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NDLOVUMZI PET POLICY

Objectives of the Ndlovumzi Pet Policy:

- To protect and preserve any natural fauna and flora present on Ndlovumzi;
- To prevent any pets becoming a nuisance and to manage disturbances to other Owners, visitors and guests on Ndlovumzi.

In order to achieve these objectives, the following is applicable:

- The NGA constitution is applicable to this policy and rules will be applied strictly and consistently.
- The Ndlovumzi Pet Policy is binding between owners, visitors, tenants and the NGA.
- The policy will be in force from the date of ratification.
- Pets are permitted as detailed in Annexure A.
- Pets must not hunt wildlife.
- Pets must not roam freely beyond the confines of their owners' homestead and must be under the **complete control** of owners when outside of their camp.
- The management and control of pets remains the responsibility of the owner at all times and owners are required to deal with any excessive barking and nuisance behaviour. Visitors' pets fall under the management and control of the respective Owner whose camp is being visited.
- All pets must be included on the Ndlovumzi Pet Register as per Schedule B.
- All pets must be vaccinated in accordance with current legislation as per Schedule C.

Annexure A:

Allowed	Not Permitted
Canines	New felines
*Existing felines	Birds
* Existing birds	Reptiles (Snakes, Lizards, Tortoises, etc.)
*Existing indigenous reptiles	Amphibians
	Domestic Farm animals
	Exotic animals

Felines pose a particular threat to the reserve. Domestic felines may interbreed with the African Wild Cat and therefore pose a serious threat to this species. Even if spayed or neutered, feline males or females, pose a real threat to birdlife and small animal life on the reserve. A special concession will be made for an existing pet feline that is currently kept at a camp. A pet registration form must be completed for each feline. Proof that the feline has been spayed/neutered must be given to the committee after which a pet feline permit will be issued for each feline. Any pet feline that dies may ***not*** be replaced and no future permits for a pet feline will be issued once the Pet Policy is in force.

Existing birds and other exotic species are permitted for the remainder of their natural lives. On their death, they are ***not*** permitted to be replaced.

Where applicable (for existing indigenous species), all **relevant permits** must be in place and copies submitted to the Ndlovumzi Reserve Manager.

All enclosures used to house existing indigenous reptiles must be inspected and approved by Chris Cooke (Hoedspruit Reptile Centre) in order to ensure suitability and safety.

All **domestic farm animals**, including horses, cattle, sheep, goats, donkeys, pigs, poultry, ducks, geese, chickens, etc. are prohibited as they not only represent a threat of transmitting disease to our wildlife, but also are additionally totally contrary to the Objectives of the Reserve as contained in the Constitution.

Due to the high risk of escape and interaction with indigenous wildlife, as well as in keeping with the principles of Ndlovumzi Nature Reserve, the keeping as pets of **all other indigenous fauna, exotic wildlife and birds** is prohibited, irrespective of whether they are kept in enclosures or are free-roaming.

***Existing as of date of ratification of this Pet Policy for the remainder of their natural lives. No replacement is permitted.**

Annexure B: Pet Registration Form

Must be completed for each existing pet and handed to the manager within 30 days after becoming a NGA member in case of new owners. Guests/tenants need to have submitted this form at least 2 days before arrival. Pets that have not been registered before entering the reserve, may be denied entry.

PET REGISTRATION FORM

Owner, Tenant or Guest Information

Owner, tenant or guest:		Camp number:	
Full name:			
Mobile number:			
Email address:			

Pet Information

Name:			
Breed:			
Male/female:	MALE / FEMALE	Spayed/neutered:	YES / NO
Age:		Colour:	
Short/long haired:			
Is the pet microchipped?	YES / NO	Microchip Number:	

Vet Information

Name of practice:	
Name of doctor:	
Contact number:	
Email:	

A completed registration form for each pet, copy of up-to-date vaccination certificate along with a recent clear photograph is to be submitted to the reserve manager ndlovumzireservemanager@gmail.com

Official Use Only:

Up To Date VET Certificate Received	YES / NO
Rabies Vaccination Current	YES / NO
Next Rabies Vaccination Due Date	
Recent Photograph Received Of Pet	YES / NO
Approval Granted and Sent To Owner, Tenant or Guest via email	YES / NO

Annexure C: Vaccination requirements

In order to protect the local indigenous fauna, it is important that appropriate steps are taken to ensure that domestic pets do not introduce any diseases into the wild population, while at the same time, making sure out domestic pets do not contract any diseases from the local wildlife. Ensuring appropriate vaccinations are carried out and kept current is an important step in protecting both domestic pets as well as the local wildlife species.

Canines

Vaccination	Frequency
Rabies (Core)	3 years ¹
CPV, CDV, CAV-2 (Core)	3 years

Felines:

Vaccination	Frequency
Rabies (Core)	3 Years – annual if a pet is traveling
FPV, FHV-1, FCV (Core)	

Note:

The above vaccination schedule is based on the South African Veterinary Council published guidelines accessible on <http://www.sava.co.za/2018/07/19/vaccination-guidelines/>. However, it should be noted that despite these guidelines, animals in high-risk areas or lifestyles should be vaccinated annually.

It is recommended to discuss your animal's vaccination schedule with your veterinarian so that they can best judge what is required for your pet given its age, lifestyle, health and areas to be visited.