

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority ("Authority") has adopted "The Code of Jekyll Island-State Park of Georgia, 1997" ("Code"), effective July 13, 2009

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to amend Chapter XIV under Part IV of said Code to include all animals of pet origin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE JEKYLL ISLAND-STATE PARK AUTHORITY, that Chapter XIV under Part IV of said Code is hereby deleted in its entirety and an amended Chapter XIV under Part IV of said Code is hereby adopted to read as follows:

CHAPTER XIV: Pet Animal Ordinance

- 14-101 Restraint of all Animals of Pet Origin
- 14-102 Impounding
- 14-103 Post-impoundment procedure
- 14-104 Outdoor Feeding of Animals
- 14-105 Pets on Beaches and in Dunes
- 14-106 Removal of Fecal Matter
- 14-107 Animal Abandonment
- 14-108 Rabies
- 14-109 Penalties
- 14-110 Enforcement

- 14-101 Restraint of all Animals of Pet Origin.

Any owner or person having custody of an animal, including mammals (dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, hamsters among others) birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish, on Jekyll Island shall confine the animal to the premises of the owner or to the premises of someone authorized by the owner to have custody of the animal. When off the premises of the owner or custodian, such dogs, cats and other animals shall be in the care and immediate control of a competent person. An animal shall be presumed not to be in the care and immediate control of a person unless that person maintains the animal indoors, in a fenced yard, a proper cage in their yard, with electronic fence or collar, or on a hand held leash not more than sixteen (16) feet long.

- 14-102 Impounding.

The Authority or its duly authorized officers and agents may impound any and all animals running at large in violation of this ordinance. Impounded animals shall be removed from the island and handled in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

- 14-103 Post Impoundment Procedures.

If an owner's name and contact on a seized animal can be identified through information attached to a collar, microchip, a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag or other device, the owner shall be notified using the contact information on the animal. A seized animal with identification may be removed from the island and detained for a period of seven (7) days. If the animal is not claimed or redeemed by the owner or person harboring the animal within this period, the disposition of the seized animal shall be handled at the discretion of the Authority or its duly designated officer or licensed agent in such a manner as the officer or licensed agent having custody of the impounded animal may designate. The cost of redemption shall be an amount up to \$100, or an amount as may from time to time be established by the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority for the actual cost to the Authority or its duly designated officer or licensed agent for the boarding of the animal and, if needed, rabies vaccination, microchip, PIT identification installation, veterinary expenses that meet the contracted agencies selected protocol, and upkeep of files pertaining to the impounded animal. If the owner of a seized animal cannot be identified, it shall be held for seven (7) days in accordance with the above stated policy.

The disposition of seized animals shall be handled at the discretion of the Authority or its duly designated officer or licensed agent.

- 14-104 Outdoor Feeding of Animals

Maintaining outdoor feeding stations and/or feeding animals outside on a regular basis (except for bird feeders) is prohibited except under express permission of the Authority or its licensed agent. Should a stray, feral or displaced animal appear on your premises, the Authority or an Authority approved licensed agent may be contacted to pick up and humanely care for the animal. Feeding of such animals is permissible only from the time the Authority or its licensed agent is notified until the animals are under the care of the Authority or an Authority approved agent.

- 14-105 Pets on Beaches and in Dunes

It is prohibited for pets to be off leash and or running free on the beaches and dunes of Jekyll Island at any time. To protect nesting sea turtles and shorebirds, it is further prohibited for a pet, whether leashed or unleashed or otherwise, to be on the beaches or in the dunes of Jekyll Island from the boardwalk at the South Dunes Picnic area (Latitude 31.031854, Longitude -81.415358) south and around the southern tip of the island north to a point (Latitude 31.015594, Longitude -81.433926) or equivalent to 2,000 feet south of the St. Andrews Picnic area. This shall not apply to any animal operating as a guide dog or performing similar assistance for a disabled person.

- 14-106 Removal of Fecal Matter

It shall also be a violation of this ordinance for the owner of any dog or other animal to fail to immediately remove the fecal matter of such dog or animal from any portion of Jekyll Island.

- 14-107 Animal Abandonment

It is prohibited by Georgia Law to abandon any animal on Jekyll Island.

- 14-108 Rabies

The owner of a dog, cat or ferret must possess a current Certificate of Rabies Vaccination for each animal owned as provided for by the laws of Georgia. Georgia State law requires all dogs, cats and ferrets to have an in date rabies vaccination.

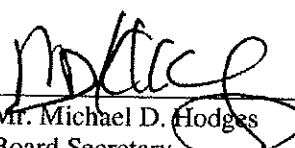
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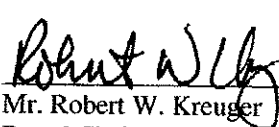
Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Pet Ordinance or fail to comply therewith, shall for each such failure or violation or noncompliance be punished as provided and stipulated by law.

- 14-110 Enforcement

The Pet Ordinance adopted herein shall be enforced by the Authority's Code Enforcement Officer or a designee of the Authority's Public Safety Department.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2009 by the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority pursuant to motion properly made and seconded and recorded in the minutes of the July, 2009, meeting of the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority.


Mr. Michael D. Hodges
Board Secretary


Mr. Robert W. Kreuger
Board Chairman