

## **PET POLICY**

There will be a maximum of two pets per household (not including fish and small caged animals).

No pets will be permitted in the common house. The Community reserves the option to approve service animal exceptions on an as needed basis. Visiting pets are expected to follow the pet policy. Members are responsible for ensuring the policy is followed for their visiting pets.

If a pet(s) becomes a problem to the community, there will be a mandatory mediation process, and the community has the power to exclude or restrict an individual pet. Within our decision-making policy, this means that consensus to take action regarding an individual pet cannot be blocked unless it can be shown that the block is in the best interest of the community as a whole. All outdoor pets will be spayed or neutered. Pet owners must use flea control measures adequate to prevent fleas.

## **INDOOR PETS**

Pets residing in private homes may not cause disturbance or threat to the neighbors. Outdoor pet rules will apply to indoor pets that accidentally get loose. The community strongly recommends that all indoor pets be spayed or neutered.

## **OUTDOOR PETS**

The community will require that noise from pets that are outdoors be minimal to avoid causing disturbance to neighbors.

Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after pets. Responsibilities include removing excrement from private yards of neighbors, and removing excrement from common areas.

Outdoor pet owners will be jointly responsible for repairing or bearing the cost of any damage created by their outdoor pets, except in cases where one animal has been clearly identified to have caused the damage.

## **DOGS**

Dogs will not be allowed to be in the common areas without a member of their household who can control them. Dogs in common areas must be well-trained, well-mannered, under voice control (full control in all circumstances) or on leash. Dog owners are required to “scoop as they go” when their dog is in the common areas.

Dogs with a known history of aggression toward people or pets are not welcome in the community. Members whose pet might be a problem are hereby warned that they will need to make a choice between not bringing it to the community or instituting adequate controls. Dogs with a history of protective behavior, e.g. growling, barking or nipping, must be under physical control of their owners.

If a problem arises, a committee of dog owners will handle any issues, and a problem-solving approach will be taken. We acknowledge that a settling in period is necessary for dogs to get to know their new “pack” and to establish their pecking order.

## **CATS**

Cats may roam outdoors with cat bibs which prevent pouncing on birds, unless they become a nuisance. All cats may be outdoors on a leash or in an outdoor enclosure.

## **FARM ANIMALS**

Farm animals will be cooperatively managed and comply with City of Forest Grove regulations.

## **IMMUNIZATON**

Owners of pets in the community are expected to maintain the health and well-being of their pets. This includes keeping immunizations up to date. Any animal that has a communicable illness must be isolated until it is well again and no longer a danger to other animals. All dogs in the community are expected to be licensed and have their legally required rabies vaccinations.

(adapted from Ashland Co-housing Community’s policies)

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