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Attn: Dog Management Plan

As a dog owner we support Leash Laws, which make sense since we share the planet with other individuals. A significant number of dog owners do not obey these laws, which create a problem for the rest of us. The impact of these insensitive dog owners is frequently encountered throughout our urban environment and in our parks. Anyone who gardens next to a public sidewalks knows the impact of dogs on plant life, concrete walls, metal poles, etc. Where is it safe to allow small children to run and play in the grassy areas in our parks? Fort Funston is an excellent example of dogs gone wild – leave the terrain and vegetation damaged or destroyed. As a dog owner we would like to point out that along with rights there are responsibilities. Consider this:

- 1) What about licensing those thousand upon thousands of unlicensed pets, as well as spay or neutering them.
- 2) What about the rights of plants and animals whose habitat is degraded or destroyed by insensitive people and their pets.
- 3) What about the rights of other human beings who are fearful of dogs or do not want loose dogs running about them.
- 4) What about young children or their parents rights, those who do not want dogs running up and jumping in their children's face.
- 5) What about those seeking an experience of being at home and in harmony with the non-manmade environment. Having acquired the quality of engaging nature on its own terms we are open to a peace and serenity that is beyond description. 'Being' emotionally one with the environment we naturally treat it with utmost care and respect. The devastation and sense of disorder at Fort Funston and other areas is very emotionally painful for us to experience.



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JIMMY SAYS: "WE NEED TO ADHERE TO CODES OF CONDUCT TO PROTECT AND ENJOY OUR PARKS"