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Director Fran P. Mainella
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Dear Secretary Norton, Director Mainella, Regional Director Jarvis and Superintendent O'Neill:

On behalf of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and its 111,000 California members and donors, I urge you to support the adoption of regulations requiring dogs to be leashed, or otherwise humanely restrained, while in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, as described in the petition dated August 16, 2005 and submitted by a broad coalition of groups.

The ASPCA supports the enforcement of leash laws in general because such laws provide important safeguards for people and pets. Enforcement of The National Park System's leash law would allow pets reasonable access to the Park while protecting people, pets, wildlife and the park itself from the threats imposed by off-leash dogs.

The petition articulately sets forth the factual basis for enforcement of the National Park System's leash laws. Therefore, I again urge support for the promulgation and enforcement of 36 C.F.R. Section 2.15(a)(2) at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill A. Buckley".

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