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Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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Sincerely,

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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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cc:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

02/20/2002 04:52 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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GGNRA011528

1886-01-3A

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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GGNRA011529

1887-01-3A

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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1888-01-3A

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02/20/2002 04:52 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1889-01-3A

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Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

02/20/2002 04:57 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1890-01-3A

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02/20/2002 05:00 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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02/20/2002 05:04 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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Superintendent
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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1892-01-3A

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CC:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

02/20/2002 05:04 PM
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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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GGNRA011535

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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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GGNRA011536

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02/20/2002 05:09 PM
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Superintendent
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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1895-01-3A

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Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

02/20/2002 05:16 PM
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1896-01-3A

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To: GOGA PETS ANPR
cc:
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Tuesday, February 19, 2002

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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1897-01-3A

Nancy Moore
<qb@cyburban.com>
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02/20/2002 05:21 PM
MST

To: GOGA PETS ANPR
cc:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Nancy Moore
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1898-01-1E

Teresa Nemeth
<teresa@idec.com> AT
np--internet

To: GOGA PETS ANPR
CC:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

02/20/2002 02:39 PM
MST

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

As a Bay area resident, I am writing to support Option A in the ANPR and further request that the Park Service continue to allow leashed pet recreation where currently permissible, while minimizing pet impacts to visitors and park resources.

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Evan Albright
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To: GOGA PETS ANPR
cc:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

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Wednesday, February 20, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Kate Kennelly

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February 20, 2002

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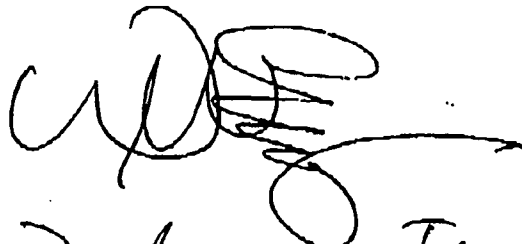
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To GGNRA ATT: ANPR
re: Off Leash Recreation

I am writing to support off
leash areas in San Francisco.
Especially Fort Funston.



Dr. Morgan Jensen
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Fax Memo

To: GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
(415) 561-4355

Cc: SFD OG
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From: Christa King
Phone: 415-933-8157

February 20, 2002

ANPR, GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA,
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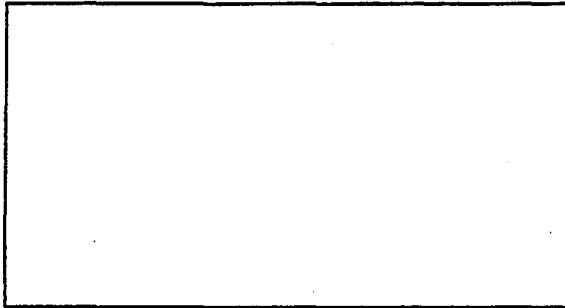
Christa King
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From

to 415-5614355

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Tel. :

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Please find the enclosed letters addressing off-leash pet policy.
Thank you very much.

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To :

GGNRA

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Sincerely,


Dawn Cameron

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Sincerely,


Angela Solleder

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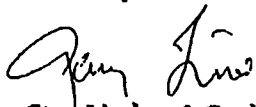
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Gary Linders & Gaylan Cole



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I care about fair access to public lands, and I would like more places that are for humans only. Even where dogs are required to be on leash, they are often seen running free. There is no place that I can walk to, where dogs are not allowed. I want more dog free places. Additionally, dogs are destroyers of natural habitats, they consume huge amounts of meat, and create tons of waste. The cost of keeping "treatable" aggressive dogs is huge, and I think, a criminal policy.

Dogs bite nearly 5 million Americans every year and approximately 800,000 of these bites require medical care. A large majority of the victims are children, who are often bitten on the face.

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What's At Stake:



In 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy. It allowed people to walk off-leash dogs in certain areas of the park. Now the GGNRA claims it must comply with a National Park Service rule that prohibits off-leash dogs. Since last summer, the park has been enforcing a ban on off-leash dog walking. The purpose of the public comment period is to decide whether the GGNRA will consider making an exception to the off-leash ban.

If Off-Leash Dog Walking Is Important to You . . .

If You Care About Fair Access to Public Lands . . .

Tell the National Park Service you value off-leash dog walking, and that off-leash activity can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests in the GGNRA.

Mail or fax your comments to:
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
 Attention: ANPR
 Fort Mason, Building 201
 San Francisco, CA 94123
 Fax 415-561-4355

Attend the public meetings that will be announced by the GGNRA.
 For meeting dates and locations, call 415-561-4728.

ACT NOW!

The deadline for public comment is March 12, 2002

Get more information on off-leash recreation in the GGNRA
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Dog Bite Injury Cases

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Recovery for a Dog Bite consists of finding who is responsible for the dog and finding available insurance coverage- whci is often provided by a homeowners insurance policy.

There are special laws regulating dog owners that may include the leagl doctrine of Strict Liability.

Many states, including Massachusetts, California, have adopted special laws which have modified at fault liability rules relating to dog attacks. The California Legislature has enacted a law, which makes a dog owner subject to strict liability for any dog bite attack. The elements of this action are set out in the jury instruction which is read to juries who decide dog attack lawsuits in California:

The essential elements of such a claim are: Defendant owned a dog, The dog bit the plaintiff, The plaintiff, at the time of the bite, was in a public place or lawfully in or on a private place; and The dog bite caused plaintiff to suffer injury, damage, loss or harm.

In other words the dog owner is responsible for a dog bite. Defenses such as whether the dog previously attacked, whether the owner knew of such viciousness, or whether the owner was negligent in controlling the dog are irrelevant.

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Julienne Hennak
15 Stratford Drive
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415-586-3082

Golden Gate
Nat. Park Service-Recreation

Law in favor of designated
areas for off-leash dog walking -
It is essential for the dogs as
well as their owners.

Thank You
Julienne Hennak

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From : lauren karp <lauren_karp@yahoo.com>
To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
CC : poodlelynn@aol.com
Subject : Off Leash Recreation
Date : Wed, 20 Feb 2002 13:32:09 -0800 (PST)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to plead with you about continuing to allow dogs to run off leash in our local parks. It's not fair to penalize the dogs and their owners by closing off these recreational facilities. Where else can city dogs run free? The Bay Area touts its great freedom and diversity, but if we aren't allowed to let our dogs run free, how liberal and humane is this city?

What's the point of having millions of tax dollars spent to maintain the park facilities when one of the largest populations of people who use the park aren't welcome there? As a tax payer and homeowner, I am personally appalled at having this privilege revoked!

The common love of pets and their ability to live happily and healthfully in the city is the last great joy of living in San Francisco! Please don't take that away from responsible pet owners and their beloved pets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lauren Karp (on behalf of Darwin, a 4 year old rescue Border Collie)

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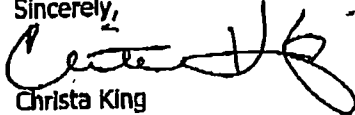
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Yours truly,

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1035 N. Hoff Ave., #1
Tucson, AZ 85705

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14006 N Green Hills Loop
Austin, TX 78737-9230

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
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FROM: Pat LeBaron
2368 Amaryllis
Medford, OR 97504-5502

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Second, the proposal would set a bad precedent for parks, including urban parks, throughout the National Park System. If this resolution were to pass and the Park Service were to agree to end enforcement of the leash laws, other user groups in parks across the country could use this as precedent to gain access for other recreational activities, including off-road vehicle use and recreational mining.

Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies

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this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Pat LeBaron

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Wednesday, February 20, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

As a devoted environmental protectionist and nature advocate, I urge you to not support the enforcement, in the GGNRA parks which were donated to the federal government by the City and County of San Francisco, 36 C.F.R. 2.15, which requires that all pets be on leash in federal parks.

For the last 20 years, areas of Fort Funston, Crissy Field, and Ocean Beach have been leash-free zones - the few such remaining areas within the city.

Over 1,500 people attended a GGNRA Advisory Commission meeting in January to protest the cancellation of the 1979 Pet Policy and to show their commitment to preserving the right to walk their dogs off-leash in a small portion of the GGNRA (less than 1% of the available land.)

When the Park Service took over our beaches and parks, the City and County of San Francisco and its residents were promised that historic recreational activities, including off-leash dog walking, would not be changed. This commitment to traditional recreation was incorporated into the enabling statutes. In fact, off-leash recreation was identified at congressional hearings as one of the recreational activities to be continued.

The NPS promised San Franciscans who donated money and time establishing the Crissy Field Restoration Project that 60 acres would be designated for off-leash recreation. The Environmental Impact Report for the Crissy Field Plan Amendment also provided for this recreation.

Off-leash recreation occurred for generations before the Park Service took over these parks. This was recognized in the Park Service's own documents -- "Developing a pet policy for GGNRA is not easy, especially since the ordinary guidelines outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations do not really apply in an urban area. People and their animals have been visiting the park for too long to apply an all-inclusive arbitrary policy."

Dogs are an integral part of many citizens' lives and bring joy to us all. Denying them the few places where they can run freely would be a serious detriment to their quality of life. This would in turn result in fewer people choosing to have dogs because dog-owners are committed to providing a high quality of life for their beloved pets.

I am convinced that the environmental impact of dogs at recreational areas such as Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Crissy Field is manageable if not insignificant. Fort Funston, for example, is nothing more than a field of ice

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plant, one of the most abundant and rugged plants in the Bay Area.

As for public safety, we simply need to hold dog-owners accountable for the behavior of their pets. As a rule, dog-owners are a conscientious and self-policing group of people. Also as a rule, dogs are friendly and gentle. Aggressive behavior by dogs should absolutely not be tolerated, but leashing the vast majority of dogs that are gentle is simply not the solution.

Thank you for your consideration and review.

Sincerely,

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A.

Sincerely,

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Memorandum

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To: Superintendent, *GDGA*

From: Secretary, Regional Director's Office, Pacific West Region

Subject: Controlled/Congressional Correspondence, #

Please process the attached correspondence as indicated below:

- ___ 1. Prepare a draft reply and forward a response to me on a disk or via cc:Mail (Rita Hanamoto) in Microsoft Word no later than _____.

The letter will be signed by:

- Regional Director Director, National Park Service Secretary
 Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
 Other _____

- ___ 2. On behalf of the Regional Director, please reply directly to the attached letter. Fax (510-817-1485) your response to this office NLT _____.

- X 3. The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information and/or appropriate action.

- ___ 4. Other:

Please refer to Pacific West Region Directive #PW-008 (3/27/00) for information on preparing a response. If you have any problems, questions, or cannot meet the due date, please contact me at 510-817-1303 or via cc:Mail.

Rita S. Hanamoto
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January 7, 2001

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Frances Mainella
Director of National Park Service

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Ms. Mainella:

The citizens of San Francisco that use parts of GGNRA identified for off-leash dog recreation are requesting a couple of things for your office to consider:

1. We also beseech the NPS to **STOP aggressively enforcing the general regulation** in the parts of the GGNRA identified by the 1979 GGNRA Pet Policy as allowing off-leash recreation.


We made an agreement with the NPS and the NPS is **NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH**. By enforcing the leash rules **WHILE WE ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS** is such an act of bad faith. We made an agreement to continue to explore options and we shook hands on that agreement. How are we **EVER** to believe anything the NPS agrees to???

2. We ask that they give citations only for aggressive or destructive dogs as promised in April 2001.

The citizens of S.F. who walk their dogs in these areas are a conscientious, neat and respectful group. We hold monthly clean-ups, pick up after all dogs daily and are very careful about not allowing our dogs in restricted areas. We agree that dogs whose owners cannot control them or dogs that show signs of aggression **should be cited**. But to penalize ALL dog owners is grossly unfair.

3. We are requesting the creation of a **Section 7 special rule** for off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in order to bring the general regulation into compliance with the GGNRA is enabling statute to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment and planning.

Please work with us...be fair, be reasonable and most of all, **BE TRUTHFUL** and honor your agreements. We come to the negotiating table in good faith. We ask you to do the same! **We deserve no less.**


Dee-Dee Sberlo

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October 23

The Honorable Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Dear Secretary Norton:

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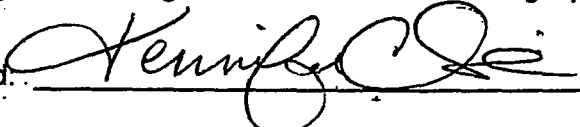
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We agreed with the Advisory Commission's recommendation to meet with other stakeholders to work out the issues. We certainly didn't expect a unilateral reversal of the policy before any public process began. We also didn't expect to hear the Park Service deny that the 1979 Pet Policy had ever been the operative policy in the GGNRA. This interpretation of history permits the Park Service to claim that enforcement of leash laws in traditionally off-leash areas represents no change in policy. Wrong.

Please be fair. New enforcement of the leash law in the less than 1% of the GGNRA that was traditionally off-leash is a dramatic change in policy and should not be made without careful consideration and a full and fair public hearing. Please ask the Park Service to stop this significant change in current use while we begin public hearings on this very issue.

Signed: 

Printed Name: JENNIFER C. SCHWINN

Address: 3037 OCTAVIA ST
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123

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Frances Mainella
Director, National Park Service

Dear Director Mainella,

We have joined a petition to ask the National Park Service to create a Section 7 special rule for off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in order to bring the general regulation into compliance with the GGNRA's enabling statute "to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment and planning."

While we seek a special rule for off-leash recreation, we also petition the NPS to STOP aggressively enforcing the general regulation in the parts of the GGNRA identified by the 1979 GGNRA Pet Policy as allowing off-leash recreation. We ask that they give citations only for aggressive or destructive dogs as promised in April 2001.

Thank You,

Joel and Laine Barbanell Schipper
And "Ember"

January 12, 2002

LORI L STASUKELIS
140 RANDALL STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94131

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Ms. Frances Mainella
Director, National Parks Service
1849 C St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Mainella,

I am in favor of converting Ft. Funston of San Francisco into an official off leash dog area.

In addition to the many decade precedent of dogs being able to run free on those trails I feel it is important to consider the context of this change in policy as well as the actual geography of the spot.

Since of the unfortunate death of Diane Whipple (in her own hallway!) dogs are being looked at with great reservation, fear, and suspicion. It has also caused dog owners and professional dog walkers to be cited for allowing their pets to romp joyously without a leash on Park Lands.

One in four San Francisco homes has a dog. In a crowded city, Fort Funston is the perfect place for our canines to exercise, socialize, and just plain have fun. The trails are spacious and long. The highway is a safe distance away. The ocean access is remote so as not to disturb non-dog folks.

If you have ever visited Ft. Funston, you know that for about 340 of the 365 days of the year the weather there is blustery, cold, and foggy. (Not your stereotypical California beach!) It is not a desirable destination unless you have a purpose to be there- like to walk your dog and get exercise yourself!

Most San Franciscans and nearly all tourists do not go there. Abandoned military bunkers and bone chilling winds do not make it attractive to most folks, but our dogs LOVE it!

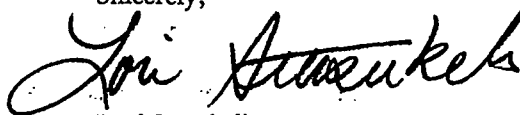
Owners and professional pet walkers have been respectful and responsible on this site. Many people have contributed large, expensive dog water bowls for "community" use. Litter and waste is picked up quickly. (See how much cleaner Ft. Funston is than Ocean Beach a few steps away!) There are monthly clean up days organized by SF Dog, too. In fact, I am willing to bet that of all of the formal and informal groups using our country's Parks, few spend as much time not only using the facility, but also maintaining it on a regular basis, as the dog owners using Ft. Funston.

My solution to this dilemma is a simple one. SIGNS! Tell the uninformed that Ft. Funston is an off leash playground for dogs. If they enjoy the outdoor company of man's best friend, they will love the walk, observing every breed you can imagine. If they would prefer a "dog-less" stroll, there are MILES of San Francisco and San Mateo coast beaches that do not permit dogs off leash.

Please help us raise happy and healthy canines in San Francisco. Designate Ft. Funston as an off leash facility.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lori Stasukelis

The Honorable Frances P. Mainella, Director
National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W.,
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Signed: Jennifer C. Schwinn

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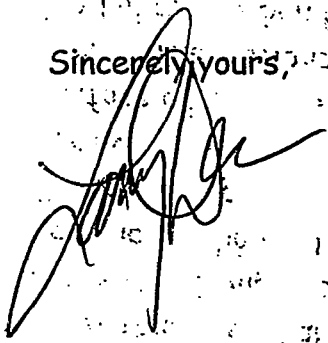
Larry Dean
388 Park St. Apt. A
San Francisco, CA 94110
415-920-1979

Dear Secretary Norton,

As you may know, the GGNRA parks in the San Francisco area have been traditionally off leash dog areas. We have had a Pet Policy enacted in 1979 stating that dogs must be under voice control. We know that is in conflict with Federal law governing dogs in National Parks. We have appealed to the government in the rule change process which is now in the early stages. Superintendent Brian O'Neill has promised dog owners of the bay area that nothing will change and we can continue to walk dogs off leash until the Dept. of the Interior resolves the issue.

As of this week, Park Police have begun issuing tickets to people walking dogs off leash. I implore you to please step in and halt this ticketing until we have had a chance to appeal to the Dept. and get a ruling from it. As a San Francisco dog owner who has been walking his dogs off leash at Ft. Funston for over 5 years I need to be able to continue this for the health and welfare of my dogs, and I believe, the betterment of San Francisco and it's parks. The National Park Service has been aware of and approved the 1979 Pet Policy and San Franciscans and other bay area residents have been walking dogs off leash *legally* for over 20 years under the NPS and for 20 years prior to that when the land was owned by the city of San Francisco. We were promised, when the land was given to the NPS, that recreational activities, including off leash dog walking, would be able to continue. *Now we are receiving tickets for that use.* Please, at least until the Federal Government issues a ruling, I ask you that we continued to be allowed to engage in this essential activity. And when the item gets to Washington, I hope you will do all in your power to grant an exemption to GGNRA areas and allow off leash dog walking to continue to be allowed. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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The Honorable Gale A. Norton,
Secretary of the Interior
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

October 17th, 2001

Dear Secretary Norton,

The National Park Service has repeatedly promised that it will give the public a fair process with regard to proposed changes to the long enjoyed traditional practice of allowing off leash dog walking recreation in some parts of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. **But now the public input process is being subverted by the GGNRA suddenly reversing its longstanding policy which allowed off-leash dogs in certain areas -- before the public input process occurs.**

That is unfair.

The Park Service says it is setting up an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which it suggests will fairly allow the public to have input on this highly unpopular change. Nevertheless, the GGNRA employees announce that they have unilaterally reversed the current policy before the ANPR public input process begins. **What good is a public input process if the agency is so committed to the change that it insists on abruptly reversing its longstanding policy and aggressively escalating enforcement just prior to the public comment period?**

The Federal Court previously criticized similar GGNRA efforts that appeared to seek to create a fait accompli which would interfere with a fair public input process:

"These excerpts show an intent on the part of the National Park Service to railroad through the closure, to maintain secrecy, to unleash the fencing with lightning speed, and to establish a fait accompli."

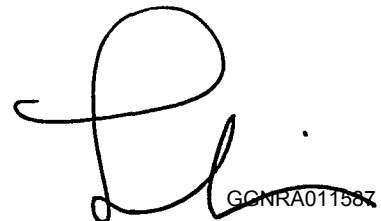
Ft. Funston Dog Walkers v. Babbitt, 96 F. Supp 2d 1021, 1037-38 (2000).

As the prior policy and legal interpretation worked well for twenty years, **there is no need to unfairly ramrod through immediate implementation of a new policy prior to full consideration of the merits of the change.** The GGNRA gives no explanation of why it needs to move so quickly.

This is all even worse public policy because the change is so significant. It would have a huge impact on the quality of life of so many in this densely populated urban area. Many would not take advantage of the opportunity to visit the parks but for the activity of walking our dogs. They give us company, joy and protection, and provide a reason to get outdoors.

The GGNRA staff blames the new enforcement regime on "Washington." **Please explain whether this change is in fact coming from "Washington". If so, who is insisting on making the change prior to a fair public input process, and why?**

Sincerely,



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January 31, 2002

The Honorable Gale A. Norton,
Secretary of the Interior
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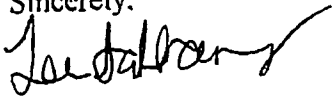
I am writing regarding Fort Funston in San Francisco. I ask that the 1979 Pet Policy be left in place while we negotiate in good faith for an updated policy.

I urge that the National Park Service create a Section 7 special rule for off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in order to bring the general regulation into compliance with the GGNRA's enabling statute "to provide for the maintenance of needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment and planning" (16 USC 460bb).

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lee Sahlaney
715 Cypress Avenue
San Bruno, CA

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We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

Please keep this option
for our animal friends
to run without leashes
in GGNRA

Signed: Jan Shemphal
SF., CA

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I strongly support existing regulations that require pets to be on leash and on trail when in national parks. I support Option A as proposed in the recent ANPR.

Changing the leash law for just the GGNRA would set a dangerous precedent for national parks throughout the country. Allowing pets off-leash is inconsistent with the park mission to protect natural resources and the safety of all visitors. Numerous scientific studies—including one by the American Humane Association—identify off-leash pets as a threat to visitor safety and wildlife and therefore recommend that pets be leashed in natural areas.

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Sincerely,

Flora
FLORANTINA MORALES

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
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To Whom It May Concern:

1937-01-1C

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Jan Shemphal
217 Pine Street
San Francisco CA 94102

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Sincerely,

N. Finch
948 South Norfolk
SAN MATEO CA 94403

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We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!

My two dogs love to run
freely through the trees
towards the beach.

They are restricted in the back
yard but Ft. Funston is
their favorite treat!!

Keep off-leash dog walking
Responsible owners support this!

Signed: *Lili Ariza*
San Jose, CA.

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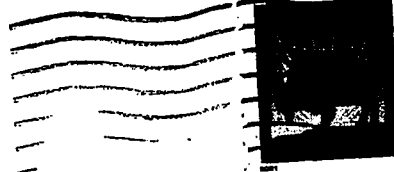
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Please save
OFF-LEASH dog
walking in
San Francisco!



Ms. Melissa E Goan
732 Sanchez St
San Francisco, CA 94114-2929



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Fort Mason, Build-201
San Francisco

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

TO: Nat'l Park Service
Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area
*IANPR

FROM: APRIL FISHER
ROB LITTLE

[Handwritten signatures]

DATE: Feb. 16, 2002

RE: Off-Leash Dog Walking

I and my husband, Rob, write to urge the Nat'l Park Service not to ban off-leash dog walk areas in/around San Francisco.

As it is, there are not enough areas in/around the city for dogs to run and get exercise that is so necessary to their physical and mental well-being. Certainly one's backyard in San Francisco and the surrounding areas is not ample, if one even has a backyard.

It outrages us that this is even an issue, as the city was assured that traditional recreational uses would be continued.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Date: 18 FEBRUARY 2002

1943-01-1A

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

me: STEPHEN VEERIS

(optional: Age: 45 Sex: M F Ethnicity:)

Address: 1665 ALABAMA ST (street)

SAN FRANCISCO CA 94110 (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

PRIMARYLY, I VISIT FT FUNSTON 3-4 TIMES PER WEEK TO EXERCISE/PUN MY DOG. I ALSO VISIT FT FUNSTON OCCASIONALLY ON MY OWN TO WALK ALONE. I VISIT Pt BONITAS REGULARLY WITH OUT OF TOWN GUESTS, SAME FOR SEAL ROCK/CLIFF HOUSE. I REGULARLY BIKE RIDE THRU MARIN HEADLANDS & PRESIDIO. IT'S ALL A GREAT RESOURCE - ACCESS TO SPECTACULAR VIEWS & THE OCEAN - BIKE RIDING IS MORE DANGEROUS DUE TO INCREASED AUTO TRAFFIC/CONGESTION.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I MEET REGULARLY (WEEKLY) WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS TO WALK OUR DOGS & CATCH UP WITH THE WEEK'S ACTIVITY - HAVE MADE SEVERAL NEW FRIENDS & MANY ACQUAINTANCES THROUGH DOG-WALKING. ALL OWNERS I'VE MET ARE CONSCIENTIOUS REGARDING THEIR DOGS' BEHAVIOR & HAVE NEVER HAD A PROBLEM.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

DEFINITELY. OFF-LEASH AREAS ARE MANDATORY. THE GGNRA IS NOT ONLY A NATIONAL PARK, BUT AN URBAN PARK, HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON BY CITY RESIDENTS, SO LAND USE BASED ON ACTIVITIES IS A REQUIREMENT. A LARGE PORTION OF FT FUNSTON IS ALREADY CLOSED TO OFF-LEASH, LEAVE THE REMAINDER FOR THE DOGS. THE REST OF GGNRA SHOULD BE MANAGED AS IS. FT FUNSTON IS A RARE URBAN RESOURCE - I COULD SEE PAYING AN ANNUAL FEE FOR OFF-LEASH PRIVILEGES, WHICH COULD COVER LIABILITY & MAINTENANCE FOR THE AREA OF FT FUNSTON.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

IMMEDIATELY - IT WOULD BE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ME & MY DOG. I WOULD NOT HAVE GOTTEN A LARGE DOG IF I DID NOT HAVE FT FUNSTON AS A RESOURCE. MORE LONG-TERM, IT WOULD BE SAD - ANOTHER UNIQUE SAN FRANCISCO RESOURCE TAKEN AWAY WITHOUT CAUSE. FT FUNSTON IS NOT A NATURAL SETTING - WITH ITS FAIR AMOUNT OF MILITARY BUILDINGS & BUNKERS BELOW GROUND. THE AREAS RECLAIMED WITH NATIVE SPECIES ARE BEAUTIFUL - BUT KEEP THE ICE PLANTS, CEDARS & EUCALYPTUS AS REMINDERS OF THE ARMY USE.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

YES - BY HAVING THE DOGS THERE YOU HAVE RESPONSIBLE OWNERS PRESENT. WITHOUT DOG WALKING OFF-LEASH, ATTENDANCE WOULD PLUMMET - WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF PROBLEMS ARISING IN ABANDONED AREAS SO CLOSE TO AN URBAN SETTING. RIGHT NOW, I FEEL NO RESERVATION IN ANY PART OF FT FUNSTON.

Signed: Stephen Veeris

Date: 2/18/2002

1944-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Laura C. Heffron (optional: Age: 47 Sex M Ethnicity C)
Address: 610 Haight St. San Francisco, CA 94117
(street) (state) (zip)

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I VISIT CRISSEY FIELD AND FORT FUNSTON SATURDAY & SUNDAY EACH WEEK. IN ADDITION, MY DOG - WALKER LAURA HAKE TAKES MY DOG TO THESE SAME GGNRA SITES FIVE DAYS A WEEK. MY REASON FOR VISITS ARE TO HIKE AND TO WALK THE DOG PROVIDING OUTDOOR ENJOYMENT FOR BOTH OF US AND TO MY CHILDREN. DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS, MORE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED BUT IT HAS NOT STOPPED US FROM OUR VISITS.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

DURING MY 25 YEARS LIVING IN SAN FRANCISCO, I HAVE ENJOYED WALKS WITH PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND HERITAGE AND HAVE NEVER ONCE SEEN ONE INCIDENT OF WHERE THERE WAS ANY TYPE OF ENDANGERMENT. I FEEL SAFE WALKING IN ALL AREAS, WHETHER IT'S OFF-LEASE OR NOT.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

ABSOLUTELY - OFF-LEASE RECREATION ALLOWS ME TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. I WORK 40+ HOURS A WEEK AND THIS IS THE ONLY TIME TO MEET UP WITH PEOPLE I ENJOY - WHETHER THEY HAVE A PET OR NOT, WE ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND EXERCISE AND TIME TOGETHER.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

THESE AREAS BELONG TO CITIZENS AND VISITORS ALIKE TO ENJOY. YES, OFF-LEASE DOG RECREATION IS A GOOD USE FOR THESE RECREATION AREAS. IT GIVES US ALL TIME TO ENJOY AND TAKE-IN FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE. CITY PARKS ARE TOO SMALL AND DANGEROUS WITH TRAFFIC SO CLOSE BY. THERE ARE NO OTHER AREAS FOR SAN FRANCISCANS. IT WOULD BE MORE ENJOYABLE WITHOUT OUR RIGHTS BEING RESTRICTED.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

THE GGNRA MUST UPHOLD ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY TO ALLOW OFF-LEASE RECREATION OR SHOULD RETURN THE BEACHES AND PARKS TO THE CITY.

Signed: Laura C. Heffron Date 2.16.02

Dear Superintendent

1945-01-1A

I support the continuation of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Michael Koepel (printed)
Address: 38 Ellert St (street) CA (state) 94110 (zip)

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1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

~~I used frequent~~ ~~but~~ I used to go to Baker Beach on the weekends, but haven't since the change in leash law enforcement. I now go to Fort Funsten instead because there seems to be more safety in numbers as far as off leash dogs. I also used to go to Pt Reyes, but I can't justify the long drive if off leash dogs are not allowed.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

The off leash dog areas seem to be just as diverse as the city as a whole. The park service seems to be on a mission to find reasons to support a preconceived idea of their own choosing. If there were not off leash dog areas their owners many parks & beaches would be much less populated.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

walking on the beach with my dog is the biggest recreation activity I have, and very often do it with friends as well as visitors.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

It is shocking to think traditional off leash dog areas could be taken away so easily.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

In no way should the GGNRA be allowed to renege.

Signed: Michael Koepel Date Feb 10 2002 (optional: Age: 36 Sex M F Ethnicity _____)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1946-01-1C

Date: 2/12/00

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Susan Mayo Blanzenski (Optional: Age: 28 Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 11 Fleetwood Drive Daly City Ca 94015
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Fort Funston 3-4 times a week
running & walking w/ my 2 dogs

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

A social outlet for me & my dogs. Have met a lot of new people & bring out of town guests to the park with my dogs.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Off leash recreation is appropriate so that dogs & people can socialize.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would not have a safe, clean place to run with my dogs. My neighborhood traffic is too busy.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Off leash dogs are extremely safe under the owners care.

Signed: Susan Mayo Blanzenski Date 2/12/00 GGNRA011595

Dear Superintendent O'Neill: 1947-01-1C

Date: 2/18/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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FEB 20 2002
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: Brian Boyer (optional: Age: 37 Sex: M F Ethnicity: White)

Address: 3676 Highland Ave Redwood City CA 94062
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit about once per month and enjoy the freedom that dogs have at Fort Funston. I keep my pets on a leash at all times, but that is only to make life easier for myself. I have not yet had a problem with aggressive animals or unclear surroundings.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Bring + meet

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I believe there should be very stiff fines for allowing aggressive animals to run around unleashed. Injuries happen, but it is very clear when a "thug" dog is allowed to run around and hurt other animals. I know - I have an old chow of 15 years. He was a "thug", and it took me 4 years to learn that he must be leashed.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

me, none. But I would like the option to let my young terrier off the leash someday when & if he's ready. Or, if I someday have a docile, friendly breed, like a retriever, then I would enjoy off-leash "frisbee" or play time.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Definitely safer without off-leash dogs. But, I want to preserve the freedom to choose.

It's tough, I know, but I would rather see fines imposed than to overregulate.

Signed: Brian Boyer

Date: 2/18/02

1948-01-1A

support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Libby Colman (optional: Age: 62 Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 833 Market (street) CA (state) 94103 (zip)

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FEB 20 2002
COMMUNITY OFFICE

Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

monthly
dog romp

The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

→ yes

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

sometimes
Great inconvenience to me, my dog and my family.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Warn users that they may prefer yes to use another area.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO!!!

Signed: Libby Colman

Date 2/19/02

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Speak up for off-leash recreation in the GGNRA

The National Park Service is taking public comment on pet management in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

What's At Stake:



In 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy. It allowed people to walk off-leash dogs in certain areas of the park. Now the GGNRA claims it must comply with a National Park Service rule that prohibits off-leash dogs. Since last summer, the park has been enforcing a ban on off-leash dog walking. The purpose of the public comment period is to decide whether the GGNRA will consider making an exception to the off-leash ban.

**If Off-Leash Dog Walking Is Important to You . . .
If You Care About Fair Access to Public Lands . . .**

Tell the National Park Service you value off-leash dog walking, and that off-leash activity can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests in the GGNRA.

I DO AGREE!

Mail or fax your comments to:
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123
Fax 415-561-4355

Attend the public meetings that will be announced by the GGNRA.

For meeting dates and locations, call 415-561-4728.

**DAVID
IMBER
415-821-9760**

ACT NOW!

The deadline for public comment is March 12, 2002

Get more information on off-leash recreation in the GGNRA
at the San Francisco SPCA Web site, www.sfopca.org

To access the "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Pet Management in Golden Gate Recreational Area," visit www.access.gpo/nara or www.nara.gov/fedreg. Copies of the ANPR are also available at GGNRA visitor centers and at public libraries in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Marin County and San Mateo County.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1950-01-10

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Norman J. Downing
Address: 743 Washington St. Daly City CA. 94015
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I usually visit the Fort Funston Park on a daily basis for about 2 hrs. The area offers an open space for myself and my dog with natural beauty that provides an escape from civilized society.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

Children come to this area and are curious about playing with dogs. The elderly also have come, so it provides them with education on how dogs behave and interrelate with each other and humans rather than only what is on television lately. I would say I feel as safe walking in an off-leash area because of what I've learned. Ignorance can be a detriment to all concerned.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Sometimes I bring family with me so that they also can enjoy what I come to do here. I've also made friends with other dogs and their owners. As with everything, nothing is smooth but it generally is positive. Restrictions would just increase the ignorance for all and deny basic rights for freedom of parks and other areas.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

As with all things moderation and control is essential. Most dog owners I've met have been responsible to see the area taken care of. Information and updates between dog owners, non-dog owners and government should be a strong start in keeping the areas usable for all.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco? The GGNRA should strongly consider this move. I really hope they do. If a vote was cast, it would be interesting.

Signed: Norman J. Downing Date 2/14/02 (optional: Age: 43 Sex M F Ethnicity H)
Hispanic

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1951-01-1A

Date: Feb. 15, 2002

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FEB 20 2002
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Jessica Sonn (optional: Age: 32 Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 620 Spruce St San Francisco CA 94118
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I enjoy walks in the Presidio with my off-leash dog daily. On the weekends we often spend the day at Ft. Funston or Crissy Field walking our dog and enjoying the beach. It is great that we don't have to cross a bridge and leave the city of San Fran to be able to enjoy nature. Enjoying the parks makes San Fran feel less like a city.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

We often get together with other families with their off-leashed dogs and children and explore the nature on the beaches and in the woods with the children. I am a teacher and our school is located in the Presidio. I often take the class out on nature walks on the trails where we encounter off-leashed dogs. The class and I are very comfortable with the dogs.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I believe there is a way to balance the areas of off-leashed dogs. For example having designated signs on half of the beach like Crissy Field or Baker Beach stating this is an off-leashed area so that those who do not want to be around off-leashed dogs can choose to go to the other half of the beach. Fences can be used to protect the wild birds nesting and enjoy seeing the dogs play.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would seriously think about leaving San Francisco and moving to a more dog friendly area. If I could not enjoy the parks without my off-leashed pet then I would not enjoy living here.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel very safe with the off-leash dog areas which I frequently enjoy. Dogs often become more aggressive when kept on leash.

Signed: Jessica S. Sonn Date 2/15/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill.

1950-01-10

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FEB 28 1992
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Eileen O'Halloran (printed)
Address: 1371 San Domar Dr. Mountain View CA 94043
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I take my 2 large dogs to Fort Funston in SF because it is the only trails I know of where the dogs can be off leash and run and socialize with other dogs. I drive all the way from the South Bay (Mountain View) and its definitely worth it!

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

Children often ask me if they can pet my dogs at Fort Funston. I think it teaches them that just because a dog is off leash, it doesn't mean that they are going to harm them.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I bring friends with me to Fort Funston and they love it! They marvel at how many dogs are there and that they all get along.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

I think it should remain off-leash because its one of the very few places to do so. There are many other places (including coastal trails) where people can go to be away from dogs off-leash.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco? No.

Signed: Eileen O'Halloran Date 2/15/02 (optional: Age: 31 Sex M Ethnicity Cauc)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

Date: Feb 11, 2002

1953-01-1A

support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Alice L Beatty (optional: Age: 31 Sex M F Ethnicity)
Address: 76 Bronte St (street) San Francisco (city) CA (state) 94110 (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

20 times a year - to take my 3yr old son and dog out for exercise

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

No not usually - sometimes I meet new people

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Off-leash recreation is appropriate for designated areas. That way people have a choice and its not fair for animals to be couped up. It should be up to the owner to muzzle the dog or not and take on full responsibility for the animals actions.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

unhealthy pets - higher vet bills - plus its dangerous to have a dog on a leash at all times. this may cause pent up aggression on the dog and over excitability

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Safer with the presence of off-leash dogs as long as the owners are responsible.

Signed:

Alice L Beatty

Date 2/11/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Dwain Bitter (printed)
Address: 2287 18th AVE SAN FRANCISCO CA 94116
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

I BRING MY DOGS TO STEIN GROVE EVERY DAY -
I HAVE MET AND MADE MANY FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS. THERE
I ALSO KNOW THAT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO FREQUENT
THIS PARK ARE RESPONSIBLE AND TAKE CARE TO WATCH THEIR
DOGS AND CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.

Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Dwain Bitter
Version 2.0

Date 2/18/02 (optional: Age: 43 Sex (M) Ethnicity F)
GGNRA011003

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1955-01-1A

Date: Feb 14, 2002

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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FEB 15 2002
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Name: BETSY NAKAMURA (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity _____)
 Address: 709 PANORAMA SF CA 94131
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

My family + I visit primarily Ft Funston + Crissy Field. We visit far more often, now that we've adopted a wonderful dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind. As a family, it is vital to us to ~~do~~ enjoy outdoor activities with our new dog.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes!! It is the primary way that my 5 year old can enjoy nature while living in the city with no backyard!! Please don't take away this opportunity for her!

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Responsible dogowners + non-aggressive dogs NEED a place to enjoy recreation. There is plenty of room for off-leash activity ~ if there are fragile areas designate them as such + we will stay off! We will also help police irresponsible owners. Don't make great dogs suffer because of a few bad apples!!

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

My family could not enjoy the GGNRA, because we'd have to limit activities to places where we could take our dog off-leash. As an only child, my daughter derives a tremendous positive impact from having a dog + enjoying outdoor activities with her.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I am fine w/ off-leash dogs - it is important for children + adults to feel comfortable around dogs.

Signed: Betsy Nakamura

Date 2-14-02
GGNRA011604

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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FEB 20 1982
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1986-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Catherine Classen (printed)
Address: 578 30th St. San Francisco CA 94131
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Once per week. I go to walk my dog off-leash on the beach at Fort Funston ~~on~~ or Chrissy Field.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

Dogs are much happier & less likely to be aggressive if they are off-leash. This makes it much safer & pleasant for everyone.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It is absolutely a social outlet. My friends & I take great pleasure in watching my dog along with other dogs, run & play together. It would detract greatly from the pleasure I take in this city to not have this outlet - not to mention what it would do to our dogs.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

YES!!! Off-leash recreation is absolutely necessary for ensuring healthy & happy dogs, owners & their many friends.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

No

Signed: Catherine Classen Date 2/15/02 (optional: Age: 46 Sex M F Ethnicity W)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill: 1957-01-1A

Date: Feb 11, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Kimberly A. Conley (optional: Age: 44 Sex M Ethnicity)
Address: 2350 27th Ave SE CA 94116
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why. I have been going to Fort Funston a minimum of 3 days per week + a maximum of 7 for almost a decade now. I go there with my canine companions to walk + socialize with both other dogs + humans. This time is absolutely vital to my mental health + my dogs physical + mental health

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

There are many weekends that go by when the only human contact I have is with the friends I've made at Fort Funston. In the past year, I have gone through an excruciatingly painful divorce + fear I may have spiraled into a debilitating depression were it not for my dogs' daily insistence to go for a run + the subsequent support I got from the people there

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Off-leash recreation is absolutely appropriate for GGNRA areas. We live in a highly congested urban area + the greatest concentration of open space are belongs to GGNRA. Designate certain parks as off-leash, rather than separating every park in off-leash / penned areas + on-leash. For instance, Fort Funston is a haven for dogs / dogwalkers. Make sure that it remains off-leash while making other parks on-leash only

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would no longer have a social life outside of my work

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

As a single woman. I feel much safer having my dogs there + off-leash. There are too many crazy people out there who are more than willing to do harm to those of us who have no protection.

Signed: Kimberly A. Conley

Date 2-19 GGNRA011606

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1958-01-1A

RECEIVED
FEB 21 2002

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Aaron Conroy (printed)
Address: 74 Lobos St (street) S.F. (city) CA. (state) 94112 (zip)
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

7x1 walk FORT FUNSTON. Walking my dogs, ~~exercising~~ ^{EXERCISING}, Breathing Fresh Air, socializing and sight seeing. Good Health, Peace of mind, well being. They are beginning to change this area by trying to control the natural rhythm of ~~earth~~ ^{nature} and life.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I used to have to bring several preschool child classes out at Fort Funston daily for field trips - no harm done. was a pleasurable experience. I feel perfectly safe ~~I feel dog owners~~

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It is a way for me and my dog to be with both its kind! My reaction would be sadness, anger, and less desirable area.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO AND I AM DISAPPOINTED

Signed: Aaron Conroy Date 2/14/02 (optional: Age: 30 Sex (M) F Ethnicity white)

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: Feb 16, 2002

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Mr + Mrs Ken Crizer (optional: Age: Sex M F Ethnicity)

Address: 551 Victoria St. San Francisco CA 94132 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why. We walk our dog 3-5 times/week. Both we and our dog get exercise

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? Yes, there is definitely a social aspect to walking our dog at Fort Funston. We have made friends with the regulars there. We meet old neighbors that have moved and take our friends and visiting relatives there for a pleasant outing.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations. Fort Funston is ideal for off-leash recreation. We've been doing it for years and see no reason for it to change. The GGNRA has an opportunity to be innovative in meeting the needs of an oppressed section of society - the dog owner and the dogs who desperately need room to run their legs off.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? We would be hard pressed to find a replacement for this opportunity to let our dog get the exercise he requires. You provide places for hikers, bikers, + hanggliders. Why not allow dogs a few acres of their own?

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? Over the many years that I have utilized Fort Funston I have never felt threatened by a dog.

Signed: Helen Crizer

Date 2-16-02 GGNRA011608

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2/15/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about GGNRA that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Jodi Schorb (optional: Age: 35 Sex M (F) Ethnicity W)
46 Heyman St.
San Francisco, CA 94110

Address: 46 Heyman St. San Francisco, CA 94110
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

2-4 x mo. - Fort Funston
walk dog + watch ocean. socialize dog.
watch hanggliders. Dog watch.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social activity for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Yes - important to socialize dogs + also share resources - for pets, petcare, outdoor enthusiasts.

These are the biggest group of committed GGNRA users @ Fort Funston. (dog owners + walkers)

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Absolutely - designate a portion for wildlife protection (esp. south of F. Funston parking lot) + allow the path + the space by north Fort Funston parking lot for open running of dogs.

Secure fences around sensitive areas. Leave the loop trail for exercise w/ off leash dogs.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I really wouldn't want to go. I would not support the park by using it or giving \$ to park.

(the loop through the battery)

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Anywhere you have a large, committed base of off-leash users, you can be sure they will police the area + be vocal to anyone whose dog is not under command. This is why I feel equally safe

Signed: Jodi Schorb Date: GGNRA011609
command. This is why I feel equally safe

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1961-01-1A

Date: Feb. 15th - 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: HELGA CRANDALL & RUSSELL BRACHT (optional: Age: 31 Sex: M F Ethnicity: _____)

Address: 1838 32 Ave SF CA 94122
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

WE VISIT FORT FUNSTON BEACH AREA 6 DAYS A WEEK!
IT'S BEAUTIFUL AND ONE OF THE LAST PLACES WE CAN ENJOY EXERCISE WITHOUT HASSLE. WE RUN ON THE BEACH ALMOST-EVERY DAY FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS!

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES THAT ENJOY THIS OFF-LEASH AREA. WE HAVE A GROUP OF 4 OTHER COUPLES THAT EACH HAVE A DOG & COME TO MEET UP WITH US @ FORT FUNSTON, AND ABSOLUTELY "YES" WE HAVE MET NEW PEOPLE THROUGH THIS ACTIVITY!

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

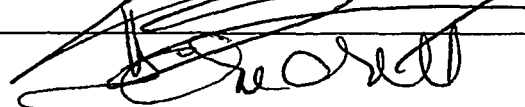
MOST PEOPLE IN THE CITY LIVE IN SMALL APARTMENTS (HOMES) AND NEED AN OUTLET (ACTIVITY) IN NATURE TO ENJOY. FORT FUNSTON MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR PETS TO RUN & GET EXERCISE & IT A GREAT WAY FOR PARENTS TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN TO ANIMALS, AND ENJOY NATURE AS A FAMILY INCLUDING OUR DOG.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

WE WOULD LOSE THE ONLY PLACE WE ALL ENJOY AS OFF-LEASH AREA TO COME TO. WE DRIVE TO FORT FUNSTON 6 DAYS A WEEK TO ENJOY IT. THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE FOR US TO GO TO.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

AS REGULAR VISITORS TO THIS GGNRA WE HAVE NEVER FELT UNCOMFORTABLE AMONG OFF-LEASH DOGS. QUIET THE OPPOSITE, WE BELIEVE THAT ALL THE DOGS LOVE THIS AREA AND ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND HAPPY AS ARE THEIR OWNERS.

Signed:  Date: 2-15-02

PLEASE KEEP THIS AREA OFF-LEASH FOR FAMILIES
GNRA01510

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1962-01-1A

Date: 2/17/02

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Cearne Johnson (optional: Age: 31 Sex M F Ethnicity C)
Address: 246 2nd St. #807 San Francisco CA 94105
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I visit Fort Funston on a bi-weekly basis. I particularly like this park because I was allowed to let my 2 dogs play & run off leash. Since I live in a condo, this is the only place my dogs can truly enjoy the outdoors. My dog walker takes them there on a daily basis as well.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I have absolutely brought friends with me and introduced the park to many new-comers to the city. Dog owners & non-dog owners alike enjoy the friendly, respectful atmosphere of Fort Funston. We all like seeing new dog faces at the park. I would so grateful if the park remained a voice controlled environment.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

I would like to have at least some off-leash areas for my dogs to enjoy. They are part of my family and our weekends are spent together. I know there are people who do not enjoy dogs, but there are many places for them to visit. Please don't take away one of the true treasures of the GGNRA.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

My poor dogs need the opportunity to run. I am afraid that I would be forced to face getting tickets. I always thought Fort Funston was something special and I have never seen anyone abuse the park. We (dog-owners) are very respectful & grateful for the space.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safe in the presence of off-leash dogs. People that use & enjoy the parks know the rules & in all my years as a user, I have never seen one situation that was unsafe.

Signed: Cearne Johnson

Date: 2/17/02
GGNRA011611

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1963-01-10

Date: 2/8/02

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Anyella Clark (optional: Age: 30 Sex M F Ethnicity W)
Address: 2 Willshire Ave. Daly City CA 94015
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

at least 5x a week. I walk my dog at Fort Funston, I get to take a walk at the beautiful outdoors, my dog can play & socialize with other dogs - so he can stay sane and well-adjusted. I get to socialize and enjoy my dog play - so I can stay healthy and happy.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Oh yes! as I describe, this is a big part of my life and one of the most enjoyable ones. I bring as many people as possible with me and everybody loves it. I have made several new friends and acquaintances.

Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Absolutely. Because I believe there is room for everybody there is enough space to be kept of limits to preserve the natural habitat and room for the dogs and their owners to walk & run around. You can fence off more areas as long as you leave the concrete paths open and some (large) areas, where dogs can run around, available to dogs and owners.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? ^{visitors}

I don't know where I would both be able to enjoy myself and take a very pleasant walk and exercise my dog. It would make us both unhappy and perhaps make it impossible for me to keep my dog. It would really be a disaster!

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

~~It terms~~ terms of safety, it wouldn't make a difference to me! Or actually some dogs became aggressive on leash, and my attack me and/or my dog!
But it would definitely be a much less enjoyable and happy place!

Signed:

Anyella Clark

Date

2/8/02

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1964-01-1A

Date:

2-18-02

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I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Cindy Spade (optional: Age: _____ Sex: M F Ethnicity: _____)
Address: 964 Wisconsin St. S.F. CA 94107
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

My husband, friends and dog go to the Fort Funston area anywhere from 2-5 times a week. We all meet and go running on the trails, watch the hang-gliders and take in the ocean views. The #1 benefit would be of course to our health and peace of mind. We have noticed some areas closed off for studies, which we always respect but it would be a shame not to leave this area available to off-leash.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

As stated above it is social and a health gathering on a very regular basis. We all look forward to these meetings!! Yes, we have made new friends through this activity and have shared this activity with all our visiting family & friends.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Most certainly & quite strongly I believe that the off-leash is appropriate. There are many parks, trails, beaches etc in the bay area and very few are allocated to the off-leash recreation. If the Park Service looked a little closer they would see that horses and humans are damaging these areas far more. I see grown men hitting golf balls off ~~at~~ into these areas regularly with no recourse. These men are not on the golf courses.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It would be a real shame, my dog has arthritis and running on the funston trails & beaches freely insures that she will get ^{enough} exercise. I also believe that if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA that this would truly be the beginning to the end. As a dog owner we are already being pushed out of our neighborhood parks by overzealous ticketors, local people who leave trash, broken glass, & drug paraphernalia.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I find this question irrelevant, we aren't talking about safety issues but free to run issues. In every incident that I've encountered over the years it's about the people who frequent the parks (without dogs, who are destroying the parks and making them unsafe) & occasional dog owners who are irresponsible. which harm our dogs. Some of the local government wants to take everything and give nothing in return. The focus here is all wrong. It shouldn't be on so much on dogs, but the people who have them but once again the problem points to people.

Signed:

Cindy Spade

Date:

2-18-02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Dara Westling (printed)
Address: 38 Ellert Street (street) San Francisco (city) CA (state) 94110 (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

- 1. Fort Funston
- 2. Baker Beach
- 3. Point Reyes
- 4. Bernal Hill
- 5. Holly Circle Park

} main reason for going is to take a walk w/ my dog.
Very few, safe, beautiful places to exercise myself & my dog outside of these areas

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I have personally gone to ~~the~~ enjoy these areas with friends & family who fit ~~in~~ these categories & find the Park Services' assertions surprising.

These areas that are used as off-leash dog areas are safer b/c they are used by more people ^{are} ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~are~~

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I have made multiple friends through my walks ~~out~~ in these areas & I ~~keep~~ ^{now} schedule meetings for walks w/ the social network I have developed. These recreation areas are incredibly important to me & my family as a way to get exercise ^{for us & our dog}

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

It is an excellent use. The people who use these facilities ^{areas/} as off-leash areas use them w/ high frequency & care about maintaining the beauty & cleanliness of the area.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Absolutely not.

Signed: Dara Westling Date Feb. 12, '02 (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity Lat)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

19Feb-01-1A

I support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Sue Boicourt (printed)

Address: 56 Moss St #4 (street) San Francisco (city) CA (state) 94103 (zip)

Dog-to-dog and dog-to-people ^{few biting/} aggression is less likely if the dog is off-leash. Dogs ~~are~~ that are afraid can have the choice to flee from the perceived danger ^{if off-leash}. When on-leash the dog may not have the option ~~to~~ of flight. It may have the option of fight instead. Only when dogs are on-leash have I witnessed incidents of dog-to-dog aggression. Fort Funston GGNRA is a great place for dogs to learn to socialize ~~to~~ well with other dogs and people/kids because the dogs run off-leash. I have seen owners of pites who are in wheel chairs (both the owner & one dog uses a wheel chair) at Ft Funston.

Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Sue Boicourt
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Date: 2/10

(optional: Age: 35 Sex M Ethnicity)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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I am speaking up for
the sake of the dogs.

Dogs should be allowed
to walk off leash.
Off leash areas are
essential to the well
being of dogs.

Urban parks are not pristine
wilderness. They need
to service the community.
Dogs need that service.

Thank you
Vanessa
Joyson

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Nora Harris
83 Arnold Drive
Novato, CA 94949

February 16, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ANPR
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to voice my support for NOT allowing dogs to run loose in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I am a dog owner, and I love dogs, but they do not belong in the GGNRA. The GGNRA is for wild animals, animals that are susceptible to being harassed, injured or killed by domestic animals, both cats and dogs.

I understand why people want to let their dogs run free. I do too. But there are dog parks for that. Please keep the GGNRA for the wild animals.

Thank you,

Nora Harris

West-Germany - ~~Bonn~~ 2/8/02

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1969-01-9

Dear Sirs,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I'm very sad to learn about your leash law.

San Francisco used to be very different and people-dog friendly, even here in Germany we know about Fort Funston.

Recreation off leash for dogs is absolutely necessary (along with co-existence with people who use them for other needs)

Please be fair to all people and the dogs, men's best friend!! (who has no voice)
Will my letter matter? (no)

Sincerely

Annegret Keller

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I wish to express an opinion about off-leash dog walking in GGNRA.

at the time I do not have a pet but when we did it was a pleasure to take him and let him run and feel free. Isn't there a way for off-leash walking that can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources?

Don't hoping that some decision can be made that is fair to all.

my daughter takes her dog (they call it Disneyland) to walk off Skyline Blvd where the hang gliders perform) and he used to really enjoy being there. I've seen him wag his tail and get all excited when they say "want to go to Disneyland"

Please be fair to our four legged pets.

Thanks

Mrs. Lois Maher

2175-42 Ave

San Francisco Ca 94116

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Please support a venue for our dogs to exercise off leash. Properly exercised animals are much more relaxed & less aggressive & much nicer to be with.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,
Candice Stimmer

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1972-01-1

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

I am writing to save off-leash dog walking in the GGNRA. I see no reason why our dogs cannot have off-leash recreation and still respect the rights of park users as well as protect the important natural resources of the GGNRA.

I know many people have written and attended meetings regarding this issue, so you don't need me to tell you the details. I am one of thousands of pet owners living in the Bay Area concerned about the new policies. When the National Park Service took over the GGNRA we were assured that those lands would be preserved for recreational use by all citizens. What we are asking for is the right to walk our dogs off-leash in a very small portion of the GGNRA, as we have for years. There is room for everyone to enjoy these parks. We need a policy that is fair for everyone that wants to utilize our recreation areas. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel Hitchcock

Dear GGNRA, 1973-01-10

I am very concerned that
off-leash dog walking may
be banned on all GGNRA
land. Please try to find a
compromise so that
responsible dog owners like
me can continue to enjoy
the use of specified areas
w/ our dogs. Thank you



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Ms Patricia Tanttila
330 Carmel Ave
Pacifica, CA 94044

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I would like to ^{see} dogs romp
off leash

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people walk ^{and} freely ^{with}
children playing

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and
hang-gliders roaming freely.

Port Funston needs to stay more
like it is rather than more of how

1/2

you would like it to be.

1974-02-1A

*Sincerely
Tom Sellers*

2/2



Mr. [redacted] Thomas Sellers
1530 47th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

1975-01-2

2-16-02

Please Allow dogs to be let
OFF their LEASH in safe &
designated AREAS. IT'S SO
Important THAT dogs have a
chance to RUN free (but
supervised!) and to play with
and mingle with their
"dog friends." IT'S good for their
HEALTH, TOO.

Thank-you,

Paul Kephart

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Paul T Kephart
2270 Almond Ave
Concord, CA 94520-2026

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Golden Gate Nat. Rec. Area
Fort Mason, Bldg 20
S F, CA

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Good day,
you know that exercise
is a must to maintain
good health. Well, it is a
must for dogs too.

Least walking does not
fulfill the requirement for
many dogs to beat-up the
natural energy that can lead
to mischievous behavior.

Individuals who take the time
to ensure their dogs get the
necessary ~~but~~ exercise are
for the most part, responsible
individuals who will also be
sensitive to the needs of maintaining
park rules & regs. Probably
far more than your general
public litterbug.

Thank you for your help
in providing this much needed
space.

Sydney Behrendt
128 Claremont
S F 94000

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1977-01-2

106 Alamo Square Drive
Alamo, California 94507
February 19, 2002

**Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, California 94123**

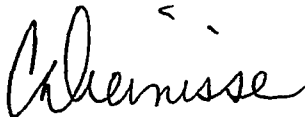
I have lived in the Bay Area for all of my 62 years – in San Francisco, Marin and Contra Costa Counties. I love this area and have always used the parks systems a great deal. I was thrilled when the GGNRA became our newest park. It is a unique place right in the middle of a large urban population.

Although I don't have one, I love dogs. I also love the area's wildlife as evidenced by my role as a volunteer in the Alcatraz Bird Census Program and Beach Watch for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary. And, of course, I'm a member of GGNPA.

I think the GGNRA has to maintain a balance that will accommodate everyone. I don't want to see dogs attacking Snowy Plovers at their nesting grounds. A lot of places that contain wildlife need to be protected from dogs running free. But there have got to be places where dogs can run without the constraints of leashes. Worse yet, if the GGNRA bans dogs even under leash control, this will just turn much of the Bay Area community against the park system. Everyone will lose.

I would like to encourage the GGNRA to find non-wildlife sensitive places to designate as dog areas and encourage dog owners to use these. Let's try to make ours a park that everyone can enjoy.

Sincerely,



Connie Diernisee

1978-01-1A

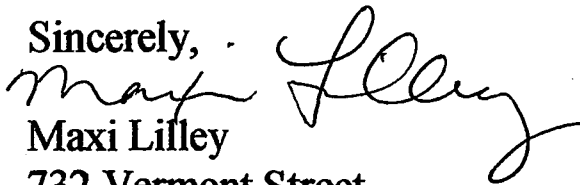
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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my SUPPORT for safe and responsible off-leash dog recreation in the GGNRA. This is something I value highly as a tax-payer and responsible dog-owner in San Francisco. I sincerely hope we can find a way to preserve this privilege and not become a totalitarian society.

Sincerely,



Maxi Lilley

732 Vermont Street

San Francisco, CA

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Fax: 415/561-4355

Friends,

I wish to add my "vote" for off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

Dogs need exercise and people with dogs need and want to enjoy the GGNRA freely.

My dog is a Shiba Inu who causes no damage to the areas where he plays. He needs to run and exercise so that he is calm when he visits my husband at Hayes Valley Care where he now lives. My husband, Bill, has Alzheimer's disease. One of the things he still enjoys is being with Keto, our dog. When Keto goes to the home, he is enjoyed by all who live there. However, Keto needs to run off some of the extra energy in order to be a calm, loving dog. Most of us who live in the city have little space in our homes for such activity.

I urge you to comply with the Pet Policy implemented in 1979 by the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission allowing people to walk off-leash dogs in certain areas of the park.

Rosalie Ross Sennett



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2741 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
17 February 2002

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GGNRA, Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear People:

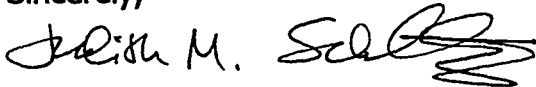
I am writing to strongly encourage you to continue to allow off-leash dog recreation in the GGNRA, specifically, but not limited to, Crissy Field beach areas. Though I have been a dog owner only for 6 years, I have enjoyed walking along the beach (and other walks) at Crissy Field since I moved to SF in 1988, and I try to walk my dog there at least once a week. I have been an enthusiastic supporter of the renovation of Crissy Field, have donated money, and, for the past 4 years, I have picked up a least one grocery-sack full of beach trash on every walk (and I always pick up my dog's poops, of course).

Over the course of the Crissy Field renovation, there have been repeated assurances that off-leash dog recreation would be maintained. I feel saddened and betrayed that there is consideration being given to ban this type of activity. I strongly feel that dogs under voice control, and their owners, have a rightful place at the GGNRA, to enjoy these areas. It is a joy to see dogs having fun at the beach, and urban dogs need a place to run and fetch and carry sticks and be the social animals they are. There is sufficient space for dogs, dog-lovers, and non-dog-lovers in the GGNRA, and I implore you to maintain the access of all these groups.

If there are problems with dogs, then please do issue citations to the owners who may be responsible. There are designated wildlife areas in the GGNRA, and everyone can respect them. But please do not break commitments made to keep off-leash recreation. Please honor those commitments and maintain space for all to enjoy.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Judith M. Schultz

February 18, 2002

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear GGNRA,

I am writing you in response to the off-leash dog situation here in San Francisco. I am in favor of keeping the dogs off-leash for the following reasons:

1. The off-leash agreement has been working for a long time and still works today. Go down to Chrissy Field and Fort Funston and look for yourself. I frequent these areas at least five to six times a week and have never seen a problem. The owners are responsible (watching their dogs and picking up after them) and the dogs are socialized.
2. With the large population of dogs in such a small area, changing their access to socialize and workout will create a worse problem. I have taken my dog to other cities where dogs are not allowed off-leash. They spend a lot of time in their backyard or inside their home. When my dog met these dogs on-leash in the park, the other dogs were very aggressive and did not know how to socialize.
3. If you were to poll the people who use these areas the most, there would be an overwhelming response in favor of the dogs being off-leash. Isn't this a democratic society? It wouldn't be close, so how can we be seriously considering shutting down the off-leash areas 100%?

I am also one who knows their needs to be compromise for us to move forward in our society. It's a key ingredient as we become a more diverse group of people. As mentioned before, I frequent these areas a lot. Thus, I think I have a pretty good idea of what goes on there. Here is my recommendation for compromise:

Designate an area for dogs to be off-leash within Chrissy Field and Fort Funston. It's important for the dogs and their owners. Don't send them to Candlestick Point or some other area. We deserve to access open areas where we live. Here is what I suggest for each of these areas:

Chrissy Field

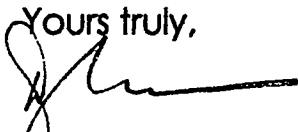
Let the dogs use the second beach. The first beach is a lot more congested with people, windsurfers and others due to the parking access. The third beach is already closed due to a preservation effort. Anywhere outside this area, dogs are to be kept on-leash.

Fort Funston

Identify the center loop north of the main parking lot (starting at the drinking fountains) down to the beach for off-leash. On the beach, the off-leash would continue south to the sewage pump. This would make the areas near the parking lot and down to the beach below the paragliding deck on-leash only.

Please let common sense prevail in this matter. The majority of people who access these areas are depending on you to do the right thing. Please put forth a compromise so we can put this issue behind us and move on.

Yours truly,



Doug McIntosh
315B Parnassus Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94117

CC: Matt Gonzales, Willie Brown, Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Boxer,
Dianne Feinstein

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

M. Grodjinsky

150 HAIGHT ST. #604

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

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ATTN:

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
ADVANCED NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
FORT MASON - BUILDING 201
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

94123

RE: PET MANAGEMENT.

AS A MEMBER OF THE S.F. S.P.C.A., I
SUPPORT ITS POSITION THAT AN EXCEPTION BE MADE TO
THE OFF-LEASH BAN IN SPECIFIC AREAS. ITS RATIONALE,
AS EXPLAINED ON THE ATTACHED NOTICE, SEEMS REASONABLE.
I HOPE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THE GG NRA
CAN & SHOULD ACCOMMODATE MULTIPLE USES, INCLUDING
THOSE NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH OF URBAN DOGS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
Maxine Grodjinsky
MAXINE GRODJINSKY

1982-03-1A

WHY THERE SHOULD BE OFF-LEASH AREAS IN THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

- Off-leash areas are essential to the well-being of dogs. Regular off-leash exercise burns off pent-up energy, builds confidence, improves a dog's social skills and helps prevent aggression. Conversely, limiting dog play results in under-socialized, under-exercised, under-stimulated dogs and often leads to behavior problems.
- Off-leash dog walking was an intended activity when the City of San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA.
- In 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy allowing people to walk off-leash dogs in certain areas of the park. The GGNRA should abide by that policy.
- When San Francisco gave GGNRA lands to the National Park Service, the city was assured that traditional recreational uses, including off-leash dog walking, would be continued. The Park Service should honor its commitment to maintain the broad range of recreational use that is appropriate in an urban park.
- As an urban park, the GGNRA is different from most national parks. Urban parks are not pristine wilderness preserves. They are supposed to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for the community.
- The GGNRA claims it must comply with a National Park Service rule that prohibits off-leash dogs. But there are exceptions to the off-leash ban in more than 40 national parks, where hunting dogs are allowed to run free.
- There is room in the GGNRA to protect sensitive habitat and still provide space for off-leash dogs. Traditional off-leash areas account for 0.5 percent of the 75,000 acres in the park.
- With proper management, the GGNRA can accommodate wildlife and human activity. Bicycling, hiking, hang-gliding, dog walking and other pursuits can co-exist with birds and plants.
- Off-leash recreation is an under-served need. The State of California recently recognized that fact with plans to test an off-leash area at Candlestick State Recreation Area in San Francisco.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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announced by the GGNRA.

For meeting dates and locations,
call 415-561-4728. 1982-03-1A

ACT NOW!

The deadline for public comment is March 12, 2002

**Get more information on off-leash recreation in the GGNRA
at the San Francisco SPCA Web site, www.sfspca.org**

To access the "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking—Pet Management in Golden Gate Recreational Area," visit www.access.gpo/nara or www.nara.gov/fedreg. Copies of the ANPR are also available at GGNRA visitor centers and at public libraries in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, Marin County and San Mateo County.

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FEB 20 2002 FREDRIC C. GENTER, PH.D.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE 1328 COLUMBUS AVENUE
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17 February 2002

Brian O'Neill, Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Ft. Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: ANPR "Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area"

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

Please keep dogs leashed in GGNRA.

I am writing to ask that dogs be leashed in all areas of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). This issue extends far beyond the personal pleasure of dog owners. A variety of points speaks to the need to keep dogs leashed in GGNRA:

Allowing dogs off-leash sets a dangerous precedent with potentially nationwide implications.

- The Code of Federal Regulations (36CFR2.15) requires that dogs be kept on-leash at all times on National Park Service land. By requiring dogs to be leashed, GGNRA is merely following existing law that applies to every National Park unit in the country.

The issue is not whether to ban dogs from GGNRA. The issue is simply whether dogs should be leashed. This is not an unreasonable expectation.

- If this Proposed Rulemaking results in off-leash dogs in GGNRA, it will encourage other groups to petition any other National Park, urban or rural, to similarly allow off-leash dogs. The GGNRA precedent could increase the likelihood of approval.

It is inappropriate to exempt GGNRA from NPS standards simply to accommodate the wants of a small, local, special interest group.

- The criteria for acceptance of a unit into the National Park system require that it be of some national significance. Thus, National Park units should be administered in the best interest of the nation, not that of local residents. The only reason that off-leash dog areas are under consideration is to mollify a vocal subset of a special interest group that lives within a short distance of GGNRA. This accommodation is inappropriate, and it diminishes the stature of the National Park system in general.
- Some people think that a National Recreation Area (NRA), by virtue of its designation, is something less than a "real" National Park. However, NRAs fall under the same mission as the park jewels of Yellowstone, Yosemite, Glacier, and Denali, and they must be managed with the same care.

Off-leash dogs put resources at risk, thereby violating Park Service mission.

- The legal mission of the National Park Service is "to conserve the scenery and natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations" (National Park Service Act of 1916). This means that present-day enjoyment may be facilitated only to the extent that it does not impair the resources for future enjoyment.

The snowy plover is Federally listed as "threatened." The bank swallow is state-listed as "threatened." Both birds inhabit the GGNRA beaches and shoreline. Protection of these species is required by law. It is obvious to any observer that off-leash dogs pursue these and other shorebirds, disrupting their feeding and other activities. Should any of these birds depart GGNRA beaches in search of more hospitable sites, the resources will have been "impaired" and the experience of future Park visitors will have been lessened.

- Off-leash proponents have argued that the Park Service should not enforce the leash law in the absence of definitive evidence that the dogs are impacting the birds. This places the burden of proof on the wrong party. Dogs should not be allowed off-leash, if ever, until there is confidence that no damage will be done. To argue that the Park Service should not take measures to prevent damage to resources until after damage is done turns logic on its ear.

Off-leash dogs discourage visitation and diminish the Park experience.

- The Park Service mission is to provide for the enjoyment of "...the scenery and natural and historic objects and the wildlife." Off-leash dogs are none of these, and they detract from the Park experience. Off-leash proponents have argued that it is reasonable to allow off-leash activity in an urban park. In the case of an urban National Park, the opposite is true. It is precisely because natural experiences are so hard to come by in metropolitan areas that it is important to preserve one's ability to experience truly natural settings. Wet, sandy, barking, digging, galloping, intrusive dogs are not part of that experience.
- A significant number of people are afraid of dogs. This fear is not entirely ill founded, and has been increasingly vocalized since the recent spate of dog maulings and deaths in the Bay Area. The presence of dogs running unrestrained across Park land can only discourage these people from enjoying full access to the Park. Allowing off-leash dogs would sacrifice the experience of these individuals in favor of the incremental pleasure of a small group of pet owners.
- GGNRA has developed outreach programs to bring inner-city kids into the Park and involve them in volunteer projects. These programs provide a Park experience that these kids would not otherwise obtain. However, inner-city kids in particular can be terrified of dogs. The presence of unrestrained dogs may discourage participation in these programs.

Providing for off-leash dogs is an inappropriate use of Federal land and taxes.

- Accommodating the desires of the local citizenry for a dog run is not the responsibility of the Federal government, much less the National Park Service. This is the responsibility of local government. Federal taxes should not pay for this perk for the local citizenry.
- The City of San Francisco has threatened to reclaim its donated lands if the Park Service does not provide for off-leash dogs. Rather than have the National Park Service support off-leash dogs, I would favor returning the lands to the City. The City can then run the area as it sees fit. The City can also re-assume the financial and legal liability of which it relieved itself when it originally "donated" the land to the National Park Service.

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For me, the issue reduces to the following question: Are the GGNRA lands of sufficient national significance to warrant inclusion in the National Park system, or was their acceptance into the system a mistake? If the former, which I believe, then we should run them like any other National Park, with the benefit of the nation and future generations in mind, including compliance with NPS leash law. If the latter, however, then the NPS should divest itself of the land, including the return of tracts to the City of San Francisco, which should then assume full responsibility for them.

For the record, I am a long-time dog owner. My family loves our dog, and I understand the joy and companionship that dogs can bring their owners. The above issue, however, is much bigger than the shortsighted and self-centered wants of a small, local, but vocal group of pet owners.

I'm dismayed that GGNRA, by historically ignoring the legal requirement to keep dogs on leash, has created a situation that has allowed this action to proceed this far. I encourage the Park Service to learn from this experience and not repeat this mistake.

Sincerely,

Fredric C. Genter

Fredric C. Genter, Ph.D.

cc: Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Sen. Barbara Boxer
Rep. Tom Lantos
Rep. Nancy Pelosi
Ms. Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior
Ms. Fran Mainella, Director of the National Park Service
Mr. Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
Mr. John Reynolds, Pacific West Regional Director, NPS
Dr. James Shevock, Pacific West Regional Office, NPS
Mr. Richard Bartke, Chair, GGNRA and PRNS Advisory Commission
Mr. Trent Orr, Chair, Pet Policy Committee, GGNRA and PRNS Advisory Commission
Mr. Craig Middleton, Acting Director, Presidio Trust
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Ms. Courtney Cuff, National Parks Conservation Association, Pacific Office

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To: GG NRA

Feb. 19, 2002

Attn: ANPR

Subj: Off-leash restriction

Out of 75,000 acres you must allow the historical, necessary off-leash activity on the 0.5% of your acreage.

Following the logic of restoring to nature at the cost of the citizens would lead to destroying downtown San Francisco to return it to the bay

Karl Kaudler

181 Kaudler

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Millbrae CA 94030

650.692.3542

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Marcia Pope
2815 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA 94115

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Re: Off-leash dogs at Crissy Field

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my strong support for allowing San Francisco dog owners to continue to walk their dogs off-leash at Crissy Field.

Like many other dog owners in the city, I take my dog to Crissy Field for a walk and exercise on a regular basis. These outings are essential for her health and well-being, since, as a city dweller, she necessarily spends most of her day in a relatively confined area. When my dog is off leash, she is under strict voice control, and I take care to make sure that she does not disturb other dogs, people or wildlife who are there at the same time. I am also religious about picking up after my dog, and I do not permit her to dig or otherwise destroy the natural beauty of Crissy Field. Because my dog is very friendly, she has made many human and animal friends during her off-leash excursions at Crissy Field, and no one has ever seemed disturbed by her off-leash presence. To the contrary, seeing her enthusiastic enjoyment of the open space and freedom available to her at Crissy Field has been a source of amusement for many other visitors, with and without dogs.

There are too few places in the city where dogs can enjoy the freedom of an off-leash romp. The off-leash use of Crissy Field is a wonderful benefit, and responsible dog owners make sure that they and their dogs exhibit good citizenship with every visit.

As the mother of two very young children who also enjoy visits to Crissy Field and other GGNRA sites, I understand and appreciate the concerns that arise when a dog is permitted by irresponsible owners to run off leash in an uncontrolled way. But, in my experience, such incidents are rare. Surely these dogs and their owners can be handled on an individualized basis, rather than making a blanket decision to deprive all responsible dog owners and their controlled dogs of the enjoyments of off-leash visits to Crissy Field.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia Pope

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February 16, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: dogs off leash


Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope you consider my thoughts on park areas and the dog off leash issue. I am very much in favor in permitting dogs to be off leash in as many areas as possible. I am particularly interested in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and would like you to do whatever you can to assure that dogs continue to be permitted off leash in that area.

In my experience dog owners care about the natural resource that is being used and off leash activity can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests in the GGNRA.

Thank you for considering my opinion, and again, please let our dogs play and run in the GGNRA off leash.

Sincerely,



Nancy V. Powell

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SUPERIOR COURT

To

GGNRA

Please allow responsible dog owners access to some space to walk their dogs off leash. This will help prevent dogs from walking on city streets which cause problems for pedestrians & drivers. They are not asking for much just 0.5% of the 75000 acres available. The park should be for everyone - dog owners included.

Please allow dog walker owners some access - good for mental health of owner & pet alike.

Ernyta D. Allen

1988-01-1C

February 17, 2002

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SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

GGNRA
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Re: Maintaining an off-leash area at Fort Funston.

Dear GGNRA:

We wish to express our desire to continue to allow our dog to be able to roam off leash at Fort Funston. Of the GGNRA's 75,500 acres, we fail to understand why a few miles cannot be allotted for dog off-leash recreation. In view of the more than 20 years since San Francisco has given the coastal areas to GGNRA, compromises should be made to continue the "voice control" pet policy in certain areas of the park. Exceptions to the National Park Service pet regulation should be made accordingly as appropriate to each individual park. A national park should be available to the enjoyment of all individuals-those with children or those with pets.

Public education and willingness to share all open spaces with families with pets will help all park visitors to enjoy the recreational areas of Fort Funston. The number of visitors to Fort Funston have increased due to the large number of dog owners frequenting with their dogs. If dog owners cease to walk their dogs at Fort Funston, the popularity as a tourist attraction would slowly phase out. The enforcement of leashing dogs at Fort Funston would force many to use other public parks.

The East Bay Regional Park District has a large number of areas for off leash recreation, San Francisco and San Mateo County should be able to be as accommodating.

The area of Fort Funston is basically all sand dunes. With the severe erosion to the cliff side from the strong wind and waves, we are unable to understand why efforts are not made to restoring and reenforcing the cliff side. Rather money is wasted on planting plants while removing the ice-plants which have been holding the sand dunes for years.

The Fort Funston area is only feasible for dog recreation. Please preserve the off-leash recreation for dogs at Fort Funston.

Sincerely,

The Chows

The Chow Family

389 Monterey Rd
Pacifica, CA 94044

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

1989-01-1A

Support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Annette Webb (printed)

Address: 2819 Pacific St., San Francisco, CA
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Annette Webb Date 2/15/02 (optional: Age: 41 Sex M Ethnicity Asian)

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We are absolutely determined that there be off-leash recreational space as a part of GGNRA. This was an intended recreational activity when SF gave its beaches and coastal bluffs into your care. We have two dogs. We are responsible pet owners who walk the dogs on leash in the city at all times, excepting those few days a week we are able to get to off leash areas at Ft Funston and Crissy Field.

If there are not areas created for dog owners who are responsible members of the community, these same owners will likely become irresponsible law breakers who care little about areas and agencies that care little about them. I will be very frank with you in that I am ready at the ripe old age of 60 to practice a bit of civil disobedience if necessity dictates. I would certainly rather there can be a way that open space can be shared by ALL in a responsible way.

Sincerely,



Carol Bakker

Carol Bakker
411 1/2 30th St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Bernard J. Bolter III

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2559 27TH Ave

San Francisco, CA 94116

February 2, 2002

GGNRA

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

To Superintendent O'Neil:

I have lived in San Francisco for most of my life and have owned numerous dogs over the years. I visit Fort Funston on a daily basis and I support the making of Fort Funston accessible for off-leash recreation with my dog.

The socialization of dogs is very important to their character and behavior. When I am in the city I keep my dog on a leash but when I visit Fort Funston he is allowed to interact, off-leash, with people and other dogs. To require him to be on-leash would take away our time to hike and play together.

There are complaints that some dogs are causing problems but the answer is not to leash every dog. Dogs that are under "voice control" should be allowed to run and socialize with each other. Dogs that are not under "voice control" should be dealt with on an individual basis.

Fort Funston has been an off-leash area for 30 years and to take that away from the people of San Francisco and their dogs would be a crime. Please institute a permanent off-leash policy at Fort Funston and other parks in the GGNRA system.

Sincerely,



Bernard J. Bolter III

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February 18, 2002

Dear Sirs,

I write in support of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

I have been walking my two dogs in Fort Funston for ten years. During that time I have observed very few problems of fighting or digging. Most of us are responsible pet owners, cleaning up after our pets and keeping them within the limits of available walk space.

Off-leash recreation is an under-served need in an urban area. The Park Service should honor its commitment to maintain the broad range of recreational use that is appropriate in an urban park.

Please allow San Francisco's dog owners to have healthy pets, ones that are exercised and socialized.

Sincerely,

Donna Hurowitz

Donna B. Hurowitz
SF citizen and pet owner

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2519 31st Avenue
San Francisco, CA, 94116
4 February 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Off-Leash Recreation in the GGNRA

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am not a dog-owner myself, but I am writing to express my strong support of off-leash recreation in the parks of San Francisco. As someone who walks on an extremely regular basis (5 or 6 times a week), I CHOOSE to walk in areas where dogs are allowed to run around freely and play, because it enhances my experience. There is no better tonic than to watch dogs play with each other, come over to greet me (many of them sense that I am a dog lover, and I encourage them to come to me), run in and out of the ocean. I can see what a joy it is for the dogs, as well as the dog-owners, and it is seldom that one comes across a group of strangers who are able to connect and socialize with one another spontaneously, and it is PURELY through their beloved pets. I am consistently impressed by how responsible all the dog-owners are, and in the 3 years of spending time in the parks, have not once come across an incident which made me in any way uncomfortable.

In a society which is becoming increasingly more controlled, less expressive, and less spontaneous, I think it would be a crying shame to impose a leash restriction on these adoring pets, as well as their owners. What a sad statement it would make about our society, if we could never let our best friends indulge in pure, harmless, innocent fun.

I hope to have a dog of my own someday. I pray that I will be able to walk with my pet and watch him/her romp about freely with other dogs.

PLEASE DO NOT OUTLAW OFF-LEASH DOGS!

Sincerely,


Jill Rabinowitz

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February 16, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

SUBJECT: Comment on Proposed Off-Leash Dog Walking Ban

Dear GGNRA:

I am writing to ask the GGNRA to continue to allow off-leash dog walking in the areas currently designated for this activity.

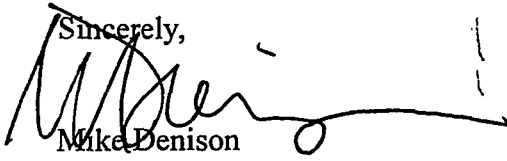
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Only off-leash play for dogs releases pent-up energy and exercises them completely, helping to socialize them and prevent aggression. As a San Francisco resident, I would much prefer that the off-leash areas continue to be off-leash, to ensure happy and healthy dogs in the San Francisco area.

Please reconsider the proposed off-leash ban.

Sincerely,


Mike Denison
655 Peralta Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94110

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February 16, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

SUBJECT: Comment on Proposed Off-Leash Dog Walking Ban

Dear GGNRA:

I am writing to ask the GGNRA to reconsider its proposed ban on off-leash dog walking.

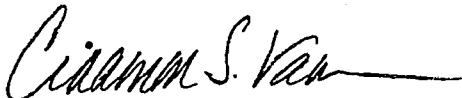
As a San Francisco resident and dog owner, I believe there are several areas where off-leash dogs can be allowed to play safely and appropriately, including areas such as Ocean Beach, Crissy Field, and Ft. Funston.

In our heavily urbanized area, there are few places that have the open space and freedom from traffic that are conducive to off-leash dog walking. By taking away this recreational opportunity, the GGNRA will force dog owners to crowd into the few remaining off-leash areas--most likely having a significant negative impact on those areas.

I understand the importance of maintaining the park areas for a variety of uses, and particularly for the protection of natural resources. However, a complete ban on off-leash dogs is not a logical solution. Instead, GGNRA should view off-leash dog walking as a legitimate use of the park space and implement management measures--such as appropriate signage and public outreach--to ensure that dog owners and other park users understand where sensitive resources are located and how to avoid damaging them.

I believe all recreation seekers in the GGNRA can be served in a manner that allows them to co-exist peacefully. Please honor your commitment to maintaining the broad range of recreational uses that are appropriate in an urban area.

Sincerely,



Cinamon S. Vann
655 Peralta Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94110

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Dear National Park Service, FEB 20 2002

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I have 2 small dogs, who love to run free. There are, however, very few safe places for them to do so. I am a responsible dog owner & pick up after my dogs. I feel it would be a real shame if you ban off-leash dog walking. I have experienced no trouble at Crissy Field or at Ocean Beach with dogs off-leash. Most people keep control of their big dogs so that they don't intimidate my small guys.

I also have friends, who don't own dogs, express their delight at watching the dogs playing & running free. Hopefully the responsible dog owners of this area will convince you to follow a leash free policy.

Sincerely,
Sam Schneider

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35 Galilee Lane., Apt. 4
San Francisco, CA 94115
February 15, 2002

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sir or Madam:

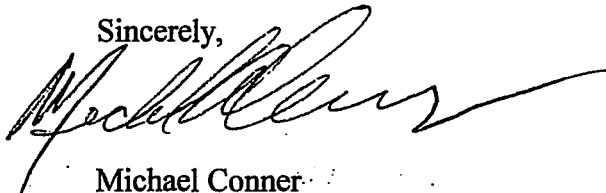
I am writing in support of Off-Leash Dog Walking in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I am a dog owner, and I recognize the importance of providing for many different recreational uses in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

San Francisco gave the GGNRA area land to the National Park Service. At that time, Off-Leash Dog Walking was provided and San Francisco expected it would continue to be provided. Although the National Park Service prohibits Off Leash Dog Walking in its parks, many exceptions are made. If hunting dogs can be allowed to run free in wild parks, surely there can be an area set aside in an urban park where pet dogs can be allowed to run free.

Dogs need to run freely for their health and well-being. Off-Leash activity is the only chance most city dogs get to run and expend pent-up energy. It's good for the dog's health, but it is also part of the pleasure of owning a dog. When I got my dog, I fully expected to have significant areas in which to enjoy letting ~~their~~ pets run free.

The Golden Gate National Recreational Area is large enough to provide both the sanctuary which some animals needs and recreational areas for dogs and their owners. Please provide a small portion of its 75,000 acres for Off-Leash Dog Walking.

Sincerely,



Michael Conner

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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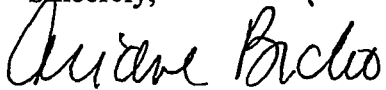
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Please reconsider the proposed off-leash ban.

Sincerely,



Ariane Bicho
326 Pierce St. # 2
San Francisco, CA 94117
(415) 861-3731

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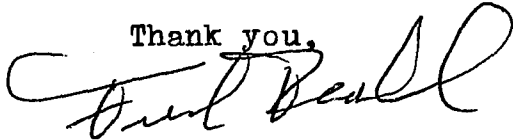
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Feb. 17, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

As a 71 year old San Francisco resident I want to implore you to maintain off-leash dog walking in the CGNRA. My dog Charlie and I have been walking daily at Ft. Funston and it has been a great and necessary health benefit to both us and other seniors in this area.

Thank you.



Fred Beall
249 Grattan St.
San Francisco, Ca. 94117
415-681-1833

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Monday, February 18, 2002

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GGNRA
Attn ANPR
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear GGNRA:

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO "ANPR" REGARDING OFF LEASH AREAS IN GOLDEN GATE RECREATION AREA. I AM QUITE ANGRY AT THE GGNRA ADMINISTRATION TO PUSH SUCH RULES IN THIS AREA LIKE IT IS A NATURE PRESERVE AND NOT A RECREATION AREA. OFF LEASH AREA IS A TRADITIONAL PART OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. I FIND THAT THE OUT OF TOWN CARBET BAGGERS COME IN TO OUR AREA AND TRY TO IMPOSE THIS OUTDATE RULE FOR NOW REASON THAT I CAN SEE EXCEPT FOR PERSONAL CAREER ADVANCEMENT. I AM DISGUSTED WITH THE UNDERHANDED AND SNEAKY METHODS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION. WE HAVE A 1979 PET POLICY THAT WAS NEGOTIATED IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE PARK SERVICE. I DON'T CARE IF THE SPINELESS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD SAYS, IT SHOULD BE PUT BACK INTO EFFECT AND IT POWERS EXPANDED INTO NEW AREAS. I AM A CITIZEN, HOMEOWNER AND A TAX PAYER HERE IN SAN FARNCISCO AND I WANT OFF LEASH RIGHT RESTORED IN ALL THE AREAS MENTIONED IN YOUR SLANTED, BIASED AND GROSSLY MISLED DOCUMENT. IN SHORT OFF LEASH AREAS SHOULD BE REOPENED AND EXPANDED IN THE GGNRA.

Sincerely,

Daniel H Shea



Emergency Systems Maintenance

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GGNRA
ANPR
Fort Mason Building 201
SF CA

February 18, 2002

531 Noriega Street

San Francisco, CA

94122

415-564-0400

CSCI# 649464

esmfire@earthlink.net

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I am writing you today to strongly and respectfully request that you give a reasonable consideration to the San Francisco residents who enjoy the GGNRA and who are also dog owners.

I hope you will consider the original intent of the grant to the GGNRA which stipulates that these beautiful sites were meant to be shared with all bay area residents, and their loved ones. It is reasonable to allow small *and* historically utilized areas to be recognized as 'off leash' places for well socialized dogs.

Thank you,
Eric Hagerman
President, ESM
and avid dog walker

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Marsha Mercant
700 Vicente Street
San Francisco, CA 94116
(415) 753-2371 voice
(415) 504-9576 fax
(415) 517-5237 cell

16 February 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to have my voice heard on the issue of Off-Leash Dog Walking. We have been regular visitors to Fort Funston with our dog for nearly two years now and have been well aware of the diversity of opinions about off-leash dog walking.

I am not quite sure what caused this 23 year-old pet policy to allow off-leash walking to be suddenly banned but I must say that from what I know it seems a little absurd. I have never experienced any problems with dogs and/or their owner/walkers and have only witnessed courtesy and concern for each other and the environment.

When fences went up some time ago in Fort Funston it seemed a fine compromise for land and dogs. There is plenty of space to share and from what I can see the dog owners have done everything to make sure that the area is preserved for all. It isn't a place that encourages picnic goers or children playing as the terrain is rough and not inviting to either of those activities. Consequently the argument for either of those pastimes in that park seem irrelevant to me.

From what I understand before dogs were allowed at Fort Funston, the park itself was a scary place to be. It would make us so sad to lose the ability to let our dog run free as dogs need to do. Especially in a city where areas available for that kind of exercise are so valued and so few.

Please don't take away our dogs' chance to run free. There is enough room for everybody; dogs, people, bicyclists, hikers, hang-gliders, birds and plants. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,


Marsha Mercant

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KATHERINE ARMSTRONG

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Dear GGNRA,

I'm writing about ANPR.

I live in San Francisco and did have a dog and in the future. I believe that all dogs should be free to run around without a leash. I believe it is important that dog's should be exercised and play with family and doggie friends. Dog's also love to run and play at Crissy Field and Beach. Crissy field is perfect for off leash dogs to play because people tend to stay on paths and dog owners make sure that dogs stay on the beach.

I believe that off leash dogs can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural intrests in the GGNRA especially in Crissy field.

Sincerely,
Katherine Armstrong

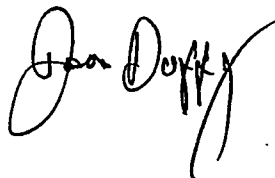
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I am writing to save off-leash dog walking in the GGNRA. I see no reason why our dogs cannot have off-leash recreation and still respect the rights of park users as well as protect the important natural resources of the GGNRA.

I know many people have written and attended meetings regarding this issue, so you don't need me to tell you the details. I am one of thousands of pet owners living in the Bay Area concerned about the new policies. When the National Park Service took over the GGNRA we were assured that those lands would be preserved for recreational use by all citizens. What we are asking for is the right to walk our dogs off-leash in a very small portion of the GGNRA, as we have for years. There is room for everyone to enjoy these parks. We need a policy that is fair for everyone that wants to utilize our recreation areas. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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Mark A. Heath
1000 Wisconsin Street, #3
San Francisco, CA 94107

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 19, 2002

Brian O'Neil
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neil,

I am writing to support Option A in the ANPR and further request that the Park Service continue to allow leashed pet recreation where currently permissible, while minimizing pet impacts to visitors and park resources.

I am a frequent user of GGNRA lands and spend many weekends mountain biking or hiking throughout the National Park. It is a nuisance to be chased by barking dogs that may or may not be harmless. I worry that off-leash dogs deter many park users from enjoying the National Park fully. What sort of a parent will bring their children to play in a park where unpredictable dogs run wild?

The GGNRA must support Option A in the ANPR so they can protect and promote park usage for all users equally. The GGNRA is too precious to be turned into a giant dog park.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Heath

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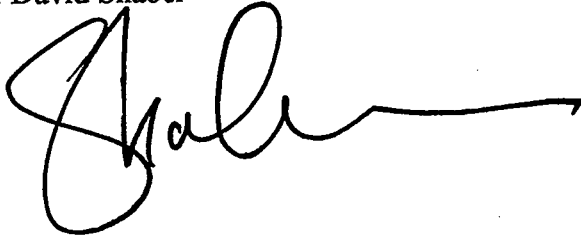
A. David Shaber
557 27th Street, Unit 32
San Francisco, CA 94131

Attention A.N.P.R
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sir:

It is important to us and the health of our companions to have an OFF-LEASH area to exercise in the GGNRA. We would like the GGNRA to impose an exception to the off-leash rule, as it has done in other national parks.

Thank you,
A. David Shaber

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaber', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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February 18, 2002

Joyce and Arnie Brown
127 Woodland Way
Piedmont, CA 94611

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Golden Gate National Recreation Area,

Please allow dogs to be walked off-leash in the Golden Gate National Recreation area. Outdoor space should be utilized by all of the community and dog owners are an integral part of San Francisco. They create a safe environment for all users and should be allowed to continue such off-leash dog walking as has been allowed since 1979.

The effort that is put into enforcing an on-leash dog walking policy could be put into management to ensure that everyone is allowed to enjoy their outdoor activities and the birds and plants are safe, too.

An off-leash permit tag could be required and the money gained from the sale could be used to hire more management to ensure that the off-leash rules are followed.

Again, please allow off-leash dog walkers in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Thank you,

Joyce & Arnie Brown

Joyce and Arnie Brown
510-652-6826

2008-01-2

Pam Backe
714 Briggs Place
Petaluma, CA 94954

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GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

February 4, 2002

To all concerned:

It is with great concern that I write this letter on behalf of my three year old golden retriever, Maggie and myself. Having deeply enjoyed off-leash pleasure at Crissy Field, it's unconscionable that we would someday loose the privilege. Having walked, played fetch, swam and deeply drunk in the scenery, it is grievous and beyond our comprehension why anyone would consider revoking the opportunity.

We walk, play fetch with a ball, swim, pick up feces, fill-in any holes caused by digging dogs and leash Maggie whenever we move into areas other than those along the bay, authorized for dog use. We witness the smiles on faces as others enjoy Maggie enjoying the area. We have valued the privilege for three years without incident. It is Maggie's favorite place. She joyfully whines when she realizes where we're headed. It's well-worth the drive from Petaluma to take in a truly breathtaking spot, sharing it with tourists and locals, along with our canine family and friends.

Do the right thing, keep the policy as it's been. Allow dogs off-leash, under voice control in the GGNRA.

Thank you,



Pam Backe (with and for Maggie!)

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February 16, 2002

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for keeping off-leash dog activity as part of the GGNRA.

An exception to the ban on off-leash dogs should be made - it seems to have been the intention for these areas to be available for this activity and there is ample space for off-leash activity to take place within the GGNRA. Thank you for the opportunity to express my view. Sincerely,
Janis Berwitt

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Date: February 19, 2002

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

I ask for the analysis of any alternative to the current restrictive regulation be measured from the baseline of the former policy that allowed off leash dog walking in certain areas.

I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

There is room in the 75,000 acres for off-leash recreation. off leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when the GGNRA was established to maintain "needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment planning".

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eli C. Wadley

(signature)

Eli C. Wadley

(name)

3280 21st Street #209

(address)

San Francisco, CA 94110

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

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Date: 2/18/02

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San Francisco, CA 94123

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Belita J P (signature)

BELITA LEWIS (name)

302 PARK ST. (address)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94110

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To whom it May Concern:

I am writing to encourage the GGNGR to please continue to permit dogs to walk off-leash at Fort Funston. I am a regular visitor to Fort Funston with my dog and family. I am also a citizen who values our natural resources and respects the ways in which we are asked to accept certain inconveniences in order to preserve our natural resources. However, I do not believe that dogs playing off leash at Fort Funston put that environment at risk. In my experience those who enjoy Fort Funston with their dogs are excellent stewards of the landscape who do more to maintain its integrity and cleanliness than the average park visitor. Furthermore, these same dog-loving people are equally sensitive to the personal preferences and concerns of others and will, if asked, leash their dogs to secure another's comfort.

Finally, given the shortage of open space in San Francisco and the apparent reality that this is a dog-loving town, it would seem quite unfair to take away this one last spot for off-leash recreation. Urban settings require different standards than wilderness areas. Fort Funston is not Yosemite and does not demand the same kind of vigilance to preserve its wilderness. In fact, Fort Funston's primary recreational and natural function is to provide a pleasant spot for families and their dogs to walk freely while admiring the views and landscape. Applying only one standard to all national parks does not meet the needs of all citizens. Urban parks require a standard of care and use that acknowledges the ways in which those who live in proximity to the site use it. I urge the GGNGR and the National Park Service to consider changing the rule not just for the benefit of those of use who use Fort Funston but for all urban dwellers who need to be able to freely enjoy the natural areas in their communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Rae Connor, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

2013-01-1A

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

114 Moffitt Street
San Francisco, CA 94131
February 19, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my strongest support for maintaining the long-standing tradition of off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

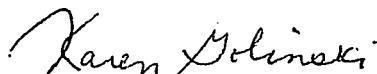
It is my understanding that off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA. I also believe that in 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy that allows off-leash walking in certain areas; the GGNRA should continue to follow this policy.

Urban parks are different than wilderness national parks, and as such, should allow different uses. And why are hunting dogs allowed to roam free in other national parks but the GGNRA is saying that NPS rule prohibits off-leash dogs?

The success of the recently set-aside protected area at Fort Funston should indicate to you that dog owners will respect the parameters established for off-leash dog walking. We can share the GGNRA with people doing all kinds of different activities, from biking, hiking, hang gliding, and bird watching, and the plants and animals can also thrive.

I urge you to maintain off-leash recreation in designated areas of the GGNRA, for the enjoyment of the city's multitude of dog owners and their pets, whose health, behavior and well-being benefit immeasurably from this much-needed off-leash exercise.

Sincerely,



Karen Golinski

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2014-01-1A

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Gerald Seagraves
268 Bush Street, suite 333
San Francisco CA 94104

February 15, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123

Dear ladies & gentlemen:

Please make an exception to the off-leash ban in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. I love my dogs, and love to walk with them off-leash. I am courteous to other people, vegetation, property, and animals. And, I make sure my dogs are too. Please allow responsible off-leash use in some areas of our beautiful park.

Thank you and take care,


Gerald Seagraves
Citizen of San Francisco

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2015-01-1A

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Date: 2/17/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: GRACE M. TRANCE (optional: Age: 31 Sex M (F) Ethnicity Asian)
 Address: 1375 21st St. SF CA 94114
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I walk with my dog practically 3 times a week.
 In my opinion this is a very safe place where I take my parents to walk along with my dog named "Duke"

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I have met a lot of nice people in this place.
 For me this a place of events gathering not only for the dogs but also for the owner of the pets.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

My dog gets a lot of exercise and he accustomed with other dogs running around the area.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I would be probably disappointed & so with my dog who does not have a freedom to socialize.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I am definitely safer with the presence of off-leash dogs. The owner knows their pets whether they are harmful or not.

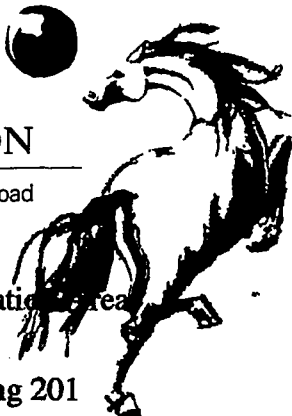
Signed: Grace Trance

Date: 2/17/02

**MIWOK
VALLEY
ASSOCIATION**

701 Tennessee Valley Road
Mill Valley, Calif. 94941
(415) 383-6953

Golden Gate Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123
Subject; Pet Management in GGNRA



2016-02-8

February 14, 2002

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to help identify the pros and cons with regard to the pet regulations within Tennessee Valley. I am a resident of the horse stables and I have spent the last 20 years sharing the surrounding valley's with the public in almost every capacity. As President of the facility my duties include working with the National Park Service regarding environmental issues as well as participating in the mission to help this land serve as many publics as possible. I am a riding instructor and often share the trails with all of the different users. I hike several days a week with a beautiful dog named Jubilee. (My husband enjoys biking on the trails as well.) It is with all of these trail uses in mind that I give you my opinion.

As an equestrian I firmly believe that leash laws are critical in assisting the balance between dogs and horses. Even the best of dogs may see a horse and instantly want to be aggressive or playful. For example: The facility riding arenas are located directly next to the public parking lot for Tennessee Valley. It is here that, while teaching classes, we have many times experienced dogs jumping away from their owners and running into the arena chasing the horses. We have children as young as 7 years old in some of these lessons and it has been a terrifying experience for everyone when this has happened. The owners are usually just as mortified as we have been but on occasion we have been awed at the lack of understanding and responsibility some have shown. (Like not calling the dog off and just standing and observing the chaos.) The leash law is critically important for us in this area and should not only be kept in place but policed as well.

As an equestrian on the trail, I myself have been the victim of the loose, aggressive dog who bites at the horse's legs until brought under control. I have also encountered, (recently), a professional dog walker with about 8 dogs, all off leash in the Gerbode Valley where I was surrounded by free running dogs going every which way. The man did nothing to help my situation. No voice control, and no courtesy. I will not be using that trail again, even though it is a horse trail as well as a dog trail. The leash law, (when followed), would protect against these situations and is very important for most of the trails in this valley.

Now, as a hiker and dog walker I have this to share. I wish there were more trails to walk dogs on. I firmly believe that some trails should be designated for "off leash" use while

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Tennessee Valley Rd., from the parking lot, leading to the beach, should remain "NO" dogs. There are hundreds of users of this trail, which include the elderly all the way down the age line to babies just taking their first steps. The trail is narrow. The average weekend may include thousands of pedestrians and bicycle riders as well as equestrians on this road. The habitats along the trail are full of all kinds of birds, many of them living inside the brush. We often see the quail bringing along their vast families, all of which are at ground level. There are deer everywhere who cross the valley on a daily basis many times with babies. We often see bobcats in plain view along this trail as well. Even though I am a dog lover I firmly believe that this trail should remain off limits because of the sensitive wild life and the large numbers of human use. And in connection, I believe the Coastal trail up from Tennessee Valley and the Fox trail up from Tennessee Valley would also be inappropriate for dogs since the bottom of both trails would not be a connector. I think the connection at the top of both trails is Coyote ridge, which should allow leashed dogs. They could come up from Muir beach as well as connect to Miwok north.

The Miwok trail north, which heads up onto the same ridge is an excellent trail for dog use. This is my regular choice for my dog walk. The trail is steep so it is less traveled and not shared by baby strollers or slow elderly people. Only the most serious bikers and hikers use this trail as well. The habitat is very quiet and for the most part consists of the large birds of prey. I believe that this would be an excellent trail to allow off leash dogs with the understanding that voice control and staying on the trail are a must. Please also consider allowing the trails to connect to Coyote ridge "for dogs" as a connector to the Muir Beach trail. At this time the ridge between the Fox trail and the top of Miwok north, do not connect for dog walking. (I do not understand why).

The Marincello trail is a heavily used trail by hikers, runners, equestrians and bikers. I am not sure if the allowing of leashed dogs would create a space problem on the busy days as everyone going up or down would likely have to pass each other all at once sometimes. The bikers come very fast much of the time and getting out of the way could prove difficult. I don't believe it would be appropriate to allow dogs on Marincello.

My last comment is regarding the dog walkers who have many dogs at once all under the control of one person. I believe there should be a limit placed on how many dogs one person can have within their control while walking in the park. I feel like three dogs at once should be maximum as I feel that three can be controlled around bikes, pedestrians, and equestrians but more than that (I have seen) proves difficult in narrow areas. There should be a limit per handler.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Respectfully,

Suzie Saldana
Suzie Saldana

President

Miwok Stables

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152 Lombard Street, #705
San Francisco, CA 94111
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Golden Gate Natl. Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Ft. Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Subject: Our Oppositon to Off-Leash Dogs in GGNRA

Dear Friends:

Our personal experience proves that for dogs to live in a metropolitan area, they must be closely controlled by their owners. Sadly, too many owners love their dogs in a selfish way, focusing on pleasure derived by the person. We believe that domiciling an animal which needs the outdoors in a city-sized residence constitutes cruelty.

We love dogs but we are daily obstructed and endangered by off-leash dogs everywhere in San Francisco. Here are some examples involving your own sites:

Acquatic Park Beach (outside your window): Every day, loose dogs romp -- and defecate -- near your "No Pets On Beach" sign.

Municipal Pier/Ft. Mason Meadow: I shouted "get away" when a loose dog charged me. Its owner came running from a distance, called me "you crazy old fuck," and threatened to hit me with a sawed-off baseball bat. This woman and loose dog are regular users of your spaces.

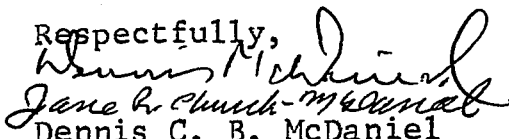
Ft. Mason Meadow: A loose dog which made several passes at us (barking wildly) was excused by its owners who said the incident was MY fault because: "You're carrying a bag."

Presidio-Crissy Field Walk: When a dog nipped my wrist (for the second time) I told its owner "get the dog on a leash." She also told me loudly that it was MY fault because: "Your arms swing when you walk."

Ft. Mason Meadow now swarms with the same law-breakers who have been your cancer on more remote GGNRA sites. There is no natural right to impose dogs on us in public space. For dogs to live in society, they must be restrained. Too many owners are AGGRESSIVE violators of leash laws. Clearly, they burnish their self-esteem with the "power trip" canine.

Please weigh our opposition to off-leash dogs, anywhere. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,


Jane R. Church-McDaniel
Dennis C. B. McDaniel
Jane R. Church-McDaniel

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 11, 2002

GGNRA
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear GGNRA,

I have read the on line version of the "advanced notice of proposed rulemaking" or ANPR and found it a poor portrayal of balanced writing. You guys at the GGNRA are supposed to be running a recreation area not a nature preserve, what wrong with you guys. The people of San Francisco and out of town visitors desperately need these off leash areas. There are thousands of acres in the GGNRA system yet you can't provide for an obvious recreational activity dog walking. I have been to Fort Funston and find the fenced in area ridiculous, what am I supposed to do stare of the fence and enjoy the native plants. This park has been torn up for decades by the armed forces and replanted with ice plant now you want to return it to the way it was??? Get a clue guys we deserve to have Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and all the other areas return for of leash recreation. There are hundred if not thousands of acres where only leashed dogs can go. MY dog likes to socialize and run with other dogs to stay happy and healthy. I feel that my Park Service has betrayed the trust of the voters that voted for them.

William Ewing

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GGNRA

Atten: ANPR

Dear Superintendent O'Neill

I live in San Francisco and take my 2 dogs to Fort Funston every day. In the city we walk on sidewalks with leashes.

At Fort Funston my dogs can run + play with other dogs. IF there are alot of kids around I keep my big shepherd on a long lead so she doesn't "play" with a child instead of a dog. I am a responsible dog owner + most other people using the park are responsible too.

Please don't penalize everyone for the bad manners of a few humans.

Thank you

Cinder Ernst

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February 16, 2002

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GGNRA
Attn ANPR
Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear GGNRA,

I have read you're on line "ANPR" document and found it quite biased against off leash dog enthusiasts. I have been walking my dog in these parks in question long before you guys came into town. What right do you have to remove these areas that have been ours for decades. I think you need to rethink your logic; after all you are visitors in OUR PARKS. We invited you and if you can't behave I think you should leave. In conclusion I think that All of the GGNRA should be off-leash after all it is a recreation area not a nature preserve.

Respectfully,

Jamie Murry

2021-01-1C

2/20/02

To Whom it may concern -
re: off leash areas in Pacifica:

I wholeheartedly support the need for off leash areas in Pacifica. I walk my Dogs at Mori Point every on the morning (I'm off the hill by 8am) + I stay up on the hill so people jogging or biking on the lower road don't have to be imposed upon.

I have a young big dog who needs lots of exercise + I have another Dog who has cancer of his leg + is receiving treatment for that (he can't go very far or fast). So Mori pt is great my Big Dog runs around + visits with the other Dogs (we have never had any confrontations) + my informed Dog doesn't have to do too much but can say hello to the other Dogs.

I'm a Nurse + being able to ramble around is very necessary for my wellbeing. Nursing is very stressful!

Please understand the Need for open-off leash space - we can't go to Ft. Funston any more.

Please find some way to share all the wonderful open land with the Dogs + their owners (responsible).
We do pick up!

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SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thank you.

Anne D'Angelo
"Rollo + Boo Boo"

Anne D'Angelo
1107 GALVEZ DR
PACIFICA, CA 94044

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401 State St
San Mateo, CA 94401
February 18, 2002

GGNRA
Fort Mason
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom it may concern:


This is to endorse that there is significant public will to continue the tradition of off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. I fully support the off-leash policy and would like it to continue.

Off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA and when the GGNRA was established to maintain "needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment and planning."

Off-leash walking can continue while respecting other park uses, including preservation of natural resources and other recreational uses, because the dogs that are there off-leash are still under voice control and will not disturb other activities.

Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Regards,



Corey Walker

veronique n. kuhner

2023-01-1A

February 14, 2002

Golden Gate National Park Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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RE: Off-leash Dog Walking at Chrissy Field

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I are strong supporters of allowing dogs to walk off-leash down at Chrissy field. There is no reason why dogs, with responsible owners, should not be allowed to roam free.

We have a 14 month old Labrador Retriever, named Hunter, who loves to play, run and swim down on the beach. We live in a small apartment with no yard in SF. It is critical we have areas within the city that allow our dog to go off-leash. Swimming is one of the healthiest forms of exercise for dogs and I do not know what we would do if Hunter could not swim and run off-leash.

I highly encourage you to observe the beach/park area on a weekend morning. This is when the majority of the dogs are out there and you will see it is a cohesive, well-organized, pleasant situation for all. People can still run, bike, walk, build sand castles with their children, etc... with no disturbance from our dogs.

With clear signage, dog owners will respect the preserved areas and natural resource protection sites which keep our park so beautiful. Dog owners are some of the most responsible people we know; I can assure you there would be no damage done.

We sincerely hope you make the right decision and allow dogs to continue to walk off-leash at Chrissy Field.

Thank You,


Veronique N. Kuhner

2051 scott street, #403 • san francisco, ca 94115

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2024-01-10

Date: 2/5/02
To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management, within the GGNRA:

I ask for the analysis of any alternative to the current restrictive regulation be measured from the baseline of the former policy that allowed off leash dog walking in certain areas.

I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Ishida (signature)

Susan Ishida (name)

2326 Buena Vista Ave (address)

Belmont, CA 94002

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

2025-01-1D

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
S.F. CA 94123

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02/18/02

Dear GGNRA

I am taking this opportunity to express my feelings regarding the use of the Recreation Area and off-leash dog walking.

I have been a pet owner my entire life and am in full support of the SFSPCA and their opinion regarding the use of limited areas in the recreation area for off-leash dog walking. I have over the past 16 years owned Labradors, which have a need for wide-ranging areas to exercise. If the animal is not allowed to exercise properly it will have adverse affects on it's quality of life. While I personally do not use the area in question, it has been hotly debated on local TV, the vast majority of people who take the time to go to your recreation area with their pets are responsible adults who view their pets in the same light as most parents do their children. They are responsible for the animals conduct and the law holds them liable while either on or off-leash. I feel there is certainly a way to manage off-leash dog walking in the area that respects the natural resources and other interests.

I urge you to consider an alternative to the current policy. I hope we have evolved into a society that values life's qualities in general, not only our own but the balance of nature we share it with.

Thank you for you time and consideration



Michael Roseman

2026-01-1A

Patrick Santana
63 Walter St
San Francisco CA 94114

February 19, 2002

GGNRA
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123

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Dear GGNRA,

I'm writing to convey my support of off-leash dog access within the GGNRA. As a resident of San Francisco and as a dog owner, I know the importance of multi-use recreational facilities — both for me, my friends, and my pet. Within the 75,000 acres of GGNRA land, supported by public monies, I would expect that some share of it be specifically for off-leash dog activities.

I want to add my voice to the chorus of "public will" supporting off-leash areas for dogs and dog owners within GGNRA. Given that such activity was an intended recreational use for the coastal areas when San Francisco gave its beaches to GGNRA, it seems only fitting that these uses continue — if not get expanded.

I hope that solutions which serve the interests of all parties (pet owners, families, wildlife, AND natural resources) will be implemented by park authorities. And that accommodation for ALL these interests will be viewed as successful park management.

Again, I wish to state my wholehearted support to continued off-leash recreational areas within GGNRA.

Sincerely,



Patrick Santana

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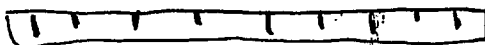
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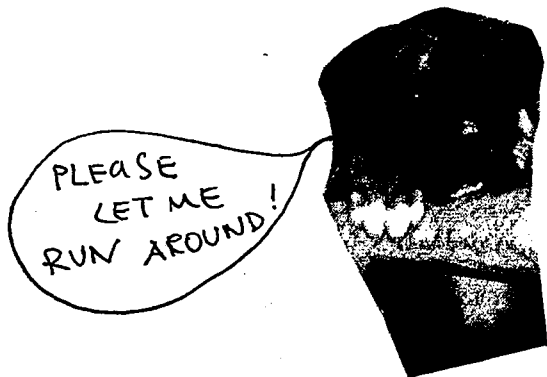
AREAS FROM OUR DOGS!!

THE MAJORITY OF US ARE

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS!

SINCERELY YOURS,

← FLOYD & SHION
Nagahara



Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2028-01-1A

Date: 2/20/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: J. Frank Munns (optional: Age: Sex M F Ethnicity W)
Address: 146 BOGANA ST. J.F. Ca 94110
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

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2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

YES

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

YES CERTAIN AREAS SHOULD BE DOG FRIENDLY - esp. ON THE IMMEDIATE SHORE LINE.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I wouldn't come.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

no problem w/ off-leash

Signed: J. Frank Munns Date: 2/20/02 GGNRA01684

2029-01-1A

February 17, 2002

M. P. MULLIN
1245 17th Avenue #4
San Francisco, CA 94122

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RE: GGNRA's ANPR - "Off-leash dog issue"

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As a tax paying San Franciscan I am writing in support of the "off-leash" dog issue at Chrissy Field. The law that applies to dogs at Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park is "off-leash" in restricted areas, however, all dogs "off-leash" must be under voice control. Therefore please allow dogs to be "off-leash" and require owners to have "voice-control" over them.

Owners should be responsible for picking up after their animals (poop duty) as well.

Thank You,

M.P. Mullin

2030-01-1A

support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Luke Gilligan (printed)
516 29th St S.F. CA 94131
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

3-4 times per week to walk my dog.

The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

at the above area dog owners

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Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

I think it is a great social outlet as many of our friends join us on walks @ Fort Funston and enjoy the park.

Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

I think that dog owners do draw more people to the park. They bring people with them also tell others how beautiful the park area is.

San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

They should not be allowed to renege this as residents of San Francisco are not to be able to use the parks.

Signed: Luke Gilligan Date Feb 18 2002 (optional: Age: 31 Sex (M) F Ethnicity)

Please leave Fort Funston alone?

W. Bergley 2031-01-3B

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Suggested Points To Consider Including In ANPR Response Letter to the GGNRA in Support of Off-Leash Dog Use

- Crissy Field and other areas in the GGNRA where off leash dog walking has been "permitted" are appropriate places for dogs to be safely off leash. These areas can sustain off leash usage without harm to the natural and cultural resources of the areas.
- There are no alternative beach spaces available in the Bay Area where people can enjoy recreation in and near water with their dogs and, because the GGNRA is located in and around an urban setting, there are few alternatives for any open space enjoyment for people with dogs.
- Less than 1 percent of GGNRA land involves a historical and current "permitted" use of off-leash dog walking. These historic areas are the ones which are so important to off-leash proponents. There is plenty of room within the GGNRA for everyone and every interest if there are designated spaces for specific interests. Accommodation of the variety of usages and users of the GGNRA space, including off-leash dog walking, can be accomplished with appropriate guidelines.
- Enforcement of existing regulations denies the entire community of the recreational enjoyment of off leash dog walking. In addition to people who obtain great enjoyment out of exercising and playing with their dogs off leash, especially on a beach open space, there are many people visiting the park who obtain great enjoyment out of observing the animals exercising and at play.
- At Crissy Field, off-leash recreation was specifically provided for and approved by the National Park Service in the design and plan for the Crissy Field renovation. That plan reflected public comment.
- Off-leash dog walking promotes healthy pets and people who all benefit from exercise as well as socialization. The community of dogs and people who use off leash areas derive an intrinsic benefit from the freedom of movement off leash walking provides, especially since this community is in a competitive, intense urban setting.

Add your own story and perspective including what Crissy Field and other GGNRA areas mean to you, why you use them, etc. Speak from your heart!

*Let responsible dogs + owners roam free.
FIVE irresponsible owners!*

2032-01-1A

Chris Lindau
3870 25th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
(415) 695 9436

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 19, 2002

GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

I continue to be alarmed by your efforts to remove the privilege of off-leash dog walking at Fort Funston. As a 6 year resident of San Francisco (four of which I've been walking my dog at Fort Funston), I am asking that you reconsider your efforts and continue to allow off leash dog walking at Fort Funston.

This is one of the only places of its kind, and certainly the only such place in San Francisco. While I appreciate the efforts of the GGNRA, I think they are a little misguided when it comes to what amounts to ONE HALF OF ONE PERCENT of the total park land. There are parks that use that much of their land for parking lots!!

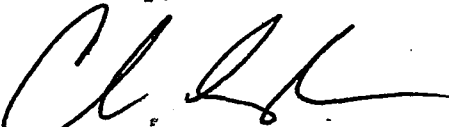
Thousands of dogs and their owners use Fort Funston. Many of these dogs are dogs that need to air it out once in a while and this park is a great place for them to run around. There is room for all in the GGNRA and certainly that was the intention of the City of San Francisco when it gave the land over to the GGNRA.

Many of the dog owners at the park have their dogs under strict voice control. And if you are worried about dogs going into restricted areas, perhaps you could institute a "Dog Pass" program that shows that dogs who have passed a basic obedience test could have off leash privileges.

When you have a major urban area in your midst (especially one that gave you the land in the first place) you have to be a bit accommodating.

The dog owners and especially the dogs of San Francisco thank you in advance for keeping the Fort Funston area of the GGNRA open to off leash dog walking.

Sincerely,



Chris Lindau (and his dogs)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

3624 Webster St.

San Francisco, Calif.

Feb 18, 2002

To Whom It May Concern,

In response to the controversy concerning the "dog-beach" law, I would like to remit a few thoughts.

First of all, I and my husband are not dog-owners, so we can certainly be perhaps - a little more objective than some individuals.

Crissy Field is part of a national park, and it does have considerable open space that people can co-exist in a most hospitable way, dog-owners and non-dog owners.

Being a native of this area, we have observed occurrences for a time, which means the dog-owners are very responsible to the area, and to people. If anything, it's the bike riders that go racing down the pavement that should be demonstrated against, and do not have proper attitude to the area.

If people bring their dogs to this area, we have perceived they have a high regard for the park, the views, and the beauty of it all! San Francisco is becoming more crowded all the time; why not let responsibility take over, rather than politics, and cordone off a few environmental areas, as there is alot of space that is just beach and dead crabs, and then the park will be able to be utilized for the enjoyment that should be for all.

We have yet to see a dog "baw-its-teath" to any individual; hoping this letter clarifies some points of this whole unnecessary controversy.

Sincerely,

GGN/RA011689

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16 February 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Whom It May Concern:

My wife and I are not dog owners, but we walk often – Marina Green and Crissy Field path to the Golden Gate Bridge are frequent destinations.

We have only met friendly dogs – in fact the dogs in many cases are friendlier than their owners/handlers.

To see the dogs running free helps to create the uplifting experience. The dogs are well behaved. I don't think we have ever seen anyone walking in those areas who has been troubled by the free running dogs.

We have heard, and it seems logical, that unleashed dogs are more sociable and agreeable than those confined by a leash.

If any changes have to be made – and we don't see why they have to be – why not let the dogs run free from 6am to 12am and from 6pm until sundown? Those seem to be the hours when most people walk their dogs.

Incidentally, a pooper-scooper rule for horses should be considered.

Yours truly,



Ron Peterson
3624 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94123

February 19, 2002

2035-01-1C

To Whom it may Concern regarding off-leash dog areas:

Please make an exception to the off-leash ban. My family greatly values off-leash dog walking and off-leash activity that is conducted in a way that respects the beautiful Bay Area natural resources and the safety and enjoyment of Bay Area residents. We love to let our dog, Glory, run free after being cooped up in the backyard or inside the home.

Please keep off-leash dog walking areas open!!!

Sincerely,

Tamara + Steven + Sophie + Glory

Tamara, Steven, Sophie and, most passionately, Glory Lackey

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2036-01-1A

Date: 02/19/2002

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Haim Vaisburd (optional: Age: 36 Sex M F Ethnicity W)
Address: 1218 46th Ave San Francisco CA 94122
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I walk my dog at Fort Funston at least once a week, often twice a week. This is the only place I found where I can safely let my dog run off-leash.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

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3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Yes, I believe the off-leash recreation is appropriate. I would appreciate more off-leash places.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs.

Signed:

[Handwritten Signature]

Date: 02/19/2002

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Dogs need to exercise.
Other people without dogs
enjoy going to these places
just because 2 dogs misbehaved
Doesn't mean all dogs are
with irresponsible owners.
It would be awful to have
to have the dog on a leash
Some dogs are more aggressive
if on the leash. Please
Don't pass this for the sake
of healthy happy ~~dog~~ dogs
& owners of dogs
Thank you

Rosemary Greene
owner of Jessica, ("Tibetan Terrier")
- 12 yrs old

2038-01-1A

Date: 2/7/02
To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
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As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

I ask for the analysis of any alternative to the current restrictive regulation be measured from the baseline of the former policy that allowed off leash dog walking in certain areas.

I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sage Cohen (signature)

Sage Cohen (name)

1688 44th Avenue (address)

San Francisco, CA 94122

Comments accepted Jan. 11, 2002 through March 12, 2002

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Sharry Wright

893 Union Street, San Francisco, California 94133

February 12, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Friends at GGNRA:

I am writing to strongly urge you to allow dogs to walk off leash at Crissy Field. It is imperative to the health and well being of dogs and their owners to have a place in nature to walk together off leash.

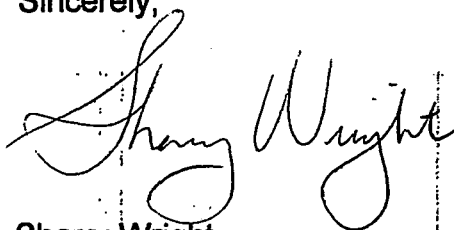
- We have been walking dogs off leash at Crissy Field for over 30 years, and were promised there would be room for us in the future. Crissy Field is a unique national park in a unique city, and should be an exception to the broader rule and serve our urban community.

I do agree that walking a dog off leash is a privilege and should be taken seriously. Dogs should be under voice control at all times. I am a strong proponent of responsible dog ownership and respect for the habitat.

I am sorry to say that if a leash law is enacted, we will have no choice but civil disobedience. I shudder to think of the San Francisco jail filled with respectable and responsible middle aged women like myself. Who will drive the carpools? Who will help with homework, prepare dinner, kiss the owies, and care for the families?

Please allow responsible dog owners and their well behaved dogs to walk off leash at Crissy Field.

Sincerely,



Sharry Wright

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Dearest - ANPR

Just a quick note to speak out about the off leash privileges ^{at stake} in various parks in SF.

I currently live out in Pleasanton and I bring my puppy into the city Parks several times a week (when in town) with me to socialize her. The dogs in the city parks, over all, tend to be better mannered than suburban dogs. I strongly hope we can keep some of these parks off leash, for I know I want a happy well socialized pup that will grow up being friendly with a variety of other dogs. I believe it's a good thing for all dogs, for they need proper socialization, to be well manered dogs.

Thanks for your time,
Sincerely

Ms Darcey Kearney
4174 Rennellwood Way
Pleasanton, CA 94566

GGNRA011696

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2041-01-1A

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I support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Janet L. Stafford M.D. (printed)
 Address: 898 Fell Street San Francisco CA 94117
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

I have thought very carefully about this issue. As an advocate for children and as a physician who may need to treat children with dog bites, I care for their safety. But I also realize that children's co-existence with other species in a balanced manner outweighs the concern. For the last 31 years I have walked in the (now) GGNRA, I have not witnessed aggressive actions by off-leash dogs. On-leash dogs have appeared to be much more aggressive in trying to "get to" kids.

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Janet Stafford M.D.
Version 2.0Date: 2-16-02(optional: Age: 57 Sex: M Ethnicity: C)

GGNRA 11037

2042-01-1A

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Chelsea White (printed)
Address: 898 Fell St. San Francisco CA 94117
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

I love the beauty of watching dogs fetch balls and run with their owners. I actually feel safer when I am running if loose dogs are around, especially if it is early morn. or evening dusk.

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Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Chelsea White Date 2-18-02 (optional: Age: 31 Sex M Ethnicity White)
Version 2.0 GGNRA011698

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2043-01-1A

Date: 2/17/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

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Name: Barbara Nannery FEB 21 2002 (optional: Age: 47 Sex: M Ethnicity:)
 Address: 949 Minnesota St SAN FRANCISCO CA 94107
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why. *My dog and I visit Fort Funston every weekend and as often on weekdays as my schedule permits. Why do I go? Because my dog loves and needs to run. She loves to play with her stick. She plays and is happy and well-exercised. I go to Fort Funston for my girl's well-being. Mine is also important, but is fed by her happiness and companionship.*

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? *I love my dog. For me, fun is whenever I can take her. GGNRA is a social occasion. I have met a number of wonderful people going to Ft. Funston. This is a positive experience for people and their dogs. In this post Sept. 11 world, we need all the peace we can get. Why can't you understand this is a good thing?*

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations. *Yes I do believe off-leash recreation is appropriate for the GGNRA. The GGNRA specifically allowed such use in 1979 (Pet Policy) while you now insist the policy was never legal, for more than 20 years people and their dogs have enjoyed this peaceful pursuit. You may be able to close w/out legally, but that will never make your actions right.*

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? *My partner, my dogs and I, love Fort Funston. It's an urban treasure that we value and appreciate every day. Losing it would be a significant disappointment. I would miss the beauty of the ocean views, the camaraderie with the people and the dogs. And, without my best friend my dog, I would never go to the GGNRA again. (or support it)*

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? *Without the presence of off-leash dogs, I would no longer use the GGNRA. Before off-leash dog walking came to Fort Funston, drug deals & burns were the order of the day there. I would not feel safe in that environment.*

Signed: Barbara Nannery Date: 2/18/02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2044-01-1D

Date: 2-16-02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: THOMAS & JANICE LEUNG (optional: Age: 43 Sex (M) F Ethnicity ASIAN)
Address: 2397 HEMLOCK AVE CONCORD CA 94520
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I travel from Concord and I go to Fort Funston TWICE A MONTH WITH MY WIFE and two medium size dogs. We both walk the entire length of the park and afterwards hike down to the beach area to enjoy the ocean waves and let the dogs play on the sand and chase waves.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

we bring other friends along ^{socializing} who don't have pets, just to come along for the hike and see all the other dogs playing there. It's easy to talk to other dog owners their cause most of them are friendly.

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3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

yes because every big city must have an area set aside for dogs to be free to run around in. And Fort Funston is perfect with it's access to a open beach area. Some more waste garbage cans are needed along the trail for disposal of doggy plastic pooch bags and maybe more fencing along certain endangered areas to restrict dog access would be ok.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Very bad, since there would be no access to a beach for the dogs to play in. Also my friends & I usually head to a local restaurant in S.F. or Daly City for lunch after our trip, sometimes do a little shopping nearby making driving all the way over there more worth while.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I feel safer, dogs for the most part are social animals, and from my past experience most owners that I have seen are responsible and friendly.

Signed: Janice Leung

Date: 2-16-02
GGNRA011700

2045-01-1A

2/15/02

To: GGNRA

Somehow it just doesn't seem right that I, as a taxpayer, am unable to provide a good run on the beach for my dog, a 7 lb toy poodle.

Most times the beach is very uncrowded and he enjoys chasing a ball and returning it. Just like most other dogs, he is not harming anything or anyone.

Unlike a city street, the beach is kind of a safe haven where people can enjoy the outdoors with their pets.

There would be no reason to go to the beach if there is a leash law.

I think this issue is about fair access to public land for everyone.

Cindy Courtney
P.O. Box 320338
San Francisco 94132

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2046-01-1A

115-Collingwood St.
S.F., CA 94114
Feb 19, 2002

To:

National Park Service:

Off-leash areas are essential to the well-being of dogs.

Off-leash dog walking was an intended activity when San Francisco gave its beaches & coastal bluffs to the GGNRA.

The GGNRA should abide by this policy!!

Sincerely,
Maryon & Charles Joachim

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2047-01-1A

Golden Gate National Rec Area,

Attn: ANPR

Fort Mason Bldg 201
San Francisco Ca 94123

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Dear Sirs,

I am registering my disapproval of your dog walking regulations. It seems to me that an urban area can apply for exceptions to the national rule.

That exception should be based on rational consideration ^{of the needs of} both the dog walker and the park. There must be ^{no} compromise and a situation whereby both parties can be satisfied.

Very truly yours
Mrs. Janette Gooding

45 Shore View

SF 94121

2048-01-1A

Mrs. John Langdell

1756 14th Avenue

San Francisco, California 94122

February 20, 2002

Golden Gate National
Recreation Area

I am not a dog owner myself but I respect the rights of those who are. Dogs need space in which to run so long as they do not endanger the rights of people.

Please make an exception to the off-leash ban in the areas that off the park that have been used for that purpose for years.

Sincerely
Pat Langdell

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2049-02-1A

Please keep some of the beautiful
goldengate recreational areas
of leash. We need the open
space to truly run free.
we have to pee.

Dogs need to socialize and

when they are confined to

the leash they lose the freedom

to interact. My dog already

lives in an apartment, has to

be on leash on the street and

does not have the pleasure of a

yard. We are dependent on your

rules to recreate. Please don't take it away
Eleanor Hayes

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Hayes

Eleanor Hayes #10

159 19th Ave

San Francisco CA

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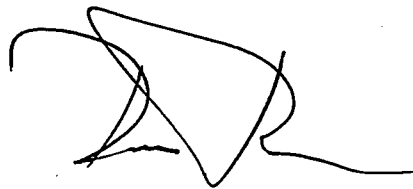
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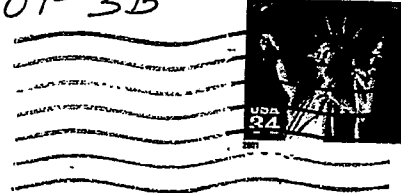
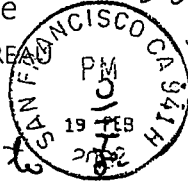
I am writing this note because I
am against any leash rules in the parks
I want a place to walk my dogs. ✓
Say NO leash laws



In wildness is the preservation of the world.

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU

2/19/02 2051-01-3B



I'm writing in order to show my support for off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Please consider making exception to the off-leash ban.

I'm sure of leash-activity can be managed in a way that will respect the preservation of our natural parks
Wm Martin

Golden Gate NAT. REC. AREA
ATTN: ANPR
FORT MASON BLDG #201
SF CA 94123

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Dense fog in the spring hardwood forest along the Appalachian Trail, Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

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October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For information about breast cancer, call NABCO toll-free at (888) 80-NABCO, or visit online at www.nabco.org to send a breast health postcard to a friend and sign up for the NABCO E-Mail Reminder.

My Name is Casey Allen. I think Dog runs should be set up in areas where dogs cause problems. Fenced dog runs give dogs freedom and lets wildlife know where they are safe.

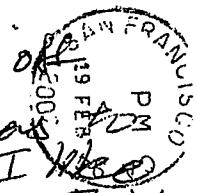


Also Fencing off will life areas dogs is good. I like dogs off leashes but I like wildlife move.

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To
GENERAL
ATTN: ANPR, Fort Mason
Building 201
SF CA 94123



Mr. Casey D. Allen
717 Lakeview Ave
San Francisco, CA 94112-2203

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2053-01-1A

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support existing regulations that require pets to be on leash and on trail when in national parks. I support Option A as proposed in the recent ANPR.

Changing the leash law for just the GGNRA would set a dangerous precedent for national parks throughout the country. Allowing pets off-leash is inconsistent with the park mission to protect natural resources and the safety of all visitors. Numerous scientific studies—including one by the American Humane Association—identify off-leash pets as a threat to visitor safety and wildlife and therefore recommend that pets be leashed in natural areas.

Lax enforcement at GGNRA has resulted in many documented cases of off-leash pets threatening or biting park visitors and hazardous rescues of uncontrolled pets and their owners. It is no surprise that 82% of Bay Area residents (KPIX poll) prefer pets on leash. I agree!

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

1524 36th AVE.
SF, CA 94122-3123

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2054-01-301A

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support existing regulations that require pets to be on leash and on trail when in national parks. I support Option A as proposed in the recent ANPR.

Changing the leash law for just the GGNRA would set a dangerous precedent for national parks throughout the country. Allowing pets off-leash is inconsistent with the park mission to protect natural resources and the safety of all visitors. Numerous scientific studies—including one by the American Humane Association—identify off-leash pets as a threat to visitor safety and wildlife and therefore recommend that pets be leashed in natural areas.

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Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

SF, CA

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

2055-01-1A

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly support existing regulations that require pets to be on leash and on trail when in national parks. I support Option A as proposed in the recent ANPR.

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Sincerely,

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San Francisco, CA

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Support off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Marcia Hurley (printed)
Address: 513 B Monterey Rd. Pacifica CA 94044
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

I am a 56 year old widow, I teach special education students for the county of San Mateo and I have 2 children in college. I can't afford a gym or health club. However, I can look forward to running on the beach on the week-ends with my dog. The dog gets exercise, I get exercise. People know Fort Funston is an off leash area so the vast majority of people there are dog lovers and owners who stay on trails, clean up after their dogs, do a once a month clean-up for the beach and trails. Honor the agreement with San Francisco. Why?

Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Marcia W. Hurley Date 2-18-02 (optional: Age: 56 Sex M (F) Ethnicity White)
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Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Bldg 201
S.F., CA 94123

Please allow "off-leash" dog walking to continue. I support both wild life and domestic animals' rights. There are so many ways in which we can compromise and let our wonderful animals share in harmony a precious part of our land.

Several years ago my family and I adopted two dogs, one from the Peninsula Humane Society and the other from the SF SPCA. We were cautioned that these two dogs had the ability to be difficult with inexperienced owners. We started out by slowly socializing them at neighborhood dog parks. This was fantastic for our dogs! We soon knew they were ready for Fort Funston where not just the dogs could run and enjoy themselves, but we could too. I can't tell you how much it means to me to be able to bring my family and my dogs together to a place where we can be a family and all appreciate our park. We are grateful for this opportunity and have the highest regards for our parks.

Please allow "off-leash" to continue at Fort Funston.

Thank You,

Anna Brown

Anna Brown
130 Piedmont Ave.
San Bruno, CA 94066

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2058-01-1A

Date: 2-17-02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Jan La Rosa (optional: Age: _____ Sex M F Ethnicity Lat
Address: 109 Escamyo SF CA 94080
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

5 times a week I walk my dog at Fort Funston. It is a chance for my dog to socialize & for me to get exercise

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

I have met many people at Fort Funston

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3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

There are few places to bring your dog off-leash. Fort Funston is one that seems appropriate for this.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Quality of life would be affected -

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

Signed: Jan La Rosa

Date: 2-17-02

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2059-01-1A

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: AKIKO Reed (printed)
Address: 74 LOBOS ST. SF CA 94112
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

I walk my two wonderful dogs every morning at Fort Funston.

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2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true – that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

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I have never known such a case!

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

off-leash recreation has brought the San Francisco community together in a helpful way.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Please! give us the freedom to walk our dogs off-leash @ Fort Funston.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: Akiko Reed Date 2/14/02 Optional: Age: 28 Sex M F Ethnicity _____

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

2060-01-1A

Date:

2/17/02

I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Following are my comments about continuing off-leash recreation in the GGNRA, as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

MARCA PASAS NUNEZ
Name: RICHARD NUNEZ

37 (optional: Age: ~~37~~) Sex: (M) F Ethnicity: Hispanic

Address: 557 DUNCAN ST (street) SAN FCO, CA 94131 (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA. What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

We visit Ft. Funston and Crissy Fields 3 times a week. Those parks are our puppy's favorite parks and we love sharing the outdoors with her. We feel happier, healthier and more relaxed when we spend time outdoors with our dog.

2. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Offleash recreation makes it possible for us to meet lots of people because dogs are much more likely to engage in a game with each other when they are offleash. The owners stand watching and laughing on the sidelines and getting to know each other. We often bring friends on our walks. Children love to join us.

3. Do you believe that off-leash recreation is appropriate for portions of the GGNRA? Why? Please make specific recommendations for ways the Park Service can accommodate and expand this activity while preserving these areas for future generations.

Offleash recreation is highly desirable in the GGNRA - it is the main draw for us in using the GGNRA parks. The Park Service can accommodate & expand this activity through zoning - defining which areas are on and off limit for offleash recreation.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

It would have a huge impact b/c our dog would not get enough exercise and we would not be able to meet as many people in the parks. It would be extremely frustrating for us considering how much we pay in taxes given that offleash recreation is 90% of our use of the GGNRA.

5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?

I don't feel threatened by offleash dogs. Dogs need to socialize with each other & with people - offleash recreation is crucial for their development as good citizens.

Signed:

Marca Pasas Nunez

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Wednesday, February 20, 2002

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Superintendent
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Wednesday, February 20, 2002

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TO: GENRA 12-15-01

Dear People

I am not a pet
owner, but I frequently
drive to Fort Funston &
have always enjoyed
watching the grass &
happy socialization of
dogs & their owners.

I strongly support
Census 076 (Eash dog
Arens with GENRA &
hope that you will find
a way to amend your
current policy.

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Jeff Frontz

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February 20, 2002

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Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

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Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Jeff Frontz

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From : Caroline Grannan <cgrannan@earthlink.net>**To :** fortfunston@hotmail.com**Subject :** fort funston letter**Date :** Thu, 18 Jan 2001 15:57:47 -0800**To:** Fort Funston Dog Walkers

I'm e-mailing this letter to all elected officials with an e-mail address on your informational flyer. Please use it any other way that you see fit, including sending it to GGNRA officials and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Jan. 18, 2001

To: Elected representatives

Fort Funston Dog Walkers

From: Caroline Grannan, voter, GGNRA user, mom and dog-owner
75 Gaviota Way, San Francisco CA 94127
415/337-0494

I'm writing to urge you to respect the users of Fort Funston, Crissy Field, Baker Beach and Rodeo Beach and keep those areas open to off-leash dogs.

I'm a native San Franciscan who's been walking dogs at Fort Funston for decades. I was married at Baker Beach with my Labrador at my side, off leash.

It's vital for dogs and their owners that pets have a place to run. Areas such as Fort Funston are essential to older people and parents with strollers, who often can't move fast enough to exercise an energetic dog on leash.

These areas, with dogs allowed off leash, are urban parks that work. Thanks to the presence of dogs, women and elderly people can walk without fearing muggers or drug dealers; without tripping over hypodermic needles or people having sex in the bushes.

I understand park officials' concern for protecting pristine wilderness. But these areas are in a big city; they're military facilities reclaimed for use by the people. Dog-walking is a legitimate use that needs protection as well. Parks that meet people's recreational needs promote health and goodwill; they strengthen our community.

I urge you to work to incorporate the 1979 Pet Policy as a special rule for the Golden Gate National Recreation Association. Thank you very much for your attention to this vital matter.

Caroline Grannan

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From : Bonncox@aol.com
To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : Off-lease emails
Date : Sun, 21 Jan 2001 18:08:05 EST

Please forward the following email to all interested parties:

To whom it may concern:

I am one of thousands of citizens who thinks that we should be able to continue to use certain GGNRA lands to walk our dogs off-lease. The 1979 Pet Policy of the GGNRA should not be rescinded. This privilege has not been abused and we should be allowed to continue to walk our dogs off-lease.

Thanks you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2002
555-555-5555

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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Yours truly,

Jozlyn Heine
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From : Deanna Nim <falada@pacbell.net>
To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : cc of letter to GGNRA
Date : Mon, 04 Feb 2002 22:39:42 -0800

Do you have other addresses of people i could write to who could make a difference? Thank you very much. Deanna Jay Chu Nim

Dear Golden Gate National Recreation Area Directors,

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I have been taking my huskies to Fort Funston for the last nine years. I think that anyone who wishes to shut down this haven for free-running dogs has simply not spent much time there and/or does not care to understand how essential it is for a dog to have an hour or two a day to be a dog. Nowhere else can I find such a feeling of true joy filling the air. When I have had a good walk with my dogs at Fort Funston, those have been some of the best, most elated times I have ever had in my life. The people who bring their dogs here are good dog owners. They understand the importance of their wards running free and socializing off leash. These are not people who leave their dogs in the backyard and claim they are their pets. These are people whose dogs are as much a part of their families as your own son or daughter. If you put dogs on leash, other problems can arise, as any good dog behaviorist can tell you. If you would like a video showing just what we all are trying to protect, I would be happy to make a video along with my husband, Brooks Collins, who is a streaming mediaist for the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center. Please do not allow this one haven we have to be taken from us.

Sincerely,

Deanna Jay Chu Nim
P.O. Box 370426
Montara, CA 94037

February 4, 2002

We regularly drive the half hour it takes to get from our home in Montara to Fort Funston. There are closer, fenced in tiny dog parks but nothing compares to Funston for exercise, socialization and beauty, for dogs and their humans alike.



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Subject: Leash Law
Date : Thu, 21 Feb 2002 11:39:13 -0500

As a San Francisco native, homeowner, taxpayer and DOG OWNER I am appalled that there is even discussion about requiring all dogs to be on leash at all times. Dogs need to be exercised properly and allowed to run with each other. My dog is well trained, loving and I pick up after her. Please so not punish the good dog owners and there pooches because of the few bad dog owners. Give out tickets instead to those dog owners who don't pick up after their dog or don't have their pet in control.

Suzanne Cable
San Franciscan against leash laws!!!!!!

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Wendy Bekx

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February 20, 2002

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Sincerely,

Wendy Bekx

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February 21, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
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San Francisco, CA 94123

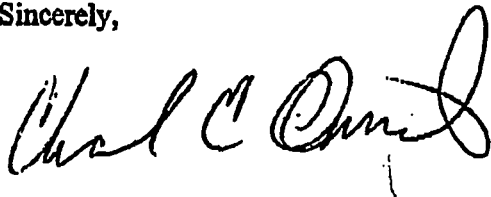
RE: Off-Leash Dogs at GGNRA

Good Morning:

I understand that the GGNRA is considering allowing what has always been allowed as long as I and my dogs can remember: off-leash dogs in certain areas. My dogs are old now and have spent their entire lives looking forward to our weekly trips to places like Ft. Funston, Baker Beach and Crissy Field. My family and I, too, look forward to these trips but would simply not go if our dogs had to be leashed.

The fact that allowing off-leash dogs in the GGNRA is such a controversy saddens me; I have never seen evidence that the dogs were a problem there, as they are in the city parks of San Francisco where over-crowding and lack of education in dogs' human counterparts leads to misbehavior. If anything, it is the dogs that make the GGNRA such a wonderful place to take your family. Please do what you can to see that off-leash dogs will ALWAYS be allowed to roam free there.

Sincerely,



02-21-02 10:15AM

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February 21, 2002

ANPR
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Building 201,
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has come to my attention that our privilege of enjoying off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area is being threatened.

As a responsible dog owner, I urge you to please consider keeping these parks and beaches open for families and their pets to enjoy.

I live in Fresno, but my family and I make frequent trips to San Francisco because we are able to bring our dog and we can all enjoy the beauty of these beaches and parks together.

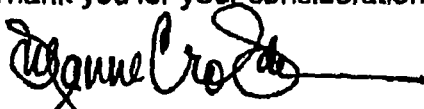
I felt that this was a signature aspect of the City of San Francisco – always progressive, tolerant and inclusive.

Perhaps you have not considered the economic benefits of your current leash policy. When my husband, son, Australian Shepard and I travel to San Francisco, we usually spend a Saturday and Sunday in your city. Sometimes we stay with family, but often we stay at one of the pet-friendly hotels nearby. We eat out and we spend money. I know of others from Fresno that do the same.

If the policy does change, and families like mine are not able to bring out dogs to enjoy the outdoors, then our trips will likely become more infrequent, and will certainly be cut short to one day.

I urge you to please keep your parks and beaches open to dogs. These animals are well behaved when they are off their leashes and falling into their natural order, and their masters are friendly and responsible.

Thank you for your consideration,



Suzanne Crosina-Sahm

cc: SFD0G

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To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : off leash
Date : Wed, 20 Feb 2002 23:36:16 -0700

I am writing to express my concerns for the golden gate rec. area as it applies to off leash areas. I would very much like to see the continuation of being able to take dogs off leash in this area. Responsible dog owners do not cause problems and have a reasonable right to be there. This is our land also and we need to have places to exercie and socialize with our dogs. With continued development and the loss of open space and the urbanization we need places to be outside and this area is perfect.
thank you,
Deb Sussman



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To : fortfunston@hotmail.com
Subject : I will move to a more pet-friendly city!
Date : Sat, 16 Feb 2002 03:05:44 -0800

I am very disheartened to hear that certain forces within the Bay Area plan on regulating new leash laws at Fort Funston. Fort Funston being a wonderful place to take my family along with my pets happens to be one of the main benefits of living in the Bay Area, pure and simple.

The great majority of the dog owners that frequent Fort Funston are very responsible and sensitive to the environment there. There is little disruption to the area and it looks as great as ever. There is no valid reason to take change the laws and alienate a large population of dog owners.

If you do some research you'll find that dog owners give a great deal and support this community more than the average citizen. The community needs to reflect that and allow this great sanctuary to exist in its present form.

And what about the dogs? Where is your heart? Don't you like to see man's best friend running free and having a good life? I ask you: What is this issue really about...tourism...money?. Of course it must be about money and capitalizing on the tourist draw to the 'new' Fort Funston. Well you better charge a hefty admission to the tourists in order to supplement the losses in local tax revenues...because we locals won't be here any longer to support our city if you make this a less desirable place to live.

Sincerely,

Chris Ginsburg
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JOAN METTLER

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Attention: ANPR

From: Joan Mettler, RN
168 Lippard St
S.F. 94131

I am heartily speaking up regarding off-leash recreation in the GG NRA.

I love to let my dog off-leash there; it satisfies her need to run free, exercise and to play with other dogs (also to be around lots of people), and it satisfies MY soul DEEPLY to be walking/climbing in beautiful, natural areas.

Everyone we see picks up their dog waste and monitors the appropriateness of their behavior. Everyone is happy and the environment, while not remaining in totally pristine condition, is still healthy-looking & beautiful.

Please do all you can to help the people who love these areas be able to USE THEM!!!

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VIA FACSIMILE

TO: ANPR, Golden Gate **FAX #:** (415) 561-4355

FROM: Virginia Vélez **PAGES:** 1
162A Linda St.
SF, CA 94110

DATE: February 20, 2002

RE: Off-Leash Regulations

Please support responsible off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. There is plenty of room in over 74,000 acres to balance active recreation with the need to protect and preserve resources.

Please cease to represent we who are opponents of your unreasonable restrictions on off-leash dog recreation as white, yuppie and childless. I am Latina and Black and Native American; I am working class, and I have a son and several other children of my siblings whom I have raised or been responsible for at one time or another. I am also an environmentalist, a full-fledged card-carrying member of Sierra Club and Green Party registered voter.

We who are of all races, ages, abilities and classes, with and without children, environmentalist and rampant capitalists alike, have one thing in common: we love our dogs and are responsible dog-owners so that our dogs can enjoy the good physical and psychological health that comes with frequent exercise in open spaces. We are united in our efforts to preserve the use of the open spaces we have been utilizing with our dogs for years. We will not sit by and let our animals be discriminated against. We pay taxes and we vote. Our children love our dogs and we would be remiss to abandon our dogs to such discrimination without defending their rights; our children would be very disappointed in us.

Cease all inaccurate representations of dog owners who oppose the restrictions you have proposed and the tickets you have issued. Cease the political posturing and sit at the table with us. We, and our dogs, do not bite.

Please, let's set a good example to everyone and resolve this issue.

From Susan Scher Scher Communications

(415) 522-0950

Thu, Feb 21, 2002

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From the desk of
SUSAN H. SCHER
350 Church Street, #D
San Francisco, CA 94114

VIA FAX

February 19, 2002

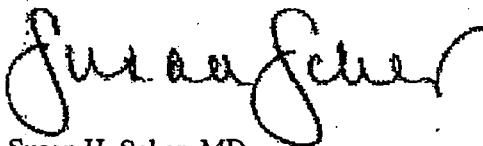
GGNRA
San Francisco, CA
Re: ANPR

To the Idiots at GGNRA:

Citizens with and without dogs have coexisted effectively in many of the Bay Area's national recreation areas for decades. This policy should not be reversed now. As I dog owner, I demand that your department take the necessary steps to ensure that use of our public parks continues to be shared amongst all those who wish to use it.

And don't try to sell us any smoke and mirrors about a new policy directive. It defies credibility that the Bush White House, which wants to erect oil wells in pristine animal sanctuaries, is behind a push to save California skunkweed or whichever indigenous grasses have the environmental zealots so up in arms.

KEEP OFFLEASH RECREATION LEGAL.



Susan H. Scher, MD

cc: Secy G. Norton, DOI

2095-01-1A

February 21, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123
Fax 415-661-4355

To whom it may concern,

I don't know if I will be able to attend the public meetings, but I do want you to know how important it is to me and other dog owners that you make an exception to the off-leash rule.

Living in San Francisco is great, but there are so few places to allow your dog to run and play. The beach is one of those places that provide the freedom to run like the wind, to play in the water that laps up on the shore, to chase after a Frisbee or race along with your owner or another dog-friend or perhaps, even make a new friend.

Commercials, books, paintings, memories—all bring to mind or show pictures of dogs running along after their owners, playing with children or retrieving a stick that has been thrown --- all, at the seashore. My dog, for one, gets so excited as we pull up to the parking lot and starts to whine in anticipation of his playtime ahead. Please make exception to a rule that previously was not enforced and continue to allow these faithful friends a few places to run or walk without a care and without a leash!

Please continue to allow dogs to walk off-leash in the areas previously allowed.

I appreciate your time and attention to this request.

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From: korey.mccormack <kormac@earthlink.net>**Date:** Thu, 21 Feb 2002 09:23:13 -0800**To:** ANPR, Golden Gate**Fax:** 415.561.4355**From:** korey mccormack**Phone:** 415.333.9650**Re:** Support off-leash dog recreation

To Whom it may concern;

I am writing to you to please urge you to support responsible off-leash dog recreation in the GGNRA. I have been visiting Fort Funston now for over four years where I have enjoyed running my three dogs. I am a responsible dog owner, picking up after my dogs, and also participating in the monthly clean up. I also make sure my dogs do not bother other visitors, or damage the environment or wonder into any protected space.

I believe there is plenty of open space in the over 74,000 acres to meet the need of protecting and preserving resources. It's imperative that you support off-leash dog recreation. Dogs need to run, walking on leash is not sufficient exercise, especially with working class dogs. Please do not take this privilege away from us.

Sincerely,

korey mccormack

Responsible San Francisco Dog Owner

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mike wilson
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To: "Brian O'Neill" <goga_pets_anpr@nps.gov>
cc:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

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Thursday, February 21, 2002

Brian O'Neill
Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I am writing to support Option A in the ANPR and further request that the Park Service continue to allow leashed pet recreation where currently permissible, while minimizing pet impacts to visitors and park resources.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the world's largest urban park, provides critical habitat for some of the state's most rare and threatened species including 11 federally listed endangered wildlife species and 9 federally listed plant species. While parks such as GGRNA also provide a great place to recreate with pets, I am concerned that the ANPR could lead to changes in the current leash policy that would put sensitive park resources and public safety in jeopardy.

Numerous academic and government studies identify off leash pets as threats to visitor safety, wildlife, and the integrity of natural and cultural resources. For example, a study by the American Humane Association documents injuries to humans, wildlife, and pets as a result of unleashed pets and recommends that pets be leashed in public areas set aside for natural resource protection purposes. Golden Gate National Recreation Area records indicate numerous incidents of dog bites, threats of dogs to park visitors, and instances where park rangers were forced to risk their own safety to rescue uncontrolled pets and pet owners trapped on cliffs or in the ocean.

For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

mike wilson
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BIRDMAN572@AOL.COM

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"Escott O. Norton"
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Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

Thursday, February 21, 2002

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Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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Sherri Myers
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cc:
Subject: I Support Alternative A - Keep Dogs Leashed!

Thursday, February 21, 2002

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Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
ATTN: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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For these reasons -- threats to public safety and park resources -- I support Option A. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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To: "GGNRA ANPR" <goga_pets_anpr@nps.gov>
cc: "Marilyn Hall" <mshrealtor@msn.com>
Subject: dogs off leash

Dear GGNRA ANPR:

Thank you for allowing me to have some input in the ongoing off leash dog debate. First of all I am all for dogs off leash in the Pacifica GGNRA as this is where I reside and have for over 26 years. I can, without hesitation, state that there are not enough areas within Pacifica's City limits allowing off leash dogs. This is in light of the fact that now the beaches are being heavily patrolled by the local police and they ARE issuing citations if the dog is off-leash.

Before addressing some of the questions let me state that my wife and I attended dog training classes for both our pets at Shamrock Ranch in Pacifica. We are now in "advanced" training classes every Saturday AM. Our dogs, unfortunately, are better behaved than many children and are learning "hand" signals as well as voice commands. We consider ourselves responsible dog owners. That's not to say that there are many who are not just as there are many parents who are not responsible about their children. This goes to my second point; litter. There aren't many dog owners that bring their MacDonalds or Taco Bell or whatever "fast food" up to the open space and feed their dogs and then leave those darn wrappers and food containers around. Lord knows I've picked up enough human trash over the years in our pristine "open space". That, to me, is a bigger nuisance and eye-sore than feces left behind by a couple of irresponsible dog owners.

All tax payers should pay for the responsible use of our open space just like County Parks that I pay for which don't allow dogs even on leash. Owners should be responsible for reporting unruly animal behavior just like they would unruly or unlawful human behavior.

There is more than enough GGNRA "open space" for everyone, and then some, right now so I don't believe restrictions should be imposed on the number of dogs in an area as an immediate requirement. As for facilities such as water bowl stations, etc. I think the individual pet owner will be responsible enough to pre-plan any walking trip. Again, improvement and operation of these areas should have been thought out prior to purchasing the property. I'm sure tax payers such as my self will squawk at improving the GGNRA for any reason anyway.

Thank you again for allowing my input.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Haskins
14 Driftwood Court, Pacifica, CA 94044

**GGNRA
ANPR**

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Gordon and Betty
MOORE
FOUNDATION

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

By fax:
415-561-4355

Dear Mame/Sir:

I understand that the National Park Service is seeking public comment on arrange of potential management options for addressing appropriate pet management within the GGNRA.

On behalf of numerous dog owners, I request-as strongly and politely as I know how-to please keep the open space "off leash areas" for dogs. This includes certain areas of Tennessee Valley, Marin Headlands, Presidio, Crissy Field... There are limited spaces in the entire Bay Area where dogs are allowed the freedom they NEED and enjoy to get proper exercise. Not only do these areas benefit dogs themselves; they benefit the dog-owning citizens of this community. We have the opportunity to meet our neighbors (fellowship with other dog owners) and have some peace of mind in knowing that our dogs have been properly worked out.

The Bay Area offers many aspects of a healthy lifestyle to its residents. Please consider this plea as part of that balanced and healthy lifestyle-physically for our pets and mentally for the owners. Please don't allow a few "bad dogs" to ruin the benefit/privilege for a larger population of people and pets.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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415-345-9654

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JEWISH HOME

415 334 4375 P.01

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3 March 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

VIA FAX: 561-4355

I am writing **IN SUPPORT OF OFF-LEASH** recreation in the GGNRA.

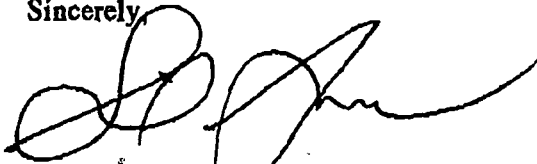
Off-leash activity has occurred in only a fraction of the GGNRA's 75,000 acres. Certainly there is room to continue off-leash activity while respecting other park uses, including preservation of natural resources.

As a long-time resident of San Francisco, I urge you to honor the agreement GGNRA made with San Francisco to continue existing activities at the time its beaches and parks were transferred to the GGNRA.

For many years, my dogs and I, accompanied by family and friends, both human and canine, enjoy *daily* walks together, rain or shine, at Fort Funston. This activity has proven to be a healthy and social time well spent for us all. As staunch environmentalists, with memberships in organizations that support our parks, natural resources, endangered species, animal companions, and the like, we remain witness to the successful integration and positive outcome off-leash recreation has demonstrated as a popular activity within the GGNRA.

I urge you to recognize off-leash activity as a valid form of recreation in the GGNRA and to take immediate steps towards ensuring the continuation of this activity.

Sincerely



Sherie A. Koshover
160 Country Club Dr.
San Francisco, CA 94132

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JEWISH HOME

415 334 4375 P.02

2553-01-1A

3 March 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

VIA FAX: 561-4355

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Sincerely,



Carol A. Roseman
160 Country Club Dr.
San Francisco, CA 94132

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555-555-5555

TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Amy Morris
473 Ellita Avenue #5
Oakland, CA 94610

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

DATE: March 04, 2002

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill:

I am writing you to express my support for maintaining the National Park Service's leash law throughout the GGNRA where dogs are allowed. The leash law represents a reasonable compromise between preserving endangered species and habitats and allowing people to recreate with their dogs in the GGNRA. This will protect our environment and strike an appropriate balance between recreational impacts and urban wildlife protection.

There are several reasons why the leash law should be enforced throughout the entire GGNRA. First, over 100 rare and sensitive species use the GGNRA during various times of the year, including several bird species. Off-leash dogs can harm these species by chasing and killing individuals and destroying their habitat. Furthermore, if individuals are encouraged to walk their dogs off-leash in the GGNRA, the individuals could be held liable for 'take' of these species under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts if their dogs harm or chase imperiled wildlife. An exemption from National Park Service regulations would unwittingly encourage individuals to violated federal and state law, imperiling our natural heritage and subjecting dog owners to heavy federal and state finds, and in egregious cases, jail time.

Second, the proposal would set a bad precedent for parks, including urban parks, throughout the National Park System. If this resolution were to pass and the Park Service were to agree to end enforcement of the leash laws, other user groups in parks across the country could use this as precedent to gain access for other recreational activities, including off-road vehicle use and recreational mining.

Finally, this proposal is bad for the low-income and disadvantaged users of the park. The most magnanimous aspect of urban parks is that they bring the natural world to individuals who otherwise would be denied access to nature because they can't or won't travel to remote areas to enjoy our Nation's natural heritage. The GGNRA exemplifies

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this, providing free access to a remnant of our native ecosystems within minutes of over 7 million people. The urban national parks should be treasured for bringing natural wonder to people, not degraded for it.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to the continued implementation of a policy that protects our threatened wildlife and appropriately accommodates domestic pets.

Sincerely,

Amy Morris

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GGNRA, Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason.

Please be advised that I am a dog owner and I love to walk my dog at Fort Funston, and my dog loves to play and run with the other animals. I think that off-leash dog walking is a healthy and humane way of giving your pets proper exercise. So please let's leave the off-leash law alone.

Thank you

Jim Rainey

Fax # 415-822-9167

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LEIFUR THOR

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GGNRA; Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason, Building 201; SF CA 94123. Comments must be received by March 12, 2002 to be considered. FAX: (415) 561-4355

I'm a hang glider pilot out there and yesterday pulled a dog off a little girl who was being attacked by the dog. The girl (age 3 or so) was scratched up and traumatized.

The owner (who wasn't even near his dogs) was ambivalent about it saying the dog was kissing the girl. There were over 5 witnesses that had another opinion. When I called the park police, the dog owner ran away with his two dogs "off leash".

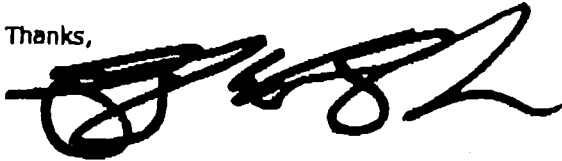
Enough is enough! I support an off leash site, but to do that with Funston is an outrage. Do you think dogs care about the view that Funston provides?

As a pilot we can't even fly over certain areas during bank swallow season because it might stress the swallows. I'm fine with that, yet meanwhile the dogs crap everywhere (around the nests and everywhere else, and burrow in to the nests for fun.

If you want to have a successful off leash site, don't do it where children are present "like the beach".

This is a no brain issue.

Thanks,



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**Helen Lee
(650) 225-6479**

Fax

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area **From:** Helen Lee**ATTN:** ANPR**Fax:** 415-581-4355**Pages:** 1**Phone:****Date:** 3/4/02**Re:** Off-Leash Recreation**CC:**

Dear GGNRA Representative:

As a dog owner residing in San Francisco, I highly value off-leash dog walking, especially in Fort Funston. It is a way for dogs to be well socialized as well as provides a means for dogs to get adequate exercise. I believe that off-leash activity can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests in the GGNRA.

Please continue to allow people to walk off-leash dogs in designated areas of the park.

Sincerely,

Helen Lee

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Att. ANPR, Room 201
Fort Mason, Ca 94123
415-561-4355

I am writing to give my opinion of the
Proposed off leash law. I'm a dog lover,
but all dogs should be on a leash. They
should not be allowed in public places
because of the droppings, (only apartment clean
up after their dogs) and the tendencies to
bite. I've heard all the stories about my
dog does not bite but they do. My
main concern is liability. If you give
permission to off leash and someone is
injured or killed by a dog are you
not a party to a laws suit. The dog
owner is responsible but if you give
permission also you are a party too,
I believe. So stop this proposal for ① Health
reason (feces), #② injury and death concerns,
③ liability concerns.

~~James~~
Dominguez

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FROM : VaPARK*** TAD/FAX

PHONE NO. : 303 756 9930

Mar. 03 2002 10:16PM P1

February 23, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area – KEEP THE STATUS QUO

I am writing to urge you to retain the 23+-year status quo regarding unleashed dogs under "voice control" in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA"). As citizens and members of the local community, we are very dependent on the space available at Crissy Field, Fort Funston and Ocean Beach, Baker, Rodeo and Muir beaches, Wolf Ridge and Oakwood Valley Road and Alta Avenue for exercise and recreation of urban dogs. The "voice control" policy has worked so well that there has been no need to change it for 23 years. And for over 20 years the National Park Service ("NPS") did not raise an issue with the publicly proclaimed "voice control", thereby tacitly endorsing the existing policy. It is clear that there is no need to change this policy today.

In the Federal Register dated January 11, "increased conflict" is cited as a primary reason to review and possibly change the current policy. A March 2000 lawsuit is cited where users of Fort Funston claimed that park regulations were not followed in closing 10 acres of Funston. Citing "increased conflict" in this instance is completely inappropriate as the suit was entirely about proper procedure for closing an area of the park and did not involve any pet-related issue.

The comments in the Federal Register go on to cite a dog mauling incident that has nothing to do with the GGNRA. As you may be aware, the owners of the responsible dog had illegally trained the dog to fight other animals. Furthermore, the dog that mauled the 32-year-old woman was on a leash at the time, so the proposed leash regulation would not have prevented such an incident if it had occurred in the GGNRA. It is clear that the dog mauling incident was included only to incite readers and create fear over an event that has nothing to do with "voice controlled" dogs.

The Federal Register goes on to say that certain people have expressed concern about being knocked over or attacked by dogs. In my experience at Crissy Field and Fort Funston I have not encountered issues with adults or children being knocked over or attacked. The NPS's comments in the Federal Register also fail to mention that there are designated areas in Crissy field where dogs must be on leash, so people worried about children or off-leash dogs have space where the dogs are only allowed on leash. In addition, the NPS has failed to put up signage with directions to the leashed pet areas for those who want to avoid dogs under "voice control".

Thankfully, the Federal Register does identify the need for dogs to be able to exercise, socialize and gain the natural outlets and physiological and psychological well-being associated with off-leash recreation and socialization. In fact, our veterinarian has made it

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FROM : VaPARK*** TAD/FAX

PHONE NO. : 303 756 9930

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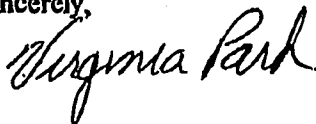
clear that our dogs' health is dependent on substantial exercise. Therefore our dog needs open space where it can run and play with other dogs off leash. In addition, this recreational release of energy reduces the probability that pent up dogs will bite humans or cause other disturbances in the GGNRA and in the local community. Finally, dog socialization and recreation cannot readily take place on a leash.

I am a supporter of the appropriate and constructive use of our urban National Park facilities. When you recently reduced the space available for dogs at Crissy Field, I respected your decision and have restricted my activities to the space still available. However eliminating the unleashed space is not a reasonable measure.

Proposal A "Enforce existing regulation/dogs on leash and on trail" is a COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE action on the part of the NPS in GGNRA, especially after having explicitly allowed "voice control" of dogs on the GGNRA for over 20 years. I support keeping the status quo. Within the status quo, I support ticketing those whose dogs cannot be voice controlled, are violent or stray into restricted areas. I also support greater signage, maps and directions so that those who want to avoid "voice control" dogs can go to those areas of the GGNRA where dogs are not allowed. Under Proposal B, there is mention of increased budgets for such things as "removal of pet excrement". However the current system works well as dog owners do clean up after their dogs and there is not an issue with pet excrement under the current policies and budget.

In conclusion, I urge you to maintain the existing "voice control" space for unleashed dogs in the GGNRA. I welcome the opportunity to express my opinions further should you wish to contact me. However I expect the National Park Service and GGNRA Advisors to uphold the long-standing precedent of allowing dogs off leash in the GGNRA.

Sincerely,



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3/3/2002 10:52 PM FROM: Yves Avérous TO: 561-4355 PAGE: 001 OF 001

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f a c s i m i l e

To: ANPR - Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Fax Number: 561-4355

From: Yves Avérous

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Business Phone: 415-285-9837

Home Phone:

Pages: 1

Date/Time: 3/3/2002 10:52:25 PM

Subject: Off-leash dog walking

Dear Sir or Madam:

I value off-leash dog walking, and that off-leash activity can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests of the GGNRA.

Please continue to allow off-leash walking at Fort Funston.

Best regards,

Yves Averous

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March 3, 2002

GGNRA
Fort Mason, Bldg. 201
SF, Ca 94123

Att: ANPR

Dear GGNRA:

I am a senior citizen, the happy companion of a 5 month-old puppy, Bodhi.

I took Bodhi to 2 places in San Francisco where I have taken my dogs to walk and play off-leash for 40 years: Crissy Field and Fort Funston, both now under your jurisdiction.

I can't express enough my disappointment to learn that dogs must now be on leash. I wish to protest strongly against this ruling for the following reasons:

1. Anyone who has had a dog knows that a leashed walk is inadequate for both the physical and emotional life of a dog; Anyone who has seen the contrast between dogs off-leash romping happily on the beach and those who have to walk primly at the end of a 6 foot leash knows this. Dogs so restricted tend to be more aggressive and even vicious.
2. The therapeutic value of being off-leash extends to all the people who, like myself, feel more relaxed and happy seeing their pets playing.
3. As an environmentalist and respecter of the natural world and all its creatures, I feel that there must be a place for all kinds of nature's inhabitants to live and play. It is important that RESPONSIBLE dog owners keep their pets under voice control when sharing the environment with others; everyone's rights must be respected.
4. Because the GGNRA is essentially an urban park, as opposed to Point Reyes, for example, it should be able to accommodate a broad spectrum of recreational uses. As I mentioned before, I have taken dogs to these places for 40 years and never heard about any problems. It always seemed emblematic of "The City that Knows How."
5. If it is decided not to remove the restrictions, perhaps this compromise would be most fair: Have designated areas for off-leash dogs. I offer this as a poor alternative; the much fairer and appropriate ruling is to remove the restriction altogether. Anyone whose dog is behaving inappropriately can be fined.

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6. Lastly, if the restriction continues, I am convinced there will be continued deep resentment on the part of dog owners (and their dogs!), further eroding their respect for what is perceived as an unjust ruling.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Loretta Chardin
12 Downey Street
SF, CA 94117

lchardin@yahoo.com

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FROM : VaPARK*** TAD/FAX

PHONE NO. : 303 756 9930

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February 23, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attn: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area – KEEP THE STATUS QUO

I am writing to urge you to retain the 23+-year status quo regarding unleashed dogs under "voice control" in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA"). As citizens and members of the local community, we are very dependent on the space available at Crissy Field, Fort Funston and Ocean Beach, Baker, Rodeo and Muir beaches, Wolf Ridge and Oakwood Valley Road and Alta Avenue for exercise and recreation of urban dogs. The "voice control" policy has worked so well that there has been no need to change it for 23 years. And for over 20 years the National Park Service ("NPS") did not raise an issue with the publicly proclaimed "voice control", thereby tacitly endorsing the existing policy. It is clear that there is no need to change this policy today.

In the Federal Register dated January 11, "increased conflict" is cited as a primary reason to review and possibly change the current policy. A March 2000 lawsuit is cited where users of Fort Funston claimed that park regulations were not followed in closing 10 acres of Funston. Citing "increased conflict" in this instance is completely inappropriate as the suit was entirely about proper procedure for closing an area of the park and did not involve any pet-related issue.

The comments in the Federal Register go on to cite a dog mauling incident that has nothing to do with the GGNRA. As you may be aware, the owners of the responsible dog had illegally trained the dog to fight other animals. Furthermore, the dog that mauled the 32-year-old woman was on a leash at the time, so the proposed leash regulation would not have prevented such an incident if it had occurred in the GGNRA. It is clear that the dog mauling incident was included only to incite readers and create fear over an event that has nothing to do with "voice controlled" dogs.

The Federal Register goes on to say that certain people have expressed concern about being knocked over or attacked by dogs. In my experience at Crissy Field and Fort Funston I have not encountered issues with adults or children being knocked over or attacked. The NPS's comments in the Federal Register also fail to mention that there are designated areas in Crissy field where dogs must be on leash, so people worried about children or off-leash dogs have space where the dogs are only allowed on leash. In addition, the NPS has failed to put up signage with directions to the leashed pet areas for those who want to avoid dogs under "voice control".

Thankfully, the Federal Register does identify the need for dogs to be able to exercise, socialize and gain the natural outlets and physiological and psychological well-being associated with off-leash recreation and socialization. In fact, our veterinarian has made it

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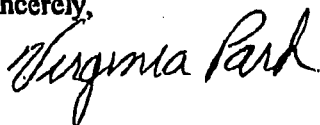
clear that our dogs' health is dependent on substantial exercise. Therefore our dog needs open space where it can run and play with other dogs off leash. In addition, this recreational release of energy reduces the probability that pent up dogs will bite humans or cause other disturbances in the GGNRA and in the local community. Finally, dog socialization and recreation cannot readily take place on a leash.

I am a supporter of the appropriate and constructive use of our urban National Park facilities. When you recently reduced the space available for dogs at Crissy Field, I respected your decision and have restricted my activities to the space still available. However eliminating the unleashed space is not a reasonable measure.

Proposal A "Enforce existing regulation/dogs on leash and on trail" is a COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE action on the part of the NPS in GGNRA, especially after having explicitly allowed "voice control" of dogs on the GGNRA for over 20 years. I support keeping the status quo. Within the status quo, I support ticketing those whose dogs cannot be voice controlled, are violent or stray into restricted areas. I also support greater signage, maps and directions so that those who want to avoid "voice control" dogs can go to those areas of the GGNRA where dogs are not allowed. Under Proposal B, there is mention of increased budgets for such things as "removal of pet excrement". However the current system works well as dog owners do clean up after their dogs and there is not an issue with pet excrement under the current policies and budget.

In conclusion, I urge you to maintain the existing "voice control" space for unleashed dogs in the GGNRA. I welcome the opportunity to express my opinions further should you wish to contact me. However I expect the National Park Service and GGNRA Advisors to uphold the long-standing precedent of allowing dogs off leash in the GGNRA.

Sincerely,



Virginia Park
2800 S. University Blvd #47
Denver, CO 80210

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Feb 26, 2002
12255 Menalto Dr.
Los Altos, CA 94022

ANPR Golden Gate Nat'l
Recreation Area
Bldg 201
Fort Mason, San Francisco, Ca

Dear Sirs:

We ask you to support
responsible off-leash dog recre-
ation in the GCNRA. There is
plenty of room (over 74,000 acres)
in these parklands to support
a balance between active recreation
and protecting our environment.

Central Park in New York City
allows early morning off-leash
troups for dogs. Very truly yours,
Corne Bagley

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TO GGNRA —

PLEASE LET US ^{HAVE} ~~consideration~~

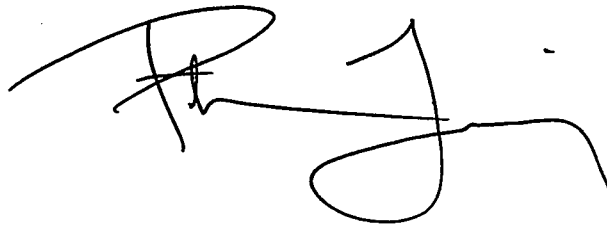
~~our~~ OFF-LEASH ACTIVITY. MANY OF US DOG OWNERS ARE VERY RESPONSIBLE.

WE HAVE 3 DOGS ALL UNDER VOICE COMMAND & COME TO SAN FRANCISCO EVERY DAY TO WALK THEM.

OFF LEASH ACTIVITY CAN BE MANAGED IN A WAY THAT RESPECTS PRESERVATION OF THE PARKS.

PLEASE CONSIDER ALLOWING IT.

PLEASE!



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493 Hill Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
February 28, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

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Dear ANPR:

I enjoy the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and recreate there in a variety of ways.

One of them is to walk a friend's dog weekly or more along the many beaches. She is a 57-pound Labrador with an inclination to swim and fetch. She is eager to exercise by running, unleashed, and by swimming. From puppyhood to her present 5½ years this has been her message to me and to her owner: I need to run, I need to swim, I need to exercise, I need to be true to my breed.

I see no reason that dogs and people cannot co-exist in public places. Dogs are part of the character and fabric of daily life. They bring joy to so many whether an owner or as a non-owner.

Sincerely yours,
GGNRA
Donald C. Carlénburg

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February 28, 2002

GGNRA
Attn ANPR
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123
Dear GGNRA,

I want to submit my vote for opening all areas of the GGNRA to off leash recreation

Sincerely,

J. Beatrice

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: BRITTA ENGEL (printed)

Address: 135 BUENA VISTA E. #3. SAN FRANCISCO CA 94117
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

My main reason for visiting is to enjoy quality outdoor time w/ my dog & my friends who have dogs. I visit weekly.

2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I DO FEEL SAFER BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE THERE FOR THE MOST PART ARE KIND ANIMAL LOVERS. IT'S A FAMILY OF PEOPLE THAT LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

IT WOULD BE REALLY SAD. NOT JUST FOR THE DOGS BUT FOR THE DOG OWNERS & THEIR FAMILIES. IT'S SUCH A NICE EXPERIENCE HANGING OUT AT THE PARK OR BEACH W/ ALL THE FRIENDS THAT YOU & YOUR DOG HAVE MADE.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

I THINK THE LAWS NEED TO BE FAIR TO BOTH SIDES - I THINK THAT DELINEATING AREAS LIKE AT STINSON BEACH IS GREAT. WHEN I SAY DELINEATING AREAS I DO NOT MEAN MAKING DOG RUN CAGES. THIS WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO THE DOG OWNERS OR THE DOGS.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT. DOGS ARE LIKE A PART OF THE FAMILY & IT BREAKS MY HEART TO THINK THAT MY DOG WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RUN FREELY.

Signed: Britta Engel Date 2/27/02 (optional: Age: _____ Sex: **RECEIVED**)
Ethnicity _____

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I am writing in favor of off-leash recreation in the GGNRA

Under proper management I know this will work fine. Those of us with dogs need areas where they can run freely & co-exist with people. Let's all cooperate with one another & make it work.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Judy Richardson

343 Cheskam Ave

San Carlos Ca 94070

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2569-01-1D

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

3900 Altamont
Oakland, CA 94605
February 19, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my strongest support for maintaining the long-standing tradition of off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

It is my understanding that off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA. I also believe that in 1979 the GGNRA Citizen's Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy that allows off-leash walking in certain areas; the GGNRA should continue to follow this policy.

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The success of the recently set-aside protected area at Fort Funston should indicate to you that dog owners will respect the parameters established for off-leash dog walking. We can share the GGNRA with people doing all kinds of different activities, from biking, hiking, hang gliding, and bird watching, and the plants and animals can also thrive.

I urge you to maintain off-leash recreation in designated areas of the GGNRA, for the enjoyment of the city's multitude of dog owners and their pets, whose health, behavior and well-being benefit immeasurably from this much-needed off-leash exercise.

Sincerely,



Toni Gerard

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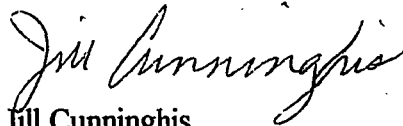
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Sincerely,


Jill Cunningham

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 27, 2002
11 Linda Vista
Tiburon, Ca. 94920

National Park Service
Fort Mason Bldg. 201
San Francisco, Ca. 94123

Dear Sirs:

We are writing to object strenuously to your proposed rulemaking on allowing unleashed dogs in GGNRA.

To allow dogs free to detrimentally impact wildlife, to encourage weakening habitat protection throughout the nation's parks system is illegal, totally destructive and irresponsible on your parts.

Betty C. Girtler
Everett A. Girtler
Susan F. Girtler

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**Mark Hodgson, MD
2927 Broderick Street
San Francisco, CA 94123
February 25, 2002**

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**GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to oppose the idea of a restrictive leash law at Crissy Field, Fort Funston and other areas of the GGNRA that previously have allowed respectful off-leash activities. I have been a resident of San Francisco for close to 6 years now and have enjoyed much of this time with our family dog Allie, our Golden Retriever. I am a young husband and Father to be who has enjoyed much of what this city has to offer. However, even as a young pediatrician practicing in the Bay Area, I find myself struggling to earn enough to provide for our family and remain in San Francisco. My wife and I discuss this concern on a weekly basis. One of our true joys revolves around taking our pup to Crissy Field and watching her have the time of her life running and playing with the other dogs, swimming in the Bay and simply loving the freedom that this privilege affords. One of the things that attracted me to San Francisco when I was coming out of medical school was the reputation of being one of the most dog friendly cities on the West Coast. I am deeply saddened and distressed by what is currently happening to our city and the possibility that this reputation will be tarnished forever. In fact, if these proposed leash laws go into effect, I must tell you honestly that this will be the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back. We would move out of San Francisco and likely the Bay Area as well. I suspect we are not alone. And for a city that's expense is making it more and more difficult to attract young physicians and other professionals, this could be a devastating blow.

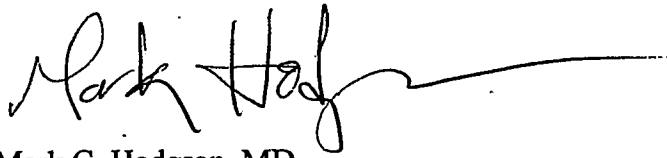
I have spent more hours at Crissy Field and Fort Funston over the past 5 years than I can even begin to count, thoroughly enjoying "our parks." After all, that is what it is all about, is it not? For the enjoyment of the residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area? Those that would argue that the dogs in these areas are keeping others from enjoying the parks have obviously not spent enough time actually at these areas in question. I am always amazed at the number of young families and elderly citizens that quite naturally coexist with our dogs within the boundaries of these parks. I dare say that if these areas were restricted to dog owners, the overall number of people that would visit these parks on a daily basis would plummet. For me, this seems like it defeats the whole purpose of having the GGNRA parks at all. Why not simply develop this land for the enjoyment of a very few instead of preserving them for the many? Perhaps that is the actual intention

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of those that would argue for a leash law, I don't know. What I do know is that over these countless hours at both of these local favorites, I have never experienced anything other than kindness and respect from the very large community of dog lovers that exists in our city.

Please support the many respectable, dog-owning citizens who currently enjoy the GGNRA lands and vote AGAINST leash laws. You will be supporting the high quality of life that San Francisco has to offer. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Mark G. Hodgson, MD

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

You, too, probably have a dog and a nice large yard for your dog to run in, courtesy of the National Park Service and our tax dollars. Most San Francisco dog owners aren't that fortunate. They either live in an apartment or a house with a postage stamp sized yard. Fort Funston is an urban park for all of the people - the elderly, children, married couples, gay couples, singles, and happy off-leash dogs.

Fort Funston has been a constant source of pleasure for me and my Yellow Lab. We go there daily and meet many of our friends - all happy to be out in the wonderful Bay Area sunshine. I'm a senior citizen with arthritis and getting out with my dog is very beneficial to my health. Walking my dog on a leash is not an option for me.

When Fort Funston was turned over to the GGNRA by the city of San Francisco, wasn't it stipulated that it was for the enjoyment of all the people?

I have always held the NPS in high regard - until the last two years. What happened? It seems to me that you have gone in "Attack" mode. I personally have lost all respect for the GGNRA and its callous and dishonest ways. Do we need a "Congressional Hearing" to solve a simple situation?

Yours truly,

Marion T. Dorning

Marion T. Dorning

2425 Pacheco St.

San Francisco, CA 94116

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February 28, 2002

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Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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Gentlepeople:

Yes, I believe in people first; however, animals contribute so much to our lives that they become just as important as beloved members of our family.

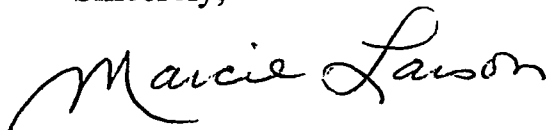
I have a tiny dog who does not need walking, however, the larger dogs definitely need expansive open space to exercise properly; anything less is cruel. They need to be off-leash in order to run free. This type of space must be provided and protected.

In other countries, as well as some places in the United States, there are open, unimproved areas called "dog parks". They are designated for dogs with guardians only, and work very well when people cooperate by cleaning up after their pets. In addition, the parks also have designated places for certain age children, certain games, and the general park area for all. Isn't this what GGNRA is about?

I believe we have space to accommodate all our pets and their guardians, as well as others who may not be privileged to have a pet. We just need to share and remember that the creatures were here before us and have a right to quality of life because they are our responsibility.

Please keep off-leash areas for our canine friends. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



MARCIE LARSON
640 Turk Street #35
San Francisco, CA 94102
415/928-5180

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Frank Taforo
19 25th Ave. North
San Francisco, CA 94121

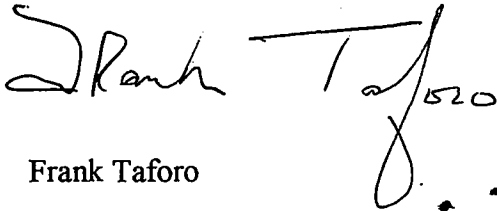
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G.G.N.R.A.
A.N.P.R.
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sir,

As a Native of San Francisco and as a long term user of the Presidio, I urge you to cease the curtailment of off leash dog walking in the GGNRA, especially the Presidio. I have heard the oft repeated excuses of the government employee, that "regulations must be followed" and I can't tell you how unimpressed I am. There is not a united voice of victims rising up to protest the off leash walking of canines, only the impersonal grinding of government regulations slowly eroding citizens freedoms. Please work with the various community groups in finding an acceptable solution to this aggravating conundrum.

Thank you,

The signature is handwritten in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Taforo' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Taforo

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Ingrid Tauber
19 25th Ave. No.
20 San Francisco, CA 94121

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Thank you,

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Frank Taforo

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Diane Tauber
10401 Democracy Blvd,
Potomac, Maryland 20854

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Thank you,

Diane Tauber

Frank Taforo

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February 23, 2002

GGNRA
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Superintendent O'Neill:

We are writing to protest the your attempt to restrict off leash dogs from walking at Ft. Funston, Baker Beach and Crissy Field. Our family has been enjoying these recreation areas for many years, with our dogs, and want to continue. Our dogs have been under voice control, are well trained and obedient.

Please reconsider this unnecessary action against all dog loving people in the Bay Area!

Sincerely,

Mark Selby / Angelica Medina - xbb

Mark J. Selby
Angelica M. Selby
136 Galewood Drive
San Francisco, CA 94131

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February 23, 2002

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Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To Superintendent O'Neill:

We are writing to you to be added to the list of people who are regular users of GGNRA parks, and would like to continue doing so.

As senior citizens, who have lived and paid taxes in San Francisco for decades, we enjoy bringing our "well-behaved, obedient" dog to Fort Funston, Crissy Field, and Baker Beach. We have always obeyed the law, but believe that your attempt to take away Fort Funston and other public lands for people to walk their dogs off leash, is unkind, uncaring, and unfair!

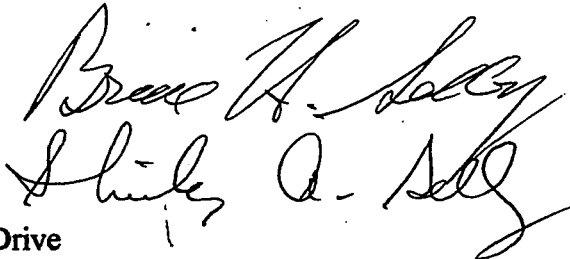
We remember Fort Funston during World War II when it was off limits to all San Franciscans. There was a legitimate reason that Fort Funston was off limits, as there were military troops and equipment there. It took some time before the military returned Fort Funston to the people. When they did, we returned with our dog, to walk and enjoy the beautiful coastline.

Now, 40 plus years later, you are trying to keep the public from enjoying the same areas that were returned to us after World War II!

Since we have been using this area for many decades, we protest your possible action to eliminate off leash dog walking at Fort Funston.

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Selby
Shirley A. Selby



336 Country Club Drive
San Francisco, CA 94132-1110

Dear Superintendent O'Neill

2580-0110

I support the continuance of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Mrs. Diane Galliani (printed)
Address: 36 Fairlawn Av. Daly City CA 94015
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

1. Please describe how often and where you visit the GGNRA? What are your main activities or reasons for visiting? What are the benefits to you of your visit(s)? If this has changed over the years, describe why.

Most often my husband & I visit Ft. Funston. We enjoy the WALK & seeing the dogs socialize.

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2. The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation? Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area? If so, please explain why.

I see one woman often - she has one leg (wears a prosthesis). I've also seen people in wheelchairs, people with babies in baby carts. No one seems afraid of the off-leash dogs. The dogs are having so much fun being 'free' & playing with each other they don't seem interested in 'people'.

3. Please describe whether off-leash recreation is a social outlet for you. Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?

Yes, it's an important social outlet. We walked our dog there until he died in 1997. Then we came alone - because it's such a happy, beautiful, free place. Now we recently got another dog (Doc 2001) & now feel part of the 'club' again. We've made casual 'Ft. Funston' friends & stop to talk. Yes it would impact my life if there was no longer off-leash. - very sad.

4. Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area? Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?

Yes, there is no doubt that there should be some areas within the GGNRA for off-leash. There are so many other places people go if they don't care for off-leash. The dog owners at Ft. Funston are very responsible, 'clean up' & have leashes with them if necessary.

Note. There are so many areas of Ft. Funston fenced off now, there is hardly much left. - Now they don't want them off-leash even in those areas.

5. San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

No - I'm sick of rules changing to ~~convenient~~ the benefit of 'Big Brother'. The government is getting too controlling. Dog owners pay taxes too

Signed: Mrs. D. Galliani Date 2/19/02 (optional: Age: 50 Sex: MF Ethnicity:)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
Fort Mason, Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sirs:

I am writing this to support the ability to have dogs off-leash at Crissy Field. I take my dog to Crissy field regularly. It is her one chance in San Francisco to run freely with her dog friends and swim in the bay. Nothing she does is environmentally damaging, and I am careful to clean up after her.

I have found that the dogs that are off-leash are well trained and respond to owners voice commands. Others are kept on leash. The owners are responsible in cleaning up after their pets and not allowing them to dig.

I am confident that this is a space that all can share. If there is a concern that some free running dogs may pose a risk to small children or walkers and runners, perhaps a model like the one used in Santa Cruz could be adopted. Off leash pets are welcome on the beach and in the park areas at certain hours (before 10 for example). I am sure that there is enough space for all to share this wonderful resource.

Please allow dogs to be off-leash at Crissy Field.

Very truly yours,



Victoria E. Johnston

CC: Crissy Field Dog Group
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San Francisco, CA 94115

2582-01-1C

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

In support of off-leash recreation in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Following are my comments on this activity as well as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: Margie Budeman (printed)

Address: 2221 Lake Road #12 Belmont CA 94002
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Please preserve the off-leash areas at Fort Funston. It is one of the few areas that dogs can use. Typically, the people who use Fort Funston are friendly, dog-loving, and responsible.

There are dozens of parks and trails for the public to use. Many of them are occupied by bikers and rollerbladers - who are much more of a menace (causing accidents or being unsafe) ^{wreckless} - than dogs!!

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Here are some ideas for your letter:

- What parts of the GGNRA do you visit now? Where would you LIKE to visit if off-leash was permitted?
- The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and people with disabilities may avoid areas with off-leash dogs. Can you give personal examples where the opposite is true - that these groups seek off-leash areas for their recreation?
- Do you feel safer when walking in an off-leash area?
- Do you bring your friends and family along or meet up with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity? What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?
- Since the early 1900's, off-leash dog recreation has been a primary usage of some areas now within the GGNRA. **Do you think that continuing to make off-leash recreation available in these areas is a good use of this recreation area?** Do you have suggestions as to how the GGNRA can make off-leash areas more enjoyable for everyone?
- San Francisco transferred its beaches and parks to the GGNRA with the understanding that existing activities, including off-leash recreation, would continue. Do you think the GGNRA should be allowed to renege on this part of its agreement with San Francisco?

Signed: M Budeman Date 2/25/02 (optional: Age: _____ Sex M Ethnicity W)
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

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I am in favor of off-leash dog-walking in the GGNRA. After all, the "R" in GGNRA stands for "Recreation" and off-leash walking is a favorite recreation of mine.

We (my Yellow Lab and I) visit Fort Funston twice daily, seven days a week. Only the fiercest storms keep us from our appointed rounds. We meet friends there every day and throw tennis balls and kongs for the dogs to chase, although the ugly fences the Park Service has erected has certainly cut down the space available for the dogs to run.

The Park Service has stated that children, the elderly, racial and cultural minorities, and the disabled may avoid off-leash areas. I'll be 68 years old this year. I don't know if that qualifies as elderly, but it is sure past middle-aged. When my grandchildren (ages 5 and 7) are in town, they come to Fort Funston with us. Many of the people who I meet at Fort Funston in the morning and afternoon are in their 70's and 80's, some approaching 90. Some of these people do not have dogs, but come for the exercise, the scenery, and the pleasure of watching the dogs run free. As far as racial and cultural minorities, I'm always amazed at the number of different languages that I hear being spoken (Russian, Tagalog, Spanish, Chinese, and others that I don't recognize). I have both gay and lesbian friends who I see there frequently. I also know paraplegics who go to Fort Funston and enjoy the experience.

My wife and I socialize with many of the people we've met at Fort Funston. We've been to the Symphony, the Opera, baseball games, and restaurants with them. We've been to their homes for dinner parties and hosted them at our home.

Because of the number of dogs at Fort Funston, I've never felt vulnerable to crime there. I can't say the same of some city parks where there are no dogs, drug use is common, and little law enforcement. The only law enforcement I see at Fort Funston is the recent spate of citations issued by the rangers to people with off-leash pets. That strategy is hardly "educating" me, but, rather, alienating me.

If off-leash recreation is eliminated in the GGNRA, it will have a negative impact on my physical and emotional well-being. Both my dog and I will get a lot less exercise and see less of our friends.

When the city transferred Fort Funston to the GGNRA, it was with the understanding that off-leash recreation would continue to be permitted. Do you believe that it is ethical to renege on this agreement? Ah, but maybe ethics don't mean much any more.

I served my country in the U.S. Army Infantry and worked in the Aerospace and Defense Industry for almost forty years and don't like having my freedom and rights eroded by high-handed committees who feel that they, and only they, know what's best for everyone. Therefore, I hope this ANPR process is not "wired" to obtain the results that certain members of the Citizens Advisory Committee tried to bully through last year.

Yours truly,

William E. Dorning

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area
Attention: ANPR
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Dear Sirs:

I have been walking my dogs at Fort Funston for the last 16 years. Recently it has been getting more crowded due to many areas being closed to off leash dogs, creating a funnel effect. However as 99% of the dog walkers are very responsible the area has stayed clean. Indeed a number of people go down to the beach regularly to pick up debris that has washed up from passing fishing boats.

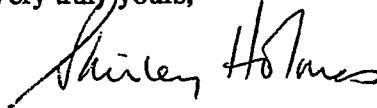
The attitude of the National Park Service during the last couple of years towards off leash dogs is rather disturbing. I believe they are taking the wrong approach for a number of reasons:

1. As far as native plants are concerned, this was, before the building of the fort, an area of sand dunes, according to old photographs of the area. To bring in "native plants" and claim that the National Park Service is restoring the area is nonsense.
2. I understand the Audabon Society has become very involved so that the bank swallow habitat will be preserved. There are miles of coast and I doubt that the bank swallow will miss what is less than one mile of coastline. And have you ever been to Fort Funston and seen the numbers of people enjoying the area? I would be prepared to bet that members of the Audabon Society who are writing in seldom, if ever, go there. Also, it is my understanding that since the National Park Service took out large quantities of the ice plant the bank swallows have largely stopped nesting there.
3. It is important to remember that this is not a wilderness area such as Yellowstone or Yosemite Park. It is a well used park in an urban area and therefore should be judged by other criteria.

I will not go into the fact that this land was given to the GGNRA on the condition that it should be used for the purposes it had been used for historically. My knowledge of the background is sketchy and limited. But I do think that as a park in an urban area consideration should be given to the taxpayers who get the most use out of it.

I do hope that common sense will prevail.

Very truly yours,


Shirley Holmes

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GGNRA
Attn: ANPR
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

To the GGNRA:

I'm writing to broadcast my support of continued off-leash dog walking in certain areas of GGNRA.

Dogs with responsible owners very much value off-leash dog walking. Off-leash dog walking can be managed in a way that respects the preservation of natural resources and other recreational interests in the GGNRA.

My suggestion is to fine irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs or who do not properly supervise their dogs.

Best regards,


Kevin Cifarelli

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 26, 2002

Dear GGNRA,

As a dog owner who frequents the off-leash dog-walking areas in the GGNRA, I'm writing in support of continuing to keep the designated off-leash areas of the GGNRA off-leash. As a dog owner, my dog and I always make a point of respecting all the other uses of the park. Off-leash dog walking, preservation of the natural resources of the GGNRA and the other recreational uses of the GGNRA can all co-exist. As a matter of fact they have successfully co-existed for years, please do not change a system that is working well.



Stephanie Scott, MD.