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Dr. Les Sims Senior Veterinary Officer Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department By fax: 2311-3731

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Dear Les,

Re Dangerous Dog Regulation

Thank you for your paper on testing dogs of a leash.

I am fully in support of allowing dogs to be off leash in designated country parks. I am also happy to know that AFCD agrees in principle that dogs could be off leash in non-urban areas that are similar to country parks but have not been so designated.

However, to require that a dog needs to be tested before it can be allowed to be off leash in areas that are like country parks, but not so designated, does <u>NOT</u> make sense if you allow it to be off leash in country parks since the conditions are entirely similar. Your justifications given in your fax to me are unpersuasive. Perhaps you can concentrate on the 'mischief' rather than create something that is simply administratively easy for you. Can you pinpoint the kind of nuisance and dangerous behavior you want to control for instead?

Yours sincerely,

Christine Loh

cc. Subcommittee on Resolution under s.3 of the Dogs and Cats Ordinance (Cap. 167) and Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Ordinance 1997 (97 of 1997) (Commencement) Notice 1999