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

I write on behalf of Friends of Animals, a national advocacy group founded in 1957, in support of the petition filed on August 16, 2005, submitted by a broad coalition of groups. In an effort to protect park visitors, pets, free-living animals, and our parks in San Francisco, we request that you promulgate and enforce leash laws in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA).

The GGNRA is the only national park in the country that does not enforce leash laws. Unfortunately the GGNRA is not a safe place for dogs to run off-leash, because there are no safeguards in place for dogs there. We recommend that this be rectified through the proposed negotiated rulemaking process. In the meantime, leads are imperative in order to stop dogs from straying, being injured, and even killed.

In order to preclude unnecessary threats to other animals, both free-living and domestic, as documented in the petition herein, we hope you will give this petition serious consideration.

Very truly yours,

Priscilla Feral,  
President

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