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City of San Diego's Fiesta Island Named Best Dog Park by USA Today Reader's Poll

FIESTA ISLAND PROVIDES 90-ACRES OF SPACE FOR VISITORS TO ENJOY WITH THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

SAN DIEGO – San Diegans love their furry friends and today a City of San Diego dog park has been named the best in the nation. <u>USA Today's 10 Best announced</u> that Fiesta Island received their 2024 Readers' Choice Award for Best Dog Park.

Fiesta Island is one of just two beach areas in the City of San Diego where dogs are welcome at all times, and along with a dedicated fenced off-leash area, dogs are welcome on all parts of the peninsula. San Diegans have enjoyed bringing their dogs to Fiesta Island for decades to give their canine companions the opportunity to play in the open space and water.

According to USA Today, nominees in the Reader's Choice category were first vetted by a panel of experts who then put forward dozens of dog parks around the country for readers to vote on, and Fiesta Island came out on top.

"The Parks and Recreation Department is proud to manage several off-leash dog areas throughout the City of San Diego, including Fiesta Island," said Karen Dennison, Assistant Director for the City's Parks and Recreation Department. "We know that San Diegans love their furry friends and it's important that we provide spaces for dogs and their owners to get outside year round."

Visitors can access Fiesta Island between the hours of 4 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily and should always remember to clean up after their pets.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains several popular off-leash dog parks in neighborhoods throughout the City as well as Dog Beach in Ocean Beach. A list of locations and map of off-leash dog parks, including open hours and rules can be found at on the City's website.