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[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth announces the opening of a fenced, off-leash dog park at Observation Park, located on West 3rd Street between 9th and 10th Avenue West. Features of the new dog park include a double-gated entry so leashes can be removed safely before entering the dog park, a separate small dog area for dogs 20 pounds or less, and off-street parking (at the 10th Street dead end).

The Observation Dog Park is the second such park in Duluth. The first, Keene Creek Dog Park, located in Keene Creek Park in West Duluth on Grand Ave and 62nd Ave W, was opened in 2006.

Denette Lynch, an active volunteer and advocate for public dog parks, led the effort for the Observation Park location. She, along with other volunteers, contributed well over 500 hours of service to prepare the new site, working with City staff and neighbors, as well as coordinating fundraising events to pay for the development of the dog park. Between grants and individual donations, over \$12,000 was raised to support new dog parks.

“Better exercised and socialized dogs have fewer conflicts with other dogs and humans and are less likely to be abandoned or brought to shelters,” states Lynch, responding to why dog parks are important to the community. “Humans enjoy going to dog parks for their recreation as well. They are low cost and low maintenance parks that are heavily used year round.”

Individuals interested in supporting Duluth Dog Parks are encouraged to email Lynch at duluthdogparks@yahoo.com.

Users of Duluth’s dog parks are encouraged to follow the proper etiquette and rules posted at the entrance of the park, including picking up pet waste and only using the park between the hours of 8AM and 10PM. Additionally, the Duluth Police Department encourages all pet owners to license their pet in accordance to City Ordinance 6-11. Visit the [City Clerk’s](#) website for the application.

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