

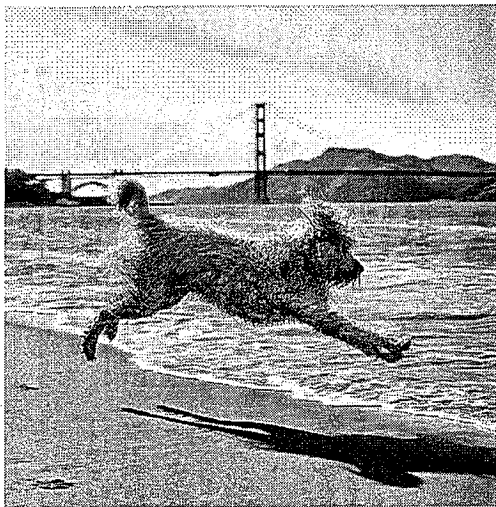
Piper Lever

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Fw: On working with agencies like the USFS

I forwarded this link as well to all members of the Council and our Mayor, so again, transparency...

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:43 PM
To: 'elisedmorgan@gmail.com'
Subject: On working with agencies like the USFS

<https://thebark.com/content/double-dealing-exposed-woofieleaks>



Double-dealing Exposed in Woofieleaks | The Bark

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A contentious fight for off-leash recreation has raged for decades in Golden Gate National Recreational Area, with the National Park Service threatening to severely ...

Piper Lever

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Re: Alta dogs

Sorry I didn't just send my initial message--that was my intent! My initial email was from 1/31/2018 and that was what I felt should be made public.

Apologies for any confusion--and for this deluge of emails today 😊

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:51:37 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Fw: Alta dogs

And in the spirit of transparency, my initial communication with the Mayor regarding his proposal should likely be included for public review and review by the Council. Not clear to me if the responses that have been communicated by those of us serving our community are to be included--I suppose I'll let Harris make his own call on that unless you are very clear on that point.

And as always, thank you so much Piper for your help in making this information available to the public!

Kind regards,

Sheridan Davis

From: Harris Sondak
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Sheridan Davis
Subject: Re: Alta dogs

Dear Sheridan,

If vehicles are a problem, we should fix that. By analogy: The persistence of polio is a problem in India. Air pollution in Delhi, say, is a problem too, arguably bigger. But the latter doesn't mean the former should be ignored. They should both be ameliorated to the extent possible.

Let's address the vehicles too. As you point out that is probably a bigger problem and more complex and less in our control. But let's get to that. And to all the other issues we care about. Dog owners, I think, have the obligation to step up to this particular problem and be part of the solution.

In any case, I request you read the ordinance carefully and compare it to our actual practice. I believe Alta is out of compliance with our own laws, as does our attorney. The status quo is not viable as a matter of law or of our official positions -- as we took an oath to obey the law we have to act within it or change it.

Sincerely,
Harris

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:40:34 AM
To: Harris Sondak
Subject: Re: Alta dogs

Thanks for your thoughts Harris. I've had some time to think about them and write the following in a spirit of respectful disagreement and hopes for persuasion!

In my opinion, increasing permanent dogs in Alta while decreasing where they may be allowed to walk are incompatible goals.

If we as a government want to institute more protections for water quality and riparian areas near the rope tow, we would severely prohibit vehicular travel on the rope tow, particularly by heavy equipment fueled by diesel which now happens year round. There is no scientific debate about the deleterious effect of diesel fuel in drinking water. We might also insist on snowcats at the gate of the summer road in winter being parked on the south rather than north side of the road which has active running water much of the year, water that flows directly into Little Cottonwood Canyon Creek.

The impact of the limited dogs in the canyon on wildlife and water is minute in relation to the impact of endless streams of vehicles running 24 hours a day, on our snowpack, and on the summer road in that season. The potential Patsey Marley development in Albion Basin, the environmental degradation of the construction around the Supreme lift, the impact of cars on the health of the forest--these are all activities that have a direct and inarguably negative impact on the health of our forests and the quality of our water. Should they always receive a pass because of their commercial value? Their negative impacts vastly outweigh those of the limited dog population in Alta.

In a small way because of my more limited role I can appreciate the challenges confronting you as Mayor, and your impetus to gain traction on a notoriously thorny issue here in town. That said, changing the ordinances around the limited number of dogs in Alta in relation to the human and machine degradation of Alta's wildlife, flora, and water quality, may feel substantive but not actually be substantive in a big picture view. With you, my goal is to affect substantive change during this time in government that has been granted us.

To the concerns Bekee raises: it is important to have a good relationship with the USFS and other entities who help share stewardship of Alta with us. Perhaps, in digging a bit deeper on gaining traction around the summer road traffic and protection of riparian areas with human beings, we can achieve ends that meet the concerns others have reiterated on her behalf. As a citizen I turn a jaundiced eye toward USFS riparian protection claims and general stewardship skills when they allowed bogland that cannot be remediated in my lifetime to be torn apart for the Supreme lift, and when they actively court a land swap of Grizzly Gulch with the lift company for rope tow area development while in the past denying any entity's ability to build there because of it's riparian character. Both actions raise questions in my mind about their appropriate focus in light of the big picture issues confronting their mandate.

Ultimately, I believe Cliff is right 😊. We work on behalf of our citizens. Are you hearing from citizens that the USFS claims trump their claims to move through Alta with their dogs on leash relatively freely? Does the USFS

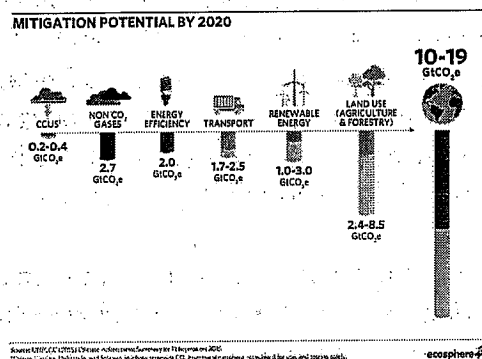
have jurisdiction over the Town? Could they be placated by other means? Most importantly, are you open to negotiation on this issue? As my texts suggested, are we not going to thoroughly look at and research the question of how best to have dogs in Alta, even with a narrow focus, before we come up with comprehensive proposals? It is feeling like that answer is no. In that case, I would be delighted to be proved wrong.

With warm regards, your colleague,

Sheridan Davis

Some food for thought about the interconnectedness of cars, water quality, and forest health

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/11/saving-earths-forests-is-worth-as-much-as-taking-600m-cars-off-the-roads/>



Saving our forests would be like taking 600 million cars ...

www.weforum.org

Reducing emissions is no longer enough if we want to keep global warming under 2°C – we must think carbon-positive and assign forests economic value

<https://www.uvm.edu/~empact/air/cars.php3> with

Vehicles and Air Pollution - University of Vermont

www.uvm.edu

The greatest contributor to air pollution in the Burlington area is the automobile. Each year, motor vehicles in Vermont emit about 1,000 tons of toxic and carcinogen ...

particular attention to sections **What are the human health effects and environmental consequences of motor vehicle pollution? How do roads contribute to pollution?**

Piper Lever

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Fw: dog ordinance

Think this one is missing also...

From: Judith Danforth <judithdanforth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Harris Sondak
Cc: Sheridan Davis
Subject: dog ordinance

Dear Mayor Sondak and Town Council Members,

Murray and I have been winter residents of Alta for over twenty years as owners of condos 9928 and 9930 at Powder Ridge. Having a dog with us in Alta has been central to our Alta experience. The walks and friendships we have made through dogs in our community makes Alta all the more special. Thankfully every year we have been issued a temporary dog permit and for a short time through our daughter Merebea (by lottery) issued a permanent dog permit. Our preference to eliminate uncertainty would be to have a permanent dog license.

I encourage the town to continue to allow access for dogs along the cross tow. This big open flat land set back from road traffic is an ideal space to exercise leashed dogs and a nice route for owners to walk to Alta Java. The Summer Road is a winter refuge for many dogs, especially those who enjoy XC skiing with their owners. Historically having access to these areas has worked well and dog owners have been respectful of Alta's dog ordinances. It would be a hardship for many to restrict dogs in these areas.

Concerning the number of dog licenses I defer to the Town Council but believe strongly that homeowners and full time residents should be able to have dog permits. If at all possible, on rare occasion it would also be helpful if these residents were issued temporary permits for their houseguests' dogs. Issuing more dog permits helps in adding revenue to the town.

Thank you for addressing these important dog issues and for your kind consideration. Having attended the February 8, 2018 Town Council meeting I was impressed by the Council's thoughtful process oriented research on issues and have full confidence you will establish a reasonable policy for dogs in Alta.

Sincerely,

Judith Danforth

Piper Lever

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Julia Howlett's emails

Whoops--wrong cut and paste. Let's try again!

From: Julia Howlett <jhow1229@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2018 7:06 PM
To: Harris Sondak
Subject: Re: congrats and dogs:)

Hi Harris,

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I agree with the importance of streamlining the permit system.

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Thanks again,

Julia, Howie and Daisy

On Sat, Jan 27, 2018 at 5:36 PM Harris Sondak <hsondak@townofalta.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Julia Howlett

Alta Ski Area Employee

From: Sheridan Davis
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:29:47 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Re: revisiting the dog situation from Karen Travis

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Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 12:27:26 PM
To: Piper Lever
Subject: Fw: revisiting the dog situation from Karen Travis

From: Karen Travis <belspri@xmission.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Cliff Curry; Harris Sondak; Sheridan Davis; elisedmorgan@gmail.com
Subject: revisiting the dog situation

FYI: this is what I wrote to Margaret Bourke the other day regarding the dog licensing situation. It may sound harsh, but our current situation is so much more liberal than the early days of the town. The biggest problem seems to be dog owners not following policy, and I know that is a headache for Mike & crew. I've observed it myself, and am sorry to see the "I don't care" and "those laws don't pertain to me" attitudes. Wish I knew the solution, but I don't....

Karen Travis
belspri@xmission.com

Thanks for a good review of the last town meeting Margaret.

My view on the dog situation, having been in Alta when dogs were totally illegal and the Salt Lake Water Dept. dog catcher would come up frequently to try to nab the 3 dogs that lived here (Alta Lodge, Peruvian Lodge, Chic Morton's dog at Alta Ski Lifts), I think our current law is very liberal and yet many owners disregard the requirements.

I think narrowing the number of categories is a good idea.

Category #1: Property owners should have priority, as they are the ones that pay the taxes. Brick & mortar businesses might also be lumped in that category with one dog per business. Likewise, one dog per private property.

Category #2: Full time residents that live and work in Alta should be able to have 1 dog if it is permitted by the property owner and there is not another license already delegated to that property.

However, if we end up with too many dogs with those 2 categories, further restrictions should be made.

I would also suggest that dog owners that insist on running their dogs off leash and in what should be restricted areas (transfer tow, lift base areas, the highway & roads, and any other unsuitable areas) should be given one warning and the

tag should be pulled on the second warning. That dog would have to leave Alta immediately and the owner find suitable housing for his/her animal down in the valley.

This may sound harsh, but with so many people disobeying the requirements, I think it's the only way to hold them accountable.

I don't have a dog and I don't allow my caretakers to have a dog. My daughter would like to bring her dog up the canyon when she visits me but she doesn't. A once or twice a year permit would make life easier, but I would rather give that up (as I have in the past) in order to help keep Alta dog-sensitive. I would also like my neighbors to keep their dog from peeing on the snowbank in my property, as that is where my guests make their first impressions of my house when they rent for a ski vacation. The yellow snow streaks are very off-putting....

A major problem that I see in the parking lots nearly every weekend is of skiers bringing their dogs up the canyon, leaving them in their vehicles all day while the owners ski, and then letting them out to feed and potty them in the parking lot. How to keep skiers but eliminate dogs....?

Karen Travis