



Being a responsible pet owner helps maintain livability and quality of life. Neighbors and owners benefit, and pets do too.

If you are applying at a pet friendly community, your pet must be registered and approved at www.petscreening.com, before your community application can be finalized.

Emotional support animals and service animals must be registered and approved through www.petscreening.com before your community application can be finalized.

HELP US HELP YOU

- Spay/neuter pets. Studies prove that spayed or neutered animals are less likely to roam.
- Keep pets on a leash no more than 10-feet long. Not only is this the law, it helps prevent the pet from getting lost or chasing another animal and not returning.
- Keep identification tags on pets because they can help return animals to their owners faster.
- Make sure your pet is registered and approved to live in the community.
- Please read and sign the pet guidelines for your community.

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Can I leave my pet in a motor vehicle?

Animals should never be left in a motor vehicle during summer or winter. Doing so can place them in a dangerous situation, and it's against state law.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, even with windows cracked open, the temperature in a vehicle can rise by 30 degrees within 20 minutes. The longer a pet is in a car, the higher the temperature goes. In the winter, a vehicle retains the cold which can cause frostbite and other serious problems. If a pet cannot leave the vehicle, it's recommended to leave it at home.

If law enforcement staff finds an animal in dangerous conditions, it will be removed. The owner will be notified and is responsible for applicable fees.

Anyone observing an animal left in a vehicle is asked to call 911.



RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP



Answers to frequently asked questions about pets

How many animals are allowed in a household?

Each residential household may have up to 2 dogs, or 2 indoor cats, provided they receive proper care and approval through pet screening.

If there are concerns about the number of animals at a residence complete a written complaint and submit it to the community office.

Should I report an animal bite?

Yes. Pets that bite are a risk to public safety. Anytime a person or pet is involved in an incident where another pet attacks, call 911. This will allow public safety staff to document the incident and verify the animal has current vaccinations and is not showing signs of rabies.

Immediately report the incident to the community office.

Why is it important to clean-up animal waste?

Cleaning up after pets shows courtesy to neighbors, reduces exposure to parasites, keeps storm drains and local water systems free of these pollutants, enhances neighborhood livability by keeping the yard, boulevard and park clean and it's the law.

Residents are required to clean up animal waste on public and private property and asked to remove it from their yards and dispose of properly.

How do I register my dog or cat?

- www.petscreening.com

Information required for registration includes name, address, telephone number, rabies tag number, current shot records, microchip photos and any other descriptive information.

Is it required for dogs and cats to have rabies vaccinations?

Yes. Dogs and cats living in the community must have a current rabies vaccination because of the risk this disease poses to the public.

Are microchips required to be implanted in pets?

While a microchip is not required for most pets, should an animal get lost, microchips help staff in animal control, veterinary hospitals and shelters identify a pet's owner more quickly. Microchips provide permanent identification and are especially helpful for pets who do not keep collars or tags on. A microchip is required for dogs declared dangerous or potentially dangerous.

What's considered an animal noise annoyance?

Dogs or cats that make noise (such as barking, howling or crying) for more than five minutes, or intermittent noise that lasts longer than one hour anytime of day or night are considered annoyances. Failure to stop the annoyance results in:

1. First incident - Written warning letter for violation of pet guidelines.

2. Second incident - In accordance with pet rules, the community can require the pet to be removed based on violation of pet guidelines.

Who should I call if I have an animal complaint that is not an emergency?

Although the situation may not be an emergency, complete a written complaint and submit it to the community office. This is the most efficient method of having the situation dealt with promptly.

Can my animal run loose without a leash?

Dogs and cats must be on a leash (no more than 10-feet long) when in the community. Dogs or cats found running loose in the community will be impounded. Owners who continue to let pets run freely are subject to the pet being required to be removed, in accordance with the pet guidelines.

How do I report a concern about an animal's welfare?

Call 911. The identity of the concerned citizen is protected. Providing a name and phone number is helpful for follow-up questions. Also, complete a written complaint and submit it to the community office.