## Common Grounds Dog Park

## **MSSION STATEMENT**

Common Grounds Dog Park Committee is a nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing and supporting a beautiful fenced-in, off-leash dog park in the Scottsbluff/Gering community by raising the funds, rallying community support and working in partnership with city parks and recreation departments.

## **More About Us**

Common Grounds Dog Park Committee was created in 2015 by a small group of dog loving citizens who wanted to help better their community for both dogs and people. They saw a need for a large fenced in area for citizens of their community to exercise and socialize their dogs, and begin the work of developing, designing, fundraising and promoting the idea of a large dog park in the Scottsbluff/Gering community.

We are currently working with the city of Gering to complete a five acre dog park at the southwest corner of Five Rocks Road and U Street. Monument Dog Park opened to the public in October 2018 with three separate sections so dogs can play safely in different situations. Our committee is currently ready to break ground on a two acre dog park with the city of Mitchell. Meanwhile we are still dedicated to the upkeep and renovation of the small dog park in Scottsbluff. It is our goal to promote responsible dog ownership and create a platform for canine and community member engagement through events, programs, partnerships and dog parks.

## **Testimonials**

"We feel that a fenced dog park in Gering will enhance the quality of life in our communities by providing another park for families to enjoy that also provides an area for residents to safely exercise their dogs off-leash. Additionally, it will enhance tourism by offering a place for visitors to recreate with their canine companions." - Lane Danielzuk, Gering City Administrator

"Why do we need a new dog park? The best answer to having such a new large space for the area citizens to use for a place to exercise their pets is for the promotion of responsible pet ownership, and the protection of human and canine health. Dogs need to exercise, and humans want to have a safe place for that to happen. Because of this, I fully support the idea that a new large dog park is needed in our greater community. A new dog park will benefit not only the dogs in our community, but also their owners, and other citizens of our community and the surrounding areas. The larger area will finally provide a large enough open area to exercise large breed dogs, as well as allowing safe play for small dogs and timid breeds." - Dr. Cristin Reese, Veterinarian at Animal Health Center, Scottsbluff, NE