

August 27, 1990

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Rincon Mountain District
Saguaro National Monument
3693 Old Spanish Trail
Tucson, Arizona 85730-5699

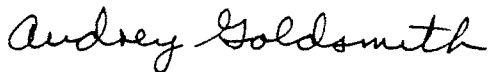
Dear Mr. Whitehead

Bill Shaw and I are finishing our study of the potential impacts of cats and dogs on wildlife in the Monument that was funded by the National Park Service through the University of Arizona. In our final report, due this winter, we would like to include a summary of incidents reported in the Monument involving cats or dogs.

I have spoken to several people, including Doug Thayer on August 2, and my impression is that relatively few incidents have occurred or been reported. I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with a list of incidents and their outcomes since 1980 in the Rincon Mountain District. I would also be interested in your own appraisal of the problem if there is one, and possible solutions.

Thank you in advance for your help. I can be reached at 624-1619 or leave a message at 621-7297.

Sincerely,



Audrey Goldsmith
Research Associate

cc: Bryan Swift
Bill Shaw

Saguaro Nat'l Park
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DATE: September 10, 1990

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: District Ranger, RMD, SAGU

SUBJECT: Potential Impacts of Cats and Dogs on Wildlife

TO: Chief Ranger, SAGU

Ms. Audrey Goldsmith at the University of Arizona of the School of Renewable Natural Resources has requested information on the above subject from the years 1980 to the present. The requested information is as follows:

- 1980-Case incident reports not on file.
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- 1982-Case incident reports not on file.
- 1983-Case incident reports not on file.
- 1984 through September 10, 1990 are on file.

I found the following documentation on stray dogs; there was no written documentation on stray cats.

CASE INCIDENT NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	DETAILS OF INCIDENT
840107	2-10-84	Entrance to one-way road of Cactus Forest Drive	Stray dog, Sheppard mix, weight 80 pounds. Had ID tag. Could not contact owner of dog. Dog turned over to Pima County Animal Control.
850595	10-10-85	Visitor Center area	Stray dog, no ID tag. Turned over to Pima County Animal Control.
850832	12-10-85	Visitor Center Parking area	Stray dog. Turned over to Pima County Animal Control.
860256	2-21-86	1/2 mile east of Douglas Springs Trailhead	Two stray dogs, Huskies, ID tags. Ranger identified with tags the owner. Dogs returned to owner who lives near Saguaro Nat'l Monument.
861484	12-12-86	Visitor Center area	Stray dog, no ID tags. Turned over to Pima County Animal Control.

I have worked at Saguaro National Monument and can recall incidents on the above subject that I could not find documented in the records. I know of the following incidents in regards to stray cats and dogs:

- About 1986 a maintenance employee observed six (6) large domestic dogs on a trail just north of Mica View Picnic area. They were observed several times by other employees over a period of several weeks. It was suspected that a neighbor near by was the owner of the dogs.

- June, 1986---Park Ranger caught a stray gray adult cat in a trap at his Government residence at Headquarters. Cat was turned over to the Pima County Animal Control Center.
 - 1986---A German Sheppard dog was observed on the Cactus Forest Drive four to five days. Rangers tried to catch the dog. Park Ranger shot the dog between Stops 5 and 6.
 - 1985---A fawn Mule Deer was observed being attacked by several dogs at Government residence in the Headquarters area. Park Ranger fended off dogs.
 - Spring, 1985---Two Park Rangers observed a stray adult German Sheppard with a young pup within Saguaro National Monument just north of Broadway Blvd. and east of Wentworth Road. Rangers caught the dogs and returned them to owner who lived nearby on Speedway Blvd.
 - 1985---A maintenance employee observed a pack of six dogs running loose on the Cactus Forest Trail just north of Mica View Picnic Area. These dogs were not caught. (See page 1).
 - December, 1986---Park Ranger observed a pack of four dogs on the Douglas Springs Trail about one-half mile east of the trailhead.
 - July, 1989---Two stray dogs attacked a sick/injured coyote near the Cactus Forest Drive within one-half mile east of the visitor center. Originally it was reported by visitors. A Park Ranger was dispatched to the scene. The coyote was dying from wounds suffered by the stray dogs. The Park Ranger disposed of the coyote with a firearm. The stray dogs were not caught.
 - April, 1980---A Park Ranger and a Maintenance Employee encountered an adult Golden Retriever just south of the Government housing area. This was not a stray dog, but this incident should be mentioned as the two park employees were in fear of their personal safety as the dog ran straight at them but did not attack. The dog was with two visitors at the time of the incident and was not under physical restraint. If you need the case incident on this particular incident it can be sent to you. There were no injuries in this incident.
- Summation: Documentation of incidents in reference to stray dogs and cats have not been retained prior to the year of 1984. I believe that better documentation could be done on this subject. I'm sure that there are a fair number of such incidents that occur that Park Ranger personnel are not aware of occurring.



Loren S. Whitehead
District Ranger

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CASE INCIDENT RECORD

1. ORGANIZATION CODE 1		2. ORGANIZATION (PARK) NAME Saguaro National Monument				3. LOCATION CODE		4. CASE/INCIDENT NO.				
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT Ston - Saguaro Forest Drive				6. WHEN DID IT OCCUR?		MO.	DAY	YR.	24 HOUR TIME	HRS.	MIN.	7. DAY OF WEEK
8. OFFENSE/INCIDENT CODE 2, 10, 10, 10		9. NATURE OF INCIDENT Dog (Stray)				10. HOW REPORTED 1. Person						
11. REPORTED BY Bob Ellis				12. ADDRESS SAGU				13. PHONE { HOME BUSINESS				
14. RECEIVED BY Loren Whitehead				15. WHEN RECEIVED: DATE 9-17-00				16. TIME BROADCAST N/A		17. WHEN INVESTIGATED DATE 9-17-00 TIME 1000		
18. INVESTIGATED BY Loren Whitehead				19. OFFICER/RANGER NO. 100524		20. WHEN CLEARED DATE 9-17-00 TIME 1000				DISPOSITION 21.		

22. INVOLVED PERSONS	23. ADDRESS	24. PHONE	25. SEX	26. RACE	27. AGE	28. DATE OF BIRTH
1						
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29. DETAILS OF INCIDENT

A black short haired adult dog was found by the reporting person. The dog had current rabies tags. Also, the owners name, address, and phone number was on a tag attached to the collar.

Owner: Kiba G. Blevlezing
12441 East 5th St.
Tucson, AZ 85748
Home Phone - 296-4459

The owner was contacted and they picked up their dog on 9-17-00.

30. QUANTITY	31. PROPERTY STOLEN OR DAMAGED	32. ESTIMATED VALUE	RECOVERED	
			33. DATE	34. VALUE
35. PROPERTY CODE OF HIGHEST VALUE		36. TOTAL	37. TOTAL	
INVESTIGATED BY (Signature and Date) <i>Loren Whitehead</i> 9-17-00		APPROVED BY (Signature and Date)		

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The following is a selected list of pet incidents in the Tucson Mtn. District of Saguaro N.M.. In compiling the list I did not include simple "dog off leash" incidents unless there were other significant aspects of the incidents. I have included dates, significant details, and case numbers if applicable.

1990

- 01/25/90: CI#90-2042. Pack of 9 dogs ~~attacks~~ ^{threatens} hiker on Hugh Norris Trail. The trail was closed. Attempts at tranquilizing, trapping, or shooting them fails with the exception of one dog which was caught and impounded. Several of the dogs were later found at a local residence. On 02/22/90 the resident turned over 4 of his dogs to Pima County Animal Control (PCAC) to be euthanized. The owner reported his dogs often ran loose and returned injured due to encounters with wildlife. On one occasion they returned with the head of a javelina. The owner was cited by rangers for his dogs' activities.
- 02/10/90: #90-2090 & 90-2091. Two dogs running loose in monument were caught and impounded. The owner was not located.
- 03/17/90: #90-2160. One German shepherd-type dog was seen running loose in the monument. Rangers were unable to catch the dog, but later the dog was seen at its owners' residence near the monument. The owner was given a verbal warning.
- 03/29/90: #90 2187. One white male terrier mix running loose in the monument was taken to PCAC for adoption.
- 03/29/90: #90-2188. One female pit bull running loose in the monument was caught and taken to PCAC to be euthanized.
- 05/31/90: CI#90-2268. One male tan terrier caught in monument was taken to PCAC for disposal.
- 05/31/90: #90-2042. Several dogs which have been seen loose in the monument, including one dog identified by visitors as a "wolf", were seen at the house of a local resident. No further action was taken.
- 06/02/90: #90-2042. Two dogs were seen running loose in the monument. The ranger chased them with the intent of shooting them, but the dogs escaped.
- 10/06/90:. Four dogs were following horseback riders in the monument. Due to extenuating circumstances the ranger who could have caught them did not. The dogs followed the horses out of the monument. Apparently they are local dogs.
- 10/09/90:. Four dogs (different than 10/06) were seen loose and heading for a watering hole frequented by wildlife. The dogs were not able to be caught by the rangers.

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1989

- 01/17/89: #89-2062. Two dogs were seen running loose in the monument. They were not caught.
- 01/21/89: #89-2085. Two dogs were seen running loose in the monument (same dogs as 01/17/89) and returned on their own to a local residence. The case was turned over to PCAC.
- 03/04/89: #89-2258. One German shepherd seen running loose in monument. The case was turned over to PCAC.
- 07/11/89: #89-2539. Two dogs seen running loose in the monument were caught and taken to PCAC to be impounded. The owner (local resident) called and claimed the dogs. On 07/15 the same dogs were again loose in the monument. They were caught and turned over to PCAC. The owner declined to pay the impound fee. The dogs were put up for adoption and the owner was cited by PCAC.

1988

- 01/28/88: #88-2143. Two dogs, probably belonging to a local resident, were seen running loose in the monument, but could not be caught.
- 12/10/88: #88-3069. One dog was found loose in the monument, caught by rangers, and turned over to PCAC. They identified the owner and cited her.
- 12/23/88: #88-3122. A pack of 4 dogs was seen running loose in the monument. The rangers were unable to catch the dogs.
- 12/24/88: #88-3116. One dog, probably a local dog, was running loose in the monument, but could not be caught.
- 12/28/88: #88-3140. Two pit bulls were seen running loose in the monument, but were gone by the time the rangers arrived.

1987

- 04/01/87: #87-2426. One dog was observed running along the road within the monument, but it could not be caught.
- 06/17/87: #87-2840. Two dogs were reported running loose in the monument, one of them chasing a lizard. The dogs could not be caught and the owners were not located.

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- 01/11/86: #86-2047. One dog was seen running along the road in the monument. No action was taken.
- 01/12/86: #86-2042. An injured dog was reported by a visitor, but was gone by the time the ranger arrived.
- 02/10/86: #86-2192. A visitor reported 3 dogs attacking a javelina in the monument. None of the animals could be found by the ranger.
- 02/21/86: #86-2211. A dog was found in the monument running loose. The dog belonged to a local resident. The dog was returned to its owner who was issued a citation.
- 09/22/86: #86-2896. A dog off leash in the monument with its owners was mauled by a javelina.

1985

- 02/10/85: #85-2131. Two women with their 3 dogs were seen in King's Canyon Wash. The dogs were seen tearing up vegetation and digging. The owners were cited and became abusive and hostile toward the ranger.
- 04/27/85: #85-2358. Two dogs were seen running loose in the monument with no known owners. The ranger had to leave the scene for a priority call.
- 04/28/85: #85-2365. Two hunting dogs were seen running loose in the monument with no observed owner nearby. Attempts to catch them were unsuccessful.
- 08/22/85: #85-2517. Three dogs running loose in the monument were caught and taken by PCAC.
- 09/01/85: #85-2561. Dogs were reported bothering visitors in the monument. The ranger had to respond to a higher priority call.