

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Pet Prohibitions Chapter 41:03:01

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	November 3, 2022	Madison
	Public Hearing	December 8, 2022	Pierre
	Finalization	December 8, 2022	Pierre

COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Proposed changes:

- 1) Current administrative rule does not allow for pets in department camping facilities except under certain circumstances.
- 2) The proposed rule change would allow for customers to pay a pet fee and have their pet stay in the cabin or suite.
- 3) Pet would be defined as a domesticated dog or cat.

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Pet ownership continues to increase. Accommodations for pets in the travel industry have become a standard practice. This rule change would allow those people staying in a cabin, lodge, or suite within a state park to have their pet inside that facility during their stay. A pet accommodation fee of \$10 per reservation per facility is provided for in a separate proposal.

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:03:01:13. Pet prohibitions. A person may not allow or possess any pet in the state park system except as provided in this section:

- 1) From April 1 through September 30, the pet must be under immediate control on a leash not more than 10 feet long or under immediate control and more than 200 feet from other park users or designated camping areas;
- 2) From October 1 through March 31, leashes are not mandatory; however, the person shall keep the pet under immediate control;
- 3) The person may not allow or possess any pet on the Summit Trail at Bear Butte State Park;
- 4) The person may not allow or possess any pet on the George S. Mickelson Trail unless the pet is under immediate control on a leash not more than 10 feet long;

- 5) The person may not allow any pet in an area within 200 feet inland and 200 feet outward from the water's edge in an area owned, leased, managed, or controlled by the department and designated as a public swimming zone or in an area posted for no pets;
- 6) The person may not allow or possess any pet inside enclosed public buildings managed by the department in any state park, recreation area, nature area, or lakeside use area except:
 - a. a A person who requires the aid of a service animal;
 - b. ~~or a~~ A person who has received prior approval of the park manager; or
 - c. a dog or cat owned by person who has paid the pet accommodation fee pursuant to 41:03:04:03.02.
- 7) The person shall properly dispose of any pet waste left within the state park system; or
- 8) If the person maintains reasonable control of the dog, the person may allow or possess a dog that is not on a leash within a designated dog training area.

FISCAL IMPACT

This allowance and associated fee are intended to be in line with industry standards and to offset some of the additional cleaning fees expected with allowing pets in lodging facilities. The percentage of users that will utilize this service is unknown. The revenue generated nor additional expense is expected to have any significant impact on the Department's budget.

APPROVE _____ MODIFY _____ REJECT _____ NO ACTION _____