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# Parade kicks off opening of Dog Field

ANDERSON TWP. — As the area's hottest dogs participate in Anderson Park District's Hot Dog Parade, don't be surprised if you see more of a spring in their step this year.

Tails are wagging as the Anderson Park District combines their annual Hot Dog Parade with the grand opening of the Kellogg Park Dog Field, an off-leash recreational area for canines and their companions.

On Saturday, Aug. 14, dogs and their families are encouraged to dress up and "strut" their stuff along the short parade route at Kellogg Park.

Registration and Yappy Hour begin at 9 a.m. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by an award ceremony for the best costume and "hottest" dog. There will also be an owner/dog look-a-like contest for registered participants.

Parade registration price is \$5 for Anderson residents and \$10 for non-residents. There is no cost to view the parade. However, because parade proceeds will help support the Kellogg Park Dog Field, donations will be accepted.

About 4 acres of Kellogg Park at 6701 Kellogg Ave. have been cleared, graded, seeded and fenced for the grand opening on Aug. 14. There are two sections: one for all-sized dogs and another designed for small pooches. In

addition, a gated transfer paddock has been erected and a pavestone walkway put in place thanks to four individual Eagle Scout projects.

The process of developing the Kellogg Park Dog Field began in January 2003, when Anderson area dog owners petitioned the park district for an area where they could recreate with their pets. Because funding for this development was not in the APD's budget, a committee formed and has been eagerly fundraising to reimburse the park district for the initial expenses.

During the parade, dogs and their companions can preview the Dog Field for free. After the event, an annual permit will be required for admission to the field, which will help cover capital and maintenance expenses. Permit forms will be available at the event.

Dog owners can also complete the permit process at the event by bringing a copy of the dog's vaccination record and their dog's license information. The cost of the permit is \$25 for Anderson resident dogs and \$40 for non-residents. Cash, check and Visa/Mastercard payments will be accepted.

For more information, call Nancy Pennington at 474-0003 ext. 5083.