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Join us! Annual membership dues enable us to preserve opportunities for off-leash recreation and provide the educational programs that will make life better for San Francisco's dog owners/guardians and their canine companions. Membership entitles you to receive our newsletter, The Wag, get advance notice of SFDOG events, and – coming soon – obtain discounts at Bay Area stores.

To join, just complete this membership form (both sides), cut along the dotted lines, and mail it with your check for \$10. Please, PRINT CLEARLY.

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NOTE: SFDOG will not share your contact information with commercial entities.

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Circle: New Renewal Correction

Dues (\$10 per year):..... _____

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_____ T-shirts @ \$15each:

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_____ Sweatshirts @ \$25 each:.....

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Postage (\$5 for each shirt):

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

Mail this form, along with a check payable to SFDOG (please do not send cash) to:

SFDOG Membership
PO Box 31071
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Park Petiquette

Here are some simple things that you can do to make your dog a good canine citizen.

- **Pick up and dispose of dog poop.**
- **Keep your dog in sight at all times. Be aware of what he or she is doing.** Anticipate potential problems. It's easier to stop a problem from happening than deal with it after it's occurred.
- **Ask if it's okay for your dog to approach before letting it go up to leashed dogs or strangers, especially children.** Call your dog when you see strangers coming. This eliminates the possibility your dog will jump on someone who will then complain about it. Be considerate of people who are afraid of dogs and ask them if they want to interact with your dog.
- **Control excessive barking.**
- **Prevent digging and destructive behavior.**
- **Control aggressive dogs.** If you know your dog growls at people or other dogs, keep it on leash or under tight control so it doesn't ruin the park experience for others.
- **Be considerate of other park users.** Share the parks and we'll all be able to use them. Don't let your dog bother others enjoying the park. If you know your dog steals balls, keep it away from kids playing ball games.
- **Carry a leash.** That way, if you need it, you've got it.
- **Always carry a poop bag, a spare, and one to share.**

You can see a complete version of our Park Petiquette flyer on our website www.sfdog.org

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SFDOG

Who We Are

Originally formed by a group of friends, SFDOG organized in 1997 in reaction to the closing of Ocean Beach in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area to off-leash recreation. While continuing to work for off-leash recreational opportunities for responsible dog owners/guardians and their companion animals, we have expanded our mission to include a variety of programs designed to educate the people of San Francisco about dogs and their place in our culture. We work with dog owners/guardians about what it means to be a responsible dog owner/guardian. We help non-dog owners understand dog behavior to alleviate any fears or misconceptions they may have, and educate elected and appointed public officials about dogs and the benefits of off-leash recreation. SFDOG is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

SFDOG Programs

Park Petiquette Flyer

SFDOG produced a flyer outlining the simple things you can do to make your dog a good canine citizen. We have posted this flyer in San Francisco parks and distributed them to dog owners/guardians at various events.

Dog Park Etiquette Workshops

These workshops, held in local parks, consists of a lecture on common behavioral problems (poor recall, not responding to "leave it," etc.) and how to correct them, followed by one-on-one sessions with a trainer so you can put into practice what you just learned.

Dog/Horse Socialization Workshops

These workshops de-sensitize dogs to the presence of horses, using positive behavioral modification techniques. The SFPD Mounted Police unit has provided horses and riders for the workshop.

AKC Canine Good Citizen Tests

SFDOG is organizing Canine Good Citizen Tests to be held in San Francisco parks. The CGC tests dog behavior in real-world situations, for example, allowing itself to be petted by a stranger. CGC tests also include more traditional obedience skills such as "come" and "stay". Dogs who pass the CGC tests have proven they know how to behave and are under control even when off-leash.

SFDOG Membership Meetings

Recent speakers at our quarterly membership meetings have included how to control barking, emergency medical treatment for dogs, and what it takes to be a search and rescue dog.

Programs for kids and seniors

SFDOG is developing programs for kids to reinforce what it means to be a responsible dog owner/guardian, and for seniors who want canine companionship.

Understanding Dog Behavior for RPD Staff

SFDOG worked with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) to develop a program that explains basic dog behavior to RPD gardeners and rec center staff to prevent minor problems from developing into major incidents.

Preserving off-leash recreation in the GGNRA

SFDOG is working with GGNRA officials and other stakeholders in a process called negotiated rulemaking to ensure that dog owners/guardians can once again exercise their dogs off-leash in the GGNRA without fear of harassment or tickets.

Keeping an eye on RPD's dog policy

SFDOG monitors the way RPD administers its dog policy, which requires dogs to be on-leash in City parks except in designated off-leash areas. SFDOG continues its efforts to increase off-leash recreation opportunities and change RPD's dog policy.

Demographic Information:

What park(s) do you frequent?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

In which Supervisor District do you live? _____

How many dogs do you have and what are their names? _____

Does your household include children? _____

Are you a senior citizen? _____

Volunteer Information:

SFDOG needs volunteers to help organize and run our educational programs, help with park clean-ups, distribute flyers and brochures, staff our booth at events, and do hundreds of other jobs, big and small.

If you're willing to lend a hand, check here. _____

If you have special skills or interests that we might call upon (e.g., database management, fundraising, design, event planning, grant-writing, outreach, public relations, carpentry... just about anything you can imagine), please list them here:

Thank you!