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### ***HILLTOP DOG PARK OPENS, PUPS JUMP FOR JOY***

**TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (5/11/10)** – Buggy the basset hound made history Monday, becoming the first happy pup to frolic in the sun at Temple Terrace’s new ***Hilltop Dog Park***.

The park, 9420 Harney Road, is sure to become a hit destination for dogs and their owners throughout the area. The 2-acre park offers separate fenced areas for small and larger dogs, with water facilities, benches, a walking path and plenty of running room.

“You don’t see basset hounds run very often, but he was really having fun,” said Temple Terrace Parks Planner Dana Carver, who spearheaded the City’s efforts to get the park built. “I really think this going to get a lot of use, especially on weekends.”

The park is open daily from sunrise to sunset, except Mondays, when it is closed from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. for maintenance. There is no admission fee. A formal grand opening will be held later in the year to dedicate the park and thank everyone who helped make it possible.

A new ***Hilltop Dog Park Club*** also has formed to support the park and encourage responsible pet ownership. Club members already have begun raising money for amenities at the park. They plan to add shelters, more trees and additional water features. The club is not a policy-setting board, but rather a canine enthusiast and service organization. Everyone who loves dogs is invited to join.

The Temple Terrace Leisure Services Department would like to thank the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners and Southwest Florida Water Management District for their generous contributions of funding and land for the dog park.

For more information about the park or the club, contact Dana Carver at (813) 506-6600.

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