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# Crescenta Valley Dog Park

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## Signature Collection Status

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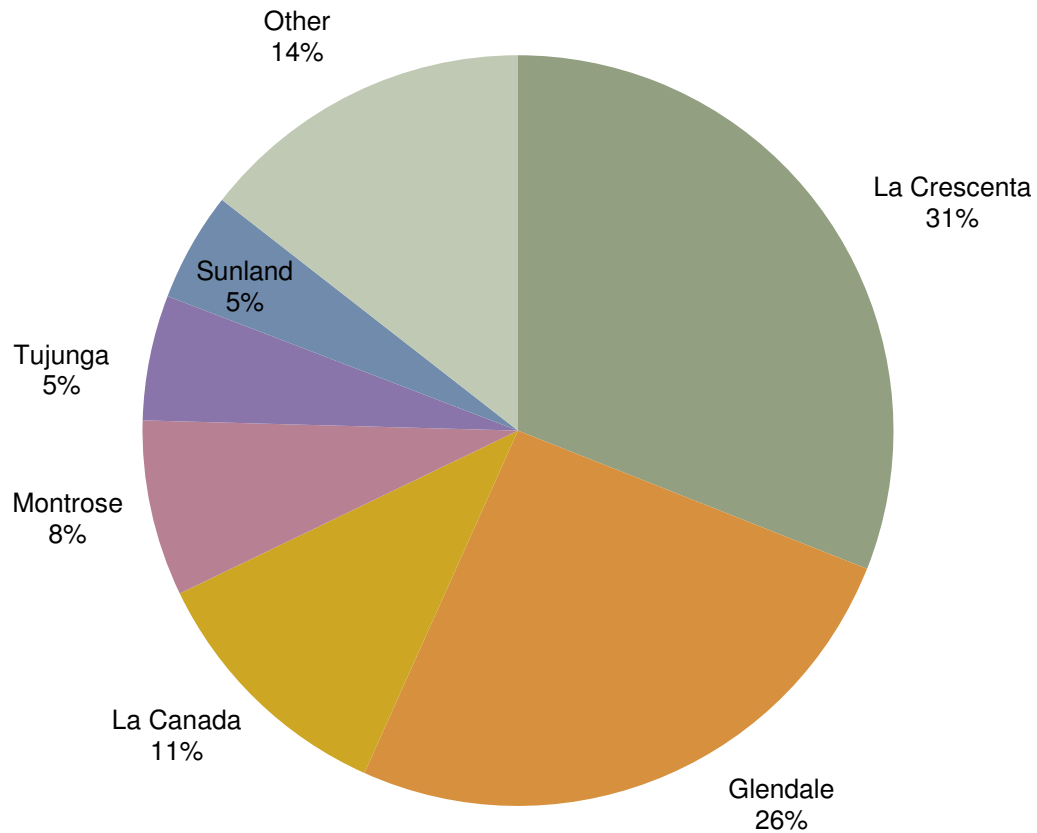
## Response to June 21, 2007 Town Council Meeting

- In response to the CV town council meeting on June 21, a group of people from across different communities formed to raise awareness and collect signatures in support of dog park in the Crescenta Valley area.
  - The group has collected signatures at the farmers markets in Montrose and La Canada. In addition, some signatures were collected at Anderson's Pet Shop in Montrose and at Grub N Groom in La Crescenta.
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# Signature collection: Demographic Make Up

**Signatures Total and Demographic Breakdown**



Total: 871

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## Demographic Trends

- Highest percent of signatures collected from residents living in La Crescenta.
  - Data distribution shows demand in the Foothill communities for the development of a dog park in the Crescenta Valley area.
  - The “other” metric: Out of the total number of signatures, a percentage of signatures collected ended up in the “Other” category. This group includes signatures from of people who support a dog park but live in communities other than the local Foothill cities.
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## Dog Park Attracts People to the Area

- People are coming to the area for a specific reason. For example, shopping, farmers market, family, friends, or a special interest. Having a dog park would be another reason for people to come to our area and spend time here.
  - More people visiting our community means more money coming into local businesses and helps promote healthy, local economic growth.
  - More people visiting our area helps also generate revenues for local government through sales tax collections.
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## What is an Off-leash recreation area?

- Off-leash recreation areas, also known as "dog parks", are public areas where people can safely play with their dogs off leash. Here, dogs can romp and socialize with each other.
  - These designated areas in public parks are for people who want to spend recreational time with their dogs in an outdoor environment. They are also places for people to meet and socialize with others who love dogs.
  - In addition, these areas offer a place for numerous activities and events, such as obedience and agility classes, dog shows, humane education classes, low cost vaccination clinics, and doggie/people parties or picnics.
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## Goals of the Dog Park

- To provide safe, conveniently located recreational opportunities for tax-paying citizens of the county who want to spend leisure time with their dog.
  - To provide opportunities for people to meet and socialize with others who have a shared interest in dogs.
  - To provide opportunities for dogs to socialize with each other and people.
  - To provide public places for pet-related education and information exchanges.
  - To promote responsible pet ownership by encouraging positive activities between people and their dogs.
  - Work with LA County to promote public/private partnerships that increase recreational opportunities for all.
  - To celebrate the human/dog bond.
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## Dog Parks and More

- Dog Parks can be more than just a fenced off, off-leash area. In conjunction with local Humane Societies, the Crescenta Valley Dog Park can be a place that facilitates a number of different functions and events, including:
    - AKC Canine Good Citizen testing
    - Low cost micro chipping
    - Low cost vaccination clinic
    - Pet foster and adoption programs
    - Training and agility classes
    - Dog Shows
    - Dog/People parties or picnics
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## Allocation of Funds and Land

- Only Public: LA County funds park through public dollars using existing county owned land.
  - Public/private partnerships: By forming a non-profit 501C3 foundation, the county and non-profit agency can develop a cost sharing plan so that the burden of the tax payer is offset. The county would still be able to provide a location using county owned land.
  - Only Private: By forming a non-profit 501C3 foundation, the burden of cost and maintenance would be solely based on the non-profit. All costs associated with the park would be covered by the non-profit. Land for the park in this scenario would likely be leased or purchased by the non-profit through the county or other private entity such as California Edison.
  - In all cases, a per use park fee or yearly fee could be paid by patrons of the park to help support the upstart and maintenance costs. Angeles National Forrest recently did this with their “Adventure Pass”. The model has worked well for them. Additional revenues could be also generated by offering donor plaques.
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# Signature Collection Team



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