

Somerville Dog Owners Group
Questionnaire for Candidates for 2005 Municipal Elections

Name: Walter F. Pero

Office for which you are seeking election: Ward Four Alderman (incumbent)

1. How many times a month do you visit Somerville parks and/or playgrounds? Please list the parks you visit, and, for each park, the number of times per week and the reason(s) you visit.

As a dog owner and walker I visit the vicinity of the WHCS [Winter Hill Community School] tot lot and playground 3x daily.

2. Somerville City Ordinance, 12-51, "Dogs in Parks and Playgrounds," leaves it to the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works to post "No Dogs Allowed Signs at city parks. Do you know of any parks under the jurisdiction of the City that are *not* posted "No Dogs Allowed"? If so, which ones?

I know of none that are not posted.

3. If elected in November, what will you do in the upcoming term to improve the equitable distribution of open space in order to serve the many and diverse needs of Somerville residents?

As an active member of som|dog I have attended meeting and supported and voted for open space friendly legislation before the Board of Aldermen. I have also worked with DCR to improve open space at Foss Park and Shore Drive.

4. In 2005, the City Clerk mailed out a brochure about responsible dog ownership along with dog license renewal applications. 2005 was also the fifth year that the Animal Control Department and the Health Department participated in the state-wide Annual Rabies Vaccination Day. What else do you think the City of Somerville can do to promote responsible dog ownership?

Place baggy stations and barrels at strategic locations in the City. Let's get the off leash space developed in 2006.

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5. Do you own a dog/dogs?

2 year old cavalier/poodle "Harry."

If you answered "no" to question 5, please skip to question 6.

5a. Please provide your dog(s) name(s) and describe a typical day in the life of your dog(s).

Harry and I are up early and out for our first walk and newspaper run by 5:30 AM. Being semi-retired we spend most of the day together either in walks or local auto travel in the City. Seasonal weekends are on Cape Cod.

5b. How many times per week does your dog get a leash walk off his territory (i.e. off your property)?

20-25

5c. How many times per week does your dog get to play off-leash with other dogs (not including dogs in the same household)?

none

6. In your opinion, what is the place of dogs in our families and communities?

As a first time dog owner Harry has brought joy and love and companionship to our entire extended family and friends.

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