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OFFICIAL FUNDRAISING FOR CITY OF SPOKANE'S FIRST DOG PARK GETS UNDERWAY

Three Partners Are Working Together to Develop the Project

SpokAnimal C.A.R.E., the Spokane Parks Foundation and the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department are working together to develop the first of what could eventually be several dog parks within the City of Spokane.

The following information comes from an email campaign being launched this week to promote fundraising for the dog park:

- At long last, dog lovers in Spokane will have a chance to prove that man is dog's best friend! Long held hopes and dreams of a dog park right here in Spokane are finally coming true. Thanks to the combined effort of the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department, Spokane Parks Foundation, and SpokAnimal, our first dog park is close to becoming a reality.
- The City of Spokane has designated land near High Bridge Park to be the home of the first dog park in Spokane. This site is approximately 15 acres, is in a central location, and will have an extremely positive impact on nearby neighborhoods and the whole community.
- But, we need your help.
- The new Dog Park at High Bridge Gardens can only become a reality with the support of the community. Your gift will move us one step closer to making this wonderful new park a reality.
- Phase I of the development plan is to install fencing for the safety of our best friends and the security of the community. There will be separately

designated areas for large dogs and small dogs. A parking lot with plenty of space for dog park users will be included, as well.

- As funding becomes available, future development of the Dog Park at High Bridge Gardens may include a hiking trail, splash pads, agility equipment, community gardens, picnic tables/public areas, and more.
- Your support is desperately needed to bring this wonderful vision to life. Can we count on your support today, to help launch Phase I of the Dog Park at High Bridge Gardens?
- If you have any questions, please contact SpokAnimal's Director of Development, Shawna Sampson at 509.534.8133 ext. 215 or ssampson@spokanimal.org.
- On behalf of "man's best friend" and all the dog lovers in Spokane, thanks in advance for your help.

The Spokane Parks Foundation previously awarded a \$12,000 grant for development of the master plan for the Dog Park. The Foundation is also serving as the collection point for funds for the project. Special contribution envelopes are available readily identifying the Dog Park project. For more information on making a donation, please contact the Spokane Parks Foundation at 509.326.5233 or e-mail Toni Nersesian at Toni@spokaneparksfoundation.org.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org

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