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City of San Diego Opens New Off-Leash Dog Parks in Two Local Neighborhoods RECENTLY OPENED FACILITIES IN MEMORIAL AND NORTH PARK COMMUNITIES OFFER MORE SPACE FOR DOGS TO RUN AND PLAY

SAN DIEGO – In response to the growing need to provide more play areas for pet owners and their furry friends in high-density neighborhoods, the City of San Diego recently opened two off-leash facilities to allow dogs to run, fetch and play. The new off-leash areas are located in the Memorial and North Park community parks and were opened just in time to celebrate International Dog Day today.

The Memorial Park dog area – located on the northeast side of the park near the corner of 30th Street and Ocean View Boulevard – features more than a quarter-acre of fenced space with separate pens for larger and smaller dogs, doggie bag dispensers and repurposed logs to run around, jump over and rest a paw or four. The park is open daily from dawn to dusk.

As part of the Memorial dog park opening, the San Diego Humane Society will be onsite with its Mobile Veterinary Clinic every month to offer pet health services and provide related resources that can often be difficult for pet owners to access. Pet visits are by appointment only. For more information on mobile and stationary pet clinics, visit the <u>San Diego Humane Society Community Veterinary Program webpage</u>.

The North Park off-leash area, located near the corner of Howard Avenue and Idaho Street, also includes separate fencing for large and small dogs, trees for shade, doggie bag dispensers and ample space for dogs to run and exercise. The park is open daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.

The City is working with other municipalities in the County to identify and promote off-leash dog areas available to San Diegans. Visit the City's <u>Map of Dog Parks in San Diego County</u> to find locations of more than 50 off-leash dog parks countywide. For additional information about policies related to dogs in city parks, please visit <u>sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/dogs</u>.

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