

Majority of Voters Say YES Dogs on Shell Island

according to online news poll

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The Panama City News Herald online poll "Should Dogs be Allowed on Shell Island" closed this week with 60% of the voters saying YES to dogs on Shell Island!

Thanks so much to everyone who voted in the poll and who helped get the real voices of the local citizens to be heard. The results were running at over 85% favorable until some opposing groups recruited people from out of town to vote. Regardless, it's obvious that the majority of people are in support of our legitimate recreational need.

The poll is unofficial - "just for fun" - as they say, but the huge turnout for this poll shows how much people love freedom, and to just enjoy the great outdoors with their dogs. This poll had the single-largest response since the inception of the News Herald web poll in January 2003. The poll garnered 1159 total votes, more votes than:

- the April 2003 poll about whether Bay County needs a new airport (1039 total votes)
- the August 9, 2004 presidential poll -- Bush or Kerry (921 total votes)
- the May 3, 2004 poll about whether the words 'under God' should remain in the Pledge of Allegiance (788 total votes)

The News Herald has run 223 polls since January 2003, and on average, 250 votes were registered per poll.

This most recent poll -- with 1159 votes -- shows that participation was nearly five times the standard response level!