

ANIMAL POLICY

Non-Native Animal Policy to Protect Native and Endangered Species Catalina Island Conservancy

In 1999, due to an outbreak of canine distemper, the population of Catalina Island fox plummeted from an estimated 1300 animals to approximately 100 animals. The following requirements have been adopted for the Catalina Island fox and other native species to thrive on the Island. Compliance with the following requirements is necessary to bring non-native animals onto Conservancy property or to keep non-native animals on Conservancy property.

RESIDENT AND VISITING (NON-RESIDENT) NON-NATIVE ANIMALS – All non-native animals that are brought onto, or live on Catalina Island Conservancy property, must have a full series of vaccinations as specified below:

VACCINATIONS – Required vaccinations for cats and dogs are as follows, with requirements for other species to be determined by the license program director on a case-by-case basis. Each vaccination will be renewed annually, except for rabies which will be renewed every three years:

Dogs: Distemper Combination (DHLPPC - includes Corona and Leptovirus), Bordetella (kennel cough) and Rabies;

Cats: Distemper Combination (FVRCP), Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Rabies.

DISEASED ANIMALS – If any non-native animal shows signs of any disease, it must be immediately removed from Conservancy property and the Director of Conservation notified. Under no circumstances should sick animals be allowed on trails or roads until fully recovered from their illness to the satisfaction of the Director of Conservation.

CONTAINMENT / LEASHING – Dogs and cats may be loose only within the confines of homes and private, fenced yards, and are never permitted to roam on their own unsupervised. Dogs may be taken outside of the confines of homes and private, fenced yards provided they are leashed with a leash not to exceed 6 feet in length. Should injury or death to wildlife or other dogs occur, the owner, at the discretion of the Conservancy, may be required to remove the animal from Conservancy property or otherwise restrict the animal.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL FECES – Animal feces carries a multitude of parasites harmful to wildlife, and the Island fox is particularly sensitive to these parasites. All feces must be collected and disposed of appropriately (in the garbage). Cat boxes should be provided for cats within houses and cleaned routinely. All dog feces deposited along roads and trails, campgrounds or other Conservancy lands must be collected and removed from Conservancy land or deposited in a waste receptacle. Lessees of the Conservancy must provide a "pet waste station" on the leased premises with waste bags and disposal containers that can be securely closed and arrange for regular collection.

OUTDOOR FEEDING OF PETS – Feeding of pets is not allowed. At no time should food or garbage be left outside where wildlife or other feral animals can access it. Feeding of wildlife or feral cats is strictly prohibited.

SPEED LIMIT – Native and endangered species are frequently struck by vehicles and injured or killed. All island drivers are asked to be especially aware of the dangers to animals that vehicles pose, and at all times must observe the maximum 25 MPH speed limit across the island.

ENFORCEMENT – Failure to comply with this policy can result in removal of animals from Conservancy lands, loss of interior access and/or other restrictions deemed appropriate for the violation. Violation of this policy by any lessee of Conservancy property is a breach of lease covenants and, if not cured, can be a basis for a lease default under the terms of the lease.

SERVICE ANIMALS – Trained service animals are welcome in most Catalina Island Conservancy buildings, property and attractions. Service animals may be allowed into Catalina Island Conservancy employee housing with the tenant's permission.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Under titles II & III of the ADA, the following animals do not meet the legal definition as service animals:

- Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support without demonstrating a specific skill or service
- Service dogs in training
- Work animals, including:
 - Police dogs
 - Search & Rescue dogs and horses
 - Other trained or skilled animals (such as herd dogs, etc.)
 - Pets or other animals with no discernible skills or training

Staff or visitors who use service animals must retain control of their animals at all times and must keep them on a leash or harness while on Catalina Island Conservancy property, except in those situations where a leash or harness would prevent the animal from carrying out its duties as a service animal. Service animals must not disturb wildlife. Service animals must not be excessively noisy, except in those situations where the animal is performing its duties as a service animal, such as alerting its owner to an impending seizure, etc.

Service animals traveling in Catalina Island Company vehicles must fit on the owner's lap or at their feet, and may not impede other passenger's ability to enter or exit the vehicle. Service animals may occupy a seat in a commercial vehicle at no charge only if that seat is unoccupied by another customer.