



June 9, 2017

**Memorandum**

**To:** Presidio Trust Board of Directors

**From:** Jean S. Fraser, Chief Executive Officer 

**Subject:** Written Determination: Establishment of Closures of Portions of Area B to Dogs for Public Health and Safety – Aggressive Coyote Activity

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Using my authority as the Chief Executive Officer of the Presidio Trust, under Presidio Trust Board Resolution 04-15, *Authority of Executive Director to Establish Public Use Limits and Closures*, on June 7, 2017, I determined that it was necessary to temporarily prohibit all dogs on or off-leash from certain designated areas of the Presidio due to aggressive coyote activity.

This action to close portions of the Presidio to a specific activity is necessary to protect public health and safety; less restrictive measures will not suffice. I am taking this precaution to protect people and dogs in response to recent reports of aggressive coyote behavior toward both on and off-leash dogs in the Presidio. During pupping season, coyotes are especially protective of their pups, and parent coyotes may exhibit aggressive behaviors when they encounter other canines. I expect these temporary closures to reoccur, as necessary, on an annual basis during coyote pupping season, or at other times when aggressive coyote behavior is observed.

The duration and scope of these temporary closures will be limited to ensure that the closures are not too restrictive. Locations of closures will be limited to specific trails and other public use areas in close proximity to known coyote dens or where aggressive coyote behavior has been observed. The duration of closures will be limited to all or portions of the coyote pupping season, spring through fall, or at other times when aggressive coyote behavior is observed. With these limitations in place, the closures will not be of such a nature, magnitude or duration that they would: result in a significant alteration in the public use pattern of Area B; adversely affect the natural aesthetic, scenic or cultural values of Area B; require a long-term or significant modification in the resource management objectives of Area B; or be significantly controversial.

The public will be notified of all trail and area closures taken under this written determination by posted signage at affected locations, including trail entry points, as well as brochures, maps, handouts, or other announcements distributed in hard copy or through electronic media.

Effective as of June 7, 2017, the Park Trail between West Pacific Avenue and Crissy Field and the Bay Area Ridge Trail between Arguello Boulevard and Rob Hill Campground are temporarily closed to all dogs on or off-leash. A map depicting this closure area is available at [www.presidio.gov/coyote](http://www.presidio.gov/coyote). The subject trails will be reopened to dogs after pupping season ends in August or September 2017 or when it is otherwise determined that this action is no longer necessary to protect public health and safety.