



## First "dog park" opens to public in Knox County

Following the success of "dog-parks" all across the country, Knox County now has one of its own.

Dog parks provide dog owners with a place to allow their pets to play together -- often off-leash, as well as a place for dog-loving humans to meet and socialize.

Knox County's new PetSafe Park offers an acre of canine agility equipment, two ponds, and walking trails. Unlike other parks in town, this one has amenities designed specifically for canine companions.

"It's not going to be a playground where you have to worry about the children and things like that," says local dog owner Ginger Reed. "It's specifically for them, and that's going to be a great thing for the animals."

Dogs visiting the park can run, jump, or even swim.

"She's just so tickled that she gets to have fun and play," says Reed of her own dog, Maxine.

PetSafe Park was built by a private company, Radio Systems, but it is free for the public to use and enjoy.

"We're glad to have had the success that allows us to be able to do this, and I think everybody has the obligation to pay back the community that's supported them. This is our way to do that," says Randy Boyd, President of Radio Systems.

Boyd says his company, which creates and sells a variety of pet products, wanted to provide a safe place for pets to play, as well as peace of mind for pets' people.

So whether your dog is an agility pro or just wants to romp, PetSafe Park is a fun place to be.

PetSafe Park is free, and open everyday from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm It is located off Dutchtown Road in West Knoxville, next to Radio Systems' corporate headquarters.