As much for people as it is for dogs!

2025 Annual Report

What we accomplish is made possible through generous donors and their love for the dog park.

Improvements

- Custom-designed waste bag boxes were built of composite material and installed, replacing older green metal ones.
- A large equipment gate was installed on the south side of the small dog area to make it easier for maintenance and deliveries.
- Replaced two dog waste receptacles in the small dog area and added 2 new receptacles in the large and small dog areas.





- Installed pavers to connect the small dog area shade sails to the entry walkway.
- Installed a donated bench in the small dog area.
- Another bench was donated at the end of 2025, and is on order for the large dog area.
- New shade sails were installed in the large dog area.
- Two new drinking fountains were installed in the center of the park.

Maintenance



- Two loads of sand were delivered to all areas of the park to enable the filling of holes.
- Made $5,000 in fence repairs along all fence lines, plus replaced inside sallyport gates to the small dog area, and new equipment gates on both north and south sides of the park.
- Hasps and locks were replaced on all kiosks, and locks were replaced on 2 display cases.
- A tree stump was removed from the small dog area, several diseased palm trees were removed, and trees were trimmed throughout the park.
- $5,879 in dog waste bags were purchased.
- Interviewed several grounds maintenance companies and hired Stafford Landscaping Maintenance & Design.
- Northeast side parking lot was graded.

Fundraising



- Held two successful Pooch Portraits, raising $2,125.
- February Puppy Love raised $2,430.
- Installed a second $5,000 donor pillar at the south entry.
- An annual appeal letter was mailed in November.
- Held several successful Sales for Tails during the year.

Other



- Added several new memorials to the Rainbow Bridge website page.
- Kiosk displays were changed seasonally.
- Dog park-branded t-shirts are being sold by order on the website and at Sales for Tails events.
- To prepare for the future expansion of the handicapped parking spaces and make other improvements in the park, we completed a comprehensive survey of the park as required by the city. Additionally, engineering work occurred due to the city's required stormwater drainage plan. We will raise funds for the added handicapped spaces.
- Added 36 new blue stackable chairs throughout the park.
- Social media posts continued several times a week on the official Vero Beach Dog Park Facebook and Instagram platforms. *(Look for our logo on both!)*
- Emailed dog park patrons a newsletter each month, plus for special events.
- The most urgent fence repairs were completed, including replacing many of the post caps, a rusted fence post, and the northeast vehicle gate.
- Each year, the dog park leadership requests an annual police report. The report for the dog park starting January 1, 2025, shows 22 entries, including 7 "keeping watch" entries when police come by the park without being called. Police calls have decreased each year and are down 64.52% since 2020.

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