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Cedar River Dog Park Closed as a precaution due to potential Parovirus

Dog Park to be closed August 11, 2017 for two-week minimum to allow for treatment

RENTON, WA -- The City of Renton is temporarily closing the Cedar River dog park, located at 1500 Houser Way S, as a precaution to the recent outbreak of the Canine Parvovirus in King County. The dog park will be closed on August 11, for at least two weeks while all surfaces are treated with a diluted bleach mixture.

A local veterinarian informed the City of Renton's Community Services department today that a dog was found to have the Canine Parvovirus and most likely visited the city's Cedar River dog park recently. The decision to close the dog park was made because the parvovirus spreads easily, is very hearty and can live in untreated areas for long periods of time. Recent media reports indicate that veterinarians in King County have been warning pet owners about an alarming spike in the number of parvovirus cases in King County.

The virus can shed for up to two weeks prior to the dog showing any signs of illness and can contaminate the ground, feeding dishes, collars, leashes and the hands and clothing of people who handle infected dogs. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration and lethargy.

For more information on the virus, contact your local veterinarian.

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