

LEASH NAGS TO GET MUZZLED

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But the Juniper Park Civic Association, of Middle Village, Queens, sued last May, saying Parks officials have been barking up the wrong tree.

They maintain that the no-leash policy violates the city's health code.

"We certainly don't want to have the confusion that led to this lawsuit to continue," city lawyer Paula Van Meter said yesterday at a Queens Supreme Court hearing.

Van Meter said in court that the city intends to change the wording of the regulation to clearly give the Parks Commissioner the right to open parks to unleashed dogs.

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