## Opinion Piece Example

## **Should Dogs Be Banned From Public Parks?**

Dogs are an important part of our world. They are good friends who encourage us. They should be allowed in public parks for economic, emotional and health reasons. If they are banned from parks, where would they go?

If dogs were banned from public parks, there would be huge losses in the economy. With nowhere to take dogs, who would want to buy them? Many pet stores and dog breeders would go bankrupt, and this could cause many people to be out of work. Our economy is already bad, and banning dogs from parks would make the economy even worse. The effects would be felt for a long time.

Dogs are known as "man's best friend," and if you can't take your best friend to the park, many people would be upset. It is well known that dogs help make people feel better when they are sad or depressed. Dogs accept you no matter what. They don't care how much you weigh or what kind of clothes you wear. They still wag their tails for you when you come home and are happy to see you. Banning dogs from parks will upset people and take away the positive, happy emotions a dog can give you in the first place.

The final reason not to ban dogs from public parks would be for health reasons. People get more exercise when they have to walk a dog. Putting limits on where you can walk a dog might also limit how much walking people do. They might just let their dog out in their backyard, and then they wouldn't be getting the

exercise they need. Also, many people take their dog to the park along with their kids so if you can't take your dog to the park, you might decide not to take your kids to the park. Kids are gaining more and more weight these days, and we need to encourage them to go to parks and play to get exercise and be healthy and not to stay away from parks. Banning dogs from parks would not help improve people's health.

Overall, I am against banning dogs in public parks. I think it is not good for the economy, for our emotional side and for our health. Instead we should encourage people and dogs to use our parks. Just make sure you take a bag with you to clean up after your dog!