

Park Assessment Checklist

We are trying to determine the percent of pet friendly parks in Los Angeles County that do not allow smoking. In order to figure this out, we created a checklist (turn sheet over) to assess local parks.

How to Use: Please place an "X" in applicable boxes as you observe the park. The "X" indicates YES, that the description is true of the park. Please only spend up to 20 minutes at a park.

Useful Tips:

- Research the park in advance of visiting it. If the park is very large, use google maps to look at a satellite view of the park. This way you can see if the park has multiple entrances. For very large parks, we would like you to visit at least 2 entrances in case the signage and rules change depending on where you enter the park grounds.
- Write down any unusual sights (i.e., a stray dog) or interesting signs and ordinances cited on signage (i.e., "Dog defecation must be removed immediately" sign) that you see, especially if you feel that the information would be useful to the program and the checklist does not capture what you are seeing.
- Take pictures of any unusual sights or interesting signs if you have photo capability on your phone or a camera readily available.

Today's Date: ____ - ____ - ____

Time of Arrival: ____:____

Your Name: _____

Park Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

- Parking:** Accessible parking available
- Signage:** Signage that indicates that dogs ARE allowed in the park
- Signage that indicates that dogs ARE NOT allowed in the park
- Lack of Signage – NO signs indicating whether or not dogs are allowed
- Visible “No Smoking” sign(s)
- Lack of “No Smoking” sign(s)
- Dog Amenities:** Path(s) where dogs may walk on leash (designated or undesignated)
- Designated area(s) where dogs can be off leash
- Poop Bag Dispenser(s)
- Bags available in the dispenser(s)
- Fountains specifically for dogs to drink water
- Dog Presence:** Dog(s) seen off leash
- People seen walking their dog(s) on or off leash
- Dog feces NOT picked up (left for at least 5 minutes without pickup)
- A Few (1-4) Several (5-9) Many (10-14) A lot (15+)
- Smoking Presence:** Cigarette butts in the area
- A Few (1-4) Several (5-9) Many (10-14) A lot (15+)
- People smoking present
- Children:** Playground/Play Structure for children to play
- Safety:** How safe from crime do you consider the park to be?
- Very Safe Somewhat Safe Somewhat Unsafe
- Not At All Safe Don't Know Refuse to Answer

Additional Comments: _____