The Parks and Reserves of the Northern Territory are set aside as conservation and recreation areas for you to enjoy and for native animals to live in safety.

To keep our parks as great places for people and native animals, pets are generally not permitted in Northern Territory Parks and Reserves.

Exceptions to the Rules:
Seeing and hearing guide dogs are permitted in all Parks. They must however, be held on a leash by the owner at all times. A permit is not required.

Some Parks have designated areas (listed on the back of this sheet), they are generally carparks. This allows dog owners to visit some sites with their animals. Dogs must be tied up and provided with shade and water. However, there are also some Parks in which designated areas have been set aside for you to walk your dog on a leash.

Rules concerning taking pets into Northern Territory Parks and Reserves have become necessary because:

• dogs and cats are hunters by nature and will kill native birds and animals if given a chance;
• barking dogs scare native animals and annoy visitors;
• pets can foul picnic areas, creating a health hazard.

Our National Parks are the best chance that wildlife has of surviving in today’s world. Contribute to the conservation effort by leaving your pets at home.

Dogs may be used during the hunting season in Northern Territory Hunting Reserves. You must obtain a permit from the Parks and Wildlife Commission first and keep all dogs on a leash when not hunting.

The four designated hunting reserves are:
Harrison Dam
Howard Springs Hunting Reserve
Lambells Lagoon
Shoal Bay Coastal Reserve.

Before you visit Northern Territory Parks and Reserves, check with the local Parks and Wildlife office. Be sure of the conditions relating to pets in the Parks you are visiting.

Separate rules apply for taking horses, donkeys, mules and camels (or any other animals) into Northern Territory Parks and Reserves. For further information contact the regional offices listed below.

Where Can I Leave my Pet?
If it is necessary for your pet to travel with you, it makes sense to check ahead and see where you can leave them whilst visiting certain Parks.

A range of dog kennels and catteries exist near most major towns. Advice on these facilities can be obtained from local regional Tourism Associations:

• Tourism Top End - (08) 8980 6000,
• Katherine Visitor Centre - (08) 8972 2650,
• Tourism Central Australia - (08) 8952 5800.

Park visitors found to be in breach of these regulations are subject to on-the-spot fines.
Dogs may only be taken into designated areas in the following Parks and Reserves, mostly in the carpark only. It is your responsibility to check park fact sheets or signs, or find out from a Ranger where designated areas are within the Park or Reserve.

**Darwin Region**
- George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens - on lead in some areas, off lead in others
- Casuarina Coastal Reserve - on lead in some areas, off lead in others
- Holmes Jungle Nature Park - walking tracks and carparks
- Buffalo Creek Management Area - carpark only
- Mary River Crossing - carpark only
- Ooloo Crossing - on lead, whole park

**Katherine Region**
- Judbarra / Gregory National Park - carpark only
- Nitmiluk - carpark only

**Tennant Creek - Alice Springs Regions**
- Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve - carpark only
- Attack Creek Historical Reserve - on lead, whole park
- Central Mt Stuart Historical Reserve - on lead, whole park
- Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve - carpark only
- Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve - carpark only
- John Flynn’s Grave Historical Reserve - carpark only
- John Flynn Historical Reserve - carpark only
- Owen Springs Reserve - south of Waterhouse Range
- Ryan Well Historical Reserve - carpark only
- Tennant Creek Telegraph Station - carpark only
- Watarrka National Park - carpark only