

**Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for Dog Management at
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA)
Technical Subcommittee**

DRAFT Regulated Off-Leash Area (ROLA):
Compilation of Proposed Characteristics

The following is a compilation of potential ROLA characteristics submitted to date by members of the Technical Subcommittee. This version reflects: (1) a joint submission from multiple off-leash advocacy organizations, (2) individual input from four Committee members, and (3) recommendations as documented in the November 8, 2006 Technical Subcommittee meeting summary.

Proposed characteristics generally supported by submissions or recommended by the Technical Subcommittee:

1. Any area identified as appropriate for off-leash dogwalking to be called a "Regulated Off-Leash Area," or ROLA.
2. Definition of responsible off-leash dog control in a ROLA: Dogs in a ROLA are to be kept under control at all times. Dogs are considered under control when they are within direct eyesight of the owner/handler and when they have the ability to immediately respond to their owner/handler. Dogs that annoy, harass, or attack people, wildlife, livestock or other dogs, leashed or unleashed, or which enter leash-required or dog-prohibited areas, are presumed to be not under control.
3. Dogs should be required to be licensed and wear an ID at all times.
4. All dog walkers must have a leash for each dog under their care.
5. Dog walkers must keep their dog(s) in sight at all times.
6. Signs that specify park hours and rules, including hours of use, limit on the number of dogs, *the need to pick-up their dog waste* [MOD], and the number for animal control/park patrol if there are problems.

Proposed characteristics not generally supported based on current language:

1. A process should be established for removing and then preventing aggressive dogs from using the park.
2. Enclosures must be no less than six ft high and two ft into the ground to prevent dogs from jumping over or digging under.
3. Double gate entry to keep dogs from “running for it,” *where practical* [MOD].
4. An enforceable maintenance and upkeep policy that uses community partners (i.e., dog groups) to help enforce the rules and maintain the ROLA. If this approach fails at a specific location the ROLA should be closed.
5. An enforceable (by citizens) commitment to enforce leash laws in those areas around but not designated as a ROLA.
6. A location with adequate drainage. [THIS CHARACTERISTIC WOULD SEEM TO APPLY PRINCIPALLY TO SMALLER ENCLOSED AREAS; THERE CURRENTLY ARE DIFFERENT VIEWS AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABOUT LIMITING ALL ROLA’S TO THIS SINGLE TYPE.]

Proposed characteristics or comments submitted to the Facilitation Team that have not been broadly reviewed:

1. Dogs owners must have proof of up-to-date vaccines (*COMMENT: not necessary if dogs are licensed and wearing tags – probably can be deleted*).
2. *Designate a separate small dog area so that small dogs can enjoy off leash recreation without the safety issues often seen with interactions between small and large dogs.*
3. *The Park should provide a water supply for recreating dogs in the ROLA that is constantly sanitized or adequate enough to prevent kennel cough and other contagious dog ailments.*
4. *Maximum of three dogs per person at one time.*
5. *Prohibit use of toys, food or other items that create aggressive behavior.*
6. *Increased fines for leash law violations.*
7. *Waste disposal bags and proper waste disposal containers should be provided by the Park.*
8. *Utilize locations that result in limited disturbance to wildlife (esp. threatened and endangered species).*