

Pacifica Pet Guidelines

We at Pacifica include pets as part of our community and acknowledge their importance in the lives of many in our community. We also acknowledge that pet ownership should not infringe upon the ability of Pacificans to live in and enjoy the community. The following policy is intended to promote harmony among pets and community members and to provide a peaceful, clean, and safe environment for everyone.

General:

- All pet owners are responsible for their animal's behavior and should see to it that their pet is not a nuisance or a danger to others.
- At no time should community member's pets encroach on another's space, auditory harmony or otherwise impede their ability to enjoy their own private space.
- *Feeding or caring for a stray or any animal who's ownership is uncertain will be considered establishing ownership for the purpose of these guidelines and the care giver for that animal will be then be subject to these guidelines as if he or she were the actual owner.*
- Pets will not be allowed in the common house or in the guest quarters.* Owners will be responsible for providing accommodations for visitor's pets. *Service animals will be allowed in the common house.*
- Pets will be allowed in the outside common areas of the common house except on the deck during common house meals.* *Service animals will be allowed in the outside common areas of the common house at all times.*
- All cats and dogs rabies vaccinations must be kept current.
- All livestock pets fall under Carrboro Town Ordinances.

Dogs:

- Dogs must be under voice command within an owner's sight or on a leash at all times.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs immediately.
- Dogs should have a collar with identification.

Cats:

- In harmony with our community's desire to encourage the flourishing of wildlife in and around our community, residents should make every reasonable effort to keep their cats indoors.
- *All cats that cannot be kept indoors and which are free to roam must be spayed or neutered.*
- Cats should have a collar with identification and a bell if possible or have a micro chip. *Since collars can come off and some cats cannot wear collars, all outdoor cats should be registered with the community along with proof of rabies.*

We ask that all Pacificans be considerate to all pets. We also ask all pet owners to be sure that their pets are well mannered around other pets and community members. We encourage Pacificans to try to resolve specific problems directly with a pet's owner. If this is not possible then we will appoint a mediator to help resolve the issue.

*These guidelines fall within the requirements of the Carrboro Animal Control Laws and Ordinances.