

San Francisco dog owners claim glyphosate caused pets' cancer, petition city parks to ban it

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Dog owners across San Francisco are gathering in opposition to the latest threat to face their furry companions — the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. It seems the city department regularly uses an [herbicide labeled as carcinogenic](#) by the state of California to control invasive species throughout the San Francisco park system. The effect that this herbicide has on dogs, and, well, people (especially children), is of growing concern to those who spend their time in city parks.

The herbicide in question, [glyphosate](#), is commercially sold as Monsanto's Roundup and was labeled as "[probably carcinogenic](#)" by the World Health Organization in March of this year.

In response to the city's use of the carcinogenic herbicide, one concerned park user has launched a [Change.org petition](#) with the goal of convincing "lawmakers to ban dangerous pesticide use at schools and public parks."

Design and technology blog [Inhabitat](#) yesterday detailed one pet owner's tragic story — drawing a connection between the oral tumor that killed the dog and the application of glyphosate in the neighborhood dog park.

San Francisco resident Victoria Hamman's beloved pup Barack died a few weeks ago from a horrific case of oral cancer. The dog was very fond of eating the grass in his local dog park, which is maintained by San Francisco Rec and Park. When she realized that the San Francisco parks department was routinely spraying the grass and surrounding areas with an herbicide called glyphosate... she wondered if there was a connection between her dog's cancer and this herbicide.

At of press time, the petition has 563 signatures.

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