

ELK PARK HAS GONE TO THE DOGS!

Elk Park at 601 West Morris Ave is a Modesto City park that will soon be Modesto's first dog park. Weather permitting the park will be open for use by Jan 1st if not sooner. The park will close in spring long enough to hydro seed and slurry the parking lot. When that is completed we will have a grand opening ceremony.

Elk Park was being used for nuisance behaviors. It had become a real blight in an otherwise great College neighborhood. When we approached the neighborhood with the idea of a dog park they were happy and excited to see the park being put to good use. When the City gave us permission to re-purpose the park it was with the understanding that no tax payer dollars would be available for this project. We formed a group, named ourselves Friends of Modesto Dog Park and started fund raising.

The plans for the park were donated to us by Chad Kennedy of O'Dell Engineering, Boyett Petroleum, through their B-Green program has given us matching funds for our recycling, Petco Foundation gave us a grant and O'Brien's Markets supplied the food and drinks for our fund raisers. Community support and a lot of hard work really paid off. Elk Park is a beautiful, safe and clean off leash area for our dogs to run and play.

On behalf of The Friends of Modesto Dog Park I thank you NSJVMA for your support. You were our first partner and the motivation we needed to go forward. Your donation helped us fence in the park.

The Friends of Modesto Dog Park continues to raise funds. Our challenge is to raise the funds for an endowment to be used for park maintenance. The City of Modesto will take care of mowing, watering and tree trimming. The Friends of Modesto Dog Park Endowment will be for park up keep and repair.