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From: David Brokensha [mailto:david@fishhoek.com]
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To: 'helen.jordaan@capetown.gov.za'
Subject: Dogs on Beach Fish Hoek

Dear Helen Jordaan,

I am dismayed by the proposal to enforce leashes on dogs, at certain hours, on the beach between the Lighthouse and Clovelly.

I am a 91-year-old resident of Fish Hoek, not a dog owner, who has walked this stretch of beach in the early mornings, nearly every day for 15 years.

One of the main pleasures that I derive from my beach walks is watching the dogs greeting each other, playing, retrieving a ball and generally enjoying themselves, if you pardon the anthropomorphism. What Mother Grundy is now seeking to curb these harmless activities?

I have been most impressed by the punctilious manner in which virtually all dog owners pick up their dogs' droppings. (Before moving to Fish Hoek in 1999, we lived for 10 years in London, where the dog owners were much more casual about picking up after their dogs.)

I do hope that you will reconsider this mean-spirited and unnecessary proposal.

Yours sincerely,

(Professor) David Brokensha

Helan Jordaan was chairing a committee investigating demands for dogs to be on leashes on our beaches.

I added "Professor" so that they might take me more seriously, but it really is cheating, my anthropology gives me no special knowledge of dogs.