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Subject: Dog Parks

Good Morning!

Even though today is overcast and a bit blustery, it is still wonderful weather for a romp at the dog park. Having several parks placed around our wonderful city of Duluth is an asset for both residents and tourists. I remember coming up on weekends with my husband before we moved here and going to the Keene Park.

I cannot even begin to list ALL of the reasons that the dog parks are beneficial. I know that my little Lily and Tony love to run and play with dogs of all sizes at Observation, which is the closest to me. And I am so grateful to have them burn off their extra energy and be able to socialize with other dogs.

Having the dog parks has also built a strong dog community on Facebook. Dog owners looking for advice. Looking for a foster during a medical (or other) crisis. Setting up GoFundMe accounts for expensive surgeries. Setting up play dates for certain sizes or breeds. It isn't all about the dogs. I have met many wonderful residents and visitors at the dog parks.

Your support and vote in favor of our dog parks is much appreciated.

Thank you for your time,  
Lynnette Olson