

# Doggie Ambassador Project



Attention dog lovers and citizens of Reno!

The Doggie Ambassador Project is part of our Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative. It aims at reducing the amount of unattended dog waste in our local parks and trails.

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As you may know, when dog waste is left behind, it becomes an environmental pollutant. The decay of pet waste creates excess nutrients for weeds and algal growth in our soil and water sources. In addition to these detrimental effects to our natural environment, dog waste in our parks contributes to a poor experience for our community members in our local parks - parks that we highly value.

The City of Sparks and Washoe County Parks Departments have current dog waste mitigation programs in effect. Unfortunately, the City of Reno does not have the fiscal capacity for a program like this. There are 40 parks located in the City of Reno that contain these in-park dog bag dispensers, yet they are often empty. This is where you - the volunteer - comes to the rescue!

**Step 1:** Locate a City of Reno park from our list that has an unattended Dog Waste Station.

**Step 2:** After you locate the park, you will need to pick up a Doggie Ambassador Kit at our office in Idlewild Park (50 Cowan Dr. Reno, NV 89509). You will receive a Volunteer t-shirt, a key for the Dog Waste Station, and Doggie Waste Bags. The Community Engagement Coordinator will proceed by showing you how to refill the station.

**Step 3:** Once you have a designated park and receive the Doggie Ambassador Kit, you will need to maintain the Dog Waste Station(s) in order to make this project work. This step is crucial to the success of the program and we greatly appreciate the on-going effort you will be providing!

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