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Subject: Fw: "Press Release: Dogs Must Be Leashed on National Seashore Beaches"
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So here's the other side.....tit for tat....

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Subject RE: "Press Release: Dogs Must Be Leashed on
National Seashore Beaches"

thank you for the update on the leashing of dogs on national seashore...
I , for one, and my family, are tired of seeing dogs running free on the
shores..or let off the leash as soon as park service leaves the immediate
area. infuriating
to say the least!! And stepping on the scat isdisturbing also..
I hope the park service personnel are as strong against leashed dogs as
they are against people driving on the beach. I enjoy occasionally driving
and love fishing on the beach. I also love turtles and birds.
Most of us beach users are very conscious of and sympathetic to the
breeding areas, and deplore the sanctions against beach driving and
walking...and penalizing us for actions of those causing damage to the
barriers....for questionable reasons.
Are they doing anything about the cats?? I know I see many more cat
tracks crossing the dune paths than any other. I believe we know they feed
on birds....as do rocky raccoons. I also am quite aware of the ire of cat
lovers..as if they, um, the cats, really belong in the environment in such
numbers. No wonder birds elect to breed on the little "dredging"
islands.Great that these islands exist, and i wish more not notoriety is
made of them.

thanks again.
Bob Mead. Vermont, and Castaline Cottage, Hatteras

> [Original Message]
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> (See attached file: 040909.Dog Off Leash Violations.doc)
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> National Park Service News Release
> FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 9, 2009
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> DOGS ON NATIONAL SEASHORE MUST BE LEASHED
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> Superintendent Mike Murray announced today that, due to concerns about
> potential negative impacts to wildlife, there will be a focused effort
> this
> season to improve compliance at Cape Hatteras National Seashore with the
> existing National Park Service (NPS) regulation requiring dogs to be
> leashed in all units of the national park system.
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> The national seashore serves as breeding habitat for a variety of
> protected
> shorebird and waterbird species and as nesting habitat for several species
> of sea turtles. Many of these protected bird species nest on bare sandy
> beaches and the nests are often not readily apparent to park visitors.
> The
> disturbance from dogs running off-leash can interrupt breeding behavior
> and
> cause incubating birds to leave their nest, which exposes the nest to
> predators. Once disturbed, birds may abandon nesting at those locations
> altogether.
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> In 2008, NPS law enforcement rangers documented over seven hundred cases
> of
> dogs off leash at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which included numerous
> violations on beaches near resource protection areas that had been
> established to prevent disturbance or harm to nesting or foraging
> protected
> wildlife species.
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> "To minimize impacts to wildlife and still allow as much visitor access
> as
> possible under the terms of the consent decree, we are intent on improving
> the level of visitor compliance with the leash requirement," said
> Superintendent Murray. "I have directed park staff to step up their
> efforts to inform pet owners of the federal leash regulation and to target
> enforcement of the regulation in wildlife areas."
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> Park Rangers can issue federal violation notices carrying a \$150.00 fine
> to
> any pet owner who does not comply with the leash requirement. Pets are
> prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be
> physically restrained at all times on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in
> length.
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