nuisances".

<p>Responsible dog owners need more places where dogs can safely play. Traditional dog parks are ok, but they are generally dirty and in bad locations. It's safer when dogs can play in an area that is less concentrated with other dogs. Some of our beach locations would be ideal--even if only during restricted hours. Thank you for asking our opinions!</p>
<p>My husband and I currently drive up to Huntington Beach for dog beach days. If we had a local option, we would not have to drive so far, and it would keep our beach days and leisure spending in San Clemente.</p>
<p>Our dog would be so happy if she could visit our local shores!</p>
<p>It would be great also to have designated 'dogs on beach' times like LAGUNA beach has (summer is before 8a and after 6p)</p>
<p>Santa Barbara runs a very successful Dogs on Beach policy. They have designated a stretch of beach (from Henry's beach to the south) which is used by dog owners to let their dogs run free and enjoy themselves. The dog owners are very responsible and clean up after their dogs. The city provides trash cans and doggie poop packet dispensers at the entrance to the beach.</p>
<p>Dogs should not be allowed on any of our small, severely eroded beaches. There is barely enough room for beach goers on busy Summer days without the addition of dogs. While most dog owners are thoughtful regarding the conduct of their dogs, a sizable minority of them are not. Unfortunately, this leads to dog feces and urine in our beaches and parks and dangerous action on the part of some animals i.e. pit bulls.. These are proven health issues as well as quality of life issues. The only way that additional dog access to our beaches and parks could be permitted would be with increased enforcement efforts on guilty dog owners. This would entail more spending and higher taxes which is highly unlikely as seen in our city's last two attempts to increase taxes by tiny amounts to rebuild or repair our decrepit school buildings. San Clementeans seem unwilling to pay more taxes for anything regardless of the benefits.</p>
<p>I have lived in San Clemente for 28 years and It would be really nice to play ball or frisbee on the beach with our dogs. Like the one in Huntington Beach. Maybe finding out how they have been so successful at having such a nice dog beach for so many years.</p>
<p>Thank You to the city of San Clemente for the opportunity to have a dog beach. We truly appreciate it, Beth Cartwright</p>
<p>How can we trust dog owners to pick up at the beach when it is not being done at parks, trails, and sidewalks everywhere in town?</p> <p>This is unsanitary for people, ESPECIALLY children, who frequent our beaches. We already have options close enough if people want to take their dogs to the beach, there is no need to ruin a San Clemente public beach.</p> <p>I have witnessed first hand dog owners letting their dogs use the ocean as their bathroom and no even attempt to pick it up and they are not even supposed to be on the beach! Imagine how bad it would be if we allowed them.</p> <p>San Clemente is known for its beautiful clean beaches, let's keep it that way.</p> <p>Please no! Dogs do not belong on the beach where children play!</p> <p>Absolutely no!</p>

I'm not sure what all the beaches are, A beach well away from the highway and not popular with surfers (less popular) would be best. Leash only with plenty of poop bags and trash cans! Thanks for considering this.
I live in Capistrano Beach & would love to take my dog to the beach. Huntington Beach is a far drive for that
BAD IDEA !! You will destroy this town!
I think a dog beach would be great.
whether it's a specific beach, or certain hours, ie after 5pm
Please do not allow this we are already inundated with irresponsible dog owners !
I am a dog owner and I do NOT want want dogs on the beach - they don't belong .
if we allow beach access people will travel from all over oc to come here to walk their dogs on our beaches. no thanks
Would love a small section of a dog beach. I'm not really sure which area would be best though. We love the La Pata dog park but wish it was a little cleaner and people paid better attention to the big dog/ small dog areas.
I do feel these things can only happen if dog owners are responsible with their pet and their waste
No I do not want a dog beach. Why was every beach in town on the list with the exception of Riviera? Seems to me that would be the best south end beach away from town - then all the dog poop people do not pick up would go south ;). No dogs on beach... not mine not any !
Enough with dog crap all over, let the dogs crap in their owners yards where their kids play
Overall, there are so many beaches around us, I feel as though it would make sense and would make a huge difference if dogs were allowed access to one of the many beach options around us. Once again, because there are so many options of different beaches around us, those that do not want to have dogs on the beach would have many options, but, those with dogs would also have an option to be at the beach and have their dog included.
I would love to have an area, like Huntington where you can bring a dog to the beach but i think there should be firm rules posted.
As a current dog owner, I do believe it would be super beneficial to a lot of other fellow dog owners in town if dogs were allowed on the beaches. I recommend allowing dogs on all sc city beaches but between a specified morning and evening time frame window (sunrise - 11am, 5pm - sunset). So that way during the busy summer season it doesn't become an issue with people. Year-round , dogs could be allowed sunrise - sunset at whichever specified location is chosen.
Thank you for even considering to open up a dog friendly beach!
Appreciate it,
Kelsey
I am a responsible dog owner with obedience training background. My dog is fully vaccinated, chipped, registered & trained. He is a small/medium sized, extremely friendly cockerpoo.
Although I completely understand that not everyone is responsible or owns a well balanced trained dog, therefore the on leash rules are very important, I would like the opportunity to let my dog off

<p>leash in the permitted park areas when there is no-one else around.</p> <p>I appreciate this opens the floodgates to the irresponsible owners by changing any off leash rules, so I'm not actually asking for that, more of a plea to Park Rangers to use their own discretion towards ticketing.</p> <p>At the moment I make the journey to Huntington Beach occasionally for access to a permitted dog beach, so a small strip of beach in San Clemente for dogs would be great.</p>
<p>Pay license fees to SC.</p> <p>Live in D.P. There should be a small part of beach in SC open to dogs. Similar to Ocean Beach, Sa Diego.</p>
<p>To be a dog owner in San Clemente means choosing between enjoying the beach of our home town or enjoying a day with your pet, but you can't do both. Dog owners are responsible people. They can be trusted to pick up after their pets.</p>
<p>I believe that dogs should be allowed on the beach, at the minimum, during non-summer months. This time of the year, there is rarely a crowd on the beaches so it seems very reasonable to allow dogs on the beach. I would not be opposed to summer months, however, I understand that a more crowded beach creates a logistical problem with dogs and beach goers. Perhaps mornings and evenings, during the summer, would be allowed as a compromise. This is similar to the dog rules in Labuan beach.</p>
<p>As a dog owner of high energy breeds walking them on leash is not enough for them to get the correct amount of exercise. Both my dogs have off leash training as a responsible dog owner I need somewhere they can run free.</p> <p>I understand that there are concerns about having a dog beach and more off leash dog access but I think there should opportunities for people who need the access.</p> <p>So many cities around us offer an off leash options. Either park or beach.</p> <p>Please consider an option for us dog lovers!</p>
<p>I do not believe dogs should be in the beach - having 2 dogs myself there are enough places we can go</p>
<p>I do not feel dogs should be allowed on beaches. We have enough issues with water and bacteria. Walk the beach trail and you will see the dog owners don't all clean up after their dogs. This will happen at the beach too and I do not want to stop in feces at the beach or swim with it.</p>
<p>There are way too many dogs already in places they should not be , and disrespectful people of others</p>
<p>Dogs DO NOT belong on the SC beach's ! And I am a dog owner a disaster in the making. We already have a dog problem here - and this would make it so much worse . Thank you</p>
<p>As a parent to a 9 year old, I'm opposed to dogs at the beach and parks because the majority of dog owners don't pick up after the poop. It's also a legal liability with kids and dogs. There are yo many irresponsible dog owners in our area to allow kids and dogs they are not familiar with together.</p>
<p>I support opportunities for dogs to be off-leash on a beach somewhere, but only on beaches that are generally less crowded and during times/seasons that don't negatively impact beach-goers.</p> <p>Example: off-leash beach opportunities after Labor Day until Memorial Day and in mornings until 8am (maybe a couple evenings 6-8pm like Mon/Wed?)</p>

<p>If dogs can't be off-leash on a beach and only on-leash, I don't get the point.</p> <p>I understand that many dog owners do not clean up after their pets and this is a real problem that would need addressed.</p> <p>I do not wish for other communities to bring their dogs to San Clemente en masse, so this must be thought through.</p>
<p>I vote at the least have dogs be able to be walked on-leash at 1 designated dog-friendly beach and along Beach trails. Provide stands with waste bags and trashcans. Would be nice to have designated times with off-leash play area too (assuming dogs are friendly and playful, no pitbull type breeds).</p> <p>Thank you for considering.</p>
<p>Only on leashes on the beach and no way on north beach. Too much homeless already and dogs would increase problems. Linda lane good idea. However, dogs need to be on leashes. Threat to children with irresponsible dog owners</p>
<p>I am allergic to dogs, and afraid of dogs, and protest dogs off leash in public areas.</p>
<p>Dogs live here too. They deserve access to our wonderful beaches. Under control.</p>
<p>Maybe from 7-10 am and after 5pm weekdays only when it's not too busy.</p>
<p>I would love to run my dog on the beach but know too many people won't clean up after their pet. That makes it an unhealthy place to recreate, especially for children.</p>
<p>I am a Veterinarian. The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets. To be fair there are many non-pet owners who leave trash on the beach. and trail; and ride bikes with no regard to pedestrians and safety.</p> <p>Many cities have set aside certain areas and times for dogs to be on the beach. I favor early morning such as 7-8 AM and early evening such as 7-8 PM which would not inconvenience the surfers and sun bathers.</p> <p>Walking and exercising dogs is proven to help people physically and emotionally. I favor fines for people who don't clean up after their pets, but don't penalize the majority of responsible pet owners for a few irresponsible people. I bet if you took a vote that SC residents would approve of dogs on certain beach areas at certain times of the day and certain months of the year.</p>
<p>I love Dogs!</p>
<p>Dogs are the best of humans. Without them we are less kind and caring. They bring joy, a sense of normalcy and family to our lives! Having said this, dog owners are the only detriment to a dogs behavior. Having more freedom for our dogs means holding owners responsible for their behavior, and their dogs behavior. So yes to giving dogs more freedoms 100% !!!! Those owners who violate the rules should be ticketed (\$ for the city) and banned from participating after violations. Maybe a certification of dogs behavior and owner responsibility should be required (\$ for the city). Maybe, look at how Dana Point has managed to provide a dog friendly environment for their city!</p>
<p>Our beach is getting small enough - we do not need dogs on them / it would be different if we had beaches like LA & SD with a lot of sand we just don't have that kind of space!</p>

<p>Dogs are a large part of the community here in San Clemente. Being able to go anywhere with my four legged best friend would be an incredible addition to the already amazing lifestyle here. On top of that, I haven't met anyone in San Clemente that truly has a problem with dogs.</p>
<p>As a dog owner in San Clemente I find it extremely frustrating that the only place in our whole town to let your dog play off leash is at the dirty, small dog park at the end of Pico. I went to this park once and have never been back. The thought that there no place to let our dogs play is so sad. It's time to do something about this.</p>
<p>The city council and parks and recreation board need to be creative in their approach to off-leash areas for our dogs. Communities all over California, including beach areas, have figured out ways to improve the quality of life for dog owners who actually run their dogs responsibly. Off-hours, low- use times are available in all communities. Please be creative as you look at the options. We are tired of searching for safe and legal places to run our dogs for even a half hour. Thank you.</p>
<p>I love the dog friendly nature of the city residents, and am excited to see the city regulations align with or residents.</p>
<p>Candidly I've been taking my dog to Poches and then walking her north off leash once a month for the past 2 years (especially at low tide). I know it's against regulation, but I find if you act like a responsible owner (keep leash on in high traffic areas, clean up after the dog, keep the dog away from others enjoying their day), nobody has once started it was a problem. In fact, many comment how much fun it looks like she has in the waves.</p>
<p>I like the idea of picking a San Clemente beach and doing it on a trial basis. We would also need to publish that aggressive breeds are prohibited (Doberman, Rottweiler, Pitbull, etc.). I'd strongly recommend against the pier, heavy surf spots like T Street, or family beaches like Linda Lane. North Beach is underused and this could give the area a real boost. I am a little worried about too many out of town dog owners not acting responsibly. If this becomes the case, I could also see this being limited to specific times of year (October - April?) or time of the week if it starts becoming a problem.</p>
<p>Lastly, we would need to think hard about enforcement. OCSD and Lifeguards aren't equipped to tackle this.</p>
<p>Dogs allowed to safely play on beach with BIO - DEGRADABLE POOP BAGS available would be very helpful. NOT recommended on beaches during peak hours due to tourism but before 7am and after 6pm during summer and before 8am and after 4pm during winter.</p>
<p>Dog owners in my neighborhood are not responsible with their pets' waste. Please don't permit the potential for more contamination of our public water space.</p>
<p>I currently have one dog a German shorthaired pointer his name is Duke of San Clemente! Year around we will pack up our beach gear and head to the city of Del Mar, Laguna Beach certain hours or Huntington Beach. Besides going to the dog beach is in these other towns we will also go to restaurants that are dog friendly shop at the local stores. We would much rather stay off the roads and stay in San Clemente and go to our local restaurants and shops also pay for parking to the city. Hopefully we will have a Dog. beach in San Clemente soon.</p>
<p>Park on the south end of the muni by the tennis courts should be a dog park!</p>
<p>We are a responsible dog owner and feel most people in San Clemente would be the same if dogs were given this opportunity.</p>
<p>The only resource I have as a large dog owner is the dog park in San Clemente. The large dog side of the park is all rough dirt where the small dog side is nice grass. I can't take my large lab to the small</p>

dog side because small dog owners get upset and when I take him to the large dog side he rips up his paw pads and bleeds a lot when we get home and cries when he walks on them the next day (I'm not the only one with this issue!) I think there should be a dog beach in San Clemente where dogs can play and have the same rules as the dog park. Or a well grassed area where large dogs can run like the grass area behind the boys and girls club (which we were kicked out of by a park ranger when we brought our dog there to play and not get his paw pads ripped up)

From previous experience living elsewhere that dogs were allowed at the beach, the situation was far from ideal. As a dog owner I would enjoy being able to bring my dogs to the beach, but irresponsible dog owners are just one of the massive issues that can greatly impact the beach. My dogs are well behaved, one being that I've taken great pride in being a good companion to them, but not all dogs are the same. The impact animals have on an ecosystem is serious.

The past beach I was at had lots of owners not cleaning up after their dogs or leaving behind feces. It is a serious issue that is not easily resolved with posted signs or enforcement.

One, I'm not behind any measure to spend city's money on an issue that is not as prevalent as others. Increased parking, environmental impacts and wreckless/lazy dog owners are a danger to the beach.

We walk our dogs everyday in our neighborhood & are diligent about cleaning up after them, but the hard truth is that many people aren't. Our sidewalks & adjacent areas are consistently littered w/ poop, which I often pick up to keep it away from our precious ocean. Our ocean is a balanced ecosystem that supports amazing sea life & it's already over burdened with plastics, pollution & yes, animal & human waste. We have spent a lot of time & money trying to determine

the cause of contamination in the pier area. Allowing dogs on the beach would only add to these problems.

Provide a park area (besides the existing dog park) where owners can let their dog off leash to run & fetch. Then, when waste accumulated, the city can hire help to clean it up & the tide won't have washed it away.

I agree with having parks and large gated areas for dogs to run.

I DO NOT agree with allowing dogs on the beach because most people will not pick up after their dogs. I do not want to have dog poop on the sand or in our water. Also this will lead to dog fights and dog bites. People can be lazy and won't pay attention to their dogs and their behavior which might lead to more fights. I absolutely love dogs and am in rescue. I spend every day helping owners of lost and found dogs. We already have an issue with dogs running off or chasing other dogs and going missing. I see so many lazy dog owners who don't act responsibly. Please create a large enclosed area maybe in the hills where it's gated and dog mess can be picked up but please don't allow them to run free on the beach. It will be a mistake.

Thank you 🐾❤️

Resident of San Clemente for 47 years

They have a good amount of access currently. Access MUST be on lease moving forward. Off leash is asking for disaster and proven issue.

Should and should not is not applicable, since I have no idea of their access now. If they're not allowed on the beach, they should be accommodated somewhere else.

<p>Would love to walk my dogs on the beach in San Clemente. This would bring me to the city more often for shopping and restaurants. I am a dog walker in Laguna Beach. Appreciate filling out this survey!</p>
<p>dogs on beaches here in San Clemente, is a dumb idea. Councilman Knoblock thinks the ocean will clean the</p> <p>dog fece and urine from the sand twice a day? Washing it out to sea? A totally clueless anti-environmental</p> <p>notion. No dogs on San Clemente beaches, ever.</p>
<p>I feel a designated, enclosed area on the beach is completely acceptable. Because some dog owners are not as responsible as they should be I believe an enclosed area will keep dog dropping confined to a small area. I think it would be a draw to tourist too.</p>
<p>Dogs should not be allowed on beach !!</p>
<p>I am a dog owner & I DO NOT want dogs on our beach's ! I'm disgusted with the dog owners in town ! There is poop everywhere I go nobody picks it up ! Or I find the blue bags everywhere not put in trash cans , just what we want in our beach 😞</p>
<p>Between Portal and North Beach would be a great place to allow dogs. Even as a compromise for the proposed trial year of allowing dogs in this area, there could be time restrictions to allow dogs on the beach. For instance, during the summer months maybe only allow them in the morning (6am-10am) and the evening (after 6pm) so that local dog owners can enjoy walking or throwing a ball for their dog on the beach in town. Then no time restrictions in all other months. This could help alleviate some traffic on the beach trail and allow dogs to enjoy the water. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal!</p>
<p>I am concerned that owners would leave dog poop on the beach. Dogs are on the trail and poop is left regularly. Kids love to play in the sand and the thought of having to worry about dog poop is disgusting. It would be too easy for an owner to kick sand over the mess and walk away, making our beach the equivalent of a litter box.</p>
<p>I really feel they do not belong on our beach - one way to destroy this town / people will be coming from everywhere and it will definitely be a problem ! We have little beach left now , you pick a " dog beach" and everyone that usually goes to that beach will not go there again & crowd another beach , so even tho you have " dog hours " the beach is still no going to be an option other times . A big mistake !</p>
<p>People take their dogs to the beach currently. Most know it is not allowed. A few a surprised that they are not allowed, generally new residents or visitors. As with most things you have responsible people, like litter, bike riders, joggers etc. it would be a non issue. However, the irresponsible ones cause problems; such as litter, dog waste and dog waste bags, accidents, by intruding on others.</p> <p>It is an issue with enforcement already, as with the items mentioned. People know better but don't care, about the effect of others in the public. There are enough maintenance enforcement issues don't add more. Less is more.</p>
<p>dogs should have a place on the beach too!</p>
<p>as a dog owner, I often have to take my dog to other cities(dana point, laguna beach, etc.) to play. All other surrounding cities are more open to dogs as our only option here is the terrible baseball field dog park. Please provide additional access for beaches to our dogs and hold people responsible for the rules. thank you</p>

I've never been to a clean dog beach.
I would like to say there should be a designated dog beach. North beach is perfect for that.
Ladies & Gentlemen, Dogs love the beach, fetching sticks, tennis balls, many love swimming in the water too. Even during Summer there are areas where dogs could swim with their owners. I no longer have a dog, however if I did would appreciate at least 2 areas North & South where they could play. City could actually have programs, payable to City that their Dogs are "Beach Ready."
As long as dogs aren't aggressive, I don't see the problem. I've been to dog beach in Huntington and in OB. Both locations have dog owners and non dog owners who are generally more happy to see dogs playing than beaches that don't allow dogs. I have a Bernese mountain dog and 3/4 people smile when they see her and most want to pet her and know more about her. When I'm driving in my truck and she's in the front seat I've seen people who are clearly having a bad day look over and then smile and their day just got better. Please make San Clemente more dog accessible, it will help with mental wellness. Thank You!
The sad thing is not all dog owners are responsible. The poop left behind would create a health hazard for children (and adults) on the sand and in the water. We can't even get all dog owners to pick up the poop when their dogs poop in their neighbors' yards. No way will everyone pick it up on the beach. Bad idea.
A designated dog beach in San Clemente would be AWESOME and serve as a wonderful city amenity for residents! It would also be dreamy to have an off leash dog park in the vacant space near the soccer fields at the Hermosa Sports Park.
As a lifelong resident and former owner of several dogs I think dog access to the beach would be perfect in that spot between T-Street and Lost Winds. Locals call it the Hole. Its definitely less crowded than most of the other beaches and doesn't disappear at high tide like 204 Beach. Additionally access before 10am and after 4 or 5pm is a good idea too.
I've lived in San Clemente for the past six years. Coming from Huntington Beach where dogs were allowed off leash was hard. There are not many dog parks so having the ability to have my pup run off leash at the beach would be nice. Even if there were restricted hours...something is better than nothing. Thank you
It would be wonderful to have beach access to walk our dogs.
Amazing how all dog owners think it is their god given right to have a dog on the beach. All through San Clemente dog owners do not take responsibility for their dogs. Walk into any area and you will see dog poop. Also even though we have a leash law owners constantly take the leash off and let them run on public areas not to mention they follow leach laws concerning the length of the leash. Since San Clemente can't afford hiring baby sitters for dog owners opening the beach to dogs is a big fat no. Think about someone's toddler or young child walking in ruin or feces in the sand. This is illness

waiting to happen.
Will San Clemente be responsible for dog bites or other injuries related to dogs.
We need space for dogs to play and socialize. They are important part of families and gkve us much happiness. Just have doggie stationalns to pick up poop.
I think this would be such an amazing idea. From the people I know who live in San Clemente they all agree as well. I also think this would drive tourism to San Clemente increasing business sales. I know now my husband and I take our dog to Del Mar instead because it's dog friendly. We end up spending money on that town. Could be an amazing opportunity for San Clemente
San Clemente is in need of dog friendly areas. We should have a place designated at the beach to walk dogs.
I have lived in San Clemente for the past 17 years. Prior to living in SC my husband and I lived in Huntington Beach on 20th street across from "Dog Beach". Our 2 dogs enjoyed most evenings at the beach with no issues at all. Dogs do not see the beach as "territorial" all dog owners were most respectful of each other.
It would be wonderful if San Clemente opened a portion of a beach where there are the least beachgoers. This way, everyone enjoys the beach!
Just give us a portion of a beach to enjoy with our dogs!
The ocean and beach is a perfect outlet for anyone and all animals.
I rarely walk on the beach itself anymore since I have a dog. I would love to be able to walk him on the sand near the shore. This would make me very happy. Thank you .
I would love to be able to take my dog to the beach close to my home. I currently have to drive all he way to Huntington Dog Beach to let my girl run and swim and play. Please open a dog beach in San Clemente. Thank you for your time.
Everyone who goes to Creekside Dog Park in Dana Point talks about how negligent San Clemente is, in providing for dog friendly areas. La Pata dog park is a joke. All dirt, too small. San Clemente has SO MUCH SPACE to provide a great FENCED dog park.
For the beach, Dije Court would be terrible, with the stairs, tide issues and no extra parking available. Please consider Poche, or something south, with lots of room. and provide a "bag" dispenser like you do at the parks.
Use Huntington Beach as an example. It's the only true "dog beach" in Orange County, on the edge of town where there's lots of room and SO MUCH FUN!
At this time, there is not enough sandy beach to have any area(s);set aside for dog use. It is unfair to homeowners/renters/visitors who live/stay close enough to be able to walk to the beach, to have those beach areas allow dogs. People go to the beach to relax and recreate. Having active, off-leash dogs are running around, there is no safe way for non-dog people to enjoy the beach. The density of the population near the beach is quite high. One reason is because they want to walk to the beach; paying high property taxes or rents for that privilege. Now the city wants to take away that desire? In most of the areas mentioned for possible dog beach access, there is little, or no public parking.

<p>Citizens from other cities will come to use our skimpy-at-this-time beaches.</p> <p>Policing of rowdy dogs and uncaring-for-others owners will be difficult and expensive.</p> <p>So, it's a nice idea, but not at this time. We need more beach to have it work correctly and equitably.</p>
<p>On leash for unfriendly dogs, fines for anti pooper picker uppers</p>
<p>No dogs on beaches and no E Bikes on Beach Trail</p>
<p>I am in disagreement for dogs to be on the beach because not everyone picks up after their dog. I walk on the sand barefoot and do not want the beach to be soiled with excrement. Unfortunately I see it on the beach trail. Also, the untrained dogs worry me if allowed free access on the beach. Even on a leash they can be unruly and jump up. I would like to continue walking on the beach in peace.</p> <p>Thanks so much,</p> <p>Rose</p>
<p>Off leash only at enclosed parks and under the supervision of their owner.</p>
<p>About time!</p>
<p>Sand replenishment is where our focus and efforts should be. Sand replenishment and water quality issues. Not dog access to our beaches! Prioritize time and resources.</p>
<p>I dont own a dog but i sure like them. I think owners, dogs and the public benefit from having dogs play in a natural environment. Please pick up the poop!</p>
<p>Many of the other Orange County cities offer year-round beach access with dogs, while limiting access only during the busiest times of the day in the summer months. Offering even a portion of what these other cities do would be great!</p>
<p>There are so many dog owners in San Clemente who walk on the beach trail, so if there was an off leash dog beach at North Beach (which is right at the trail head), that would be amazing.</p>
<p>Please do not allow dogs on the beaches. Dog waste and bacteria is so damaging to delicate marine life. Please allow more dog parks instead.</p>
<p>We would love for the big dog side of the dog park off La Pata to be grassed.</p>
<p>So many So Calif communities have dog beaches, and San Clemente should be one of those. Many cities have both on-lease and off-lease options. I think the southern section of beach is the best, and it has the least sunbathers. T-Street and south. Maybe during the peak summer season, the hours for the dog access could be restricted (like many other communities have in place), like before 9p and after 6p. But then in the off season have access all day. Dog owners will clean up after their dogs. Just look at regular beach visitors, not everyone is perfect. There is trash left even by just sunbathers. Also the rationale that dog waste will get into the Ocean is just ludacris. Do those folks know how much waste from our community is dumped into the ocean already. And what about children in the water. Come on, that is not any reason to deny access. Our beach front is such a wonderful benefit that we have here in our beautiful "Spanish Village by the Sea", and we should give access and opportunity to all our residents, even those that have furry family members. Please develop a plan that gives both year round leash options and maybe time restricted off-leash options. Thank you for your help with this for those of us that have been asking for this, for years.</p>
<p>The elderly, handicapped, and small children already have limited places to go to exercise and recreate now. Bikes and dogs already create walking hazards on the beach trail. They appear with no warning and expect pedestrians to get out of their way, when they may not be able to move quickly enough to do so. Dog walkers may have multiple animals, which create noise and block pathways. Dogs may also instill fear in the young and the old, especially if there is a dog fight, which</p>

happens, and create non-sanitary conditions as there is no way to fully clean up pee and poop. Bacteria builds up over time. Thus, why would we want to legitimize the contamination of our beaches?

Dogs can be walked in neighborhoods and on hilly park trails where walking is too demanding for the young and old. They have other options not available to the young and elderly. You can't argue people will be respectful as they have not been so during the pandemic, most failing to wear masks during the height of the epidemic. Thus, many old time San Clemente residents felt they had to go elsewhere to exercise. We also have a growing tourist industry which populates the beaches and creates trash. How many wounds can we self inflict on our citizens who pay for facilities they can't use, and that's not even mentioning the addition of huge numbers of out of area people an open beach dog park will attract?

We have a horrible fecal bacteria problem. Adding a bunch of dog urine and feces isn't going to make that issue magically go away.

Plenty of places for dogs. The beach and ocean in not one. It's bad enough the entire beach trail reeks of dog urine.

I know there are a lot of dog owners pressing this issue. But, we need the council to stand strong and say No.

Dog poo everywhere.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Dogs do not belong on our beaches !!!!

The potential issues are the irresponsible pet owners. My husband has been bitten twice last year by dogs ON leash. The owners weren't in control of their dogs.

Dog poop - we can't keep it off our lawns, green belt area - what makes the city think dog owners would clean up the beach.

Dogs currently aren't allowed on the beach but we see them regularly in the early evening when the pet owners think the life guards are off duty.

Please do not open the beach to dogs.