Why you can’t bring your dog to Kleb Woods Nature Preserve

Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome in Harris County Precinct Three parks. Commissioner Steve Radack, an avid animal enthusiast, is a big fan of “man’s best friend.” That’s why he worked so hard to develop five dog parks just for those who want to enjoy nature with their pets.

But the animal kingdom is a large one and Commissioner Radack must be a good steward of all wildlife in his system of parks. That means protecting wildlife at the Kleb Woods Nature Preserve – a special use facility purchased with a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife so it could be used specifically as a wildlife habitat and nature preserve.

Simply put, that means this: There’s a lot of wildlife in that special tract of land we call Kleb Woods. There are birds, deer and other animals too numerous to catalog. Recent studies have shown that dogs, even those on leashes, basically drive other wildlife from the area. We’re trying to keep wildlife thriving at Kleb Woods so park patrons of all ages can enjoy it and learn more about the wonders of nature. That’s why Commissioner Radack and his staff work so hard to provide educational programs at Kleb Woods centered on the rich history of the area and the opportunity to observe wildlife in a lush and natural habitat.

So, while we understand your desire to share in the Kleb Woods experience with your dog at your side, we must respectfully ask that you not do so. We apologize for any inconvenience and would only hope you understand this policy decision was only made after we consulted experts, studied the issue carefully and found scientific data to confirm this is what’s best for Kleb Woods and the wildlife there.

But, as mentioned above, we love our dogs too. Commissioner Radack has been among the most progressive leaders in the nation when it comes to the development of dog parks. He has developed five parks for people to indulge their dogs. These are: the Millie Bush Dog Park, 16756 Westheimer Parkway, in George Bush Park; the Danny Jackson Family Dog Park, 4828 ½ Loop Central Dr., near Loop 610 and Westpark; a dog park in Congressman Bill Archer Park, 3201 Highway 6 North; Horsepen Creek Dog Park 9402 Barker Cypress and Beverly Kaufman Dog Park located in Katy at Paul D. Rushing Park, 9114 Katy Hockley Road. These facilities have their own set of rules. Please visit the Precinct Three website at www.pct3.com for more information.

And thank you for understanding the policy at Kleb Woods and for joining our fight to protect something that belongs to future generations.