

VHOA BOARD POLICY

ANIMAL CONTROL

PURPOSE: In addition to the Deed Restrictions dealing with animals, there is a need to restrain dogs from roaming on VHOA properties. They present a nuisance to residents, guests, children, and pets and most importantly a clear danger of physical attack. Loose unsupervised dogs are also in danger of being injured, poisoned, infected, or killed by wildlife or traffic. In the absence of state or county regulation, the VHOA Board has deemed this policy necessary.

POLICY: It shall be the policy of the VHOA Board to require that all dogs be kept on the owner's property when unsupervised. When supervised, they must be under control by leash, voice command or other device. Owners who exercise their dogs outside or take them on walks with them should keep control of the animal. Anyone who feeds a stray dog is deemed the owner.

ENFORCEMENT: Upon receiving the first complaint, the Board will notify the owner of the need to immediately control their dog and the consequences of not complying. Upon receiving a second complaint, VHOA will notify the owner that we will capture the animal and deliver to the Humane Society of Smith County. All costs of capture and Humane Society fees will be assessed to the owner. In the case that the Board can not identify the owner we will capture and deliver the animal after the first complaint.

NOTICE: This policy shall be mailed to all lot owners and inserted into the Deed Restrictions document provided to all new buyers.