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

Re: ANPR

January 29, 2002

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

This letter addresses the issue of off-leash dogs at Crissy Field and elsewhere in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. It is a shame that there is so much tension between dog owners and recreation administrators on this subject; we must work together to resolve the conflict.

You've heard the objections -- dogs have been exercised under voice control for over twenty years, owners are responsible, many of us work hard to keep parks clean and respect local wildlife. There are a number of dog-focused organizations in San Francisco willing and able to help park administrators work out equitable guidelines, help educate all dog owners and protect our parks. What will it take to find common ground?

I would like to formally register my objection to the idea of making Crissy Field and other GGNRA areas leash-only facilities. Solutions exist if we look together.

Sincerely,



Catherine Ann Maxwell

cc: Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior  
Stanley T. Albright, Western Region Director  
Trent Orr, Pet Policy Committee

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William Scrader  
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Superintendent  
Golden Gate Recreation Area  
Building 201  
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed rule making concerning leashing pets in the GGNRA. I am quite upset that the GGNRA should be spending it time on this matter. Off leash dog walking has a long history in San Francisco and it deserves to stay. I object to the GGNRA efforts to intimidate the public with use of armed rangers. Lets end this and let the dogs run free.

Sincerely,

William Scrader

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Superintendent  
GGNRA  
Building 201  
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Superintendent of GGNRA

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed policy of leashing dogs in the GGNRA. I read the document and found it quite biased against off leash areas. I think that the GGNRA should re-examine its place in the bay area. The GGNRA is a recreation area not a nature preserve. Dog owners deserve a place to run their dogs off leash. I think that the GGNRA doesn't listen to the public and is running its own agenda. I attended the open forum in the presidio and was quite impressed with the turnout. Yet the GGNRA still tickets off leash dog owners. I think that the traditional off leash areas should be returned to off leash status. Ocean beach, Baker beach, Lands End, Fort Funston and all the others that have historically been off leash areas. The bottom line is that the GGNRA should re-establish the off leash areas or leave the bay area.

## **Return the off leash areas to the public**

Sincerely  
Bill Walander

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JAN 20, 2002

Dear Sirs,

I've had a dismal history of bad-dog experiences - bitten, threatened, chased, pulled down; plus ... Yes, in public parks sometimes by dogs ON LEASH. "Oh, she never does this ..." "Oh, he is only playing ..."

I understand public parks to be a place for the public, but not for the purpose of being exposed to untrained and dangerous so-called-pets.

If the Park Service cannot afford to control this problem, maybe, then, these creatures should not be allowed.

Or, maybe only in certain fenced areas - & no other.

Another problem: dog poop - my days visiting public beaches are steadily dwindling - I almost never come home without a soiled beach blanket. Recently, a very happy tail wagger came bounding up, off leash, & wanted to be petted, & peed all over my blanket. I rest my case. Thank you. Lynn Craig

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John Lucas  
35 Mallorca Way  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
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January 22, 2002

Mr. Brian O'Neill  
Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
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Re - off-leash dog issue comment period

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

I write this letter to urge the GGNRA to compromise on behalf of dog owners and their dogs who support a portion of Crissy Field being open to dogs running off-leash.

Crissy field is a beautiful resource that San Franciscan's of varied interests can enjoy. There is room enough for people of all types and for a wide spectrum of wildlife to enjoy this treasured recreational area. John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt wrote that we must protect the parks so that our children and their children may enjoy them. This generation must also be able to enjoy these lands.

Crissy Field, now restored, and now under the auspices of the GGNRA and the National Park Service, has never been better. More beautiful, more protected, and more pristine than in it has been at any other point during the past hundred years. The protected lagoon in the center of Crissy is an excellent example of how numerous and varied interests may be accommodated while sharing the park. Since restoration, many indigenous birds have returned to repopulate the protected area faster and to a greater extent than anyone had hoped. This miracle happened over the course of roughly a year. **A year in which dogs ran off-leash elsewhere in the park.**

Many dog owners are currently up in arms on this issue because they believe their voice has not been heard or perhaps acknowledged by the parks service. Dog owners, by and large, are among the staunchest supporters of the GGNRA, The National Park Service, The Sierra Club, and the Audubon Society yet now they are being treated as an adversary. The town meeting last year was a disappointing example of how the issue is being evaluated and which interests are being weighed more heavily than others.

Having investigated the origin and the nature of the gifts of these lands, I am confident that there is solid legal ground to support the multi-purpose use and sharing of this land. Some say that they would like to fight this battle in court and seek to strip the park service of this land. I believe that the GGNRA and the National Park Service are uniquely able to maintain and protect these lands but they must be shared.

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 apparently being subverted by the GGNRA suddenly reversing its longstanding policy that allowed off-leash dogs in certain areas -- before the public input process occurs.

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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? Recently, Park Service managers have been extremely antagonistic towards dog owners at Crissy Field by telling them that the 60-day comment period is merely a formality, and that GGNRA has already made their decision. Furthermore, the Park Service managers at Crissy Field have been quoted saying "the Park Service will issue tickets on the first offense, jail the dog owner on the second offense and confiscate the dog on the third offense". Hearing this makes one not only question the legality of these threats, but also question the Park Service's intentions and ethics.

The impact of this poor public policy is very significant. The change in policy 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 taking their dogs out to run and play. **In a city like San Francisco, it is crucial that dogs be allowed to run in a safe place.** The open off-leash environment at Crissy Field provides puppies with the natural dog-dog socialization opportunity needed in raising mentally healthy and well-adjusted domestic dogs. Furthermore, for the many water dogs, the unfettered play they enjoy in the waves at both beaches helps maintain their good physical health and jolly mental disposition. Dogs that are not allowed to exercise sufficiently can become nuisances. In the city, most people do not have the luxury of having backyards for their dogs to run. Furthermore, for most medium and larger dogs, walks around the block or even fenced in cement dog runs are not sufficient to exercise them. Well-behaved dogs, like well-behaved humans, should be allowed to enjoy the open spaces provided by the GGNRA. However, dog owners must be held fully responsible for the actions of their dogs, especially when off-leash. Off-leash dog walking should be treated like driving a car, a privilege that requires responsibility. **The solution is not to ban off-leash privileges, but to ban irresponsible behavior.**

Please make the dog owners part of the solution. Crissy Field is an amazing resource that can be enjoyed, respected and cared for by all. I am hopeful that you will agree and will support the case for off-leash rights at Crissy Field.

Sincerely,



John Lucas

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**Subject :** Public Comment Re: GGNRA's (ANPR)  
**Date :** Fri, 01 Feb 2002 23:05:46 -0500

There is sufficient "public will" to continue the longstanding tradition of off-leash recreation in the GGNRA.

And until dog owners and/or their handlers fail to observe what is in the best interest of the public's health and safety in the GGNRA, the off-leash recreation for dogs and their owners or their handlers should and must remain in effect.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hannelore F Miller  
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February 2, 2002

**BY FAX**

GGNRA  
Attention: ANPR  
Fort Mason  
San Francisco, CA

Dear GGNRA:

I am sending this re the ANPR and the motion to rescind the 1979 Pet Policy. To me, this is a clear example of the bloated federal bureaucracy overreaching in a shocking way, violating the rights of local citizens. Should the federal government exercise its excessive power *just because it can*? Is this the type of stewardship of our local lands that we can look forward to from federal "interlopers"?

We all know that off-leash dog-walking was an intended use when the GGNRA was formed – that is clearly established in the record. The GGNRA is a huge parcel, contained within a major metropolitan area. Why must you give all of it to the Audubon Society for the benefit of their birders? Isn't there enough to share?

Sincerely,

Irene Rubey  
San Francisco, CA

Cc: SF DOG

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Thank you -  
Nancy Juarez

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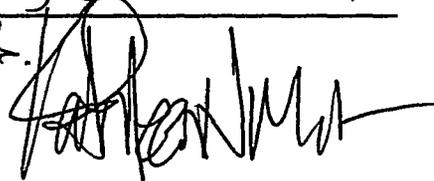
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**We Support Off-leash Dog Walking In the GGNRA!**

I support off-leash dog walking in areas that have permitted this for many years such as Fort Funston. Residents of San Francisco should be able to tolerate multiple uses of our city's natural resources including dog walking. There is a long history of responsible dog ownership in San Francisco; don't take this

Signed:

away from us.



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**We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!**

I feel, if anything, the lands in the GGNRA should be opened-up to more areas for off-leash dog walking. Currently, there are so few places to go with dogs and the off-leash areas are so successful and wonderful. There are enough areas to include all forms of recreation to co-exist in the GGNRA. I am a daily user of these areas and am devastated to hear of the possibility of not being able to enjoy these areas any longer. Urban dogs depend on these areas for exercise - as do their guardians.

Signed: 

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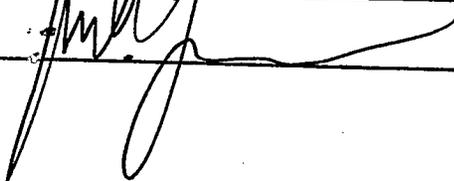
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**We Support Off-leash Dog Walking in the GGNRA!**

Please preserve enjoyment  
of the parks by keeping  
off leash dog walking.  
We love our parks!

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

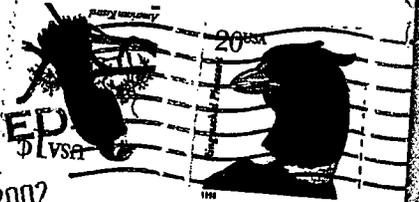
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Cambria Shores Inn  
6276 Moonstone Beach Dr.  
Cambria, CA 93428  
805-927-8644

Dear Committee,  
Please allow dogs and  
their owners more  
access to beaches.  
Do not take this away  
Walking and playing  
with a dog on a beach  
or a trail is an  
incredible experience.

Sincerely, Linda Hoch, San Anselmo.



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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,

*Carl Smith*

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Sincerely,

*Valerie Smith*

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January 30, 2002

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

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash. I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,

  
Natalie Kudrick  
3020 Kirkham  
San Francisco, CA 94122

*It gives dog owners a great great deal of peace and contentment to see their beloveds run and play and socialize with other dogs. It is a joy for us to go out with our pets to decompress from the stressful life style we are forced into. Those people who are terrified of seeing a dog can go to the G.G. park. I know that most oriental, late dogs.*

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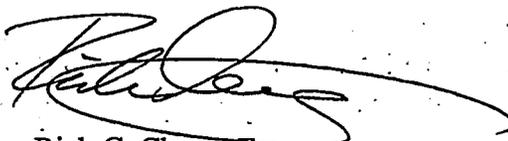
GGNRA  
Attention: ANPR  
Fort Mason Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Sir or Madam:

Due to the lobbying of a few anti-animal lobbyists in our community, this issue regarding banning off-leash parks has now come to bear upon a recreation that is important and necessary to the San Francisco Bay Area lifestyle. Unfortunately, the movement to ban off-leash recreation has been bolstered by recent events in the news regarding dog-maulings in and around San Francisco Bay Area. Of course, any rational person should be able to divorce any connections the two have with each other.

With that said, let me focus on something that few have touched upon. This off-leash luxury has been part of the San Francisco Bay Area landscape for many years. Certainly industries like the dog-walkers have also benefited from this open-space recreation area. This is one of those luxuries that may not necessarily concern a majority of the Bay Area citizens, but there are enough people who enjoy this land in its current state, that to take it away would be a violation of their personal liberties. Certainly, one may argue that we are simply 'democratically' voting to remove this liberty, however, this would simply be a classic example of the tyranny of the majority. There are many people who have come to depend on these parks, and would be disheartened by the removal of this off-leash recreation. Moreover, once taken away, it would be extremely difficult to reinstate such an ordinance. Why spend this much time undoing something that has little negative impact on our lifestyles and the environment, but has so much benefit to many residents and dog-lovers? I do not support the ban of off-leash recreation.

Very Truly,



Rick C. Chang, Esq.

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To whom It May Concern,

Please keep the off-leash recreation area in the GGNRA!!!

It should stay legal, as it has been for years.

Holly

*Holly*

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February 1, 2002

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

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my deep disappointment with the potential elimination of off-leash dog walking at Crissy Field.

As a San Francisco native and dog-owner, I have been walking Crissy Field for many, many years. It's one of the very few places in our extremely dense urban landscape where I can treat my four-legged children to a little freedom and the space to chase a tennis ball or two. In fact, Crissy Field is a mecca for residents and pets from all over the city—and everyone gets along great! As a general rule, city dogs reflect the polite, sophisticated behavior of their owners, and I have never witnessed a problem.

As it is, San Francisco is not a terribly dog-friendly city; tiny property lots and few backyards make trips to places like Crissy Field a necessity. We cannot give our canine companions a healthy lifestyle without accessibility to off-leash romping and room to run.

There are many things we San Franciscans take for granted, and this expanse of bay-side playground is one of them. Please trust us to continue using Crissy Field leash-free.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Dinner

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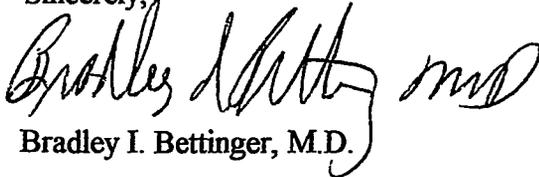
RE: Public comment on a range of potential management options for addressing appropriate pet management within Golden Gate National Recreation Area, consistent with protecting national park resources and assuring visitor safety.

I have been running along the shore at Ocean Beach for more than twenty (20) years. For the past several years I have stopped running at the Fort Funston area due to the presence of a large number of off leash dogs. On Saturday, January 25, 2001, I was bitten by a dog while running along the shore at Ocean Beach and around Ortega. She was running with her master, who, at first, did not respond to my cries to call his dog. When he finally did call his dog, he had trouble controlling her. He said I was "making her nervous," implying that the attack was my fault. I reported this incident to the Park Police. In addition, I often see off-leash dogs chasing birds, disturbing their feeding at the shoreline.

By their very nature, dogs chase moving animals, be they bird or man. Due to the presence of an increasing number of off-leash dogs and recently being bitten by one, it is difficult for me to continue to run on the beach, an activity which has been a long time pleasure for me.

I urge you to continue to require that all dogs on the beach be on leash and that the leash law be vigorously enforced. Please don't let Ocean Beach go to the dogs.

Sincerely,

  
Bradley I. Bettinger, M.D.

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To whom it may concern:



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My husband and I are members of the William Kent Society largely because we greet each day by walking our dog off leash at Crissy Field. We have been stunned to learn that you are considering requiring dogs to be on a leash in all parts of Crissy Field.



There are already sections of Crissy Field which require dogs to be on a leash which we understand. However, since Crissy Field is a park within the City of San Francisco (unlike most National Parks), there are many uses which the Park should incorporate without threatening the park's natural beauty. Continuing to allow the citizens of San Francisco and visitors to our



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extraordinary city to walk their dogs at  
Crissy Field off-leash is just such a use.

Both Tom and I would seriously re-  
consider continuing our membership in the William  
Kent Society should the GGNRA prohibit off-leash  
dogs at Crissy Field.

Sincerely,  
Shelagh Rohlen  
855 Chestnut St.  
SF 94133

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Dear GGNRA Superintendent,

I am writing to support of leash recreation in the GGNRA. I have been walking my dog for years at Fort Funston: Ocean Beach. I find it that your energies should be put elsewhere. Return Ocean beach to off leash status

John Thelen  
553 47<sup>th</sup> Ave  
San Francisco CA

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Nikolaus Kaubisch

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ANPA, Fort Mason  
Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Leash policy

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

I am following your invitation to comment on the dog-off-leash situation in the Bay Area that was mentioned in an article published in the Marin IJ on January 11.

Since I have moved to the Bay Area 15 years ago the number of places where a dog can be exercised off leash has decreased significantly. In the worst case scenario, if both the GGNRA and the Marin Open Space Committee rule against letting dogs run off leash in those areas for which they are responsible, the only spots where dogs can be off leash in public will be the dog parks, most of which are very small. This would mean pushing the dog owners with their backs against the wall and leaving them no choice but to ignore the rules, because a dog cannot develop into a physically and mentally healthy creature if you take away it's possibility to run freely, at least a few hours every week.

After having lived in Europe recently with my dog for almost a year and after having witnessed how over there the different groups of the population, horse back riders, hikers, runners, bikers, and dog owners and their pets coexist without stepping on each others toes, I find it very difficult to understand why over here, where there is so much more space as compared to Europe, authorities have to establish rules for every move that the citizen is making.. Why not let common sense prevail and make no firm rule? Fine those dog owners whose dogs cause damage, fine those owners who don't pick up after their dogs for littering, but leave those people alone, whose dogs don't cause any harm. Putting all dogs on leash is as absurd as it would be to make bikers push their bikes instead of riding on them and horse owners walk in front of their horses instead of riding them.

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*Nikolaus Kaubisch*

If you have to make a rule then leave at least every second beach open for dogs off leash, just as an example:

- at least 3 or 4 miles on Ocean Beach: no leash
- Baker beach: dogs must be on leash
- Crissy Field: no leash
- Fort Baker: leash
- Rodeo Beach: no leash
- Tennessy Valley Beach: leash
- Muir Beach: no leash
- Stinson Beach: near the town: leash. Further out towards Bolinas: no leash

Dog owners may be a minority, but it is a significant minority, over 20 % of the population, and in a similar way as bikers, runners, and horse-back riders they have the right to be considered as the other groups are.

I,do hope you will come up with a wise decision.

Sincerely yours

*Nick Kaubisch*  
(Nikolaus Kaubisch)

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I write this letter to urge the GGNRA to compromise on behalf of dog owners and their dogs who support a portion of Crissy Field being open to dogs running off-leash.

Crissy field is a beautiful resource that San Franciscan's of varied interests can enjoy. There is room enough for people of all types and for a wide spectrum of wildlife to enjoy this treasured recreational area. John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt wrote that we must protect the parks so that our children and their children may enjoy them. This generation must also be able to enjoy these lands.

Crissy Field, now restored, and now under the auspices of the GGNRA and the National Park Service, has never been better. More beautiful, more protected, and more pristine than in it has been at any other point during the past hundred years. The protected lagoon in the center of Crissy is an excellent example of how numerous and varied interests may be accommodated while sharing the park. Since restoration, many indigenous birds have returned to repopulate the protected area faster and to a greater extent than anyone had hoped. This miracle happened over the course of roughly a year. **A year in which dogs ran off-leash elsewhere in the park.**

Many dog owners are currently up in arms on this issue because they believe their voice has not been heard or perhaps acknowledged by the parks service. Dog owners, by and large, are among the staunchest supporters of the GGNRA, The National Park Service, The Sierra Club, and the Audubon Society yet now they are being treated as an adversary. The town meeting last year was a disappointing example of how the issue is being evaluated and which interests are being weighed more heavily than others.

Having investigated the origin and the nature of the gifts of these lands, I am confident that there is solid legal ground to support the multi-purpose use and sharing of this land. Some say that they would like to fight this battle in court and seek to strip the park service of this land. I believe that the GGNRA and the National Park Service are uniquely able to maintain and protect these lands but they must be shared.

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 apparently

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being subverted by the GGNRA suddenly reversing its longstanding policy that allowed off-leash dogs in certain areas -- before the public input process occurs.

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? Recently, Park Service managers have been extremely antagonistic towards dog owners at Crissy Field by telling them that the 60-day comment period is merely a formality, and that GGNRA has already made their decision. Furthermore, the Park Service managers at Crissy Field have been quoted saying "the Park Service will issue tickets on the first offense, jail the dog owner on the second offense and confiscate the dog on the third offense". Hearing this makes one not only question the legality of these threats, but also question the Park Service's intentions and ethics.

The impact of this poor public policy is very significant. The change in policy 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 taking their dogs out to run and play. **In a city like San Francisco, it is crucial that dogs be allowed to run in a safe place.** The open off-leash environment at Crissy Field provides puppies with the natural dog-dog socialization opportunity needed in raising mentally healthy and well-adjusted domestic dogs. Furthermore, for the many water dogs, the unfettered play they enjoy in the waves at both beaches helps maintain their good physical health and jolly mental disposition. Dogs that are not allowed to exercise sufficiently can become nuisances. In the city, most people do not have the luxury of having backyards for their dogs to run. Furthermore, for most medium and larger dogs, walks around the block or even fenced in cement dog runs are not sufficient to exercise them. Well-behaved dogs, like well-behaved humans, should be allowed to enjoy the open spaces provided by the GGNRA. However, dog owners must be held fully responsible for the actions of their dogs, especially when off-leash. Off-leash dog walking should be treated like driving a car, a privilege that requires responsibility. **The solution is not to ban off-leash privileges, but to ban irresponsible behavior.**

Please make the dog owners part of the solution. Crissy Field is an amazing resource that can be enjoyed, respected and cared for by all. I am hopeful that you will agree and will support the case for off-leash rights at Crissy Field.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Lucas

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RE: Support for Off-Leash Dog Walking

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February 4, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly convey my support of off-leash dog walking, as it was originally designated by the 1979 Pet Policy. Taking away our pets' freedom to play and interact with other dogs would only result in under-socialized, unhappy dogs, just as it would with people. This is an urban city and it must take responsibility and continue to consider the needs of the vast majority of pet owners who do not have yards, or a sizable yard to speak of. As it is, "current" off-leash areas account for less than 1% of the entire park acreage of San Francisco. Enforcing an off-leash ban is entirely insensitive to the happiness and well being of our pets and eliminating such a minor percentage is unnecessary. These parks were developed as recreational parks, for the whole community to enjoy, including our animals; they are not intended as a specific wildlife preserve. With proper management, all walks of life can co-exist and enjoy what our recreational parks have to offer us, just as so many other recreational parks in this nation do.

Our pets give us so much happiness, it is our duty to provide them with a happy lifestyle as well. Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,



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Date: January 29, 2002  
To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
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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,

J Murray (signature)

Jennifer Murray (name)

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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,

*Joan Steinberg*

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GGNRA;Attn:ANPR:ANPR;  
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This letter is to protest politely against the abolishment of off-leach dog walking privileges in GGNRA urban areas, specifically Fort Funston and Crissy Field in S.F. and Rodeo Beach in Marin County.

First, I think the GGNRA has done a tremendous job in recovering and restoring the above areas. These places are beautiful and safe destinations for people to visit and enjoy. As has been noted before, we live in an urban area and all the open space available should be treasured and taken care of.

Since we live in an urban area, the land available for off-leash WELL-BEHAVED dogs is at a premium. While I respect the work of the GGNRA, I feel that a compromise should be reached between people such as myself who enjoy walking dogs on AND off leash and the GGNRA policy-makers. As you know, several years ago, we lost a huge piece of off-leash privilege by the closing Ocean Beach to off-leash dog walking. This squeezed more dogs into Golden Gate Park and the smaller City parks, straining the already tight budget for park maintenance. I began to visit Fort Funston more often with my dog and was happy to encounter a great group of concerned Fort Funston dog walkers and the volunteer "pooper scooping" weekends. However, most of all I enjoyed the good behavior of the dogs walking there, the freedom and exercise they were getting and the diligence of the "regulars," scooping and providing bags and forming a real community for dog lovers. I've been walking there for quite a while now, as well as at Crissy Field and Rodeo Beach and have never seen destructive or violent behavior by canines OR humans.

If you must address the issue of off-leash dog walking on GGNRA land again, please consider allowing the dog-loving public here and in Marin the freedom of letting our pets continue to play freely, perhaps with guidelines with which we can all agree: certain times for off-leash, even days or conditions under which a dog may frolic unleashed. I am sure an agreement can be made that would satisfy the needs of we dog owners and walkers as well as maintain the pristine nature of the GGNRA land and its efforts to have it remain so.

Thank you for considering this letter.

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GGNRA  
Attn: ANPR  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Pet owners are citizens too. You should recognize the needs of a major constituency of your park and develop programs that address our requirements. Fort Funston is not a wilderness area and should not be governed by rules created for Yosemite. It is an urban recreational park.

What exactly is your definition of recreation anyway? It is not species preservation or any other form of conservancy. You accommodate horse owners. Why not dog owners? You accommodate hang gliding, an extremely dangerous sport that puts other park users at risk. You accommodate bikers. What decision rules are you applying?

Surely some manager can devise a plan for off-leash space for dog owners, especially owners of large dogs. Be sure to think of the needs of senior and disabled pet owners when you are coming up with your plan.

Personally, I don't see why we should have any federal parks in San Francisco. In my view, the current leadership overseeing Fort Funston and the Presidio is heading in a direction at odds with the views and the needs of Bay Area residents.

Sincerely,



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**To Whom It May Concern:**

I am writing this letter to protest the proposed change in the off-leash policy at Fort Funston and the beach. I am a native San Franciscan and have had dogs most of my adult life. I have enjoyed walking my pets at Fort Funston for many years.

Off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco turned this land over to the GGNRA. It is extremely important for this to continue. I have observed many other dog owners who are extremely responsible and I see absolutely no reason for any change. You have already fenced off a large portion of the land. Isn't that enough? I am sure your efforts could be used for a much better project.

Sincerely,



Joan Kaddas

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GGNRA  
Attn: ANPR  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please give serious consideration to the need for an off-leash area for dogs at Fort Funston. Many, many residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area are dog owners and many of us have larger dogs who need to run in order to have proper exercise.

I have a large dog and I am eighty-two years old. Obviously, I cannot run along with him when he takes his exercise. Please think about the needs of seniors and disabled people when you plan an off-leash area at Fort Funston. The area should be easily accessible for older pet owners and have seating nearby.

Seniors are unlikely to be using your park for gliding or horseback riding. It is important for us to get our fair share of usage,

Sincerely,



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GGNRA, Attn. ANPR  
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Re: Pet Policy for Park Lands

Dear Decision Makers:

There are few joys in this world which bring more happiness to me personally, and to those folks observing, than a good dog running for the sheer joy of running along the beach and in and out of foam of the breaking waves.

Often, I take my Australian Shepherd to Fort Cronkite around 8:00 a.m. and he and I have a fabulous time which makes for a beautiful day. I keep him on leash near Rodeo Lagoon and until we reach the top of the dunes and then let him run free. (I clean up after him as well so as not to contribute to any pollution of the area.) I would hope that you could continue to permit such an activity. There are so few places now where a dog can have such fun, and its master too, both getting healthy exercise and fresh air in a gorgeous spot.

Although I fully understand that beaches are a multi-use environment, I rarely find many people at Fort Cronkite in the early morning. Thus, I do not think it would be difficult for you to allow dogs running free with their owners, off leash, at least between day light and 10:00 a.m. Please enact such a policy for Fort Cronkite and other beaches as well such as Crissy Field Beach and Fort Baker.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Margaret G. Fawcett*

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Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
Attn: ANPR  
Golden Gate National Recreational Area  
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Dear Superintendent O'Neill

I enthusiastically support the existing National Park Regulation, Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Under no circumstance should the National Park Service allow any change or variance within the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, which would alter the current requirement to have pets on leash.

I urge you to stand firm in maintaining the current regulations and aggressively enforcing this policy. Educating the public about park regulations is necessary and the work done by Park Service employees to date is commendable; but there is no substitute for effective enforcement.

Off leash dogs are at best a nuisance to members of the public who treasure the peace and serenity that parks and open space provide in our crowded urban environments. At other times, they threaten our very safety.

Despite the most sincere promises made by conscientious dog owners, they have a poor record of self-enforcement. In all too many cases, they are in complete denial as to the effect their pets have on other park users and the environment. When evaluating responses to current Golden Gate National Recreational Area policies, it is important to realize that the ownership of a pet affords these individuals an immediate and simple focus around which to organize. Therefore, the number of people petitioning for a change to the existing leash laws may appear great in comparison to responses from other park users; but your responsibility as managers and custodians of our national parks extends to all existing users, as well as, future visitors.

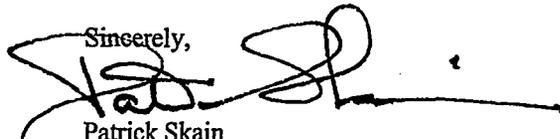
Dog owners often claim that they are enthusiastic park supporters and will work to improve park facilities. My experience has proven quite the opposite. I see this every day in San Francisco's Pine Lake Park where the city has bowed to dog owners and no longer enforces the existing on leash ordinance. This park has progressively deteriorated due in no small part to the impact that off leash dogs have on the environment. At two meetings held recently by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to discuss capitol improvements to Stern Grove and Pine Lake Parks, dog owners were adamant in their opposition to any plans to include natural habitat restoration or establishing native plant projects. This opposition was based on a stated fear that these enhancements might lead to restrictions on off leash dogs.

Any argument that dog owners will provide plastic bags and encourage fellow dog owners to pick up their pet's poop is wishful thinking. As soon as a dog is off leash, it is no longer controlled. The concept of voice control is an absolute joke. Dog owners are as lazy and irresponsible as any other group in our society. When it is inconvenient or "out of sight", the vast majority of owners fail in their obligation. Cleaning up your pet's shit is at best a zero-sum equation.

I love the natural environment that our National Parks provide, and I cherish the opportunity to observe birds and other wildlife within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Knowing that the National Park Service is acting on my behalf to protect these natural wonders for current park visitors and future generations, makes me feel like a better person.

Please do not change the existing regulations.

Sincerely,



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the solicitation for comments on the GGNRA's Pet Management proposal.

As a solution to what has become such a controversial and highly charged issue, I encourage the GGNRA to consider setting aside the remainder of Fort Funston as the one area in the GGNRA system of park land that dogs are permitted to run free. In other words, make Fort Funston the **one area** in the GGNRA that is **exempt** from the leash policy.

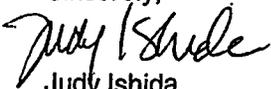
I believe this is a viable solution for the following reasons:

- Fort Funston has long been a safe place for dogs to run free. As mentioned in the *Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* letter, all city and county parks and virtually all open spaces are bound by leash laws.
- If people want to walk along the beach or coastal area, there are literally miles and miles of such coastland in the GGNRA system. Ocean Beach is literally a stones throw away not to mention the beaches in Daly City and Pacifica.
- Under the *Current Pet Management at GGNRA* section (pg 1425), it says, "The park has received complaints by park visitors... alleging that off leash dogs have precluded them from visiting the park **for fear of being knocked over, attacked by dogs, or verbally abused by dog owners.**" Anyone can make such accusations, but it speaks volumes when the GGNRA chooses not to back such statements up with facts.

And, I think it is outrageous for the GGNRA to exploit the Dianne Whipple case. Even though it is made clear that this incident didn't happen in a park or open space, the case has not gone to trial and, therefore, all the facts have not been brought forward. And, if the GGNRA wanted to be fully truthful about this case, rather than slant it to serve their purpose, it should have mentioned that evidence shows these dogs were likely part of a dog fighting ring run by their owners, Pelican Bay inmates who, it has been widely reported, were running such a ring.

I am also sending this letter to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in the hope that they will consider taking back Fort Funston since the GGNRA has reneged on their promise to allow unobstructed use, by both visitors and pets, of this very popular open space area.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
State Senator Jackie Speier  
San Francisco Recreation & Parks Commissioners

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To whom It May Concern

I'm writing in regards to the possible enacting of the dogs on leash law.. The reality of not allowing my dogs- Rocky and Peggy to run off leash is selfish and extremely controlling. My labs are 12 years years old and in great health. I consistently have exercised them at Crispy field of course because Labs are water loving dogs... My concern is for there health and over-all sprit.. They love to run and play in the water .. Without this right they will become depressed and at there age I fear this is will speed up there death.

I also see this as a Beaucratic decision lacking in heart and vision..Dogs are'nt the problem. In fact they are the solution to the mundane lifestyle of human habit..One of the last case scenarios of community is at Crispy Field.... People seem to enjoy one another and the energy is quite integrated between animals, runners, walkers.

Dog owners are very responsible people. We clean up and pay attention...I will protest passionately against a negative decision.....

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Attention: ANPR  
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To Whom It May Concern,

My Husband, Peter Hall and I, feel very strongly that dogs should be allowed to be off-leash at Crissy Field, Baker Beach, Ocean Beach and Fort Funston.

Dogs are an important part of people's lives. They are friends and helpmates of the elderly, the sick (especially children), the disabled, and people from all walks of life. They add joy and love to our lives with their unconditional love and charming ways. The walking and running that takes place at Crissy Field, as well as the other beaches and park areas, is therapy for dog owners and essential for the dogs' physical and mental well being. I also have friends who do not have dogs, who feel safer, happier, and more able to enjoy beaches and parks when dogs and their owners are present.

In addition, we, as well as many of our friends, have contributed financially to the rebuilding of Crissy Field, with the understanding that our dogs would be allowed to be there off-leash.

Conscientious dog owners and their pets do not endanger our public spaces. San Francisco has been voted one of the most pet friendly cities in the country. Please do not curtail the innocent enjoyment of dog/Frisbee/beach.

Thank you,



Alice Wiley Hall

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Dear People,

Please do not make it illegal to have our dogs off leash!!! We have been walking our dog, and the previous dog at Fort Funston and other parks in SF for over 20 years.

They need to be off leash in order to be healthy and active dogs. It is not fair to suddenly take that away. We pick up after her, have trained her to be obedient and well mannered and she LOVES to run and play at Fort Fun and would love to again at Ocean Beach.

Think about all of those dogs in NY at ground zero, working and sniffing out possible victims. The numerous dogs who help people who are blind or in wheelchairs, the therapy dogs who visit children and the elderly in hospitals. Can't we at least give our dogs a place to play when their work is done? They need to be honored not penned.

The off leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when SF gave it's 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" (16 US 460bb) The off leash has only occurred in 0.5% of the land.

I used to take my dog to Ocean Beach almost every day, now that it "leash required" I don't use that space. I miss it and my dog misses it. The reports never concluded that the dogs affected the snowy plover. It is an URBAN beach. We all need to have access to it.

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I suggest the we have off leash back in all the parks and beaches and that you use your officers to give tickets for unruly dogs, that are attacking people or other dogs, and to owners who don't pick up after their dogs. That would be a way for everyone to enjoy the parks and open area.

Our dogs have to be off leash!! WE can all exist and take care of the urban parks.

Eileen P. Goldenberg  
Judith Dancer  
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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

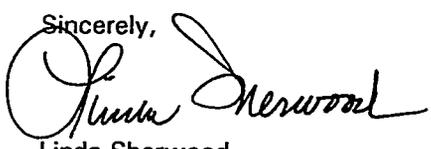
I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash (she is 14 years old and hardly a threat to anyone). I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive. I invite anyone to come out to Fort Funston and see for yourself, the playfulness and wonderful experience of seeing dogs off leash.

Also, another point is that there are quite a few people who, for one reason or another, are disabled and are unable to walk their dog on leash. They too will suffer from this on-leash regulation. I have seen one woman, in particular, who is in her wheelchair regularly, watching the dogs at play and enjoying every minute of it. If dogs are made to walk on leash at this wonderful place, I am sure that dogs will become more aggressive. It is a well known fact that dogs on leash can become more aggressive toward other dogs, and people, when not allowed to sniff, circle and play.

Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,



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**Date :** Thu, 7 Feb 2002 12:19:05 -0800

Hello,

It has come to my attention that you are considering banning off-leash dogs from the GGNRA. As a dog owner in the city, I find this behavior atrocious and unwarranted. Off leash dogs can co-exist with non-dog owners and with the natural beauty of the GGNRA. From my experience as a dog owner in the city, most dog owners are wonderful people who care about the natural beauty of their surroundings and appreciate the fact that they can run their dog off leash. The few bad seeds are few and far between. Often, dog owners tell one and another that their dog has made a mess. We chastise anyone that doesn't clean up after their dog or who doesn't ensure that they're dog is not aggressive.

By taking away dogs' running spaces, you effectively make this a non-friendly animal town and will eventually squeeze the animal lovers out of here. Do you really want San Francisco to become a nonanimal city?

We can take steps to remedy whatever problems are currently existing. Stricter enforcement of the curb your pet laws. Stricter fines. You can even enact citizens to patrol on the city's behalf - I guarantee that there are many that are more than willing to step in and do this.

It would be a shame to lose some of the diversity of this city. Diversity is what makes this city so great and strong. Unfortunately, that is the reality were you to ban off-leash dogs from GGNRA.

Sincerely,

Deborah Holmgren



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**From :** James Martin <lunado@earthlink.net>  
**To :** <fortfunston@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** OFF-LEASH RECREATION  
**Date :** Tue, 05 Feb 2002 15:28:03 -0800

ANPR:

Please retain the off-lease recreation privileges for all respecting pet dog owners in the GGNRA. This a very important and needed recreational facility for the citizens of the bay area.



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**To :** "fortfunston@hotmail.com" <fortfunston@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Fort Funston - Off leash/On leash debate.  
**Date:** Thu, 7 Feb 2002 12:04:28 -0800

Hello!  
I'd like to cast my vote for keeping Ft. Funston off leash. I've been there many times and have never had a problem with any dog including my own. The park lends itself to off leash and I hope it's kept that way.  
Thanks for considering my comments.

Judy Sass

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ATTENTION: ANPR

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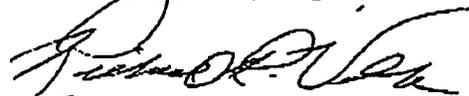
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE CONSIDER, AS LONG AS DOGS  
ARE ALLOWED IN SAN FRANCISCO, THEY  
NEED TO BE TREATED HUMANELY AND  
TO RESTRICT THEM WITH A LEASH  
REQUIREMENT IS NOT HUMANE TREATMENT  
TO ALWAYS BE RESTRAINED WITHOUT PROPER  
EXERCISE IS A "LIFE NOT FIT FOR A  
DOG."

HOPING THESE ISSUES CAN BE RESOLVED  
WITHOUT PUNISHING THE DOGS.

YOURS VERY TRULY,



RICHARD VOLK

2190 WASHINGTON ST. #1002  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94109

267-02-2

February 08, 2002  
555-555-5555

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

Subject: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

Dear Superintendent Brian O'Neill:

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing out of concern that the GGNRA will implement an off leash permit for the area's National Recreation Areas. I lived in San Francisco for many years and know the beauty and value of these habitats. They are truly unique and support a number of sensitive and endangered species, many of which could easily be harmed by off leash dogs.

I've seen what dogs do to wildlife on many occasions where they are permitted off leash, especially, in all too frequent cases, where their owners enjoy and encourage this behavior. Dogs are highly effective predators and many chase and kill almost any wildlife species. They also act to disrupt the natural behaviors of wildlife, including feeding and breeding, thereby causing additional harm. The many dogs living in the bay area could easily wreak havoc on the area's wildlife and act to further drive sensitive species to extinction. Off leash dogs have also been known to attack children and adults.

In addition, the regular harrassment of wildlife causes increased wariness in many species making it more and more difficult for people to observe them, a primary reason most of us visit wild areas.

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I have no doubt that wild and sensitive habitats included in the GGNRA could be substantially degraded should dogs be permitted off leash and that once such a permit is in place, it will be very difficult to retract it later when this proves true.

Yours truly,

Liz Cook  
6 Simmons Way  
Davis, CA 95616

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February 08, 2002

**David Bertelsen**

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2503 E. Blacklidge Dr. , ♦ Tucson, AZ 85716

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I am a dog owner and love dogs, but I am acutely aware that there are often conflicts in natural areas. Unfortunately many dog owners are not responsible, letting their pets run off leash, not cleaning up feces, failing to prevent the animals from digging or trampling sensitive vegetation (usually from pure ignorance), etc. Frankly, I believe dogs should be prohibited from the GGNRA entirely.

In Tucson, Arizona, dogs have been prohibited in park after park, first by the city, and then by Pima County, largely because of the problems they cause. Here the problem is not endangered species but feces, dogs off leash, dog fights (even when dogs are on leashes), and the fear many people, including children, have of dogs--even very friendly dogs.

The GGNRA should be primarily concerned with protecting the natural environment. The NPS has never had sufficient funds to properly enforce Park regulations, and permitting dogs, especially when off leash, would require dedicating valuable resources to monitoring damage and enforcing regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I sincerely hope the GGNRA develops policy that first and foremost protects the natural flora and fauna while accomodating recreational use.

Sincerely,

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David Bertelsen

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**Kim Medina**

539 West Thurber Road Box 2, Tucson, AZ 85705-3476

February 08, 2002

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San Francisco, CA 94123

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I SUPPORT KEEPING PETS ON LEASHES. I SUPPORT PROTECTION OF URBAN WILDLIFE.

I SUGGEST ESTABLISHING "DOG RUNS", ENCLOSED AREAS WHERE DOGS CAN RUN AND PLAY OFF LEASH BUT WHERE THEY ARE CONTAINED.

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.

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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. 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,

Kim Medina

JAS. P. FELDE

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CONCORD, CA 94521

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SUP. ATTENDANT'S OFFICE

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attn: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 301

San Francisco, CA. 94123

It is imperative that the National Park Service UPHOLD 36 CFR.2.15 (a)(2) and require ALL pets including dogs to be ON LEASH or otherwise PHYSICALLY restrained within all areas of the GGNRA for the following reasons:

Unrestrained pets degrade the natural ambience of the park.

Unrestrained pets destroy wildlife and damage vegetation.

So called "voice control" is wishful thinking for four out of five animals.

If pet dogs are permitted, why not pet cats, sheep, llamas, ponies, falcons etc?

National Parks are for the benefit of PEOPLE not domestic animals.

Unrestrained activity may be beneficial for dogs and their owners but is detrimental to everybody else, particularly in National Parks. If dog parks are a needed amenity, they should be provided on a local basis by local agencies.



James P. Felde

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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

Unleashed dogs in Golden Gate National Recreation Areas should not be a consideration, in my opinion for the following reasons:

Consider others.

An unleashed dog runs up to a small child and jumps on the child, maybe to be friendly and to lick the child's face and to want to play... maybe to want some of the food the child is eating and accidentally bites the child or scratches the child. In either case the child is knocked over and is frightened, and the child's clothes may be torn.

An unleashed dog runs up to an adult who perhaps is hard of hearing, startling the adult to no end, and what if this adult happens to have an infant in their arms.

You have a picnic blanket spread out and are settled for a nice lunch and an unleashed dog wants some of your food, or your child's food.

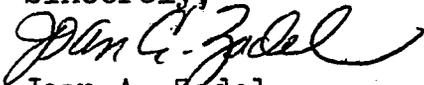
You have a blanket with your baby's toys and an unleashed dog thinks the toys belong to him, and hertrys to take the toys away from the baby, or grabs the corner of the blanket to pull it down the beach.

You and your family are enjoying a peaceful walk in the wilderness and an unleashed dog comes and brushes against your legs (if you have shorts on) or your pants, the unleashed dog has just been in poison oak, now you and your *family* have been contaminated. If you don't have some special cleaner and a change of clothes your carseats now also have the poison oak contamination.

Maybe it's not even poison oak. Maybe you are just allergic to dogs.

Lastly, you just never know if the unleashed dog is friendly. Friendly or not there are other considerations.

Sincerely,



Joan A. Zadel  
17295 Melody Lane  
Los Gatos, CA 95033

Dear GONRA,

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1/3/02

We have a wonderful doggie, Sheila, who is very well behaved and socialized. She walks her often on leash, but she is just as lightening and really enjoys blasting up and down the beach off leash. (We could never run that fast ourselves!) The many times we've been to St Chmonds, all the dogs have minded their manners. They seem to know that this is everyone's turf! Please maintain a few places where dogs can "run like the wind"

Sincerely,  
Pete & Terillina  
(with Sheila)

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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,

*Jorge P. Garcia* (Jorge Garcia)

306 Fell Street

San Francisco CA 94102

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**DEBBY GAMBERT, M.S.**  
**SPEECH - LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST**  
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**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

**January 27, 2002**

**GGNRA**

**Att: ANPR**

**Fort Mason Bldg 201**

**San Francisco, CA 94123**

**Please allow dog off-leash walking in the GGNRA.**

**Off-lease walking can be managed in a way that is good for the environment and for the people of San Francisco. I do not own a dog but believe that the parks and recreation areas should be open to allow dogs to run and play. It is impossible for a dog to run and play while on a leash.**

**Thank you.**



**Debby Gambert**

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To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

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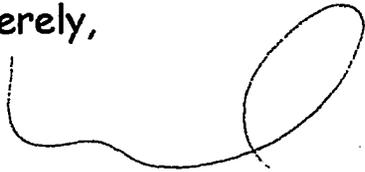
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I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



(signature)

LISA STOELTJE

(name)

235 NEVADA ST.

(address)

SF, CA 94110

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2-3-2

GGNRA  
Attn: M/PR

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: Judith Carroll (optional: Age: 39 Sex M  F Ethnicity W)  
Address: 46 Roanoke Rd Berkeley CA 94705  
(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 GGNRA once a week to walk my beautiful Dalmation. He has a wonderful opportunity to run and socialize with other dogs and humans. We visit Fort Funston, Marin Headlands, Crissy Field, Tennessee Valley

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 enjoy meeting new friends, both human and canine and we bring friends with 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.

It is appropriate and a tradition we have been enjoying for many years. There can be co-existence for dogs and wildlife when each have their appropriate areas.

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

Without off leash areas, my dog cannot get proper exercise. We both love the beach and no access for us & him would severely compromise our physical and mental health. And we have lots of fun meeting our other off leash friends.

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

Safer off leash!!!  
Keep the dogs at GGNRA we love them.

Signed:

Judith Carroll

Date 2-3-2

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2/03/02

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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.

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Name: JOSEPH INCAVO (optional: Age: Sex M F Ethnicity white)  
Address: 821 ROSITA RD PACIFICA CA 94044  
(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 Linda-Mar Beach 2 or 3 times / week - and Fort Funston usually both Sat & Sun. I visit to allow my 2 Newfoundland dogs exercise. (I need the exercise, too.) I prefer L-M but they're not allowed off-leash. They are water-rescue dogs but too old for the cliff at Funston.

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?

Being out with my dogs is my ONLY social outlet. I live alone, work almost alone - and at home need to practice music alone. I meet old friends and new at both L-Mar and Funston.

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.

Weekdays at L-Mar open to off-leash.

Dogs - need the exercise and socialization they can only get off leash. Some dogs are runners (not mine) and need to run. Mine need access to the water in a legal place.

Dog-people (they're are lots of us) also need our exercise & socializing.

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

The fact they can't swim at L-Mar is hurting them already - it is the best exercise for arthritic dogs, and it is their instinct. ~~During~~ Since enforcing the law at L-Mar, no one uses the beach during the week days except a few surfers and fishermen, all who like my dogs.

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

My dogs are water-rescue and my big guy has pulled two young kids out of the water. On condition dogs are trained and socialized (ie no Pittbulls) then it is perfectly safe.

Signed: Joe Incavo

Date 2/03/02

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

January 30, 2002

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

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash. I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,

  
Maureen McMeekin  
1506 - 34th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122

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To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

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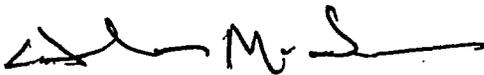
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Thank you.

Sincerely,



(signature)

ALAN M. SIMON

(name)

1592 Union ST

(address)

SF CA 94123

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3 February 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attn: ANPR

Fort Mason, Bldg. 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

**ANPR: Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area**

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on pet management in GGNRA. GGNRA's pet management proposal is sound public policy which will improve both resource protection and public safety. Leashed dogs are the standard throughout the National Parks, and that same standard should be applied at GGNRA.

The fatal attack by a Presa Canario in Pacific Heights is NOT the reason to require leashed dogs in GGNRA. Fatal attacks are, thankfully, rare. Far more common however, is knock-downs, bites, and general hostility displayed by dogs (and, more frequently, their owners). Having been the victim of a knock-down as a toddler, I am not unbiased on this issue. When a dog knocks down a toddler, it often results in a life-long apprehension of dogs. Knock down an elderly person, and the result is a hip fracture. The dog owner claims the dog is just being 'friendly,' and that may be so, but it doesn't change the net result. If a 120-pound person were to suddenly run up to me and knock me down, that action would result in assault charges. Yet, when a 120-pound dog does the same thing, it's just being 'friendly.'

The national parks are for wildlife and people. Period. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Katherine J. Baylor  
1274 B Delaware Street  
Berkeley, CA 94702



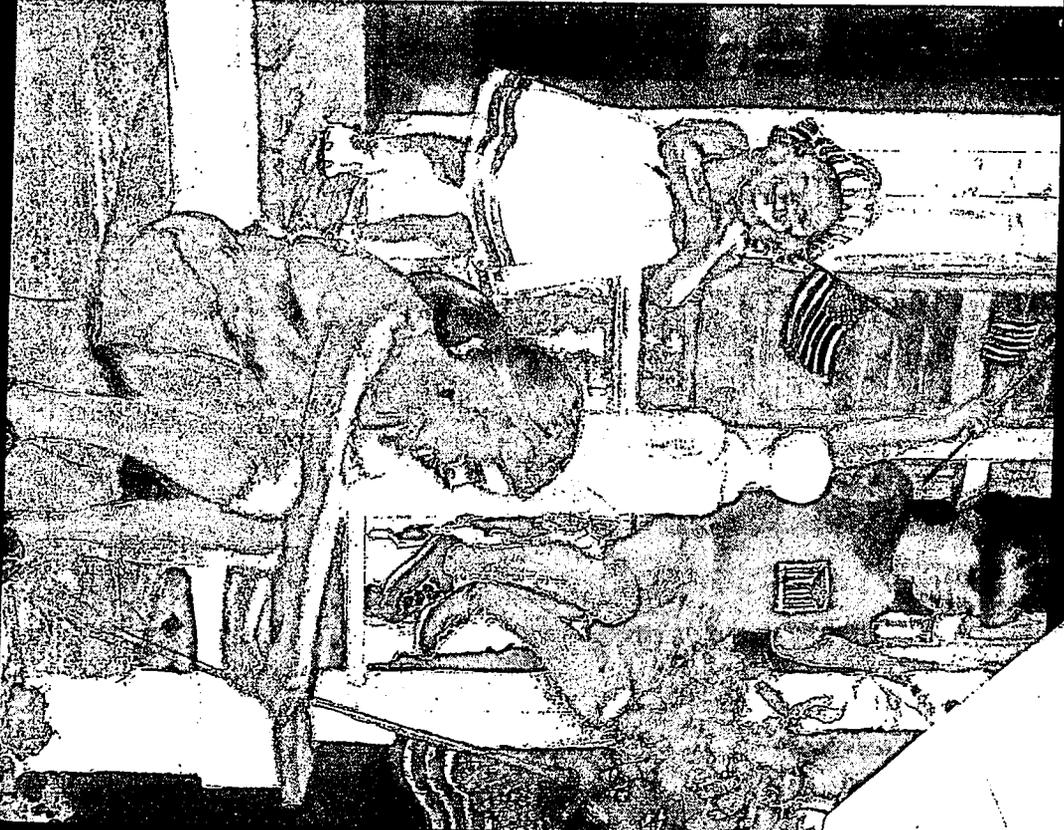
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Release all its water. We  
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Date: 2/4/02

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Meghan Moriarty (signature)

Meghan Moriarty (name)

501 Baker St #6 (address)

San Francisco, CA 94117

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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: Rich Frazer SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE (optional: Age: 53 Sex: M Ethnicity:     )  
Address: 306 Newman Dr SSF CA 94080  
(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.

My wife + I with our two dogs visit Fort Funston once a week. We both enjoy the exercise and we also enjoy the opportunity for our dogs to socialize with other off leash 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?

I believe my dogs are better behaved and socialize better with animals + people when off leash.

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.

From the parking lot at Fort Funston down the old fire road and back again seems to be adequate exercise for myself and my dogs.

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

Dogs on leash seem more protective versus off leash walking. I believe my pets wouldn't be as content nor would I if there was no off leash walking.

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

How can we continue to protect the environment while destroying habitat? How can we continue to restrict the pets and wildlife freedoms as if they were not part of the environment. Perhaps we can pave over

Signed: Rich Frazer Date:       
Fort Funston and making our request for off leash walking of park involvement

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: Michael S. Regan (optional: Age: 52 Sex: (M) F Ethnicity: (W))  
Address: 66 ENTRADA CT SAN FRANCISCO CA 94127  
(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.

THREE TO FOUR TIMES PER WEEK - ~~TO~~ WALK OUR DOG OFF  
LEASH -

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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 IT IS A SOCIAL OUTLET FOR US AND OUR DOG - WE  
HAVE MET MANY FRIENDLY PEOPLE HERE -

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 IS APPROPRIATE ACTIVITY FOR THIS AREA - AS IT  
HAS BEEN FOR MANY YEARS -

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

I WOULD NOT BE VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT - IN FACT  
I WOULD BE VERY ANGRY IF THIS ACTIVITY WAS STOPPED -  
AND WOULD TAKE MY ANGER TO THE VOTING BOOTH -

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

I DON'T THINK IT MAKES IT SAFER OR UNSAFER - BUT  
I DO THINK THAT MANY PEOPLE WOULD STOP COMING  
HERE IF THE DOGS WERE NOT ALLOWED HERE OFF LEASH -  
I THINK THAT SOME WOMEN WOULD NOT FEEL SAFE WITHOUT  
THE DOGS

Signed:

Michael S. Regan

Date

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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: Kathy Regan (optional: Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M  F Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_)  
Address: 66 Entrada Ct. S.F. Ca. 94127  
(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 to walk our dog off leash apt. 4-5 times a week. It is good exercise for me and 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 with friends? Have you made new friends through this activity?

Our family has met many new people and have rekindled old acquaintances. Everyone is very friendly.

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 is and always has been allowed in this area. People clean up after their dogs. People + dogs are as important as any other species ~~or~~ we need more places to walk our dogs.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? walk our dogs  
It would be very bad for us, we would lose ~~not be able to go there anymore to get our exercise~~ we would miss ~~not be able to go there anymore to get our exercise~~ we would also miss the people we have met.

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

Off leash dog walking is very safe in this area. ~~I would feel safer with the dogs.~~ I believe the reason GGNRA wants to get rid of the dog walkers is to in fact get rid of the people as well. I believe

Signed: K. Regan Date 2-2-02

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

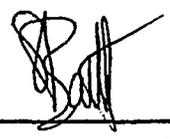
As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Stephanie Barrett  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name)

235 Nevada St.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

SF. CA 94110  
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Hugh Wayham  
2050 48<sup>th</sup> Ave  
San Francisco, CA 94116

February 4, 2002

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

CC: Willie Brown, Leland Lee, Diane Feinstein

Dear Sir or Madam:

**I support off-leash recreation in the GGNRA. Please accept the following public input below, which you have "solicited".**

1. Dog walkers are nature lovers. They are an organized group, which would volunteer to assist your efforts. I have volunteered for beach cleanup and other public projects. Enlist this group which could be your greatest asset. I feel this is a wasted effort to protest the anti-dog policy. I would much rather spend my time helping the park service.
2. Dog walkers have used the park for decades (16 USC 460bb). I have personally walked for many years with my children, from literally pregnancy to High School. My children have always enjoyed the park, and now might have to find a new outlet. My children are asking (as are many others): Why is the Park Service so mean? Why do they not like dogs?
3. Portions of parks like Fort Funston should be restricted to protect wildlife. Visitors should follow rules such as cleaning up after their animals. I see this to be working, and it provides a balanced approach for "the greatest good". (Land of many uses thing...)
4. Dog owners are not going to move, put their animals to sleep, or stop walking their dogs off leash. They will continue walking, even if it means doing so illegally. This will put pressure on other areas, such as Golden Gate Park or other city parks.
5. Dog walkers at places like Fort Funston enforce responsible pet ownership on each other. As a group, they tend to follow the rules and would be quick to chastise one another for infractions. No such force would be present if Dog walking is made illegal.
6. Off leash Dog walking in GGNRA is safe. I have been doing it for a decade at least 2-3 times per week. I have seen more ill behaved dogs outside the park than in. The few irresponsible dog owners I have seen where those who did not invest the time to care for their pet's needs, and who had dogs with problems due to lack of exercise, keeping them penned in. These animals tend to be a problem for their owners, but also for society.

In summary, your proposed policy will not solve the problem of off-leash dogs in GGNRA areas, alienate a support group of the park service, not serve the "greatest good", go wildly against historical use of the park and the implied contract with the City of San Francisco. Finally, there is no "finally" on this issue. If you go against the overwhelming public support on this issue, it will not die.

Sincerely,

Hugh Wayham

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January 30, 2002

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

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash. I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,



Nancy Heinemann  
1506 - 34th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122

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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: Andy Sohn (optional: Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M F Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_)

Address: 553 Clipper St. SF, CA 94114  
(street) (city) (state) (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 visit Fort Funston one or two times a week, usually on weekend. The reason for going is to let my dog Lola exercise and play with other dogs. And I enjoy spending time outside in a beautiful spot and watching Lola play on the beach.

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 a social outlet. I usually go with my girlfriend, and we bring along friends & family when they're visiting S.F. Visitors are constantly amazed that such a place exists where dogs can run around in such an amazing setting. It's truly dog (and dog owner) heaven.

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, as long as dogs & their owners stay on the trails and sandy areas, away from the protected areas. I think better defining the protected areas would help, and fencing them off. Right now, in some spots, there's only a rope barrier. A dog doesn't know the difference but she understands a fence barrier.

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

It would be more difficult to exercise my dog, and she would not have as much opportunity to play and socialize w/ other dogs. Also, I would not get to enjoy some beautiful spots in the city.

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

I feel safe. People who bring their dogs to Fort Funston obviously care about their dogs - you don't find deadbeat dog owners there. You find responsible dog owners who not only care about their pets, but also preserving these beautiful plots of land.

Signed: Andy Sohn

Date 2/4/02

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**GGNRA**  
Attn: Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
(ANPR)  
Fort Mason, Bld. 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

February 4, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to show concern for the retraction of off-leash recreation for dogs at Fort Funston. When I run my son-in-law's dog at Fort Funston it is such a pleasure to see her so happy and getting some well needed exercise. It is a place where I can feel safe that she won't be run over by a car. As you must know, a dog in the city does not have the luxury of wide open spaces to roam. This dog is a large golden retriever and she must have a run every day.

Off-leash 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" (16 UCS 460bb).

I urge you to allow some space for off-leash recreation at Fort Funston. We must have some place to be able to exercise our animals.

Sincerely,



Rita Burns  
San Francisco, CA

cc: SFDOG

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**From :** "Kathryn Nicholas" <nickateli@earthlink.net>

**To :** fortfunston@hotmail.com

**Subject:** Leash Law for Dogs

**Date :** Tue, 05 Feb 2002 05:42:59 +0800

February 4, 2002

I feel the leash law for dogs at Crissy Field and Fort Funston is unfair. These playgrounds provide a safe environment in which my little dog can freely run, play and socialize with other dogs. My experience at the beach and the park is that each person cleans up after his or her dog and the few unfriendly dogs I have met are always on leash and carefully guarded by their human companions. I have not met one unfriendly dog off leash at either one of these places, as no one would be so unaware as to let an unwieldy or unfriendly dog off leash. The leash law is a form of cruelty to these sweet, loyal, and friendly spirits who, by nature, want to chase each other, play, and enjoy the beauty of their natural environment. I greatly oppose the leash law.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Nicholas  
415-928-5772  
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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
Fax 415-561-4355

Attention GGNRA Representatives:

It is with dismay and surprise that I learned about the GGNRA plans to prevent dogs from running off-leash at Fort Funston and Chrissy field. As a former member of the GGNRA, I am disappointed on these pending drastic decisions and feel compelled to act and let you know what a mistake it would be to prohibit access to all of us dog owners and dogs to have a place to enjoy freely. Fort Funston in particular is the number one destination for dog lovers. Our city has so few places to let dogs and their owners run free even though we pride ourselves for the vast amount of green open spaces. Please consider this letter representative of the many dog owners in San Francisco, and I sincerely hope the GGNRA considers this group of dog owners and nature enthusiasts when decisions are made.

Facts to keep in mind:

- 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
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- When San Francisco gave GGNRA lands to the National Park Service, the city was assured that the 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.

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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.

Sincerely



Sonia Flores  
Tel: 415.225.3469

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San Francisco, CA 94123  
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February 4, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am outraged that GGNRA wants to prevent dogs from running off leash at Fort Funston and Chrissy field. This city has so few places to let dogs run free and my dog "Baci" looks so forward to those walks every weekend free and off leash. Please consider how many dog owners/lovers will be affected by this and also these facts:

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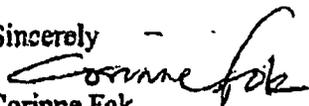
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Sincerely

  
Corinne Fok

Tel: (415) 336-8188

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Richmond Prescott, M.D.  
2633 Green Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123

February 1, 2002

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

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in response to the ANPR for off-leash use of a part of the Crissy Field park and beach by pet dogs.

I am a 74 year old retired physician who is raising a Cairn terrier puppy, now eight months old. This young dog needs exercise, and the best exercise she can obtain is running off leash, or playing (roughhousing) with another puppy. I am too old to run with her on a leash, and leashed dogs cannot play freely as they love to do. Crissy Field beach is ideal for young dogs. Owners can keep them in sight and control them. In wooded areas young dogs off leash are likely to be lost to sight and difficult to find. My terrier has benefitted greatly from having this space for exercise and the opportunity to socialize with other puppies. She is not a water dog, but many of her canine friends are, and their love of chasing sticks and balls into the bay is wonderful to watch. A leash requirement would stop this.

Is Crissy Field park big enough to accommodate dogs off leash, and will dogs make a mess of the area? The park and its beach are long and wide. In recent months I have watched it being used by hikers, bicyclists and joggers, and by dogs and their owners, with courtesy and harmony among these users. The beach in front of the former Coast Guard station is closed to pets, and in the western part of the park dogs must be leashed. The eastern part of the park and beach should be available to dog owners and their dogs without a leash requirement, as it has been for many years. There are no picnic tables on the beach. They are located in the grassy areas back from the beach.

Dog owners appear to be scrupulous about cleaning up after their pets. Cleanup, of course, would be required whether or not the dogs are leashed.

There are a few parks in San Francisco where dogs can run off leash, but they are not as safe as Crissy Field park. Most of them have busy streets nearby, or woods and shrubbery where young dogs can get lost. Many are a considerable drive away. Crissy Field is away from heavy traffic and has excellent parking. The eastern end has no woods.

We live in a bustling city where houses are close together and yards small. San Francisco's parks are our city's jewels. Crissy Field park and beach have long been open to

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dogs off leash. It would be inhumane to the dogs and their owners to close it.

Thank you for considering the needs of our pets and their owners.

Sincerely yours,

*Richmond Prescott*

Richmond Prescott, M.D.

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Dear Superintendent O'Hall:

GGNRA  
ATTN: AMER

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: Judith Carroll (optional: Age: 57 Sex: W Ethnicity: W)  
Address: 46 Roanoke Rd Berkeley CA 94705  
(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 GGNRA once a week to walk my beautiful Dalmation. He has a wonderful opportunity to run and socialize with other dogs and humans. We visit Fort Funston, Marin Headlands, Crissy Field, Tennessee Valley.

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 enjoy meeting new friends, both human and canine and we bring friends with 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 reserving these areas for future generations.

It is appropriate and a tradition we have been enjoying for many years. There can be co-existence for dogs and wildlife when each have their appropriate areas.

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

Without off-leash areas, my dog cannot get proper exercise. We both love the beach and no access for us here would severely compromise our physical and mental health. And we have lots of fun meeting our other off-leash friends.

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

Safer off-leash!!!  
Keep the dogs at GGNRA we love them.

Signed: Judith Carroll

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to comment on the proposed enforcement of an on-leash rule at Crissy Field and other areas in the GGNRA.

I frequently walk or run at Crissy Field with my yellow lab Farley. It is our absolute favorite place in the city. Since living here we have seen many of our favorite spots go to an on-leash rule and we now go all the way across town on a daily basis to Crissy Field.

The users who love Crissy also seem to love the presence of the dogs, whether they are owners or not. It is a very social place because of the dogs and owners are consistently respectful by cleaning up after pets and keeping them under voice control.

It is so important that dogs have a place where they can exercise. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a place to run your pets.

I am an avid environmental conservationist and truly believe that Crissy is such a wonderful, natural place because of all of its users, including dog owners, who care so much about the area.

With San Francisco becoming so much less dog friendly, if Crissy Field becomes off-leash prohibited, I will quite honestly be very likely to move out of San Francisco. This is how important this area is to me, and probably many other users.

Sincerely,  
Nick Allen

P.S. While running there this morning it hit me: It is a place where people find peace with their dogs, GGNRA 000811u city that has very few sanctuaries.

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February 5, 2002

GGNRA  
Attn: ANPR  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
Fax: 415-561-4355

Re: Maintenance of Designated Off-leash Recreation Areas in GGNRA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a dog owner and live in the city of San Francisco. I strongly support the designation of areas within GGNRA, such as Fort Funston, Crissy Field and Baker Beach, for off-leash pet recreation. San Francisco is a compact, urban environment where recreational activities are as important to dogs as they are to humans. Dogs need to be off-leash to become socialized, and most dogs need to be exercised off-leash to reduce energy that could lead to aggressive and destructive behavior. I would much prefer to encounter a dog that has been properly exercised in an off-leash area than one that has been confined indoors all day due to the increasing scarcity of local parks that allow dogs to play like dogs.

A concerted effort should be made to ensure that the needs of all GGNRA's constituents are met – play areas for children, habitat for wildlife and native plantings, hiking/biking/running trails for humans, and off-leash areas for dogs. I am certain an exception to the National Park Service's prohibition of off-leash pets in national parks can be made to accommodate the desires of the taxpaying public who live in this urban recreation area called San Francisco.

Sincerely,



John Sheputis  
2030 Third Street #16  
SF, CA 94107

Cc: Fort Funston Dog Walkers (fortfunston@hotmail.com)  
Crissy Field Dog Group (crissyfielddog@aol.com)  
signed and mailed copy to GGNRA

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February 5, 2002

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to share view regarding off leash dogs at Fort Funston.

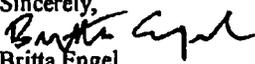
I'm vehemently opposed to making Fort Funston an on leash area for dogs. Off leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when the GGNRA was established.

I love my dog and it breaks my heart to think that she can't have at least one place left to run and play freely. I'm single, but it would break my heart ten times more if I had children.

Dogs are such a big part of family life and by not creating spaces for them to run, a sense of family and community will be destroyed.

I feel strongly that there is more than enough open space to be shared for off leash and on leash areas.

I'm available for further comment if necessary.

Sincerely,  
  
Britta Engel  
135 Buena Vista East #3  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415-552-6558

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Deborah Byrne  
504 Ellsworth Street  
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February 1, 2002

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

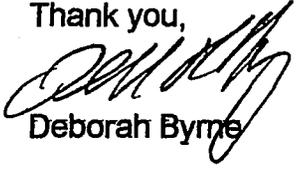
Dear Superintendent,

I am writing to urge you to allow off leash dog recreation areas in the GGNRA. I am the proud owner of an energetic and gentle dog and greatly enjoy walking with her in several of the GGNRA areas, especially Fort Funston and Crissy Field.

We are blessed in the Bay Area with fantastic areas of natural wonder. The GGNRA represents many of these areas. Eliminating off leash dog recreation in the GGNRA would be an enormous loss to the Bay Area population.

Please support the many responsible dog owners like myself and keep our GGNRA parks open to off leash dog recreation.

Thank you,

  
Deborah Byrne

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Brian O'Neill  
General Superintendent GGNRA  
201 Fort Mason San Francisco, Ca 94123

Re: Fort Funston

Dear Superintendent O'Neill,

It has occurred to me that perhaps you don't realize how truly integrated Fort Funston has become over the years.

As a white older woman, not only have I made friends with people of all ethnic backgrounds, but have been able to experience the joy of doing so.

May I also suggest to you that the use of the fort itself is integrated in that there are dog walkers, bikers, joggers, bird watchers, babies with young mothers and lots of older people that you would term seniors.

Therefore, there is no reason that off-leash dog walking cannot also be integrated into all the other activities mentioned.

Since this facility is in an urban setting anything that promotes understand between races and ages must be of benefit and lead to a peaceful solution for all concerned.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during this period.

Sincerely,

*Diane D. Grant*

Diane D. Grant

6 Lighthouse Rd.

Half Moon Bay, Ca. 94019

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## Kathryn Hadley

*Bookkeeping & Registered Tax Preparer*

Affiliated with Malcolm Ponder, ATP

February 4, 2002

Sent via FAX 415-561-4355

GGNRA

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94213

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern over your considered banning of walking dogs off-leash in the park. I walk my dog everyday on the former Holter property in Bolinas. It is the one place I can take my dog to really exercise. Usually she and I are the only inhabitants in the field. Keeping her on-leash would not be the same for either of us. People have walked their dogs in this field for many years. Please let us continue to do so.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hadley

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February 5, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
Fax 415-561-4355

Attention: ANPR

As a concerned San Francisco dog owner who uses the GGNRA facilities on a regular basis, I am writing to express my concern over the upcoming possibility of off-leash dog walking becoming a thing of the past.

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 skill 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 Citizens Advisory Commission implemented a Pet Policy allowing people to walk off-leash dogs in certain areas of the park. The GGNRA should abide by this policy. When San Francisco gave GGNRA lands to the National Park Service, the city was assured that the 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 within the parks account for 0.5 percent of the 75,000 acres in the parks. 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.

Please continue to allow what was originally intended for these parks when they were created, a place for people, pets and wildlife. Do not take away off leash privileges.

Sincerely,

Michael Emley  
31 Bronte Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
MemleySf@aol.com

303-01-1A

Date: 2-4-02

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

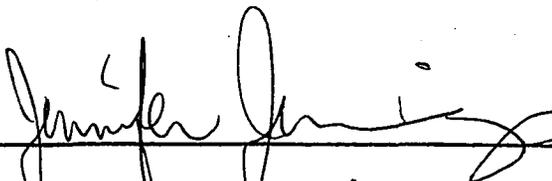
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I ask that the current regulation be changed to designate former "voice control" areas for off leash dog walking at Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and Lands End at the very least.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

 (signature)

Jennifer Jennings (name)

555 7th St (address)

SF CA 94103

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Peter Fairfield & Linnea Sweet  
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Attention: ANPR  
Fort Mason  
Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

Dear Sirs,

For over twenty five years, I have been a user of the Recreation Area in San Francisco. I have been walking a dog at least twice a month in the Recreation Area for the past fifteen of those years.

There are open spaces within the Recreation Area, especially Fort Funston, that have traditionally been used by dog walkers for off-leash running. These spaces were given by the City to the Recreation Area with the understanding that the traditional use of these spaces for off-leash dog running would continue to be respected.

Please continue the tradition that has made San Francisco known as a dog-friendly city by making the traditional use an official one. Please allow us to keep the right to run our dogs off-leash in the open spaces that we have been using for so many years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Linnea Sweet*

Linnea Sweet

cc: SFDOG

ear Superintendent O'Neill:

205-01-1A

DATE: 1/7/02

There is no reason why all parks should fit one standard; different parks can serve different functions, populations, 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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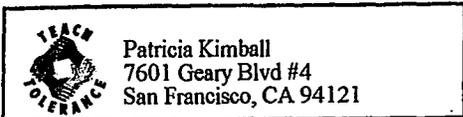
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Name: Patricia Kimball  
Address: 7601 Geary Blvd #4  
San Francisco, CA 94121



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.

2-3x per week. I used to go to enjoy the sight of dogs running free & the interesting social interactions between them. Also, dog-people tend to be considerate & I enjoyed socializing with them. Now I take a divorced friend's dog there. I find the fresh air, exercise, human & dog relations good for my [often low] spirits. It is a haven.

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 brought friends, family, & even a black woman colleague of mine to participate in the scene. It's a nice outing & a good experience in tolerance. It's a totally multicultural, cross-generational experience in which one theme - dogs - unites us all & provides the subject matter for light (or intense) conversation. I've met people from Bosnia, Maryland, Russia, Israel, Japan etc there - & handicapped & elderly too.

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.

Once I brought a slightly retarded homeless person there with his puppy. The people were very nice & gentle with him.

Ft. Funston is the one & only island of dog-centered, off-leash recreation in the City (per 1979 decision). Hardly anyone but dog-owners & dog-lovers go there. (I used to go there just to see dogs.) It should be dedicated to this use. The beach - a sewage outlet - is not a favorite of beach-goers. It fits nicely with the long gliding.

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

I'd be bereft of my major source of off-leash or even outdoors recreation & would have to use Redwood Park in Oakland (a long trip from 40th & Geary!) I'd be left with solitary walks without the companionship of people & dogs. Most other parks are tree-infested & have no ocean. The ocean is my source of psychological & spiritual comfort. My doggie friend would suffer too.

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

Off-leash dogs are freed of the burden of protecting their master on the other end of the leash. They are also free to flee instead of stay & fight. They are less nervous when they have the chance to run & play as intended. They are happier, healthier & free of nervousness. An off-leash area ensures that many dog owners & lovers will be present at all hours of the day & evening, putting "eyes" on the trails & creating a safer environment.

Signed: Patricia Kimball Date 2/4/02

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patricia\_kimball@msn.com Contact me for more input any time

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Re: pending off-leash dog rules

To whom it may concern,

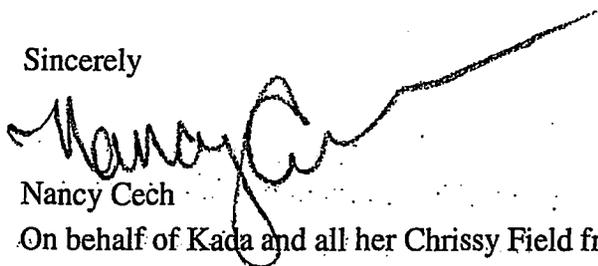
First off, I'd like to say that I appreciate that I live in a world where I can voice my concerns and needs and that my opinion counts in shaping our community.

I feel very strongly that we should maintain an area in Chrissy Field for off leash dogs. The space is large enough to accommodate all aspects of our community, - including a rather large one of dog owners that regularly use the area.

My own dog has been enjoying those beaches for the past 9 years. She and many other water dogs enjoy the calmer waters that allow for nice long swims. She is now at a point in her life with arthritis and other joint complaints that swimming is really her only exercise. We also just learned that she's suffering from nasal cancer, and for what its worth the salt water swims seem to bring her great relief. We are out at the beach 3 to 4 times a week. I take no issue with areas been declared and designated for specific usage. It improves my enjoyment of the park to have the field ball players contained in one area, so I can appreciate their need to have us dog people in a certain area as well. As the park has been developed, we're enjoying less and less of it, but as long as those in charge willing to consider the needs of all of us in the community - I'm not complaining.

I'm a San Francisco homeowner, I've lived and paid taxes here for the past 20 years. My fear is that with off-leash changes like the one you are proposing that my quality of life here will be greatly impacted. I'll need to search out other areas for her to swim -drive to other counties to find open space and freedom. I'm hoping not to be driven out of my community and that my voice will count

Sincerely



Nancy Cech  
On behalf of Kada and all her Chrissy Field friends.

CC: \_\_\_\_\_  
Crissy Field Dog Group  
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San Francisco, CA 94115

Nancy Cech  
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San Francisco  
CA 94107  
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Rebecca Reusch and Daisy  
1032 Irving Street, #217  
San Francisco, California 94122

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Fort Mason Building, #201  
San Francisco, California 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

02/02/2002

Dear ANPR Representative:

Please keep a portion of Golden Gate National Recreation Area off-leash, so that Daisy and I have a place to play. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Reusch and Daisy 

308-01-1A

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,

*Mary Detkowski*

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Sincerely,

*Jane O'Leary*

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Date: Feb. 4, 2002

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Faith Heron*

(signature)

FAITH HERON

(name)

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(address)

S.F., CA 94131

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*I have never experienced such a "happy" place as Fort Funston. People, out with their dogs, enjoying the beautiful park - it's a sight + experience that always lifts my spirits!*

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2/2/02

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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: KATRINA TAN (optional: Age: 28 Sex M  F Ethnicity FILIP)  
Address: 735 HICKEY BLVD. 272 PACIFICA CA 94044  
(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 and sole purpose for visiting Fort Funston is to provide my dog, Mojo, the rare opportunity of exercising off-leash and socializing with the other dogs. Mojo and I visit Fort Funston on a daily basis, rain or shine. There are countless benefits: off-leash recreation; it's amusing to watch all the dogs play fetch and chase with each other. In essence, time at Fort Funston is family time.

2. 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?

Off-leash recreation is a social outlet for me, as well. As a matter of fact, I've evolved as a person visiting F.F. w/ Mojo. Sometimes, my family from Vallejo drive into the city, where we all meet at Fort Funston. In a way, F.F. is an amusement park for dogs from all over the Bay Area. I feel fortunate that I live so close. Yes, I've developed new friendships — the Fort Funston Community!!

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 FF is appropriate for off-leash recreation!! The dog walks are open to cooperation. Certain lands were made close to the public some time last year. The dog walkers are open to compromise. Certain lands were closed off — fine — as long as portions are available to off-leash recreation.

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

As stated earlier, my dog and I visit Fort Funston on a daily basis. I know for a fact that Fort Funston is my dog's greatest treat. Fort Funston is comparable the playground for children. If my child's playground were to ban "children," the impact on our lives would be great. Just uttering the words "Fort Funston" sends my dog into unadulterated joy. It would impact our lives forever.

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

The dogs that frequent Fort Funston are "regulars." For the most part, we know each other on a name-basis. The dogs who frequent F.F. are well-socialized — I feel safer w/ the presence of OFF-LEASH dogs!!

Signed:

Date

2/2/02

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Date: 2.5.02

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

 (signature)

INNARA MAZE (name)

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SF CA 94132

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February 4, 2002

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

This is a letter concerning the prospect of an on-leash perspective at Crissy Field. As a loyal, responsible and long-time dog owner, as well as resident of San Francisco, I am deeply concerned with the prospect of losing yet another of the few areas left in San Francisco where I can walk my dogs off-leash. It seems as though every time we turn around, another area is turning into an anti-dog environment. Like people and every other animal, dogs need and should have the right to have an environment to exercise and enjoy life in this wonderfully diverse and liberal city.

And what better place than Crissy Field. Like San Francisco, there is room for all at Crissy Field, including off-leash dogs. There is no reason that dogs with their owners can't use this space and still respect the rights of a wide variety of park users.

Please don't take this wonderful area away from such a large population of San Francisco residents and their dogs. We are also a family with two young daughters and feel it is important to raise children in an environment of respect for both people and natural resources. We do this by being responsible dog owners. Please don't take it away from us.

Sincerely,



Lydia Yaffe  
337 Parnassus Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94117

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Maureen Harrahy  
2815 Broderick Street  
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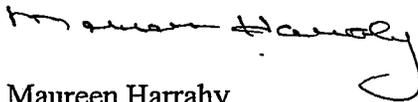
GGNRA  
Attention ANPR  
Fort Mason  
Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

To the GGNRA:

Hello. I am writing to you in response to your ANPR which will determine if there is sufficient public will to continue off-leash recreation for dogs. I would like it to be noted that I believe off-leash dog walking should continue in specified areas of the parks such as Fort Funston and Chrissy Field. I have been a responsible dog owner in the city of San Francisco for 7 years. I supervise my dog while she is off leash and pick up her waste. Running and swimming along the beach and in the ocean have been an integral part of her mental and physical well being all her life, and the activities I permit her do no more harm than would a person using the same space.

There are many San Franciscans who have enjoyed off-leash walks with their dogs in the park system for years and years. I cannot stress how important it is to us all to continue to enjoy this right. I also think it is possible to do so while respecting the environment and those who do not wish to interact with dogs. Perhaps certain stretches of the beaches and fields could be made available. For example, I believe the Chrissy Field Dog Group has a proposal that we be allowed access to the mid portion of beach through the fields of the former air strip. I would appreciate your strong consideration to continue off-leash use of areas of the park system.

Thank you.



Maureen Harrahy

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ALICE WILEY & ASSOCIATES LLC

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attn: ANPR  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California 94123

To Whom It May Concern,

Wouldn't a solution to the off leash problem be to set up special times for people to let their dogs run and swim. We probably take our black lab, Samantha, to the park and beach before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. There are rarely children and very few people at these hours.

Please know how passionate we are about our environment and our dog. We are responsible owners, as are most of those who own dogs.

We would like this to become a win-win situation.

Thank you,



Alice Wiley Hall

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Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

216-01-1A

Date 1/4/02

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: Stephen C Stone (optional: Age: 57 Sex  M F Ethnicity  C)

Address: 186 Jersey St (street) San Francisco Ca (city) 94114 (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 about every day, Crissy field 2x a/mo, Marin Headlands 1/mo, Presidio 2x a/mo are about what I do visiting with my dog. The dog & I enjoy the outings, practically my only pleasure in life. Before the dog I would rarely go anywhere and now we go all over the ~~presidio~~ bay area.

2. 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?  
I am not that friendly or maybe not that outgoing but I have met some really friendly folks walking their dogs. Rarely do I bring friends along but I have. Some of my friends have borrowed the dog to have something with them when they go walking. I wouldn't say it is a social outlet.

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 can't see what the problem is except there are folks that have or don't have dogs that seem to do damage or not clean up after their pets or have aggressive or frightening dogs they can't control. Most folks I see do control their dog & clean up and stick to the pathways. Then there are a few that expect the worst from the world with no thought into their actions.

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA?  
I wouldn't go to places where the dog and I aren't welcome.

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5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence?  
I never feel safe, especially around humans. How many women were raped or murdered on the trails. There is a lot to make one feel unsafe in the world today. I think people make a dog's behavior what it is.

Signed: Stephen C Stone Date 1/4/02 GGNRA000631

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February 2, 2002

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

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

Dear National Park Service Representatives:

We are writing to comment on the ANPR Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area. We are especially interested in the specific options you offer at the end to modify national policy to allow dogs off leash in some parts of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and to increase the areas where dogs are permitted on leash. We wish to make the following suggestions:

1) We support the suggestion of increasing areas where dogs are permitted on leash. We especially support this in Tennessee Valley.

2) We would like more on leash and off leash areas in the Marin Headlands. We would like more possibilities for making loop hikes with dogs, especially on trails beginning at Muir Beach.

3) We hope that some beach areas could have where dogs are permitted off leash. This is especially important at Fort Funston and Muir Beach, which have a tradition of off leash dogs. Many of those areas are not hurt by dogs running along the sand and surfing in the waves. We think it should be possible to cordon off sensitive habitat--mostly in the dunes above the beaches--and leave the beach areas to people and dogs and horses, as they have historically been used. We think it is important to maintain historical uses whenever possible (when these uses are not destructive to the environment or to a particular species or ecosystem). Public use of these natural reserves contributes to our cultural appreciation of these outdoor spaces and lends itself to a sense of stewardship by the public.

Sincerely yours,

*E. Kay Trimberger*

E. Kay Trimberger, Ph.D.  
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*Myrna Cozen*

Myrna Cozen, MPH  
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To Whom It May Concern,

STELSONWOOD, CALIF.

As the responsible owners of 2 very active dogs – dogs who have grown up on the beaches of the Bay Area – and two young boys who love their dogs and the beach, we believe a reasonable resolution can be found concerning the use of beaches which satisfies dog lovers, bird watchers, conservationists, and beach lovers alike (none of which are mutually exclusive). As is often the case in these situations, the argument has been cast as an all or nothing proposition which only guarantees that one large constituency will be dissatisfied at the end of the process. Requiring dogs to be leashed on all beaches at all times is tantamount to banning hundreds of current beach users and that seems neither fair nor in line with the spirit of the Park Service.

We have interacted with many dog owners in the last 10 years and the great majority are wildlife-loving, conscientious people who encourage strong enforcement of the rules. We use the beach more than any other group, and certainly do not want to see it spoiled by overuse or misuse. To that end, all reasonable dog owners agree that those who don't clean up after their pet, or who allow their dogs to chase birds incessantly, run in the dunes, or disturb others should be cited. We are willing to adjust our behavior even more to accommodate conservation concerns, but need to be educated, not banned. With these concerns in mind, we would like to propose some alternatives:

1. Require all dog owners who wish to have a dog off-leash to attend an education session focused on the conservation concerns of the Park Service, and to obtain a permit for an off-leash dog. A well-run workshop which provides information and practical ways for dog owners to avoid problems could be a prerequisite to receiving a required permit for an off-leash dog. I am sure that most dog owners would also be willing to pay a reasonable fee to support the manpower required to administer this kind of program.
2. Create a schedule of usage hours. The most obvious solution is to allow dogs off-leash in the morning and late afternoon, when dog owners typically take them to the beach for a run or walk. A restriction on dogs off-leash from 10 AM to 2 PM would seem appropriate. Hours could also be set according to the behaviors of the birds in question at particular beaches.
3. As an alternative to a schedule, create off-leash sections of beaches. Dogs could be leashed from the parking lot to the water's edge, where they would be allowed to run

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within the designated area, thus separating them from beachgoers and nesting birds alike. This system is in place at Stinson Beach and seems to work well.

In the end, the issue is really nuisance dogs. We've all seen them running wild through the dunes and along the beach and we find them as odious and ruinous as any non-dog owner. The answer, though, is not a ban, but education, clear guidelines and enforcement. We would be happy to discuss this issue in any future forum and can be reached at (415)485-2344.

Sincerely,



Madyn Gwynne  
Owner/Operator  
Twigs Garden Design



Matthew Byrnes  
Assistant Principal  
San Rafael High School

319-01-1C

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in opposition to the proposal that off-leash dogs be banned from Fort Funston and other areas in the GGNRA where now permitted. This would be a serious personal loss for my wife and I. We take our three dogs to Funston on a weekly or more frequent basis. This outing is usually the greatest respite we have from walls and concrete. The community of dogwalkers are friendly responsible people. There exists a feeling much like the one people must have felt when taking their evening constitutional and chatting, before television eliminated that custom. Surely, there can be a way of maintaining this popular and much needed tradition.

Sincerely,

Brooks Collins

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center  
2575 Sand Hill Road  
Mail Stop 97  
Menlo Park, California  
94025

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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

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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

February 4, 2002

P.O. Box 370426

Montara, CA 94037

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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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Date: 2-4-02

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Attention: ANPR

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature] (signature)

Franz Fuetsch (name)

2977 23rd St (address)

SF CA 94110

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Allen (signature)

Kevin Allen (name)

555 7th St (address)

SF CA 94103

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

 (signature)

Danielle Harris (name)

2977 23rd Street (address)

SF CA 94103

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February 3, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attn: ANPR  
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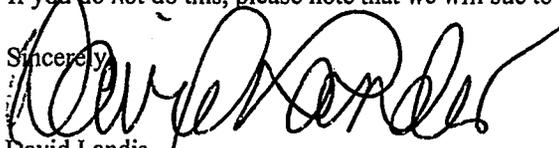
Your recommendations are, simply put, untenable – and do not address all the needs of both dog walkers and other users of the park.

There is a simple answer:

- a. Schedule specific times when dog owners may run their dogs off-leash (say 5:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.; and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.)
- b. Schedule specific areas where dog owners may run their dogs off leash in each park. There MUST be areas in ALL parks, otherwise you are denying taxpayers of their right to exercise their dog.

If you do not do this, please note that we will sue to ensure our rights as dog owners.

Sincerely,

  
David Landis  
2032 Scott St.  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415.885.8518  
[david@landispr.com](mailto:david@landispr.com)

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ALICE WILEY & ASSOCIATES LLC

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Mr. Brian O'Neill, Superintendant  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill

Wouldn't a solution to the off leash problem be to set up special times for people to let their dogs run and swim. We probably take our black lab, Samantha, to the park and beach before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. There are rarely children and very few people at these hours.

Please know how passionate we are about our environment and our dog. We are responsible owners, as are most of those who own dogs.

We would like this to become a win-win situation.

Thank you,

Alice Wiley Hall

INTERIOR DESIGN AND RENOVATION

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Peter Fairfield & Linnea Sweet  
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San Francisco, CA 94131  
415-239-4771  
peterlinnea@earthlink.net

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CELESTINE'S OFFICE

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

Dear Sirs,

I have been a user of the Recreation Area in San Francisco for over twenty five years. For the past fifteen of those years I have been walking a dog at least twice a month in the Recreation Area.

The open spaces within the Recreation Area that have traditionally been used by dog walkers for off-leash running were given by the city to the Recreation Area with the understanding that these traditional uses would continue to be respected.

That tradition is now under attack. Please continue the tradition that has made San Francisco known as a dog-friendly city by making the traditional use an official one. Please allow us to keep the right to run our dogs off-leash in the open spaces that we have been using for so many years.

Thank you for your consideration of my plea.

Sincerely,



Peter Fairfield

cc: SFDOG

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

 (signature)

Maria Morge (name)

655 7th St (address)

SF CA 94103

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Selma Alderson 479 Pennsylvania Ave., San Francisco, CA 94107

February 5, 2002

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Attn: ANPR  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE

Gentle(women):

I am commenting on the leash laws being proposed. I am very much in favor of designated off-leash HIKING trails. I am almost 60 years old and live with a dog. The dog and I like and need very much to walk. Unfortunately, we do not walk at the same pace. I walk slowly. He needs to run. Neither one of us get any exercise sitting in a dog park. The GGNR has so much space. Is there not some 5 to 10 mile trails where we can engage in off-leash dog walking. Walking is good for my health. I would not walk everyday, as I do, if the dog did not need to exercise. Walking off leash is good for our bodies, mind and soul. A leash has two ends. The dog is not the only one on the leash. We are both chained to it.

GGNRA is primarily a recreation area. As I understand it, it is not exclusively a nature preserve. In all the years that I have been walking my dog along the beaches and forests, I have actually never seen any dog kill a bird or wild animal. I am sure that on occasion it must probably happen. I just have never seen it. I have seen, however, dead birds caught in fishing line and nets. I have seen a dog swallow a baited fishing hook just lying on the beach. I do not wish to see fishing outlawed because a few people are careless. I do not wish to see people and dogs chained to each neither able to enjoy fresh air, nor moving their bodies freely in their own rhythm.

Please, give us some trails. Thank you

Very truly yours,



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STATEMENT'S OFFICE

February 1, 2002

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

RE: Lease Law – Crissy Field

Dear Golden Gate National Recreation Area:

I am a runner and consistent user of Crissy Field and I must say that I enjoy seeing the dogs off-leash and free to enjoy their recreational experiences. It is very rare that any dog interferes with my running and I think there is room for off-leash dog activities.

It is also rare to have so much open space and it should be shared by runners, bikers, and off-leash dog activities.

Very truly yours,



Rubin Glickman

330-01-1A

450 Geary Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: 415-351-7370, x4 Fax: 415-351-7376  
E-mail: ekarr@net2phone.com



# Fax

<b>To:</b> GGNRA-ANPR	<b>From:</b> Erika L. Karr
<b>Fax:</b> 415-561-4355	<b>Pages:</b> 1
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Date:</b> 2/1/02
<b>Re:</b> Save Off-Leash	<b>CC:</b>

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To Whom in May Concern,

This letter is in regards to saving the off-leash rule within GGNRA areas. I feel that this is a very important policy (allowing dogs to remain off leash) to keep, whereas it allows for fun, freedom and exercise to be had by dogs and dog owners alike! As long as dog owners continue to have the opportunity to keep their dogs off-leash within the GGNRA areas, then the already in place respect and preservation of natural resources will continue.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me at my house with any questions.

Best,

erika l. karr / 415-409-9906

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CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICE

To whom it may concern:

I live in the Presidio of San Francisco and am an intern in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). I am aware that there has been an announcement of proposed rulemaking concerning pet management there in the GGNRA and am writing as a concerned member of the community to insist that leash laws CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED in the GGNRA! Please remember that this National public land is home to several threatened + endangered species whose survival depends on protection from the impacts of ~~restrained~~ dogs (which current leash laws provide). In my position I participate widely in the ongoing community efforts to restore native habitat for such species in the GGNRA. Unrestrained pets, no matter how well intentioned their owners, trample fragile native vegetation + are counter productive to the park dollars + volunteer efforts invested in the restoration of native ecosystems + the preservation of BAY AREA biodiversity. Please be sure leash laws are enforced here in the GGNRA as they are throughout our other National parks! Sincerely,

Shira DeVore

Presidio Native Plant Nursery

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Shira

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: FEB 4, 2002

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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.

MARIA & CHUONG TIEU (optional: Age: Sex M F Ethnicity)

Address: 246 GREENVIEW DR DALY CITY CA 94014 (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.

2X A WEEK - I ENJOY (WITH MY FAMILY) THE BEAUTIFUL WALK WITH MY DOG. THE NO OFF-LEASH HAS IMPAIRED MY ENJOYMENT AS THERE IS NO OTHER OFF LEASH PARK NEARBY FOR US TO ENJOY.

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, MY FRIENDS & I USUALLY GO WITH OUR DOGS, IF NOT, I BRING MY FAMILY. IT'S A VERY SPECIAL PLACE THAT I HOPE CAN BE SHARED BY EVERYONE.

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. THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE CLOSE BY MY HOME TO LET MY DOG RUN. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE & HAVE NEVER LET MY DOG DIG AND WE ALWAYS SCOOPED UP AFTER HER. A SEPARATE AREA FOR DOGS CAN BE CORDONED OFF FOR OFF LEASH DOGS.

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

IT HAS RUINED THE EXPERIENCE FOR MY FAMILY & OUR DOG. WE SO ENJOYED THE COMMUNITY OF DOG OWNERS & THE PLEASURE OF SEEING THE DOGS SOCIALIZE & PLAY.

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

I HAVE ONLY SEEN ONE DOG QUARREL IN ALL THE YEARS WE DID GO OFF LEASH. I BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AREAS FOR OFF LEASH DOGS. MOST OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE.

Signed: MARIA TIEU Date 2/4/02

OR, AREAS TO BE PRESERVED CORDONED OFF TO KEEP DOGS OUT. TICKETS

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Date: 2.4.02

To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

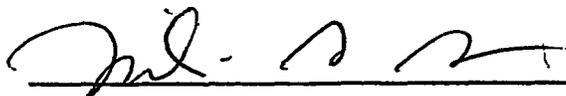
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Sincerely,

 (signature)

Lidia Stiglich (name)

106 Cordova St (address)

SF, CA 94112

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as information about me that may be relevant to this issue.

Name: GLORIA NOMURA (optional: Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M F Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_)  
Address: 6350 MISSION ST DALY CITY CA 94014  
(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.

Visit 2 times a week at Fort Funston to allow my dog to walk without a lease and socialize with other dogs. I have done this for 2 years. The off-leash dog walking was an intended recreational activity when San Francisco gave its beaches and coastal bluffs to the GGNRA & when the GGNRA was established to maintain "needed recreational open space necessary for urban environment's planning" (16 USC 46066)

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?

It is more of a social outlet for my dog. Socializing with other friendly dogs is important for keeping her happy and non-aggressive. Also there are health benefits from being able to walk and run without a lease. My dog never strays far from me.

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The area at Fort Funston with water stops for the dogs, trash containers, and baggies for owners who forgot theirs and the beach.

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

Impact on my health as walking my dog at Fort Funston is enjoyable for me & my dog. <sup>without a lease</sup>

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

Off-leash dogs have not posed a threat at Fort Funston, because the owners are very careful, friendly and disciplined with their dogs. I have not seen any dog fight the 2 years I've been at the Park.

Signed: Gloria E. Nomura

Date 2/03/02

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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,

*Collette S. ...*

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STANDARD SERVICE

SHIRLEY DONOVAN

336-01-1A

103 Scott Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117

Phone (415) 552-1009

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February 1, 2002

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

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CIVIL SERVICE CENTER

RE: Response to NPS's ANPR

Good Day!

As a responsible dog owner and tax payer, I am outraged by the arrogant and antagonistic attitude of your Department and its employees with regard to maintaining Fort Funston, Ocean Beach and several other areas as designated off-leash areas for dogs.

Many of these areas, Fort Funston in particular, were given to your Department by the city of San Francisco to more economically and efficiently maintain the area. These area were designed to be urban recreation areas . . . not National Parks!

Off-leash dog walking was recognized as a legitimate form of recreation on GGNRA lands when the parks were transferred from local to federal jurisdiction in the mid-1970's. Today, tens of thousands of people enjoy this form of recreation in these parks. These areas provide social recreation for not only dogs, but also their owners. Many elderly people whose dogs provide them companionship and security spend many enjoyable hours socializing with others while they provide their canine companions necessary exercise.

After extensive public review, several areas were designated as official off-leash recreational parks in a 1979 Pet Policy. Over the past several years your office has received tens of thousands of petitions protesting closures of off-leash areas for dogs.

It is time to listen to and consider the rights of dog owners.

Sincerely,



Shirley Donovan

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clemmie A. Thompson (signature)

Thompson, Clemmie (name)

156 CAROLAN AVE (address)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94134

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CHESTER DEAN

February 3, 2002

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

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

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When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,

Lillian Hinds  
2620 Cabrillo Street  
San Francisco, CA 94121

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January 30, 2002

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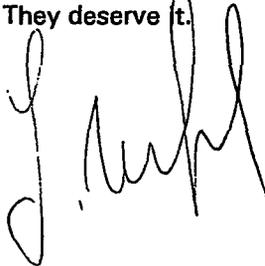
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Sincerely,



Yakov Nemirovsky  
263 - 23rd Avenue, #2  
San Francisco, CA 94121

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STATIONER'S OFFICE

82 Birch Avenue

Carte Madere CA 94925

February 1, 2002

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Fort Mason, Building 201

San Francisco, CA 94123

This is in response to the story in the Marin Independent Journal suggesting that comments be sent to you in regard to the policy of letting dogs run unleashed in public parks etc.

I wish to record strong opposition to such a policy. No one should be permitted to use public parks or other facilities in ways that drive others out or harass them.

I ~~was~~ have been hiking on Mount Tamalpais and surrounding areas since 1954 when I moved to Marin County. I have frequently observed dog owners sending their dogs to swim or chase sticks in the reservoirs and

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have had unpleasant encounters  
with unleashed dogs on trails.  
Doubtless many owners are  
responsible but many are not,  
having the attitude that their  
dogs can do no wrong.

I hope that the policy adopted  
will ban dogs or require them to  
be leashed.

Yours truly

David Dickson

GGNRA. 341-01-1A

I am 83 years old I  
enjoy nature walks in  
dog free parts of GGNRA  
parts without being jumped  
at & scared of unleashed  
dogs -

Dogs should be on leash  
& restricted from areas  
to protect wildlife &  
endangered plants - plants  
that I have helped to plant -

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Marc A Oler

93 Surrey St

CA 94131

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Carl Meyer

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CRISSY FIELD AREA

February 3, 2002

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

Re: Pet Management in Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco, California  
ANPR re dog control. 67 FR (8) 1424- 1430 (January 11, 2002)

Dear sir,

As a regular user of Crissy field, but not a dog owner, I feel very strongly that the voice-control ("off-leash") area should be restored and preserved in the Crissy field area. If the NPS guidelines or the federal law need to be amended to allow this, then so be it.

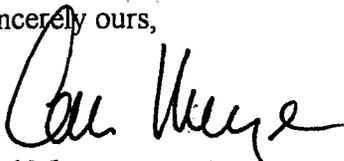
There is no other area, anywhere, I know that is more suitable for peaceful coexistence of dog owners and non-dog owners than the open parts of Crissy playfield. - San Diego has an off-leash area adjacent to the bridge leading into Balboa Park that is smaller and less suitable that has not caused any serious problems.

There is a huge difference between the wide-open field in the Crissy field area and the narrow indoor hallway where the unfortunate lethal dog-mauling incident occurred in San Francisco. Furthermore, the dog mauling involved dogs that were trained to attack and kill - the type of dog I have not seen in Crissy field, and that is likely to be seen there, because dogs trained to kill must be caged and kept restricted to remain aggressive. Furthermore, they would immediately get into fights with other dogs.

In fact, my frequent personal observation has been that dogs, dog owners and dog lovers as well as children and other people, even those who are afraid of dogs, do, in fact, coexist peacefully and avoid each other without friction. I question the number of dog attacks that have been reported to the NPS, and I further question that this number constitutes an under reporting.

As I see it, a simple sign urging dog owner to keep their dogs within voice-reach, and keep control over them at all times would be sufficient to maintain order, and eliminate any liability for the Park.

Sincerely yours,



Carl Meyer

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Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123

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To Whom it May Concern:

I'm very concerned with the ongoing debate regarding off-leash dog access to public areas at Fort Funston. We regularly walk our Rhodesian Ridgeback there and don't know what we would do without it. Our dog is well trained, friendly with other dogs and people, and comes when called. She is also a large, active animal who requires vigorous exercise in order to remain healthy. It is physically impossible for her to exercise properly when leashed. Off-leash exercise burns off pent-up energy, improves a dog's social skills and helps prevent aggression. Conversely, limiting dog play results in under-socialized, under-stimulated dogs and often leads to behavior problems. Dogs cannot interact normally with each other when they are leashed.

We recognize that wildlife and people who do not own dogs also have a right to use the parks in question. However, there is no reason why we cannot all share the area and the responsibility of safeguarding its safety, integrity and long-term viability. 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. 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.

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Sincerely,

  
Sharon Houston

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Steven P. Thompson  
1901 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

February 3, 2002

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

Thank you for sending me the "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" regarding Pet Management in GGNRA. I am writing to support Option B. Specifically what problem the National Park Service has been trying to fix has often been unclear during the off-leash dog controversy. The circular argument has seemed to be that off-leash dogs are the problem since this is against the rules (even though the rules have not been enforced for twenty years) which raises the obvious question about why this is a problem now.

The ANPR reasonably defines two problems as the impact to natural resources and to public safety. Specific solutions can be tailored to these specific problems rather than broadly banning all off-leash dogs. The great majority of off-leash dogs are not causing harm in the GGNRA. The "problem" in "problem-dogs" needs to be understood as irresponsible owners since stray dogs apparently are not a significant issue. On the impact to natural resources, designation of sensitive areas and use of visually unobtrusive protective fencing both can be part of a solution. More effort should be spent on the trash problem, but I observe when I am at the park that dog trash is a small part of that problem. Public safety concerns have received much attention due to two sensational dog attacks in the past year in the Bay area (although not in the GGNRA). For perspective, off-leash dogs should be a lesser safety concern than the obvious dangers of the waves and surf at the beaches given the multiple drownings that occur each year. The focus in dealing with public safety issues should be on irresponsible owners and problem dogs. Designated areas and designated times for off-leash dogs could help prevent conflict also.

To sum up, the GGNRA should continue to function as an urban park that provides access for many people with a broad range of activities and interests including dog owners walking off-leash dogs. In an urban park this size that occupies such significant areas in our local community, the National Park Service should work to accommodate and not to exclude. I am certain if everyone, dog owners and the anti-dog crowd, works with an attitude of goodwill and tolerance that an agreeable solution can be found.

*St Thompson*

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[Date]

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

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To Superintendent O'Neill:

I am a regular GGNRA park user, and I support making Fort Funston and the other parks in the GGNRA system accessible for off-leash recreation with my dog.

I keep my dog on a leash when I walk on city sidewalks. When I visit the trails and beaches of Fort Funston, the whole point of having my dog there is so we can hike and run and play together. To require these activities to be on-leash is to completely eliminate this form of recreation for me.

If there are complaints that some dogs are causing problems; the solution is not to leash every dog. Owners who let their dogs dig in planted areas, or get aggressive with other dogs or people, do not have their dogs under "voice control".

Dogs under "voice control" have been allowed at Fort Funston for nearly 30 years, and I urge you to take steps to ensure that this practice continues.

Sincerely,

*John C. James*  
*2990 24th Ave*  
*San Francisco Cal 94132*

[Your name]  
[Your address]

*Walking your dog and meeting other dog owners is a great cure for stress and depression. Give us a break please*

346-01-1A

Monday, February 4, 2002

Dear Golden Gate Recreation Area,

As a dog owner of two labs who love to run and swim free at Crissy Field, we strongly oppose any on-leash law. Crissy Field is a clean and convenient park that enables us as a family to enjoy the beauty of the restored park. We take our 17-month-old son to explore the park while allowing our dogs to enjoy their freedom too at Crissy Field. We recognize and respect the protected wildlife areas, while at the same time allowing our dogs to be off leash and under voice command. Please reconsider any laws enforcing a leash law at the Crissy Field Park.

Sincerely a concerned dog owner,  
The Mascotte Family

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CRISSY FIELD PARK

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**ALICE WILEY & ASSOCIATES LLC**

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February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

Ms. Amy Meyer, Vice Chair  
Citizens' Advisory Commission  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Bldg. 201, Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California 94123

Dear Ms. Meyer,

Wouldn't a solution to the off leash problem be to set up special times for people to let their dogs run and swim. We probably take our black lab, Samantha, to the park and beach before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm. There are rarely children and very few people at these hours.

Please know how passionate we are about our environment and our dog. We are responsible owners, as are most of those who own dogs.

We would like this to become a win-win situation.

Thank you,

*Alice*

Alice Wiley Hall

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Superintendent  
Golden Gate National  
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February 6, 2002

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There are no alternative beach spaces available in the Bay Area where people can enjoy recreation in and near the 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.

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Off leash dog walking promotes healthy pets and people who all benefit from exercise and socialization.

Please allow us to continue to enjoy the beautiful area with our dog off leash.

Thank you,



Michael S. Laflamme

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

DATE: February 06, 2002

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I am the owner of several hundred acres of wildlife habitat, and know from first hand experience what dogs at large can do to wildlife and their ability to effectively utilize habitat. The things I have seen here, in a remote area with a very small rural population, would be minor compared to the disruptions made possible by a huge pet population near the GGNRA and are a wholly unacceptable use of public lands that contain so many endangered and vulnerable species. Finally, I am the owner of two dogs, and know that there are ways to meet their needs without putting wildlife at risk.

Sincerely,

john walker

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Leash laws are a must. There is no reason why someone cannot keep their dog on a leash. 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.

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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.

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.

Yours truly,

Julia Benedetti.  
8657 Via Mallorca #101  
La Jolla, CA 92037

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[Please disregard the first paragraph, as I could not edit it to reflect my opinions, which are below.]

As an environmentalist and a dog owner, I am in favor of large amounts of off-leash areas in our National Parks and Recreational Areas, for responsible animals and their owners. I believe that keeping certain sensitive areas as leash-only is an acceptable and necessary compromise, but am opposed to removing the few leashless areas still available to us. These are crucial for our pets and for our own well being.

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Yours truly,

Howard Cohen  
3272 Cowper Street  
Palo Alto, CA 94306-3004

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February 06, 2002

**S.B. Mumford**

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I think it is a great idea to have a park where dog lovers can let their pets run free. I applaud your courage to take a stand based on the needs and desires of your constituents rather than bowing to the pressures of an extremist neo-religious eco-terrorist organization.

Dogs do a lot of good for a lot of people, I think it's a great idea to have a place urban dogs can run free for a while.

I'm sure that you will make the correct decision for all the right reasons, and again thanks for being responsible to your constituents.

Sincerely,

S.B. Mumford

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February 1, 2002

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

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

Dear Superintendent,

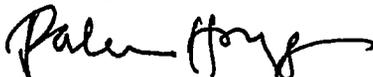
I am writing to urge you to allow off leash dog recreation areas in my GGNRA.

Long afraid of dogs myself, the many wonderful dogs I meet in San Francisco wooed me to adopt one of my own. I am in the process of training her to be a good canine citizen and she is well on her way. Before selecting my dog, I read several books on dog behavior and walked with many dogs and their owners. All my research indicates that **dogs need time off leash** so they can be happy, well-adjusted citizens. This time and freedom allows them to interact with other animals and people on **neutral ground**. It also gives them and their owners the opportunity for training (come, sit, stay). This is **not** the same when dogs are on leash.

Prohibiting off leash recreation in places such as Fort Funston, Crissy Field and the other Bay Area GGNRA locations will severely limit where we can **safely** exercise with our dogs. The dog runs I have seen popping up in my neighborhood parks are not solutions to a perceived problem but are problems themselves. These are not spaces where dogs can run but cages encouraging aggression and territorialism. Dogs are more likely to be aggressive with one another when confined in these unnatural places. Having no open space for Bay Area residents to have their dogs off leash will be a tragic loss for our region. Dogs contribute to the miracle of Bay Area urban life.

Please support the many responsible dog owners like myself and keep our GGNRA parks open to off leash dog recreation.

Thank you,

  
Palmore Hoyt

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February 4, 2002

Mr. Brian O'Neill  
Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
Fort Mason, Building 021  
San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. O'Neill:

I am writing to request that the Park Service continue to allow dog owners to walk their pets off their leashes at Crissy Field. The beaches at Crissy Field are one of the few places in San Francisco where dogs can get exercise off of a leash.

With more dogs than children in San Francisco, the inhabitants of our great city value their pets. Unfortunately, there are few places where they can run them. Crissy Field has been such a place, and I hope that the Service realizes that our urban park is different from a park like Yosemite.

The Park Service's stewardship of the Presidio has brought a great deal of respect for your organization among the citizens of San Francisco. However, requiring a leash law at Crissy Field will engender a great deal of resentment and anger. And, I might add, it seems to me that the Park Service's limited police force could be better utilized in fighting crime rather than ticketing dog owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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4 February 2002

Haydn and Zuhra Reiss  
126 Meadowcroft Drive  
San Anselmo, CA. 94960

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Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA. 94123

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To whom it may concern:

Yesterday, Sunday February 2, my wife and I and our two year old daughter went to Muir Beach. Despite the prominent sign at the entrance saying "Dogs Must Be On Leash", there were at least a dozen dogs running wild. Shortly thereafter a ranger arrived and walked down the beach and talked with some of these owners. Perhaps he wrote a ticket or two. He was on the beach for maybe 20 minutes and then left. We did not see him return before we left an hour later.

Even before the ranger left it was clear that his presence was not going to make a dent in the loose dogs - dogowners simply put their dogs on leash while he was around and immediately let them off when he left. His presence, and ticket writing, was like a mosquito on an elephant's back. When we left there were 10-15 dogs running up and down the beach. We got tired of dogs running up to our two year old and their owners shouting out all friendly like "Don't worry, he loves kids!" That is neither comforting, nor accurate. Owners cannot predict what dogs will do. Is GGNRA going to wait until there's a tragedy before it takes REAL action to enforce the leash law or ban dogs all together (our choice)?

The current inconsequential level of enforcement makes it nearly meaningless - dogowners don't abide by it. Why should say, it is a rarity. And forget about people like us "asking" them to please leash their dogs. We have asked and have been ignored.

What we ask you to consider is to acknowledge that dogowners are not going to voluntarily respect the leash law. It's like asking people to voluntarily pay their taxes. It's naive. Either have substantial enforcement, which could certainly pay for itself as we see no trouble for a ranger writing 10-20 tickets a day (a gross of \$500-1000), or make official what is now true by default: dogs can run free.

And, yes, it would be nice if there was an area given to off-leash dogs, as many dogowners have demanded, but that wouldn't stop them from using Muir.

Sincerely,



Haydn and Zuhra Reiss

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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,

Maryann Karwan

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.

Linda Larrabee (optional: Age: Sex M (F) Ethnicity W)
Address: 4805 Lago Vista Circle San Jose CA 95129
(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.

I go about 2 times a week. Primary Reason is for my dog and I to hike in a beautiful environment. Benefits are the exercise and stress release as a tired dog at the end of the day.

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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?

Enjoying the scenery as well as the other hikers with their dogs has definitely become a social outlet. I have both family and friends who meet up for the day often with a picnic lunch. It is easy to make friends as dog friendly folk are more open to talking to strangers. I rarely speak with hikers when alone without my dog.

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 - The fact that it is an off-leash environment is what gives it a special charm. Dogs running on the hills or on the beach add a sense of freedom and fun. The park service needs to reinforce clean-up and be specific regarding park regulations.

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

I would be extremely sad as this is something I look forward to everyweek. I would not drive the 40 miles to go if my dog could not go or had to be on-leash, I would have to find another off-leash location.

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

Absolutely! I would not feel nearly as secure when going alone. I would probably NOT go without my dog.

Signed: Linda Larrabee Date 2/3/02

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Sincerely,

  
Richard Gilbert

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

January 29, 2002

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

Dear Sirs:

I am writing regarding the GGNRA's Advance Notice of Rulemaking Process and more specifically how this ruling will affect off-leash dog play.

I have been a resident of San Francisco for three years now and part of my decision making process when selecting location was my proximity to Chrissy Field. I believe the higher rent and limited availability of rentals (even in this market) for dog owners, is a fair trade given the amenities we currently have available for our pets. I would re-think my decision if those amenities drastically changed and I think you would find many dog owners might re-think their residency as well. I understand the need to set guidelines and/or regulations but it is important to many dog owners and their well-behaved dogs that these rights not be terminated.

There are many responsible dog owners and those dog owners take pride in their responsible dogs. Unfortunately there are people and situations that give cause to these considerations but I urge you not to throw the baby out with the bath water. I am very conscious of conserving our natural resources but I also think it is important that as a resident we have access to those resources. I hope that when you make your final decision on this very important issue that you will consider the huge ramifications of outlawing off-leash dog play.

I believe that the ability to allow my dog to play off leash at places, such as Chrissy Field, makes him not only a happier dog but also a better dog citizen. This not only provides much needed exercise but also improves his socialization and voice command skills. On a selfish and personal note, I probably gain more pleasure in watching him play than my pet gains from the actual play and would not go to these locations unless I had a pet.

San Francisco is blessed with many natural resources and we should protect those resources but not at the cost of total restriction. I hope that in your final decision that you will agree.

Thank you for your time.

Sincere regards,



Sharon R. Reaves  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Dear GGNRA Folks,

I applaud your efforts to preserve the tranquility and natural beauty of Chrissy Field by requiring dogs to be on-leash. After the decades of this area being little more than an unsightly dumping ground for concrete and other construction waste with no thought whatsoever to the natural flora and fauna that once thrived, it's a breath of fresh air to see such a dedicated effort to restore the delicate balance of a seashore ecosystem.

I enjoy daily walks along the beaches of Chrissy Field, and I have been appalled at the dog behavior I've witnessed. One day I witnessed a group of dogs, all romping with the abandon that only dogs seem able to enjoy, chasing one another round and round and round on the beach when a seagull flying overhead actually diverted from its original flight path to land a few feet further from the intended destination to avoid the dogs. The dogs were far too occupied chasing each other to pay a lick of attention to the poor bird, but when I think of the extra effort that delicate bird had to expend to avoid those gleeful dogs, I shudder. Surely this is not the type of wildlife-friendly environment we're trying to create in this national recreation area.

Another day I actually saw a dog evacuate its bowels right on the edge of the walking path where hundreds of people walk, jog and cycle by! Of course the owner rushed up moments later and scooped the offensive droppings into a plastic bag, but the ecological damage of those trace remnants ought not be overlooked.

And yet another day, I watched a dog lift its leg to urinate on the fence protecting one of the newly planted areas and I thought to myself, "Oh no! Think of the damage that dog is causing to any plant growing within three inches of that stout, protective fencing!"

I've even seen dogs strain longingly toward the birds in the lagoon, and you know, without the fence, they'd be after those birds in a flash. Even though the dogs can't actually reach the birds, I'm sure it's traumatic for the delicate birds to be watched with that degree of intent. Clearly this is behavior that ought to be curtailed.

As you all are so acutely aware, something must be done about these dogs. I'm so glad efforts are underway to rectify the extreme damage that is being inflicted by these off-leash dogs.

But my dear friends of the environment, are you sure you've gone far enough to protect the recently recognized value of this area? Why the other day, I witnessed a child throwing pebbles over the fence into the lagoon. The child could only generate a 4 foot arc, but we can't have the wild birds subjected to such an invasion of their space. I've witnessed other children running up the beach as fast as their two-year-old legs can carry them, chasing the birds and yelling at the top of their lungs. This type of unfettered behavior is clearly a danger to the shore birds as well as an extreme annoyance to those of us who choose consciously not to have children.

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On another occasion, I barely avoided stepping into a large hole that I had watched 3 or 4 children dig right there on the beach. Their parents stood by as I carefully navigated around the large excavation to avoid twisting an ankle.

These off-leash children are clearly a threat to the wildlife, the sanctity of the delicate ecosystem and those of us who are trying to enjoy the peace and beauty of the area. It is your duty as preservers of this national recreation area to restrict ALL behavior that endangers the natural world, so please, please, take the necessary step to require that all children under the age of 18 be leashed in this area!

But that's not even the worst of it. I gasp in horror every time I watch the windsurfers and the newer craze, kite surfers, whiz by in the shallow water at the edge of the beach, causing sea- and air-borne birds to zigzag desperately out of their path. Surely this high-speed activity causes a severe re-distribution of the native birds who are accustomed to fishing in the shallow waters off the beaches. In addition, the new kite-surfers with their huge kites are wreaking havoc with the birds trying to land in the vicinity. It's clearly time this type of beachfront recreation was outlawed completely to maintain an environment supportive of native birds.

But GGNRA folks, please don't stop there. On two separate occasions in the past year I've witnessed plastic bags and Styrofoam cups flying off into the water from adult picnickers. This is a tragic danger to the sea- and bird-life, in particular the many seals who roam the waters. You must take the bold steps of your convictions and restrict the freedom of the many for the sins of the few. Since there is no way to determine which strolling adults will at any moment whip out picnic supplies and potentially create devastating litter, it clearly follows that all adults using the area should be leashed as well.

That leaves the tricky problem of exactly who out of the taxpaying public should, in fact, be able to use the area. Ahh, but silly me, that's not your problem to solve. Yours is to enact and enforce the rules that will protect this area.

So I beg you folks of authority, please take all necessary steps to protect this taxpayer-funded National Recreation Area from ALL the hazards wrought by those who use it. If we're going to be serious about protecting this area, dogs must be leashed, children must be leashed, adults must be leashed, windsurfers outlawed .... It's the only viable solution to this problem. In fact, if we're really serious about protecting the shoreline, I think Doyle Drive and Marina Blvd must be closed as well. It's a terrible invasion of the birds' flight path to have those cars whizzing by at all hours. Who would ever design a national recreation area with this type of traffic all around it? And the destruction of the natural bird habitat at night caused by the lights of the city.... Well, there's no end to what's needed to protect the area, but I'm relieved that you folks have narrowed your view to concentrate on this issue. I can rest assured that you'll make the right decisions for all involved.



JA Lacy  
2652 Union Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
415-929-8043



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February 6, 2002

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

GGNRA,

I am writing you to ask you to let Crissy Field be an off-leash area for dogs. I have a four-year-old boxer named Scooby. He is a very active dog, and he needs exercise. We go to Crissy Field about 3 times a week for a long run. There are so few places in the city where there is an opportunity for Scooby to run in this size of space. When we go to Crissy Field, he gets onto the grassy field and he runs as fast as he can in a large circle several times. He waits until he gets to this spot because it is the place where he has the room to run as he wishes. He does not bother other pedestrians while doing this. It is such a joy to see him run this way. He certainly could not do so on a leash.

Please leave Crissy Field available to me and Scooby and all other dogs in the city. They need exercise that we cannot give them on a leash. It is imperative to their health to be able to run in this type of space.

You already have Crissy Field so nicely prepared for everyone to enjoy it. The fences protect the dunes and any wildlife living there, the beach is available for water sports, and the grassy field is beautiful. There is really room for everyone – runners, families, walkers, and all the above with dogs.

Thank you for your consideration. In a city with so many dog owners, there just needs to be this type of place for them to run! Please don't take this away from us.

Sincerely,

*Jenny MacCutcheon and Scooby*  
Jenny MacCutcheon and Scooby

cc: Crissy Field Dog Group

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GGNRA  
Attn: ANPR  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
Fax: 415-561-4355

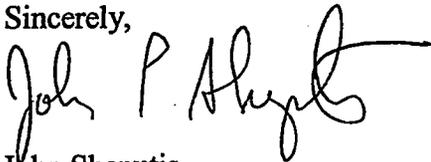
Re: Maintenance of Designated Off-leash Recreation Areas in GGNRA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a dog owner and live in the city of San Francisco. I strongly support the designation of areas within GGNRA, such as Fort Funston, Crissy Field and Baker Beach, for off-leash pet recreation. San Francisco is a compact, urban environment where recreational activities are as important to dogs as they are to humans. Dogs need to be off-leash to become socialized, and most dogs need to be exercised off-leash to reduce energy that could lead to aggressive and destructive behavior. I would much prefer to encounter a dog that has been properly exercised in an off-leash area than one that has been confined indoors all day due to the increasing scarcity of local parks that allow dogs to play like dogs.

A concerted effort should be made to ensure that the needs of all GGNRA's constituents are met – play areas for children, habitat for wildlife and native plantings, hiking/biking/running trails for humans, and off-leash areas for dogs. I am certain an exception to the National Park Service's prohibition of off-leash pets in national parks can be made to accommodate the desires of the taxpaying public who live in this urban recreation area called San Francisco.

Sincerely,



John Sheputis  
2030 Third Street #16  
SF, CA 94107

Cc: Fort Funston Dog Walkers (fortfunston@hotmail.com)  
Crissy Field Dog Group (crissyfielddog@aol.com)  
signed and mailed copy to GGNRA

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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address: Irving Arguello  
Vicki Inglis  
67 Lee Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94112

(optional: Age: 37 Sex M (F) Ethnicity W)

(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.

I visit GGNRA twice a week. I go for exercise, fresh air + to spend time with my child. Before I owned a dog, I used to take my daughter to Ft. Funston because there were beautiful dogs there + because

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?

Off-leash recreation is a social outlet. We recognize dog-owners, and hook up with them for walks. Yes, I bring family + friends along for our walks because it's such a fun, simple + healthful thing to do.

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 portions of GGNRA should allow off-leash recreation. As I suggested in Question #1, even ~~the~~ non-dog owners enjoy watching dogs off leash in these areas. There is something joyful + liberating in watching dogs act completely natural in a wide

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

My husband commented recently that ~~our~~ having a dog has made me happier. For someone who has suffered from ~~over~~ severe depression, a dog has restored some simplicity + joy in my life. Seeing him ecstatic splashing in the waves + playing with other dogs makes me happy, too. Not having access to off-leash areas would have a depressive effect on me.

open environment (over)

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

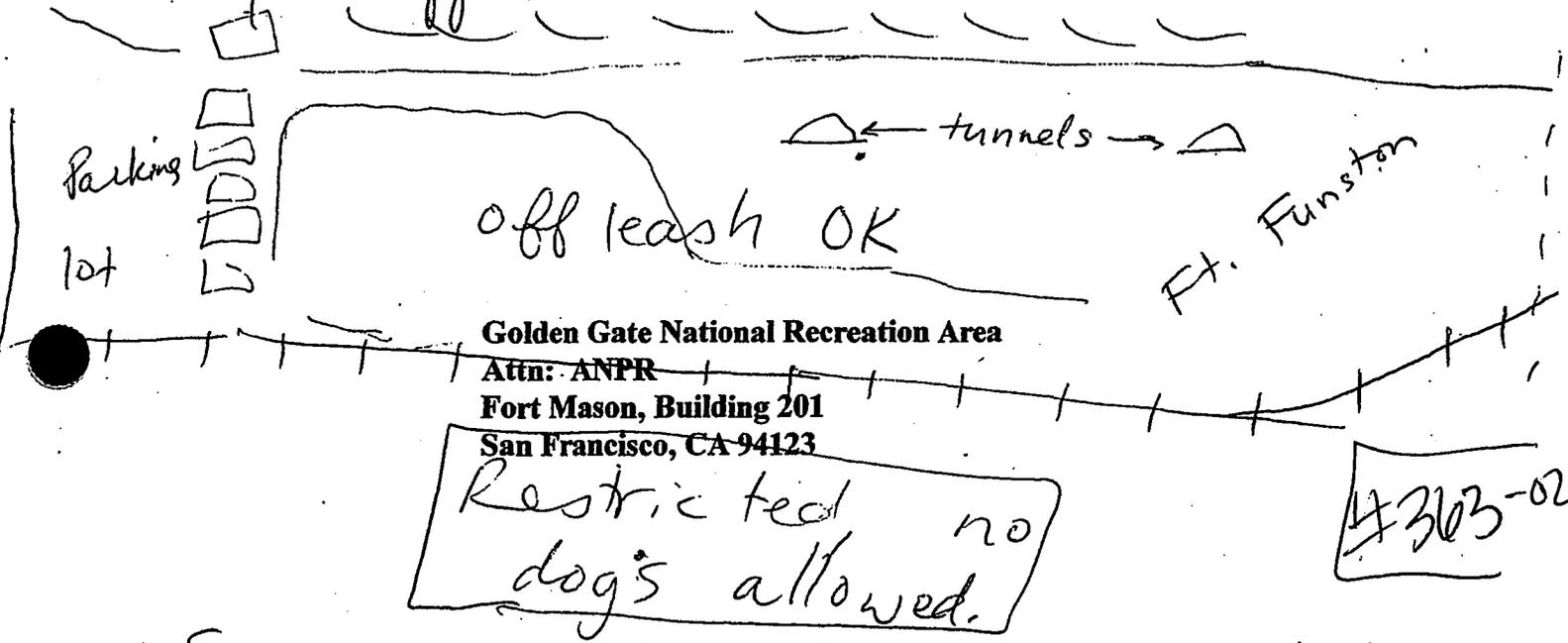
Nobody likes to see creatures restrained (such as prisoners). As long as dogs don't impinge on my sense of security or both myself + my daughter I feel perfectly safe with off-leash dogs.

Signed: Vicki Inglis Date: 2/5/02

mean dog in a residential area.

can (3) Veterinarians emphasize that for most dogs walks around the block are not enough exercise. Dogs need to run (sprint, that is, and/or run long distances.)

Suggestions:  
1. Keep Baker Beach (the most choice beach in SF) dog-free. 2. Keep the area of Ocean beach where the stairs are dog-free. 3. Ocean Beach south of the stairs ~~and north~~ should be free for off-leash recreation.



- 4. Erect attractive fences around East side of Ft. Funston keeping dogs out. This would allow plenty of off-leash area.
- 5. Yes, keep giving tickets to people who violate laws, BUT only after fences have been built + proper signage installed. 6. Also give tickets to anyone who doesn't clean up after their dog. Some dogowners seem to think that it's OK to leave feces in certain areas. It's never OK! there is wildlife + kids + adults everywhere.

Dear Superintendent O'Neill:

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Date: 2/7/02

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: Jane McKeen (optional: Age: 46 Sex M Ethnicity white)
Address: 133 Elm Avenue San Bruno CA 94066-5402
(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.

I visit Ft. Funston or Crissy Field about once per week to walk my two dogs. I also walk in the Marin headlands (without the dogs) and visit Baker Beach about once per month with the dogs. I've begun visiting Crissy Field more often since it was fixed up. Before that I took the dogs to Ft. Funston more often. I mainly visit to get out & walk, and exercise the 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?

I often meet with friends at Ft. Funston or Crissy Field to walk the dogs off leash. I have deepened friendships through this activity.

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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 think that some areas of the GGNRA should allow off-leash recreation. It is great for the dogs (and people), it has historically been done, and allows "dog people" to get together. When I didn't have a dog, I could go to Ft. Funston for my dog fix. The park service can and should set aside areas for off-leash recreation to accommodate dog owners. Dogs are no harder on the environment than people. With public support and flexibility on the part of the GGNRA, the areas can be maintained, safe, and friendly.

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

huge. I mainly use these areas to exercise my two very active dogs on the weekends, and I walk with friends who have dogs or know my dogs. I would feel like a whole segment of the population was being ignored. There are already so few areas you can take a dog without cars, and off leash. Please don't do this!

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

I have never felt threatened personally by an off leash dog. Owners who can't or don't control their dogs should be ticketed, just like bad drivers. I love seeing groups of dogs playing together off leash.

Signed: Jane McKeen

Date 2/5/02

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Name: NANCY BERNDT (optional) Age: 45 Sex M (F) Ethnicity Danish  
Address: 1049 FASSLER AVE. PACIFICA CA 94044  
(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 EVERY DAY WITH MY LABRADOR. ALWAYS, SOMETIMES WITH MY HUSBAND AND CHILDREN TOO! I LOVE TO WATCH ALL THE FRIENDLY DOGS AND SAY HELLO TO THEIR OWNERS I LOVE TO SHARE THE BEAUTIFUL COAST WITH MY DOG AND WATCH HER RUN FREE. I call her away from the restricted
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, I'VE MET MANY NEW FRIENDS, HUMAN + CANINE. IT IS A VERY UPLIFTING SOCIAL EXPERIENCE UNIQUE TO FORT FUNSTON. THIS IS ALWAYS SOMETHING WE LOVE TO SHARE WHEN FRIENDS COME FROM OUT OF TOWN.

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 THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE OFF-LEASH OPTION. WE HAVE BEEN USING IT THIS WAY FOR A LONG TIME AND EXCEPT FOR THE EXCEPTION THAT DON'T CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS MOST ARE GOOD STEWARDS. SOME HAVE BEEN OUT THERE EVERY DAY FOR 30 YEARS - ITS A TREASURED WAY OF LIFE!!!

4. What would be the impact on your life if there were no longer off-leash recreation in the GGNRA? I WOULD BE DEVESTATED - AN ENORMOUS LOSS - I believe places where dogs CAN run free are the most endangered of all. I believe it would be an abuse of power to change it now - you could turn a lot of people against the environment
5. Do you feel safer with the presence of off-leash dogs or would you feel safer without their presence? SAFER WITH OFF LEASH DOGS. EVEN activitees

THE PITS ARE friendly off leash. YOU could ticket dog owners that don't clean-up after their pets and make them pick-up the beach for 5 days.

Signed: Nancy Berndt Date 2.5.02

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January 30, 2002

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

Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

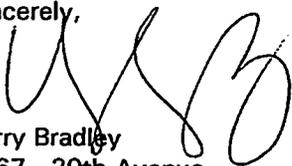
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When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,



Kerry Bradley  
2367 - 20th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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GGNRA,

I urge you to continue to allow OFF-LEASH DOG Recreational use in the GGNRA. Off-leash recreation has been an accepted and valued asset to San Francisco, its inhabitants and their dogs and a significant contribution to the quality of life that San Francisco and the Bay Area is known for. With a dog/dog owner population of around 100,000, appropriate and adequate off-leash dog recreational space is essential. And "leashed" recreation and exercise is, for many dogs, neither adequate nor appropriate. Dogs need to be able to run, play, and socialize leash-free. Yes—just like children do. Dogs/dog owners have been, are, and will continue to be a significant part of our society and S.F.'s urban environment and planning, and their(our) needs need to be considered as such.

Perhaps The GGNRA can find some significant spaces to fence as designated off-leash dog recreational areas and /or clearly mark designated areas(parts of parks, trails or beaches) as off-leash areas as is done in San Diego's Balboa Park.

Please maintain San Francisco's high standard of living and quality of life by continuing to allow Off-Leash Dog recreation in the GGNRA.

Thank You,



Feb. 5, 2002

Mark Rubnitz  
516 Douglass  
SF CA 94114  
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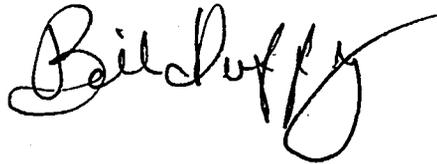
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Sincerely,

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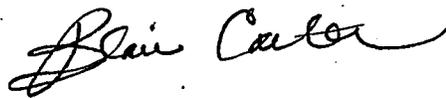
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 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
 Name: Michele Crang (optional) Age: 56 Sex:  M  F Ethnicity: Caucasian  
 Address: 117A Bartlett St (street) SF (city) CA (state) 94110 (zip)

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.

THE FORT FUNSTON CLIFFS & BEACH AREA, I VISIT 2 TIMES PR WK FOR 6 YEARS WITH MY DOG. THE BENEFITS: THE PERFECT EXERCISE FOR CANINES - THE JOY OF WATCHING THE FROLICKING OF THE DOGS! <sup>EXCHANGED LATELY W/ THREAT OF ABOLISH OFF LEASH</sup>

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OF COURSE THIS MAY BE AS SOCIAL AS ONE CHOOSES SO AS A REGULAR THIS VARIES. FOR MANY PEOPLE THIS IS THEIR PRIMARY SOCIAL TIME!

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

A HUGE SADNESS IF NOT DEPRESSION NOT TO MENTION ANGER, FIRST

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

I FEEL SAFE WHEN DOGS ARE OFF LEASH ALWAYS!

DOGS HAVE A NATURE TO BE PROTECTIVE THUS THREATENING WHILE CONFINED ON A LEASH - MUST CHANGE TO A HAPPY WELL BEHAVED ANIMAL OFF LEASH

Signed: Michele Crang Date: 2-6-02  
 Thank you! GGNRA000891

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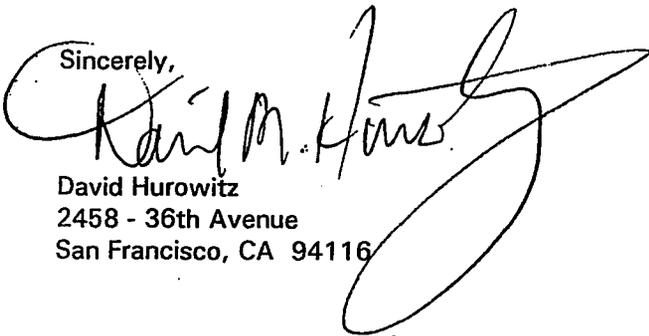
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Sincerely,



David Hurowitz  
2458 - 36th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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Sincerely,

Shelita M. Hutchins  
142 Guthrie Way  
SF, CA 94112

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Sincerely,

V. VonOrsdel

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Date: 2/5/02  
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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Chase (signature)

Cynthia Chase (name)

872 Sanchez St. (address)

SF CA 94114

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

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To: Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
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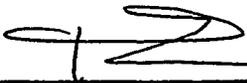
As a response to the National park Service ANPR intended to solicit comments from the public regarding pet management within the GGNRA:

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,



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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Att: ANPR:  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
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My dog Jack and I are writing to let you know how much we enjoy using Crissy Field. We love the open spaces and hanging out with other dogs and their owners. We ALWAYS clean up after ourselves, and often others (people and dogs) who haven't cleaned up after themselves.

Please do not take this freedom away from us. We are already limited to so few locations where we can play ball without a leash, that taking this away would be a great loss. Crissy Field is so special to us because it is a place where we can really enjoy the beauty of the surroundings. It is large enough that we can play with other dogs and still be away from people who are walking and running without dogs. This seems to be good for everyone.

We are both well behaved and friendly and are happy to share our toys with others. (Jack is a 15-month-old Labrador Retriever. I am a 36 year old Designer, runner and biker. We live in San Anselmo.)

We have great respect for others, and for the beautifully refurbished park land. Please allow us to use it openly and without leashes. Although this letter may seem casual, that is because Jack and I are a happy easygoing dog and owner, but we are very serious about off-leash access at Crissy Field. Please consider our opinions seriously when you make your final decision.

Thank you for your time.



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415 460 5092

Cc: Crissy Field Dog Group

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR; Fort Mason  
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San Francisco, CA 9423  
Re: Save Off-Leash Dog Walking

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January 31, 2002

GGNRA:

As a resident of San Francisco and a responsible dog owner it is imperative that continued off-leash dog walking be allowed at Crissy Field. My dog, Arthur, and the countless other resident dogs in the immediate area need continued access to Crissy Field to run free off leash and swim. For many of our dogs, and their owners their time at Crissy Field is a special daily/weekly outing enabling city dogs a small taste of freedom in an otherwise congested, densely populated city where off leash activity is unavailable or dangerous.

Dog owners sharing a Crissy Field outing with their dog/s is more than merely a necessary act of taking their pets to the beach. Rather it acts as a connecting activity that brings people from the community together creating a bond between otherwise often isolated strangers.

Dog owners are a group of like-minded folks that take their dog ownership seriously. The dog owners that use Crissy field are diligent in enforcing all codes of appropriate behavior by cleaning up after their pets and demanding fun but safe play by all dogs irrelevant of their size, shape, or breed. Pets are not left alone to roam rather they are policed by their owners making it an agreeable atmosphere for all.

Human have unlimited-choices where they can go (beaches, trails, reserves) enjoying unrestricted access where dogs are not tolerated. Any outside outing with your dog, let alone an off leash activity is almost an impossible event in the Bay Area. We cannot loose access to Crissy Field—we have no options. We have nowhere to go with our dogs.

For continued good health, Arthur, my dog needs to exercise. For stress relief my husband and I need the freedom to walk, throw Arthur's ball, watch him swim and share stores with other dog owners. Since I'm a dog owner I feel more like San Francisco is my home. San Francisco has always been a dog lover's city—don't take away our greatest gift—our joy—off leash dog walking at Crissy Field.

Sincerely,

Diane deCastro  
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San Francisco, CA 94109 ..... [drdecastro@hotmail.com](mailto:drdecastro@hotmail.com) ..... 415-292-5230

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I feel that the leash law for dogs at Crissy Field Beach, and Fort Funston is unfair, and actually a form of cruelty to dogs. I walk my dog both places, and to see him romp and run and play with the other dogs is a joy, and obviously so fun for him. To have to leash him and the other dogs is cruel, and it breaks my heart. It is their nature to run and play and chase one another. People who knowingly have unfriendly dogs usually keep them leashed. I've never seen otherwise at either of these places. I also witness all people bagging their dogs excrement and throwing it in the available trash cans. I want it registered that I adamantly oppose this law and will lobby relentlessly to convince the powers who created it to change it.

Sincerely,

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Randy Hurst

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Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Attention: ANPR  
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Re: Pet Policy in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)

*TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:*

I am writing to support off-leash policies at Fort Funston, Crissy Field and other Golden Gate National Recreation Areas that have traditionally been off leash areas until recently. It is my understanding that the 1979 Pet Policy stated that all dogs should remain off leash after the GGNRA inherited it. Now, when I walk my dog out at Fort Funston, I am constantly afraid of getting a ticket for having my dog off leash. I was under the assumption that Brian O'Neill stated that there would be no tickets given unless dogs were unruly, aggressive or out of control. This seems reasonable to me, but apparently he is not a man of his word.

When dogs are left off leash and are able to play with other dogs, they are friendlier, more playful and less aggressive. I truly believe that dogs off leash make for a healthier dog, physically and mentally. Just like humans, dogs need social interaction with other dogs. Dogs that are more socialized with other dogs are more well adjusted and, because they are less restricted, more socially interactive.

If dogs are made to walk on leash, I am sure that they will become more aggressive. San Francisco is home to 100,000 dogs. We need to have an area for them (like children) to run and play. Please give some of the land to the dogs. They deserve it.

Sincerely,



Bella Nemirovsky  
263 - 23rd Avenue, #2  
San Francisco, CA 94121

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**Brad Udall**

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Finally, I'm tired of pet owners constantly yelling at their off-leash pets to "do this" or "not do that." It is tremendously annoying to have to listen to a constant barrage of noise from pet owners to their pets. Urban parks provide an important haven to contemplate nature and off-leash pets are not compatible with this introspection.

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.

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Yours truly,

Sam Rocco  
219 SW 7th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97333

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Sincerely,

Jeremy McClain

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And there's one more reason as well: unleashed dogs are a source of fear and anxiety--not to mention danger--for other parkgoers.

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Bruce Kaplan

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Robert Hampel  
3413 Bauerwoods Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45251

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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FROM: K Roark  
P.O. Box 20306  
Oakland, CA 94620

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1. I am and have been a frequent visitor of GGNRA, first as a long-time California resident and now as a traveler with San Francisco as a frequent destination. I am well aware of the importance of protecting GGNRA from incompatible uses.
2. I am a dog owner. I have gentle, trained and well-behaved Great Pyrenes, but because of her nature as a dog she is totally incompatible with being off leash within our National Park system.

I am a strong supporter of the leash law within the National Park system. It is a critical law that improves the quality of the typical visitor's experience. The law:

- Protects native plants and animals. This is especially true of birds, which many dogs tend to chase.
- Protects habitat.
- Protects endangered species, including protecting park visitors from an accidental take. The GGNRA's over 100 rare and sensitive species have enough survival pressure on them already, without adding the disruption to their habitat and safety that - Protects park visitors.
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3790-K Colorado Ave.  
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Sincerely,

Kathleen Christensen

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Cheryl Rosenfeld

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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am writing in support of leash laws.

I have a young child and am obviously concerned about his health and safety. In my experience (we live near and spend a great deal of time at Sutro Park and also go to Crissy Field and Golden Gate Park regularly), dogs that are off-leash pose a greater safety and health risk to children, in particular. Dogs that are off leash often run up to and jump up on little children, whether they are in or out of a stroller. Many owners think that type of behavior is welcomed, or that it is enough to say "Oh, he loves kids," or "Don't worry, she's great with kids." I have been appalled by how many dog owners seem to assume that all little people like to be jumped and licked by animals they don't know. This has also occurred, on occasion, with dogs that are leashed, but it occurs much less frequently because the owner can maintain some degree of control.

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Before my son was born, I used to like to hike at Fort Funston. However, we don't go there anymore because of the number of dogs off leash. I urge you to implement leash laws in all public-parks (City and County of SF and GGNRA) for the health and safety of San Francisco's citizens, and especially its children.

Sincerely,



Renee A. Richards  
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Cc: Jake McGoldrick

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Sincerely,

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Yours truly,

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Middletown, NJ 07748-2130

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

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FROM: Julie Kay  
838 45th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94121

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1700 N. Wentworth Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85749

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**Martha Brummett**

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**Deirdre Magarelli**

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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2180 Newt Huff Way  
Sevierville, TN 37862

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Barry Anderson D.M.D.

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**Shawn Radcliffe**

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**Harlo Lenning**

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FROM: Jeremy Carroll  
5135 N Post Rd #35  
Indianapolis, IN 46226

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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FROM: Kiran Turan  
5845 Moraga Ave  
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FROM: Brian Parker  
4129 Howe Street  
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Sincerely,

Brian Parker

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Burbank, CA 91504

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Yours truly,

mark edwards  
1396-285th Lane  
madrid, IA 50156-7535

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

FROM: Carolyn Crawford  
12782 Texana St.  
San Diego, CA 92129

SUBJECT: Comments on ANPR for pet policy

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Crawford

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
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FROM: Cindy Sheridan  
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Cindy Sheridan

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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FROM: Jennifer Buck  
412A Scripps Drive  
Davis, CA 95616-1024

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Buck

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**Bianca Bradley**

9900 12 ave w apt L102 , everett, WA 98204

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Bianca Bradley

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TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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FROM: Amanda Nelson  
17407 Ironwood St.  
Arlington, WA 98223

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Sincerely,

Amanda Nelson

TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

FROM: Thomas Matzzie  
1793 Lanier PI NW  
Washington, DC 20009

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1465 11th Avenue , San Francisco, CA 94122

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

FROM: Aaron Arugay  
7350 Milwood Ave. #12  
Canoga Park, CA 91303

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Aaron Arugay

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## **Kanta Masters**

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Yours truly,

Paul Luehrmann  
PMB #294 223 N. Guadalupe St.  
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1850

TO: Superintendent Brian O'Neill  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Fort Mason, Building 201  
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FROM: Darrin Brightman  
2140 N Forgeus Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85716

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**Norma Harrison**

1312 Cornell , ♦ Berkeley, CA 94702

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