

From: [Brian Dirking](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Dog walking permit for Smilin Dogs off leash dog ranch
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 7:35:20 PM

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Dear Planning Commission

The service Smilin Dogs provides at their off leash dog ranch is of great value to me and the wellbeing of my dogs. I hope you will enable them to obtain a new dog walking permit for their off leash ranch.

Thank you
Brian Dirking
650-400-6769

From: [Kristen Pezone](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilindogs](#)
Subject: Smilin Dogs" Ranch
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 7:17:34 PM

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San Mateo County Planning Commission:

We are residents of San Mateo County and we have been clients of Smilin Dogs for the last 5+ years. Our dog goes to the ranch weekly on Tuesdays. We also use their boarding services from time to time.

I want to ask that you grant Smilin Dogs a permit to continue to use the ranch for their operations. Our dog has a lot of energy and benefits immensely from the opportunity to be outside and off leash. Without this space, Isla would not get the exercise and socialization with other dogs that she very much needs. I know Isla is in good hands on Tuesdays when she is in their care.

Thank you for considering this request and please let me know if you have any questions.

Kristen Pezone
1116 Cedar Street, San Carlos, CA 94070
415-254-1903
[she/her](#)

From: [Zi Dong](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: From a San Mateo resident: appeal to renew Smilin Dogs" license
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 6:59:12 PM

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Hi folks, I've lived in San Mateo since 2018 and love it here in our county. We go to the CSM farmers market every Saturday have since grown our family to include a dog and a toddler.

A service that has been invaluable for us is Smilin Dogs. We're a dual income household and we send our dog Chiyo on hikes every Tuesday and Thursday. Konrad and his team has been a 100% reliable and we've grown to dependent on them to give us more time in our lives.

I'm writing this to support their bid to renew their license to the dog ranch so they can continue giving Chiyo her twice weekly hikes. Our lives have only gotten busier with our toddler, and we absolutely trust Smilin Dogs with taking care of Chiyo and giving her the exercise she needs.

Hope this letter has helped paint a picture of how important the dog ranch is to us! Attached is a picture of Chiyo under the wisteria in Central Park :)





From: [Christie P](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Message of support for Smilin Dogs' permit application
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 8:57:29 PM

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Dear Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission,

I am writing to share my support for Smilin Dogs and their permit application.

Our dog, Crystal, regularly goes on hikes with Smilin Dogs, and the service has been wonderful. The team is professional, thoughtful, and clearly cares deeply about the dogs. Crystal comes home happy, well-exercised, and relaxed every time, and the hikes have been a great benefit to her wellbeing.

Smilin Dogs provides an important service to many dog owners in San Mateo County, and it would be a real loss to the community if they were unable to continue operating. I hope you will consider approving their permit so they can continue their work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Christie Parsons

Menlo Park, San Mateo County

From: [NANCY MURPHY](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Fwd: Off leash dog ranch
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026 8:28:50 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: NANCY MURPHY <nancymurphy1248@comcast.net>
Date: January 15, 2026 at 8:20:51 PM PST
To: planning.commission@smcgov.org
Cc: Smilin Dogs <dogs@smilindogs.com>
Subject: Off leash dog ranch

Dear Commission:

My husband and I would like to throw our support for the renewal of the dog walking permit that SmilinDogs has applied for. Our dog, Josie, is able to go to the coast one day each week where she is able to run, play, romp, and exhaust herself. It is her favorite outing of the week. There are few places in our area to take her for such fine exercise, and SmilinDogs provides this opportunity. We would like to add that the staff is reliable, responsible, and caring. Thank you for your consideration of SmilinDogs renewal permit.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Charles Murphy

Sent from my iPad

From: [Andrew Hoffman](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smilin Dogs Ranch
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 8:04:09 PM

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Hi,

I understand that you are in the process of reviewing the dog walking permit for Smilin Dogs and I just wanted to say how much their service means to our family. Our dog, Mazie, has gone to the ranch for many years and it is, by far, the best part of her day. On "ranch" days, she will sit by our front window just waiting for the yellow van to arrive to take her to the ranch. And then she barely waits for the handler when I open the door - if she could, Mazie would put herself in the van to get there faster. I honestly don't know what we'd do without the ranch for our dog!

Thanks for your consideration,
Andy Hoffman
Redwood City

From: [Richard P. Saller](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smilin" Dogs
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 7:44:36 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to give my strong endorsement to the request of Smilin' Dogs for a new dog walking permit. We have used Smilin Dogs for more than a decade because their hikes provide our dogs a reliable and joyful experience to exercise and play. Without Smilin Dogs we would be at a loss to provide our canine Americans an equivalent experience. Please renew their permit.

Sincerely,

Richard Saller
President Emeritus
Stanford University

From: [libby tinsley](mailto:libby.tinsley)
To: [Planning Commission](mailto:libby.tinsley)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smilin Dogs Walking Permit
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 2:36:36 PM

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Hello -

My name is Libby Tinsley, and I have been a client of Smilin Dogs for many years. I have used their on-site daycare service, boarding service and my dogs have been fortunate enough to enjoy their off-leash ranch service.

There are very few options these days for our beloved pets to be out and about enjoying the great outdoors off-leash and Smilin Dogs offers this in a safe and, don't tell the pups, controlled way. The care they take in the ranch program is impressive and exclusive. The dogs that participate in the off-leash service have to pass a series of tests that ensure the utmost security for them, the handlers, and the fenced off area in which they play. All the dogs are healthy and have excellent recall. I know several, very well-behaved, dogs that have not passed the test.

The area Smilin Dogs takes their off-leash clients is very safe. I have spent several hours there myself with my dog hiking the area and not once did I feel my dog was not safe or in any way having a negative impact on the area. I believe there are three very large fenced-in spaces and the handlers, in an organized way, move the dogs between areas.

Please issue the permits required for Smilin Dogs to continue this beloved and valuable service.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Libby Tinsley
650.380.4230

From: [Tanya Luhrmann](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: in support of Smilin Dogs
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 6:45:04 PM

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Dear San Mateo Planning Commission, I wanted to write in strong support of Smilin Dog's request for a permit. Our dogs—more than one generation by now--have used Smilin Dogs for over a decade. We think the world of the business, and find its owner, Konrad Thaler, to be a man of integrity and responsibility. We trust him to take care of our dog and to be attentive to the needs of neighbors. And our dogs just love their walks—they wait by the door and they run out to greet the handler. We do not know what we would do without it. Thank you for allowing it to continue, cheers Tanya

Tanya Marie Luhrmann
Albert Ray Lang Professor of Anthropology (and Psychology, by courtesy)



From: [Warrick Taylor](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Smilin Dogs ranch
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 9:52:06 AM

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I understand that Smilin Dogs are in the process of seeking a new dog walking permit for their off-leash ranch near the coast and wanted to share my thoughts.

My family has been a Smilin Dogs customer for over 10 years, and throughout that time our previous and current Border Collie (Indy) has enjoyed off-leash hikes at the Smilin Dogs ranch every week, and have also been there every day some weeks when boarding.

Whilst we love to walk our dog ourselves, we have busy lives and having the Smilin Dogs ranch is unique in that Indy gets to run off a ton of energy, enjoy socializing with other dogs and generally have an amazing time when at the ranch - something we can't provide for her in Belmont.

We **LOVE** Smilin Dogs and will remain loyal customers, along with many other dog owners I know that also use Smilin Dogs, and **HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** you to look favorably on their application for permit renewal.

Thank you,

Warrick Taylor (Belmont resident for 17 years)

(((O) / (O) Ride on!

From: [Channing R Robertson](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Channing R Robertson](#)
Subject: Off Leash Dog Walking Permit
Date: Friday, January 16, 2026 3:42:46 PM

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Dear San Mateo Planning Commission Members,

I write to you in support of SmilinDogs request to obtain an off-leash dog walking permit at the ranch on the San Mateo Coast thereby allowing them to continue their ongoing operation.

Last April, my wife of 60 years died of ALS. We have a 5-year-old yellow lab, Annie, who, like most labs likes and needs a lot of exercise. Being alone now, I don't have the band width to match her needs for exercise and dog socialization. I learned of the SmilinDogs ranch and enrolled Annie last May, the month following my wife's death. Annie has thrived from this experience.

During the first week or so, Annie would run into her kennel when she saw the SmilinDogs van but now she sits at the front door every MWF and somehow knows those are the days the van is coming. When it does, she darts out the front door and jumps right into her cage in the van for the ride to the ranch. There is no question she knows and loves what is in store for the day. While I have a dog park near my home where Annie can be off leash, it is nowhere comparable in providing the adventures she gets at the ranch.

I hope you see the value in continuing to support this operation. It is unique, and a testimony to the wisdom of the County to support and foster these wonderful creatures who otherwise would be confined to situations where their desire to roam, play and commune with nature are essentially nonexistent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Annie + Channing

Channing R Robertson
Ruth G. & William K. Bowes Professor in the School of Engineering, Emeritus
Department of Chemical Engineering

From: [Donald A. Barr](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smilin Dogs permit application
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 9:44:52 AM

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To the San Mateo County Planning Commission

We offer our strong support for the application of *Smilin Dogs* for a new dog walking permit for the off-leash dog ranch they manage. Our dog has been going to the ranch twice per week for more than two years. He has benefitted substantially from the exercise he gets there and the opportunity to interact with other dogs on a friendly basis. When he sees the *Smilin Dogs* van pull up in front of our house, our dog becomes very excited to be able to go out and get into the van for the trip to the ranch. In the time our dog has been going to the ranch, we are not aware of any harmful or otherwise negative experiences he has had while there. If *Smilin Dogs* were to lose the ability to operate the ranch, it would be a clear harm to our dog. My wife and I hope you will approve *Smilin Dogs'* permit to operate their off-leash dog ranch.

Sincerely,

Donald Barr and Debra Satz

From: [Gail Isono](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Support for Smilin Dogs Walking Permit
Date: Sunday, January 18, 2026 6:42:24 PM

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Dear Members of the San Mateo County Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Smilin Dogs and their application to obtain a new dog walking permit for their off-leash dog ranch out on the coast.

Our dog, Kaipo, attends the Smilin Dogs ranch every week, and it has been an incredibly positive experience for him. He truly enjoys the wide-open, beautiful space where he can run freely, socialize with other dogs, and engage in healthy outdoor activity. The environment provides enrichment that is difficult to find elsewhere.

My husband and I have also personally visited the ranch and were very impressed. The property is well maintained and very clean. Most notably, the handlers demonstrate genuine care, attentiveness, and professionalism while supervising the dogs and ensuring safety and well-being at all times.

Smilin Dogs offers a reasonable, well-managed space that benefits both dogs and their owners, and it does so in a way that respects and enhances the surrounding environment. This space has been invaluable to our dog's happiness and quality of life, and we believe it is a meaningful asset to the community.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I respectfully encourage you to approve Smilin Dog's walking permit for their off-leash dog ranch.

Sincerely,
Gail Isono
Kaipo's owner / Smilin Dogs client

From: [Maria Marquis](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Dog Walking Permit
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 9:16:50 AM

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Hello San Mateo Government,

I wanted to send my support of renewing the Smilin Dogs license for their dog ranch. Our dog, Ned, has been going there since he was a young pup and absolutely loves it. He gets excited when he sees the Smilin Dogs van pull up to our house and he is so happy when he gets home. When he was younger, it helped him get his energy out, and now that he is older (just turned 9!) it helps him stay active and manage his arthritis. Our vet has mentioned multiple times how healthy he is for an older dog and the activity is a key part.

Thank you for considering my thoughts and for your service!
Maria

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From: [Bonnie](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Dog Walking permit
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 6:01:01 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to let you know how valuable the Smilin Dogs hiking service is. I have had my dogs with Smilin dogs for many years. My Ridgebacks hike twice a week.

It is great for them as they have somewhere to run as well as very important for socializing with other dogs. It allows me the freedom to go to work knowing my dogs are well taken care of and getting great exercise. Konrad has done an amazing job running Smilin dogs and I am grateful for this service.

It would be a huge loss to the dog community if this service was not able to continue.

Please allow us and our dogs to continue our hikes. It is such a valuable service.

Bonnie Keller
650-307-3412.

From: [Joanne Kelly](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smilin Dogs
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 4:00:04 PM

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Hello,

My dog Charlie has been going to Smilin Dogs for many years and he loves going to the ranch! To be off leash in an open environment with other dogs is such a wonderful treat to him and to our family. Dogs need spaces to run and play, it is healthy for them and it is great for their overall well being. And I think it's great that Smilin Dogs offers this service.

I hope you will grant Smilin Dogs their new dog walking permit for their off leash dog ranch on the coast. It is truly a great experience for our furry friends and their owners. I would highly recommend Smilin Dogs and their day at the ranch to any pet owners.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Joanne Kelly
Belmont Pet Owner

From: [Julie Reid](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Smilin Dogs permit
Date: Monday, January 19, 2026 10:51:13 AM

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San Mateo County Planning Commission: Regarding Smilin Dogs. Dog walking permit.

To whom it may concern:

We have been a client of Smilin Dogs for over twenty years and we have owned three Labrador Retrievers during this time. Smilin Dogs has provided a very important service for our dogs.

We have used and relied on Smilin Dogs off leash hiking four days a week. This hiking service is critical for our dogs physical health and well being. Not having Smilin Dogs hiking service would create tremendous hardship for us and our chocolate lab Bosco.

Thank you,

Scot and Julie Reid

From: [Megan Tetley](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Open Space for Smilin Dogs
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 4:24:50 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my two young Labradors Gracie & Lilly. In the course of their lives they have loved going out to the dog ranch that Smilin Dogs has in San Mateo County. The two of them wait by the door on the days they are going for their ranch person to pick them up and are so excited to head off in the van to spend the day exploring the outdoors. Upon returning home the dogs greet us excitedly and run straight for their dinners and then plop in bed and ready to snore for the evening. There are days when this service is a huge help to us with our busy lives between kids and work and we value the service that is provided and access to open space to roam. The ranch days are planned out so the dogs have exercise and care from Smilin Dogs so that they are not left at home alone for hours on end.

The need for open space for dogs is huge in our county and so we are lucky to have this service. Smilin dogs provides a unique service for dog owners in that they take a group out to play and roam in open space and not just walk them around the blocks. Yes, there are parks nearby that offer this option and we do take advantage of it every week and are grateful that it is there as some counties are much more limited for open dog space.

We hope that you consider keeping the permit that Smilin Dogs has as families and dogs like us appreciate that it is available.

Thank you so much and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions,

Megan Tetley
650-440-2321

From: [Karen Jacobson](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Please Grant Smilin Dogs The Dog Walking Permit
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 6:29:40 AM

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Dear San Mateo Planning Commission Members,

I write to urge you to grant Smilin Dogs the permit for dog-walking at their ranch on the coast. We have been sending our dogs to Smilin Dogs for off leash dog walking for over twelve years now. Through this service, our dogs benefit from exercise, socialization with other dogs, and fresh air. They are healthier and happier dogs with the Smilin Dogs dog-walking. And, thus, we are happier! In addition, I have to say, that Smilin Dogs is one of the best-run small businesses that I have ever worked with. Smilin Dogs takes very good care of our dogs and their facilities. Please support this excellent small business in San Mateo County that is so important to the welfare of our dogs and, thus, our community.

Best Regards,

Karen Jacobson
729 Mayfield Avenue
Stanford, CA 94305

From: [Beth Martin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Permit
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 10:54:53 AM

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Hi, I am writing to encourage you to grant Smilin Dogs the permit to operate legally at the off leash dog ranch park on the coast of San Mateo County. My dog, Penny, a fox red labrador retriever, has been going to the ranch since she was about 4 months old. She is a loving but very energetic pup and the days she spends at the Ranch give her lots of opportunity to channel her energy on the hikes through the beautiful landscape.

Penny is my 4th dog who has had the privilege of hiking at the Ranch. My dog, Talbot, was one of Konrad Thaler's 1st clients back in 1992. Then my dog Billy was a Ranch dog, then Annabelle and now Penny. If my dogs did not have the Ranch as an outlet for all of their energy they would be very different citizens in town. There is no place like the Ranch for these dogs to release all of their yayas. City dog parks just don't do it. Penny and my other 3 dogs always come home happy and tired and we all know, a good dog is a tired dog.

Please grant Konrad Thaler and Smilin Dogs a new dog walking permit for the off leash dog ranch in San Mateo County. All of the doggy clients and their humans will be most grateful to be able to continue using this wonderful facility.

Thank you. Beth Bening Martin, human to Penelope Martin, a 3 day a week client of the Smilin Dogs Ranch.

Beth Bening Martin

From: [Trina Clickner](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Please approve Smilin" Dogs continued land use
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 6:39:47 AM

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Hello San Mateo Leaders,

Please work with Smilin' Dogs so that they are able to continue their beloved dog hikes along the coast.

I am a retired tech person and, now in my 60's, am serving as a professional pet sitter in the Bay Area. This service is important for both people and pets.

Several client dogs and neighbor dogs enjoy Smilin' Dogs regularly - the transport and hiking services are important parts of their weekly physical and mental health routines.

The exercise allows the dogs to keep busy so that they are happier pets, well-behaved community citizens and friendly neighbors, AND it allows the very busy pet parent professionals to do their thing without worrying about the dogs!

Thank you!
Trina

Trina Clickner

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From: [Terri Lobdell](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#)
Subject: Please approve the Smilin Dog permit at your Jan 28th hearing
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:32:26 AM

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I'm writing as a member of the Smilin Dog community to express my strong support for granting the new dog-walking permit for Smilin Dogs' off-leash dog ranch out on the coast. The Smilin Dog off-leash services are of great value to many families, and their dogs, living in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The local dog owner community would suffer significant adverse impacts if this important service was closed down. Smilin Dogs has been operating responsibly in our community for decades, and is a treasured institution. I write to urge you to please approve this permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Terri Lobdell
Palo Alto resident dog owner

From: levensonjulie@yahoo.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Dog Hiking Permit for Smilin" Dogs
Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 9:28:13 AM

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To the members of the SMC Planning Commission,

Happy New Year! I am a resident of the county and have been sending my dog (Yogi) to Smilin' Dogs for over a decade (my dog is now 13 and still going strong!). Yogi walks at the ranch in Pescadero three days a week and also boards at Smilin' Dogs. The team at Smilin' Dogs is amazing! Their service is reliable and trustworthy – they take care of all of the dogs as if they were their own. Yogi is so happy when he is picked up by the Smilin' Dog handlers, and I feel as if they are taking better care than any dogsitter could at home with the ability to run around in the open at the ranch. They enable many people like me who work out of the house to be able to do so, while our dog is well cared for, getting great exercise, and socializing with other dogs. I work in Menlo Park and am a small business owner, employing a half dozen people. I would not be able to operate my business but for Smilin' Dogs hiking service. I understand that their permit is up for renewal. I am crossing my fingers that they will be able to continue to operate their hiking service and that the permit is renewed.

Should you have any questions, I'd be happy to discuss with any of the members of the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Julie Levenson
8 Cedar Lane
Woodside, CA 94062
415-350-1589

From: [Anne Taylor](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Smilin Dogs](#); [Konrad Thaler](#); [Anne Taylor](#); [Beth Martin](#)
Subject: DOG WALKING PERMIT, January 28, 2026 Regular Agenda, File No. PLN2014-00490
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 5:09:24 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2026-01-22 at 11.38.53 AM.png](#)

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3. Owner:	Peter Marchi & Son Farms
Applicant:	Smilin Dogs, Konrad Thaler
File Number:	PLN2021-00432
Location:	123 Seaside School Road, San Gregorio
Assessor's Parcel No.:	081-250-030

Regarding the above agenda item, I urge the Planning Commission to approve a permit for dog walking, Monday-Friday, for a maximum of 75 dogs per day. For years Smilin Dogs has provided a safe and valuable service for dogs to walk off leash. I have a special interest in that we were one of Smilin Dogs first clients. At the time we had a breeder for Guide Dogs of America and Smilin Dogs was the only approved dog care provider in the Bay Area.

Smilin Dogs is caring and responsible not only to their animals, but respectful of the open land they use on a regular basis. They are a tremendous value to hundreds of families in San Mateo County. Please grant them a permit.

Respectfully,
Anne Littleworth Taylor
annet52@mc.com
650.823.8231

From: [Laurie Pasmooij](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: In Support of Smilin Dogs
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 7:15:07 AM

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Dear San Mateo County Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of Smilin Dogs' application for a new dog walking permit for their off leash dog ranch.

We have been clients of Smilin Dogs for seven years and we are grateful for the kind attention and support Smilin Dogs has shown our family and especially our golden retriever Skipper. Smilin Dogs is a wonderful company with a great team of people working for them!

Our dog has had such a positive experience playing with other dogs at the ranch and he loves his Smilin Dogs caregivers. The moment he hears the Smilin Dogs van pull up to our house for "Ranch Day" our dog is beside himself with happiness and eagerly waits at the door for the Smilin Dogs handler. When our dog has longer stays at the Smilin Dogs boarding facility, his visits to the ranch are the favorite part of his stay. We are so grateful he has this opportunity while he is away from us.

Thank you in advance for approving Smilin Dogs' application.

Gratefully,
Laurie Pasmooij

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January 22, 2026

Via Email

San Mateo County Planning Commission
500 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: January 28, Public Hearing Regarding Item #3—PLN2021-00432 (Smilin Dogs)

Dear Members of the Planning Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the approval allowing a dog walking operation for a maximum of 75 dogs per day. I own a property that is adjacent to this project. In addition, the easement roadway to my property runs along the southern side of this project.

My property is the closest to the project. Since the development of the project over several years, I have not experienced any negative impact. In addition, the appearance of the project blends into the surrounding fields.

I urge the Planning Commission to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Harold V. Feeney

From: goniners@batnet.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: dogs@smilindogs.com
Subject: Smiling Dogs request for a new dog walking permit for our off leash dog ranch
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 6:05:14 PM

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Hi Planning Commission,

My dog Cooper has been a long time client of Smiling Dogs and loves to go to the off leash dog ranch on the coast. As a long time San Mateo County resident (35 years) I am grateful the city supports business like Smiling Dogs.

Regards,

Margaret Goldsmith