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Walking through laurelhurst park on March 4th my puppy picked up a drug needle with her mouth. The needle was fully exposed and the needle was clearly used. The needle punctured her cheek and I had to remove it with my bare hands. I pray this doesn't cause her further harm/disease. It was so traumatizing for her and for me and for my fiancé. This comes after years of having to actively avoid drug needles and human feces on hiking trails and in our city parks that our taxes pay for. I have never seen more friends and family move away from Portland in a one year period than in this past year. We live without a spatial yard sufficient for exercising our pets as is the same for many portlanders. Exposing our parks and recreation areas further to vagrancy, drug abuse, and violence will lead to more tax payers leaving the city and even the state. My fiancé can't go on walks or runs after sunset and carries mace and a taser during daylight hours. If you continue down this road I can promise you'll lose no less than two more tax payers post haste

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