

No one should impose his or her animals on another person

I am responding to the article "DOG PARK WARS" in the November 2007 issue of the Southwest Portland Post. I am a dog lover and have been all my life.

When I was growing up my Dad would bring home stray dogs and cats. We always had five or six dogs and lots of cats on the farm, along with all kinds of other farm animals.

My husband and I have a dog that we rescued a year ago. We all love animals, but...

My belief is that no one should impose his or her animals on another person.

My husband and I travel a lot in our motor home. The rules of the RV park are 10:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 a.m. is quiet time for everyone and everything. If someone breaks these rules and continues to do so, they are asked to leave the RV park.

Even in a residential neighborhood quiet time is 10:00 p.m. 'til 8:00 a.m. This is a common courtesy to our friends and neighbors that we live with.

If a person (or persons) is making a lot of noise and the police are called, they will respond. Noise is noise, no matter who or what is making it. The dog park should not be off limits to these rules.

I drove over to the dog park and I was really surprised to see and hear all the dogs in the park. There were even dogs off-leash out of the fenced area.

There is a sign leading into (Gabriel Park), "Pets on Leash Only." The people (who ignore this sign) are breaking the law. I am so grateful I don't live next to the dog park.

Barbara
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Limiting park hours for dogs not the solution

Regarding "DOG PARK WARS," November 2007. As a 30-year user of Gabriel Park, a dog lover, and one who cherishes the peace and serenity of the park I have watched the controversy about the dog park with great interest.

The park is a community space for all to enjoy and use according to their needs. Its users are a family and all need to respect and value the needs of all.

Closing the park for even brief periods would be a tragedy. Instead I offer the following solutions:

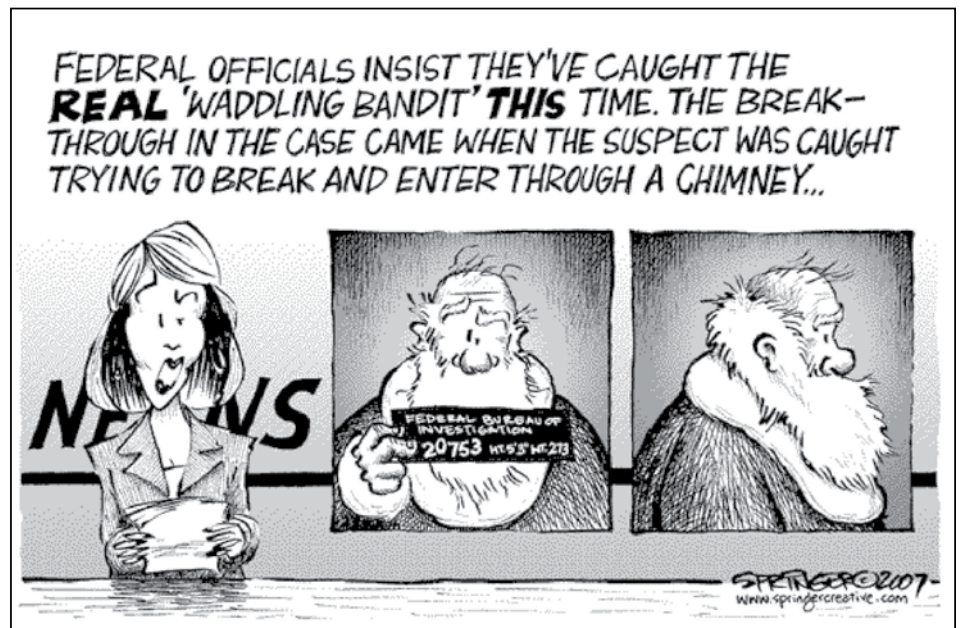
Barking dogs are annoying at any time of day. Please train your dog not to bark.

Early morning and late night users to any of the areas (not just the dog park) should be quiet and respectful. Try a meditative walk during those times. Large gatherings, loud music, partying and noisy dogs are fine during mid-day times.

We are a community. Talk to those you believe are creating a nuisance. Take each others perspective. Value the needs of others, just as you would in the shared living areas of your own home.

Please don't jeopardize the use of the park for all by limiting the park hours.

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