

# Let 'em loose!

The city's new Dog Park is fenced and ready for canine companions to let off some steam

The Platteville Community Arboretum, Inc (PCA) announces it has completed the fencing of the new Dog Park located at the intersection of Valley Road and Mineral Street.

PCA's mission is to create a "green corridor" arboretum along the Rountree Branch and surrounding area for the purpose of education, recreation, conservation, and community cooperation. The completion of this fenced-in area was a major goal for 2007.

The Dog Park is adjacent to the Rountree Branch. In addition to the fenced in area, an area adjacent provides a leashed-dog walking path that loops through an area of woods that provides scenic views of the river.

In 2008 the Rountree Branch Trail will be surfaced from the Valley Road railroad grade through the Dog Park area and extend north along Milwaukee Street to connect to the Platteville- Belmont Trail. Trees and shrubs will also be planted

in the Dog Park and along the trail in the spring of 2008.

The completion of the dog park was a collaborative effort of the community. Design and layout, parking lot construction, maintenance, trail completion, and fence construction, and signage were all completed with this community effort. PCA donated funds, a grant from the Platteville Community Fund, City of Platteville contributions, and UW-Platte-

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Dogs can delight in summer or winter at the newly fenced-in dog park near Swiss Valley. The park was created by the Platteville Community Arboretum.