

## 1. Description of Sponsored Project

D5DOG is seeking funding through individual donations and grants for the purchase and installation of a Victorian-era designed “dog-friendly” water fountain to be installed on the western side of Alamo Square.

Alamo Square is a large (approx. 13 acre), historic park located in the geographical center of San Francisco. The entire park has been hugely popular for dog-walkers for decades. Through efforts made by D5DOG, RPD formally legalized the western half of Alamo Square as an off-leash dog play area (DPA) in September 2003. The tennis courts, picnic benches, new fully renovated children’s playground, sun-bather/photographer hill and historic Painted Ladies of Postcard Row are all located on the eastern side of the park. There are no functioning bathrooms. Currently, there is only a single source of potable water in the entire park, which is a new water-fountain located directly adjacent to the entrance of the new children’s playground. This water fountain does not accommodate dogs separately.

While the new playground was being built this past summer and there was no water in the park, our gardener made an effort to accommodate the dog folks by installing a water drip with non-potable water on the western side of the park. Although this was a thoughtful gesture, the water drip is not a safe, attractive or functional solution.

What's wrong with the current water drip?

- Has created a huge muddy area without proper drainage or installation.
- The original lick operated water device was problematic in that it constantly dripped water and many dogs did not "get" how to work the thing, so someone brought a plastic bucket to fill with the non-potable water from the water spicket
- This water is "dirty" and non-potable; could be dangerous for the dogs and to people, some male dogs urinate on the bucket (and in the water)
- This water is dangerous for small children who may attempt to play with it or even drink from it
- The mud puddles seriously reduce the safety and beauty of the park by causing areas where e-coli, giardia and disease carrying mosquitoes breed

Why do we need a second dog-friendly water fountain in Alamo Square?

- This is a popular dog play area and a sizeable park – having a second water fountain is necessary for the number of visitors and dogs, and will benefit the entire park and all users.
- The location of the proposed water fountain (near the top of the Hayes/Pierce entrance) will be accessible to tourists and all park users. This entrance is popular with tour bus riders.
- The new fountain design was chosen for it’s historical Victorian-era inspired design that complements the neighborhood’s historic architecture, the park and the new historical park lighting.
- The fountain will serve as a beautiful and functional addition to the park.
- A fountain that accommodates all popular park users (including dogs) is a necessary amenity that the park is sorely lacking.
- Having a water fountain the accommodates both dogs and people (separately) on the western (DPA) side will greatly reduce conflicts between parents/children and dog walkers/handlers as the only water source in the park is located directly adjacent to the children's play area and does not accommodate dogs. Dog walkers currently have no choice but to water their dogs at the children’s playground water fountain.
- Will minimize the risk of dangerous bacterial infections in dogs and humans of giardia, e. coli and other water/soil-borne diseases/bacteria by offering a clean, safe water source for dogs. Currently, thirsty dogs will drink from filthy mud puddles/standing water in a high use area. These water sources pose a health risk to both humans and dogs.

- Providing a water fountain that accommodates dogs separately reduces contamination of the human water fountain. Dogs must drink while in the park, and the only current, safe water source is the people-only water fountain adjacent to the new children's playground.
- The installation of the new fountain will enable D5DOG to shut-off, clean up and repair the ugly muddy area that has been created with the current water drip.

D5DOG met with RPD on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> to go over the logistics and costs associated with the new fountain installation. The cost estimates for the project are detailed below:

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	UNIT	EXTENSION
Drinking fountain only (3 bowls)	1	ea	\$3,250	ea	\$3,250
Drinking fountain installation	1	l.s.	Allow	l.s.	\$7,500
Gravel sump (12"x12"x60")	1	ea	\$1,000	ea	\$1,000
Drain grate (12"x12")	1	ea	\$250	ea	\$250
Concrete paving	40	s.f.	\$20.00	s.f.	\$800
Grading/Site preparation	40	s.f.	\$2.00	s.f.	\$80
Construction Total					\$12,880
Project Director (5%)					\$644
<b>Project Total</b>					<b>\$13,524</b>

RPD has agreed to pay for the labor, site prep and installation costs associated with this project (\$8,224) and D5DOG has agreed to raise funds for all hardware and material costs (\$5,300). These numbers are estimates only. We will apply any additional funds raised to add ornamental landscaping to the area around the new fountain and to clean up and re-plant the muddy areas at the site of the old water drip.

Please review the enclosed image of the proposed fountain.



**Proposed Victorian-era design water fountain with separate raised dog bowl and wheelchair accessible arm.**