

Dartmouth Common
Off Leash Area Cleanliness Monitoring Results
April 28, 2008

Background

A key goal of the Off Leash Park Areas Strategy is to ensure off leash areas are clean and free of dog waste. Monitoring for compliance with this goal is the responsibility of the HRM Interdepartmental Off Leash Strategy Committee.

The Dartmouth Common was monitored on Monday, April 28. Small survey flags were to be placed beside locations in the park where owners had failed to clean up dog waste. All off leash areas of the park (light green) were surveyed.



The Dartmouth Common is frequented by a small but dedicated group of dog owners. It is evident that this group has been hard at work. There was no dog waste at all in the off leash areas surveyed. A perfect outcome! Although the results of the survey were by far the best of all of the off leash areas, further monitoring will take place as more dog owners are expected to visit the park in the coming weeks. Gentle reminders and peer pressure are often mentioned as helpful strategies to remind dog owners to pick up after their pets however chronic non-compliance should be reported to HRM at: 490-4000. A description of the dog, owner, time and location of the offence can be used by animal control and bylaw officials to identify offenders.

Recommendations

Based on the perfect outcome of the present survey there are no recommendations to be made at this time.