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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA  
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### GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ADVISORY COMMISSION

### APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR A PET POLICY - SAN FRANCISCO AND MARIN

### COUNTY (MUIR BEACH & SOUTH)

#### 1. DEFINITIONS:

##### a. "Unmanaged" dogs and cats

(1) Feral dogs and cats: Those dogs and cats having escaped domestication and become wild.

(2) Those dogs not supervised by their owners.

b. "Managed" dogs: Those dogs under control of their owner at all times. This control may be by voice or by leash. The criterion is that the dog may not harrass any person or animal.

c. Voice or leash control: This is a flexible system. The success of such a system is dependent upon the willingness of visitors and local residents to cooperate with GGNRA personnel, and the willingness of GGNRA personnel to manage dogs, people and wildlife situations; to enforce regulations; and to cite violators.

#### 2. GENERAL POLICY:

a. Unmanaged animals are not allowed in GGNRA. Every effort should be made to apprehend "unmanaged" animals because of potential danger to visitors and wildlife. (Exception: "Cat Colonies") The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 2.8 (d) states: "Dogs, cats or other pets running at large and observed by an authorized person in the act of killing, injuring or molesting humans or wildlife may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife." If the dog's owner is found, the owner should be cited and fined. If the dog's owner cannot be found, the dog should be sent to the local Humane Society.

b. Licensing laws. If a person and a dog come from San Francisco or Marin County, the dog must have the appropriate license. If the person and dog come from out-of-town, the dog must conform to licensing practices where the dog resides.

Implementation of these laws should conform with regulations to be developed by the National Park Service Field Solicitor's office (attorney). They should be posted in appropriate places throughout the park.

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- Fort Funston -No restrictions (dogs under voice control).
- Ocean Beach -No restrictions (dogs under voice control) except that on crowded days, in the seawall area between the Cliff House and Golden Gate Park, visitors may be asked to leash their dogs or move south to less crowded areas.
- Sutro Heights -Dogs on leash with "Please pick up dog litter" signs.
- Lands End -No restrictions (dogs under voice control).
- West Fort Miley -No restrictions (dogs under voice control) with "Please pick up dog litter" signs.
- East Fort Miley -No restrictions (dogs under voice control).  
Reconsider after renovation of parking area.
- Phelan Beach -No pets.
- Baker Beach -North beach area: No restrictions (dogs under voice control).  
South beach area: No pets.  
Picnic area/Parking lot: Dogs on leash at all times.
- Fort Point -No pets.
- Golden Gate Promenade/ Crissy Field -Signs at entry points to read "DOG OWNERS - Your dog must be under voice control at all times and on leash in parking and picnic areas."
- Fort Mason -Dogs on leash with "Please pick up dog litter" signs.
- Aquatic Park/ Victorian Park -No dogs on beach. Dogs on leash elsewhere with "Please pick up dog litter" signs.
- Historic Ships -No pets.
- Alcatraz -No pets.

CAT COLONIES:

Existing cat colonies on San Francisco GCNRA lands will remain, and are specifically exempted from feral animal policy. We ask for long-term cooperation among the public, the SPCA, and the GCNRA to upgrade cleanliness and insure freedom from disease.

Note: Guide dogs for the blind are exempt from all restrictions.

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POLICY - MARIN COUNTY

Advanced Dog Training Area. That portion of former Whitegate Ranch bounded by Panoramic Highway, State Route 1, and Mt. Tamalpais State Park, and southwest of Panoramic Highway is designated as a dog training area for advanced training. Use is restricted to owners and dogs which have successfully completed basic obedience training and are in the process of advanced obedience or special skills training. Trainers utilizing this area should identify themselves by wearing a fluorescent orange armband. Use of the area by dogs not in advanced training will be considered a violation of park regulations.

Dog Run Areas. Pets on leash or under voice control are permitted in the following areas: Rodeo Beach at Fort Cronkhite  
Muir Beach  
4 Corners tract above Mill Valley bounded by State Route 1,  
Panoramic Highway, Sequoia Valley Road and Homestead Valley  
area

Trails. Pets are permitted on the following trails either on leash or under voice control:

1. Coast Trail, Golden Gate Bridge to junction of Wolf Ridge Trail (Hill 88)
2. Loop trail from parking area up to Pacific Coast trail to paved road near Battery Townsley and return via paved road.
3. Wolf Ridge Trail between Coast Trail and Miwok Trail
4. Miwok Trail between Wolf Ridge Trail and Coast Trail, Fort Cronkhite.  
(Trails 1, 3 and 4 provide a loop trail, also known as the Wolf Ridge Loop in "Guide to Golden Gate National Recreation Area" by Dorothy Whitnah, pp. 100-103.)
5. Oakwood Valley Road to Alta Avenue.\*\* (see below)
6. Alta Avenue between Marin City and Oakwood Valley.

Pets on Leash. Pets are permitted while on leash on the following trails:

1. Coast Trail between Hill 88 and Muir Beach
2. Miwok Trail between Tennessee Valley parking area and State Route 1.

Pet owners are responsible for the actions of pets in all areas where pets are permitted. Owners who allow pets to engage in fighting, excessive barking, chasing or disturbance of wildlife, running at large beyond effective voice control or other inappropriate behavior will be considered as being in violation of park regulations.

No dogs will be allowed in Muir Woods, Audubon Canyon Ranch, Stinson Beach, and in areas where state park regulation conflicts will arise. The Committee will consider the area near Stinson Beach for dog access at the time northern Marin portions of the National Park Service are considered.

There are existing routes to GCNRA from the City of Sausalito which are not readily accessible to residents wanting to hike with their dogs. When future access routes are developed, however, these guidelines will be adjusted to incorporate them.

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