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Thanks from a Mayor!

Thanks for the excellent event on Friday. At the event I learned of a new feature that Midpen is planning on rolling out in some properties which is a can where dog waste can be disposed. I am 100% in favor of this and I hope it gets rolled out to all Midpen properties that allow dogs ASAP. We had a similar issue in Woodside (on a local hill that allows dogs but had no containers so it filled up with bags of poop). As soon as we installed a poop bag container it quickly reduced the poop bag population. Thanks for your leadership and I do hope that the programs expands to allow the properties that allow dogs!

I was walking in Pulgas today and carted my dogs poop home in the car -- but I see from the many bags on the trail that most people don't do that (and I can't blame them given the smell on the ride home!).

Yours,
Daniel Yost
Mayor, Town of Woodside



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August 28, 2019

Re: Dog Waste Container

Daniel Yost
Town of Woodside Mayor
Transmitted via email
dkyost@yahoo.com

Dear Mayor Daniel Yost,

Thank you for your comments regarding the recent Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Board of Director's (Board) decision to install dog waste containers at specific open space preserves that receive high dog on-leash use. It is encouraging to hear that the Town of Woodside succeeded in reducing dog poop bags left on trails by installing dog waste containers. I am hopeful we will be just as successful at our preserves.

Providing dog waste containers at our preserves is a big change for Midpen, we have always advocated the "pack it in, pack it out" message to our visitors to encourage them to carry out all litter. This policy has been very successful at keeping preserves clean and reducing staff costs. Therefore, we will take a cautious approach to adding dog waste containers by focusing on areas where dog waste has been a significant issue. Initially, staff will install them at the primary entrances to Fremont Older, lower Windy Hill, Thornewood, and Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserves. Staff will also conduct public outreach to inform visitors of the new dog waste containers and the importance of properly disposing dog waste in either these containers or at home to protect water quality and the preserve's natural resource values while helping Midpen foster an enjoyable visitor experience.

For the next few weeks, staff will be counting waste bags they pick up during routine preserve patrols to create a baseline count of waste bags left in preserves to determine how effective dog waste containers are once they are installed. The new containers will be installed in early September. Staff will report back to the Midpen Board in winter/spring of 2020 on the effectiveness of the dog waste containers. Thank you again for your comments.

Sincerely,

Pete Siemens
Board President