

Chapter 2

ANIMAL CONTROL*

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* **Note**—All fees and charges are subject to change by the Board of Directors without notice. All rules and regulations are subject to the enforcement policy in Section 1-1.

WOODBIDGE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION CODE

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Section 2-1. Enforcement Procedures.

(a) The Woodbridge Village Association's Board of Directors has adopted policies pertaining to animal control. In recognition of the need for animal control within Woodbridge and the residents' right to enjoyment of the Association, procedures were defined which would provide homeowners with the most efficient method to handle animal problems, and a reasonable and equitable policy for the Association to use for the purpose of processing animal questions and complaints.

(b) The City of Irvine Animal Control is a public service agency designed to provide residents in Irvine with varying levels of animal services, including but not limited to dog and cat nuisance response, opossum inquiries, pet adoption programs and vaccination clinics. We recognize that the City's program and their ability to enforce the standards have been very beneficial to Woodbridge residents, and we continue to encourage all residents to contact the City when a particular animal question or problem needs to be resolved.

- (1) The Association's Community Services Division will monitor verbal and written complaints concerning dogs off leash and/or dog excreta nuisance within the covered property, including any common area, highway, street, alley or other public place or upon private property or premises, other than his own lot, in Woodbridge. A citation will be issued to the animal's owner if the violation is observed by the Association's staff members and, if not corrected, may result in fines levied against the animal's owner for such violation by the Board of Directors.
- (2) Written complaints received by the Association concerning barking dogs in private, public or common areas will be processed for a hearing by the Association if the alleged nuisance has affected at least three (3) other homeowners, residing on separate lots, in the neighborhood. A written statement must be submitted to the Woodbridge Village Association along with the signatures of the other affected homeowners, stating the particulars (dates and times) of the alleged nuisance. All homeowners signing the statement must be willing to attend a Board of Directors meeting, to which the animal's owner has also been invited, for a hearing. The homeowner submitting the complaint should also submit evidence that the City of Irvine was contacted about the nuisance. In addition, the Association may monitor the alleged nuisance and will issue a citation to the animal's owner if appropriate.
- (3) The Association will refer all residents to the City of Irvine if an alleged domestic animal (dog or cat) control problem exists on residential private property, or if the problem concerns an undomesticated animal such as birds, opossums, coyotes, etc.

(c) All other complaints and inquiries concerning dogs, cats and other wildlife should be processed with the City of Irvine. Please contact the Woodbridge Community Relations Department at (714) 786-1800, for additional information, or contact the City of Irvine Animal Control office.

Section 2-2. Authority to Enforce Animal Regulations.

The Woodbridge Village Association's Board of Directors, and/or their designate(s), are authorized to enforce Animal Regulations and to issue citations which may result in fines to residents who violate any such regulations.

Section 2-3. Leash Required.

(a) No person owning or having charge, care or custody of any dog shall cause or allow the dog to run at large within the covered property upon any highway, street, alley or other public place, or upon any private property or premises other than his own lot without written consent of the owner or lessee of such land unless such dog is restrained by a substantial leash, not to exceed six (6) feet in length, and in the charge of a person competent to restrain such dog. (Similar to City of Irvine Ordinance, Section IV E-701).

(b) Owners may take their dogs into the retention basin during posted hours. Pets are allowed to run free without a leash in the retention basin provided they do not go into or damage the existing garden plots or become a threat to people or other pets using the basin. (Added 8-2-00)

Section 2-4. Animals Prohibited in Facilities and Other Designated Areas.

(a) Pets are not allowed in any Association facility unless in conjunction with a special Association program where pets are permitted.

(b) Dogs and all other animals are not permitted to swim in the Woodbridge Lakes and are not allowed inside Woodbridge pool facilities and other designated areas. No dog or animal shall be leashed to a facility fence or gate or other Association-owned property.

(c) Subject to prior registration and approval by the Board, service dogs shall be allowed into Association facilities when accompanied by the handler/resident, provided the following conditions are met:

- (1) The service dog must wear the appropriate service assistance dog gear on its body; and
- (2) that a medical doctor has submitted a signed letter to the Association, acceptable to the Board, noting that a disability exists that requires the presence of this animal with the handler/resident; and
- (3) that at no time will any service animal be allowed within the Woodbridge Village Association bodies of water, including all pools, spas, waders, lagoons or lakes; and
- (4) and that the handler/resident have, at all times, the proper equipment and materials to clean up service dog excrement.

(Amended 10-05-05)

Section 2-5. Excreta Nuisance.

(a) No owner or person having custody of any animal shall permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to commit any nuisance by leaving its excreta and allow such nuisance to therefore remain in common areas or other public places.

(b) Dog owners must comply with all sanitary practices and control dogs so as not to destroy, ruin or otherwise damage common areas.

Section 2-6. Dog Noise.

No person should permit a dog, which by sound or cry shall disturb the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, if such is determined at a hearing conducted in accordance with the Animal Control Rule enforcement procedures.

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