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I am in Eugene today with my daughter, Dana whom some of you know when she lived in Yachats. She now lives in Eugene. She is having some minor surgery and I will need to be there for her.

I would like to talk to you today about a project that I am very excited about. I have recently purchased a puppy; she is now 6 months old. I have had the pleasure to have found a wonderful dog trainer and have learned many valuable lessons for training my puppy. So we are very busy learning training her.

Because I know how important socialization is for both puppy and owner I drove up to South Beach Dog Park. Wonderful project! Addie had a blast and met some new friends.

I would like to mention some advantages of having a dog park:

- ❖ Off-leash dog parks, provide a community setting which people can gather socialize
- ❖ Promotes responsible pet ownership and the enforcement of dog-control laws
- ❖ Studies have shown that people find it easier to talk to each other with dogs as the initial focus, breaking down the usual social barrier that make people in society perceive others as strangers
- ❖ Separate play spaces for large and small dogs

While planning a dog park I will research what is needed and speak to Caroline Spark for guidance. A list of necessary items needed for a dog park is:

- ❖ 4' to 6' fence

- ❖ separate, double gated entry and exit points
- ❖ adequate drainage
- ❖ parking close to park
- ❖ water
- ❖ bags to dispose of animal waste in covered trash cans
- ❖ regular maintenance and cleaning of the grounds (those you use the park regularly will be guardians making sure park is maintained.

I have spoken to eight Yachats citizens that own small dogs that have shown great enthusiasm about creating a dog park. There are areas behind the Commons that rarely are used for the original purpose when they were created. I live behind the boardwalk and rarely to I hear a horse shoe hitting the post. Every once in a while I hear a bat being hit and very little soccer being played. I believe that a dog park will be used more than any of these three activities I have listed.

Before I start doing any further research I would like to have the Parks and Commons consider putting a 'thumbs up' on this project.

Sincerely,
Betty Johnston and Addie (woof, woof)

REMINGTON DOG PARK

RULES

1. Dogs must NEVER be left unattended.
2. All dogs must wear a current license.
3. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
4. Unruly dogs are not allowed.
5. Female dogs "in heat" are not allowed in the Dog Park area.

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