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**To:** [Mauney, Susan](#)  
**Bcc:** [Cyndy Holda](#); [Paul Stevens](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pets  
**Date:** 11/09/2010 11:13 AM

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Dear Ms. Mauney,

Thank you for your message. Unfortunately, you have received bad information. The National Park Service is not planning to ban pets at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Pets are required to be on a leash at all times and there are some locations, such as posted shorebird and sea turtle nesting sites during the breeding season, where pets (and people) are temporarily prohibited. Please know that both you and your pets are welcome here at the Seashore!

Best wishes,

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Subject

Mike Murray- I am writing to you after reading an article from "Pampered Pets" Guide to the OBX about the possibility of banning dogs at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. I think this WRONG and would be a another blow to the economy along the Outer Banks that depend on tourists like us that come and spend money. I just returned back from a 9 day trip and my family spent between \$3000-\$ 3500 on this trip and we did the same back in May. The reason why we come to the OBX is because it is labeled "pet friendly". If you choose to ban "dogs" at the CHNS we will be forced to choose another location for our Spring and Fall vacations. If you take me and many more who feel like me, this will be a blow to the economy at the OBX.

I am a responsible “dog” owner and always follows the rules especially picking up my dog’s poop. Why punish all dog families because of a few bad apples.

When I travel, my dogs come with me, THEY ARE FAMILY!! My dogs enjoy running on the beach (on a leash with me running along with them) and running from the waves....don’t take it away from them. We are making memories.

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