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City of Perris Opens New Dog Park



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PERRIS, Calif. (November 15, 2019) -- The City of Perris will hold a grand opening and ribbon-cutting event to celebrate the new Paws Dog Park on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 3:45 P.M.

All vaccinated dogs and their owners are invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 3:45-5:45 p.m. The park is located at 1265 Blazing Star Drive, Perris, Calif.

Mayor Michael M. Vargas is proud to see the opening of the city's first dog park and to have a place for residents to enjoy with their pets.

"I am proud to open our first dog park in the city," said Vargas. "This has set the bar for future considerations and I hope it gets used by our dog lovers and their pets."

The desire for a dog park had grown in the local community and there is a lot of excitement about finally bringing one to the City of Perris.

"We are so happy to help out our four-legged friends and their families," said Perris Council Member Malcolm Corona. "Our community has wanted a dog park for a while now and we are happy to give it to them. We will look for more opportunities for new dog parks in the future."

"It's great to finally have Dog Park in the City of Perris," said Perris Council Member David Starr Rabb.

The nearly three- acre dog park was made possible in part through the PetSafe® Bark for Your Park™ program, which provides funding to create safe, off-leash dog parks nationwide.

Perris was one of eight communities selected nationwide to receive a \$25,000 grant to fund the new dog park. Previously, all dog parks were located outside of the city. The PetSafe® Bark for Your Park™ grant supported the development of the first dog park located within a residential community, located off Blazing Star Drive in the northern area of the city.

The PetSafe® Paws Dog Park will feature small and large dog sections, complete with agility equipment, a training platform, shady areas, benches, and pet waste stations, for both pets and owners to enjoy. With the new space, the City hopes to encourage a pet-friendly community through events and programs that encourage healthy habits between pets and owners, as well as offer low-cost veterinary services.

"With the new PetSafe® Paws Dog Park, the City of Perris now has a dedicated area for pets and pet parents to form a special community," said Sabrina Chavez, Director of Community Services for the City of Perris. "In addition to providing a space for owners to share tips, advice and experiences with one another, their pets will also have a safe place to socialize."

About Bark for Your Park™

In 2011, PetSafe® brand developed and launched the nationwide Bark for Your Park™ campaign with the goal of providing dog parks that community members, civic leaders and pet owners would love, use and support for years to come. To date, PetSafe® brand has donated over \$1.6 million dollars, which has helped fund 81 off-leash parks around the country.

About the City of Perris

Perris was officially incorporated as a city in 1911. Perris which turned 100 years old in 2011, began as a sleepy farming community on the California Pacific Railroad line. Sitting off the 215 freeway 85 miles north of San Diego and 70 miles east of Los Angeles, the City of Perris now has more than 70,000 residents with a steady increase in economic growth and business development.

In 2019, the City launched its Parks Make Life Better Campaign to develop more parks within city boundaries, which increases access to green spaces for residents where they can partake in recreational opportunities and physical activity. The Parks Make Life Better Campaign is a state effort in raising awareness on the benefits of Parks and Recreation throughout California and to raise the status of parks and recreation as an essential community service. In addition to the Parks Make Life Better Campaign, the City joined the efforts of the National Recreation and Parks Association 10-Minute Walk Campaign to create a world in which 100% of people in U.S. cities have safe access to a quality park or green space within a 10-minute walk of home by 2050. Through these efforts the city sought the development of the first dog park for the City of Perris.



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