



Fairfax County
Results
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DOG PARK
COALITION
2003 Candidate Questionnaire

All 96 candidates in Northern Virginia jurisdictions –
Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties, and the city of Alexandria –
were mailed questionnaires on August 15, 2003,
and were provided postage-paid, return envelopes
for mailing back the completed questionnaire
with postmarks no later than September 17, 2003.

If a
Questionnaire was not returned = **Did Not Respond**
Selection of Answer was not made = **No Answer**

(* Indicates an uncontested office.)

Responses from local candidates –
answers to questions,
a lack of answer indication,
and all comments are on the following pages:

General Election – November 4, 2003

FAIRFAX COUNTY
State Senate, District 32

Janet D. Howell

1. *No – “Sadly our cocker spaniel, Sparkle, died a few years ago. Because my husband and I both must be away from home for weeks at a time, we have reluctantly concluded we should not have a dog. Each of our sons has a lab puppy, so we have two grand puppies!”*
2. *Yes – “We have one in our neighborhood.”*
3. *Yes*
4. *Yes*
5. *Yes*
6. *Yes*
7. *Yes*
8. *Yes*

“I was a leader in defeating Sen. Byrne’s legislation last year that would have limited local government’s authority to permit dog parks. The dog park in my neighborhood is an important amenity for Reston. Its benefits far outweigh its costs.”

David M. “Dave” Hunt

1. *Yes - “Tex (8 years old)”*
2. *Yes*
3. *Yes – “Yes, Reston.”*
4. *Yes*
5. *Yes*
6. *Yes*
7. *No Answer – “This is tough to answer given that the state has a terrible budget crisis. The state must get a handle on its finances before making additional commitments.”*
8. *Yes*

State Senate, District 33*

William C. “Bill” Mims

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| 1. <i>Yes</i> | <i>Rather, it is within authority of Bd. Of Supervisors.”</i> | |
| 2. <i>Yes</i> | | |
| 3. <i>No</i> | | |
| 4. <i>No Answer</i> | | 6. <i>No Answer</i> |
| 5. <i>No Answer – “This task is not within jurisdiction of General Assembly.</i> | | 7. <i>Yes</i> |
| | | 8. <i>No Answer</i> |
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State Senate, District 34

Jeannemarie A. Devolites Did Not Respond

Ronald R. “Ron” Christian Did Not Respond

State Senate, District 36

Christian N. Braunlich Did Not Respond

Linda T. “Toddy” Puller

1. *No - “Used to when kids were home.”*
2. *Yes*
3. *No*
4. *Yes*
5. *Yes*

6. *No Answer - “If I had time – I am very busy now that my district has changed.”*
 7. *Yes*
 8. *Yes*
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State Senate, District 37

Ken T. Cuccinelli II Did Not Respond

Jim E. Mitchell III Did Not Respond

State Senate, District 39

J. K. “Jay” O’Brien, Jr. Did Not Respond

Greg J. Galligan Did Not Respond

*House of Delegates, District 34**

Vincent F. Callahan

1. *Yes - “Christina – Old English Sheepdog.”*
2. *Yes*
3. *Yes*
4. *Yes*
5. *Yes*

6. *Yes - “In my capacity as a state legislator I will provide any assistance I can.”*
7. *Yes*
8. *Yes*

“I have an “unofficial” dog park in my neighborhood, the Levon Preserve off Kirby Road in McLean. The signs say dogs must be leashed, but very few pay attention.”

House of Delegates, District 35

Robert M. McDowell Did Not Respond

Stephen C. Shannon Did Not Respond

*House of Delegates, District 36**

Kenneth R. “Ken” Plum Did Not Respond

House of Delegates, District 37

John H. Rust, Jr. Did Not Respond

J. Chapman Petersen Did Not Respond

*House of Delegates, District 38**

Robert D. “Bob” Hull Did Not Respond

*House of Delegates, District 39**

Vivian E. Watts

1. *Yes*
 2. *Yes*
 3. *No*
 4. *Yes*
 5. *No Answer – “Not a state issue; however, I will oppose any legislation that may try to limit local options.”*
 6. *No Answer – “Not a state issue; however, I am always open to meet with people on issue of concern to my constituents.”*
 7. *No Answer – “This is a local, not a state, decision.”*
 8. *No Answer – “This is a local, not a state, decision.”*
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*House of Delegates, District 40**

Timothy D. Hugo

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| 1. <i>Yes</i> | 5. <i>Yes</i> |
| 2. <i>Yes</i> | 6. <i>No Answer</i> |
| 3. <i>Yes</i> | 7. <i>No Answer</i> |
| 4. <i>Yes</i> | 8. <i>Yes</i> |
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House of Delegates, District 41

James H. “Jim” Dillard II

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| 1. <i>No</i> | 6. <i>No Answer</i> |
| 2. <i>Yes</i> | 7. <i>Yes - “Funding is a local issue.”</i> |
| 3. <i>No</i> | 8. <i>Yes</i> |
| 4. <i>Yes</i> | |
| 5. <i>Yes</i> | |

“I will continue in my open door policy to communicate with all of those interested in the development of dog parks.”

Michael J. Golden

1. Yes –“(2)”
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. No Answer – “I support using existing resources to create, improve, & maintain off-leash recreational facilities.”
8. No Answer – “I support increased efficiency in the delivery of public services to maximize the benefit of each funding dollar. In the parks & recreation context, I support efforts to create increased internal revenue streams to establish self sufficient operations, thereby producing improved services & benefit.”

John Michael Wolfe **Did Not Respond**

*House of Delegates, District 42**

David B. Albo **Did Not Respond**

House of Delegates, District 43

Thomas M. “Tom” Bolvin **Did Not Respond**

Mark D. Sickles

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| 1. Yes | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

“I have a 13-month-old hound dog mix. He loves to run at Alexandria City’s dog parks. I admit to using them even though I live in Fairfax County – my home is closer to them. I walk Lucky on leash at Jefferson Manor Park on Telegraph across from my house. I want to help –my race was close last time (313 vote, 49.1 %) and I would greatly appreciate your endorsement. * the Mason District Park”*

[NVDPC Note: As a non-partisan, volunteer organization, the Northern Virginia Dog Park Coalition does not endorse candidates for elective office. However, NVDPC is interested in working with elected officials who understand the value in the facilities we built and supervise.]

House of Delegates, District 44

David B. Kennedy **Did Not Respond**

Kristen J. Amundson

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| 1. No | 4. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 5. Yes |
| 3. No | 6. Yes |

7. Yes

8. Yes

“Constituents have raised this issue as I have gone door to door. I will work with interested citizens in any way I can.”

House of Delegates, District 86

Thomas Davis Rust

1. Yes

2. Yes

3. Yes

4. Yes – *“I live in Herndon where there is an off-leash dog park. I helped to establish the park.”*

5. Yes – *“As the former mayor of Herndon I worked with ‘Herndon Dogs’ to secure a dog park in Herndon.”*

6. Yes – *“I did so in Herndon for Herndon Dogs!”*

7. Yes – *“With a MOU between the group & the locality.”*

8. No Answer – *“(This is a local, not a state issue) Currently the dog groups agree to fund the fencing maintenance, etc of the parks.”*

“The Commonwealth of VA does not fund dog parks since the use of “local” parks is a local gov’t decision. The Commonwealth provides grants for use by the local gov’t. Currently, the Commonwealth just closed a \$6 B shortfall for “02-04” & is projecting a \$1B shortfall for “04-06.” I was a co-patron of the recent bond referendum for VA. parks.”

[**NVDPC Note:** In Fairfax County, volunteer off-leash dog area sponsor groups raise one-half of funds to be matched by a Fairfax County Park Authority grant to construct the fence and other amenities. Once built, the entire facility is owned and maintained by the county park authority. Sponsor groups educate the public, monitor dog park operations, and serve as liaisons to their communities.]

Jim G. Kelly

1. No – *“Most of my neighbors do though”*

2. Yes

3. No

4. Yes

5. Yes

6. No – *“I will support those who do but my priorities are transportation, education and taxes.”*

7. Yes

8. Yes – *“I support it but also recognize budgets are tight though your is not a high dollar item. (line item)”*

“Please keep me posted of your activities as well as sites located and costs involved.”

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Mychele B. Brickner

Did Not Respond

Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly

1. Yes

2. Yes

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| 3. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 5. Yes | 8. Yes |

“I was the first to champion puppy parks (i.e. off leash dog parks) in Fairfax County. I began the effort in 1995 and spent almost five years fighting the Park Authority to allow a pilot park in my district. By 2000, I had changed the Park Authority policy, and liability insurance with respect to off-leash dog parks. We partnered with a private kennel club, raised fund for fencing, held public hearings, drafted and adopted regulations and inaugurated the first ever off-leash dog park in Fairfax County at Blake Lane Park in Oakton. My dog, Georgie, and I enjoy the park when we can find the time. There are now six such parks in our county and I am proud of the fact that I led the way almost eight years ago.”

C. W. “Levi” Levy Did Not Respond

Jeremy G. Good

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| 1. No | 6. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 7. No Answer – “Depends on case by case” |
| 3. Yes | 8. No Answer – “Depends case, by case” |
| 4. Yes | |
| 5. Yes | |

“I am a Green Party conservative. We need ‘More Trains, Less Traffic.’ We must cut wasteful government spending. We waste \$1 of every \$3 federal tax dollars on a bloated defense. This should stop.”

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Dranesville**

Joan M. DuBois

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| 1. No | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

John W. Foust

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| 1. Yes | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. No | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

(List of priorities) “Support Education, Reduce Congestion and Preserve open space, Lower the tax burden on homeowners.”

Hunter Mill

J. D. “Doug” Bushée

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| 1. Yes | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

Additional Comments: “www.electDoug.com, Keep up the good work! Call me if you have any questions. (703) 447-3783.”

Catherine M. Hudgins

- 1. No
- 2. Yes
- 3. Yes
- 4. Yes
- 5. Yes
- 6. Yes – “I have and will continue to meet with dog park members to hear and address their concerns.”
- 7. Yes – “Public funding in conjunction with user fees is the current manner the county funds park and recreation services.”

[NVDPC Note: Funding for off-leash dog areas in Fairfax County is raised by volunteers from the community who want to sponsor a facility in their area. Through the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Funds Grant Program of the Fairfax County Park Authority, the sponsors can obtain matching of up to \$10,000 in a fiscal year.]

- 8. Yes – “The recent Park Authority needs assessment address longterm plans for park facilities. I look forward to the Park Authority recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.”

“My priorities include those public services to insure a quality community in Fairfax County. These include maintaining excellence in our public schools, support for public safety, increase in public transportation, support for affordable housing, community development, including increase pathways, lighting, preserving open space, increase recreational facilities and addressing the growing environmental concerns. The Park Authority has conducted a survey of park and recreational needs in preparation for planning a needed long-term capital program for recreational facilities. I invite you to view the report online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov and to follow the progress of the Park Authority’s recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to share my views with your members.”

Mason

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Did Not Respond

Penelope A. “Penny” Gross

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| 1. No | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

“Helped lead the effort to amend the County Code to allow dogs off-leash in dog parks; this change was needed before any dog park could be installed. Priorities – 1) education, followed by public safety, human services, environment. All county services fall within these categories, including dog parks!”

H. V. “Buzz” Hawley, Jr.

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| 1. No | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. Yes | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

“I think the key to any park project or similar County activity is the full participation of the affected community. Here in Mason District, the promising idea of a dog park near Columbia Elementary School became a community disaster because the Supervisors did not listen to and

address the concerns of the local residents. This sort of ramrod approach does not serve anyone's interests – including those who use dog parks. In addition, the Supervisors do not appear to recognize the great value of Fairfax County's parks. Park funding has borne nearly the full burden of spending cuts. It is hard to see why funding for parks has been cut while property taxes are increasing by an average of 53%. Where is the money going?

[NVDPC Note: In Fairfax County, the decisions to develop off-leash dog areas in public parks are made by the appointed volunteers who serve on the county Park Board, not the county Board of Supervisors.]

Mount Vernon

Purvis L. Dawson, Jr. Did Not Respond

Gerald W. “Gerry” Hyland

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| 1. Yes | 5. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 6. Yes |
| 3. No | 7. Yes |
| 4. Yes | 8. Yes |

“We have a real need for such facilities in the Mt. Vernon District and I will be happy to help in any way. I know we are looking at Grist Mill Park – we should also be looking at Laurel Hill in Lorton.”

Providence

James E. Hyland

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| 1. No | 7. Yes |
| 2. Yes | 8. Yes – “But this must be done by setting clear priorities and keeping our tax burden low.” |
| 3. Yes | |
| 4. Yes | |
| 5. Yes | |
| 6. Yes | |

Linda Q. Smyth

1. No – “(Allergies)”
2. Yes
3. No
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes

Springfield*

Elaine N. McConnell

1. No – “Not at home but have one on our farm.”
2. Yes
3. No
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. No Answer – “I have been the ‘animal defender’ on the Board. I work for the good of all animals.”
7. Yes – “When funds are available.”
8. No Answer – “I favor developing as many your parks as possible for all types of recreation as money is available.”

“Check my record. I have been and am the animal lover on the BOS for 20 yrs.”

Sully

Michael R. Frey

1. No - “I lost my ten year companion Mosby on July 25, 2003. I definitely will get another sometime soon.”
2. Yes
3. Yes
4. Yes
5. Yes
6. Yes
7. Yes
8. Yes

“I have led the effort over the last 4 years to acquire more than 2000 acres of new parkland in western Fairfax. My office is now involved in master planning that area and we are working to ensure adequate off-leash space is part of it.”

Georgette Kohler

Did Not Respond