

## REGULATIONS REGARDING YOUR PET ...

🐕 ***Pets must be kept on a leash six feet or less at all times.*** Your compliance will ensure a safe and happy visit to Blue Sky for your pet, and other reserve visitors.

🐕 ***Pets must be picked up after.*** Dogs can transmit disease to wild animals without coming into contact with them. Wildlife may smell or eat dog feces. Doggie bag dispensers can be found in the parking lot, at the trailhead, and at the trail junction to Lake Poway. Several garbage cans can be found along the trail to make disposal convenient.

🐕 ***Dogs must stay on the main trail (Green Valley Truck Trail),*** and are not permitted on the Creekside Trail, or in the Oak Grove. This area is of particular importance to wildlife for food and water.



🐕 ***Dogs should never be allowed to disturb or chase any kind of wildlife.***

## PROTECT WILDLIFE IN THEIR HOME!

Blue Sky Ecological Reserve provides a permanent sanctuary for native wildlife and vegetation.

As pressures from expanding human population increases, places like Blue Sky become even more important as refuges for diminishing wildlife.

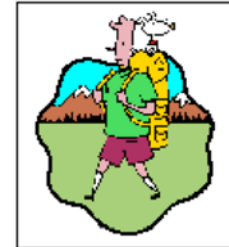
**We all need to work together to preserve healthy and diverse native populations.**

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## Blue Sky Ecological Reserve



## Protecting your Pet and Wildlife!



## FOR YOUR PET'S SAFETY AND COMFORT...

- Vaccinating your pet against rabies is very cheap insurance against this disease. Leave unvaccinated pets at home - don't put your dog or wildlife at risk.
- Jog or hike within your dog's limits, and bring water for them. Dogs do not eliminate heat as efficiently as humans.
- Keep nails trimmed - long nails will hurt their feet during and after a hike.
- Are your dog's footpads tough enough for the trail? Check for cracks or sores before going on your hike.



## ALSO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ....!

### TICKS

Pets can pick up and distribute parasites (tapeworms, fleas and ticks). Ticks carry a variety of diseases, including Lyme disease. Check your dog during and after each hike, particularly around the ears, neck and the underbelly. Tick prevention measures are available for dogs.

### POISON OAK

Dogs can transmit poison oak to you. Avoid poison oak by keeping your dog on the trails. If you know your dog has come into contact with poison oak give him/her a bath as soon as you get home. If traveling by car, make sure you clean the car seat too!

## Local Veterinary Hospitals with antivenin on hand to treat rattlesnake bites

### Midland Animal Clinic

14210 Midland Road, Poway 92064

**Tel: 858-748-4412**

*Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

### Bernardo Heights Veterinary Hospital

15721 Bernardo Heights Parkway, Suite K

San Diego, 92128

**Tel: 858-485-9111**

*Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.*

*Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

### Animal Medical Hospital of Poway

14031 Poway Road, Poway 92064

**Tel: 858-748-5989**

*Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

### Poway Animal Hospital

12219 Poway Road, Poway 92064

**Tel: 858-748-3326**

*Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

*Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

## EMERGENCY CLINICS (Evenings and Holidays)

### Animal Emergency Clinic

12775 Poway Road, Poway 92064

**Tel: 858-748-7387**

*Overnight Mon - Fri: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.*

### Animal Urgent Care & Specialty Group

2430-A South Escondido Blvd.

Escondido 92025

760-738-9600

*Overnight Mon - Fri: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.*

*24 Hours - Weekends and Holidays*

## TREATMENT FOR RATTLESNAKE BITES

Be prepared to guard your dog against rattlesnakes! When a dog sees or hears a rattlesnake, he/she will naturally be curious and want to explore. Dogs, once they run up to a rattlesnake will be bitten on the face or on a front leg. Swelling and pain will begin within seconds. If a rattlesnake bites your dog, he/she will need emergency veterinary care to give your dog the best chance of recovery.



## POSSIBLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES INCLUDE:

### Vaccination

Vaccinations are available and, although not complete protection, may greatly reduce the amount of antivenin a pet might need when bitten. Check with your veterinarian.

### Rattlesnake Avoidance Training

Rattlesnake avoidance training can teach your dog to avoid the danger of being bitten by a rattlesnake. It teaches them to respond, with aversion, to the sound, smell and visual stimulus of a rattlesnake and therefore avoid being bitten by one.