

## New leash-free park ready to welcome furry four-leggers

Mayfield West park is Caledon's third leash-free space

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A new leash-free park is ready to welcome four-legged friends and the humans who love them.

The Town of Caledon announced the opening of a new leash-free dog park in Mayfield West on August 22, a facility located at 12227 Kennedy Road, just north of Highway 410 South.

The new dog park features a fenced-off leash free area with a separate space for small dogs, a parking lot for their favourite humans, picnic tables and a bench, shade structures and seating, newly-planted trees, garbage cans, and a double-gated entrance.

The new space is the Town's third leash-free dog park, with others located at 12889 Coleraine Drive in Bolton and 6125 Old Church Road in Caledon East.

In a statement, the latest park opening was hailed by Mayor Annette Groves.

"Today, we celebrate a space where our furry friends can roam free and our community can come together," she said. "This new leash-free dog park is a testament to our commitment to creating vibrant, inclusive spaces for all our residents - two-legged and four-legged alike."

Added Catherine McLean, Commissioner of Community and Human Services for the Town of Caledon: "This leash-free dog park is a wonderful addition to our community, offering a safe and welcoming space for dogs and their owners to enjoy. It's all about supporting the quality of life of all our residents and fostering connections between neighbours and their beloved pets."

The new park builds on Caledon's reputation as a great place for pets.

Last year, for instance, the Town was named one of "Canada's Better Cities for Pets" by Mars Pet Nutrition Canada, which recognizes "communities committed to creating a pet-friendly environment."

"Applicants are certified by meeting 12 criteria across four categories: business, parks, homes and shelters," said the Town. "Successful applicants demonstrate a commitment to fostering the well-being of citizens and their pet companions. The opening of the Mayfield West Off-Leash Dog Park furthers our commitment to creating a welcoming community where pets can thrive."