

Muirfield Association, Inc.

Pet Policy

Pets are largely integrated into family life. For this reason, the issue of pets cannot be ignored. Most non-pet owners/non-dog owners in particular, respect the rights of their neighbors to keep a dog or a cat as long as they are responsible pet owners particularly as it relates to fouling and noise nuisance. Pet ownership carries with it a big responsibility.

Responsible pet owners keep the animal in a manner that ensures its physical and psychological well-being so that it is not stressed when left alone and therefore does not create a noise nuisance or become destructive. They will also ensure that an animal is appropriately trained – this is particularly important in the case of dogs.

Definition

For the purpose of this section, the Association defines a household pet as an animal that is traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. Dogs and cats are the most traditional family pets. Common household pets do not include any animal that is considered “wildlife, farm animal or livestock”. If this definition conflicts with any applicable State or local law or regulation defining the pets that may be owned or kept in dwelling accommodations, the State or local law or regulation shall apply. This definition shall not include animals that are used to assist persons with disabilities.

Owning a pet at Muirfield Village

Pet owners must abide by the ordinances of the City of Dublin concerning pet ownership which state: “All dogs must be on a leash unless the animal is capable of responding instantly to the minimum obedience commands of “come,” “sit,” or “stay.” No person shall permit an animal to enter public or private property unless the animal is securely controlled by a leash not to extend six feet in length.” In addition:

- No more than 2 dogs and 2 cats may be maintained on any lot.
- Should the cat or dog have a litter, the litter may reside on the property up to 3 months.
- No animals, birds, insects, livestock or poultry may be raised, bred or kept on the Property except household pets. Animals maintained, kept or bred for sale or other commercial purposes are prohibited.
- Owners are responsible for pets they own and any pets visiting the property.
- Pets shall be under the control of their owner at all times and cannot cause a nuisance.
- When off of the Owner’s lot, pets must be under the owner’s control by a hand-held leash or immediate vocal command.
- Animal welfare organizations can advise on how to avoid common noise disturbances from pets (such as barking). They may be of assistance for behavior advice and information on local training classes.

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- **Animal Fouling:**
 - When walking dogs (or other pets), it is the walker's responsibility *to immediately* clean up pet waste to maintain a healthy environment. Owners must carry some visible means for cleaning feces. Pet feces must be disposed of at your home or in receptacles provided along the paths.
 - If cats are allowed free access outside then residents must take steps to ensure that they do not cause a nuisance to the neighbors.
- Pet owners must repair any damage caused to communal property by their pets.
- Residents observing someone not immediately cleaning up after their pets or disposing of waste inappropriately should contact the Dublin Police Department at the non-emergency number.
- Report problems with vicious or menacing dogs and excessively-barking dogs to the Dublin Police Department at 889-1112 or contact Animal Control in your county.

Invisible Fence for Pets

Underground invisible pet fencing is permitted on lots. Residents are discouraged from installing invisible fencing in an easement area or City right-of-way. If service work needs to be performed in the easement area and wiring is damaged or disturbed, it is the Owner's responsibility to repair/replace any wiring installed in the easement area.

Remind your installer not to post an advertisement on any part of the Property, regardless of the size.

A reasonable period of time, not to exceed 3 weeks, is permitted for the use of the training flags.