Should dogs be kept on leads in parks?

Many parks allow dog owners to let their dogs off leads and to run around freely. For many years there has been great debate about whether or not dogs should be kept on leads during this time.

There are many reasons why it is much safer for dogs to be kept on leads in parks. For example, is far safer for children playing in the park if the dogs are kept on their leads. It is known that some dogs may be aggressive, which means they are more likely to bite humans. In addition to this, if a dog is kept on their lead they are less likely to run away, because the owner is able to keep their dog at their side at all times. Finally, the majority of cats are frightened of dogs. If dogs are kept under control, cats are then also able to freely explore and exercise in the park. These reasons show the crucial importance of keeping dogs on leads in parks.

On the other hand, there are many people who think it is important that dogs have time off their leads. Firstly, dogs need the space and freedom to run around and fully exercise their body. This is not possible when being held on a lead since dogs are able to run three times as fast as humans. Furthermore, as dogs are less aggressive when they frequently interact with other dogs, they need to be able to freely socialise with other canines. Being in a park is the perfect place for them to do this. People argue that these are good reasons for dogs to be allowed to run around without their leads in parks.

In conclusion, I feel that dogs should be kept on a lead when in public parks, especially at peak times, as this is much safer for both humans and dogs. Ideally, there should be areas created especially for dogs within all parks so that that can spend some time off their leads.