

Department of Regional Parks

Dog on Leash ordinance recommendation

9.36.061 Animals. Existing

No person shall:

- a. Hunt, molest, harm, provide a noxious substance to, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot, or throw missiles at any animal within the boundaries of any park facility, nor remove nor have in his possession the young, eggs, or nest of any such creature;
- b. Abandon any animal, dead or alive, within any park facility;
- c. Remove any animal not his own within any park facility; exception is made to the foregoing in that in proper season, fish may be fished and removed from areas designated for fishing by licensed persons, and boarded horses may be removed from a park facility upon proper notification to the Department;
- d. **Except as otherwise provided herein,** no person shall bring into, maintain or allow in or upon any park facility any dog, cat, or other animal except a horse, unless such animal at all times is kept on a leash of sufficient strength and durability that it cannot be broken by the animal so leashed, and no longer than six feet in length, and be under the full and complete physical control of its owner or custodian at all times, except that all dogs, cats or other animals shall be prohibited at all times in or upon any area, within fifteen feet of such an area, designated as a nature study area, horse trail, or bicycle trail; provided, however, the director may designate areas and times within which persons may show, demonstrate, or train unleashed animals but under full control of their owners or custodians.

1) Exceptions:

- a. **American River Parkway (Hazel Avenue to Discovery Park): all dogs, cats or other animals shall be permitted on or along horse or bicycle trails along the Parkway, provided they are leashed and controlled in accordance with subdivision (d); but shall be prohibited at all times in, upon, or within fifteen feet of any designated nature study area.**
- b. **Dry Creek Parkway (Ascot Lane to Sacramento/Placer County Line): all dogs, cats or other animals shall be permitted on or along the horse or bicycle trails along the Parkway, provided they are leashed and controlled in accordance with subdivision (d); but shall be prohibited at all times in, upon, or within fifteen feet of any designated nature study area.**
- e. Permit cattle, sheep, goats, horses, or other animals owned by him or in his possession to graze within the boundaries of any park facility without express approval of the Board of Supervisors;
- f. Ride a horse, pony, mule, burro, or any other animal upon, over or across any park facility, except at times and upon roads or trails designated for the riding of such animals;

g. Permit any animal owned by him, or in his possession, to be brought into or remain upon the premises of any park facility, if the director has given oral or written notice to remove that animal from such premises. The director may give such notice if such animal is known to the director to at any time have caused any injury or damage to any person, other animal or property of another while upon the premises of any park facility;

h. Permit or suffer any animal owned by him, or in his possession, custody, or control, to defecate upon park facility property without immediately removing such animal feces, placing said feces in a sealed bag or other sealed container, and placing such bag or container with feces in a proper refuse receptacle. Persons with horses in their possession, custody, or control, at times and upon roads or trails designated for the riding of such animal, and, unsighted persons while relying on a guide dog, are exempt from the provisions of this subsection;

i. A violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be punishable as follows:

1. A first violation of any of the provisions of this section is punishable as an infraction;
and

2. A second or subsequent violation of the same provisions of Section [9.36.061](#) committed within thirty days of the previous violation shall be a misdemeanor. (SCC 0957 § 1, 1994; SCC 0713 § 3, 1988; SCC 576 § 16, 1983.)