



Portofino Shores Property Owners Association, Inc

To: Pet Owners

From: Board of Directors

Date: November 28, 2016

PETS! We owners all love them! Don't forget to love your neighbors, too, by noting the following:

Dogs must NOT run loose, dogs MUST be on a leash.

Dogs' (and other pets') waste MUST NOT be allowed except in common areas, and MUST be picked up and removed. Keep their waste between the street and the sidewalk, never in your neighbors' yards, even if picked up.

Carry waste bags and pick up your pet's litter, please.

Background information:

From the Portofino Shores Declarations of Covenants, Article IX, Section 10:

... dogs, cats or other household pets may be kept, but no more than a total of two (2); provided, however, those pets that are permitted to roam free, or in the sole discretion of the Association, endanger the health, make objectionable noise, or constitute a nuisance or inconvenience to the Owners of other Units or the Owner of any property located adjacent to the Properties, may be expelled and removed from the Premises by the Board. No pets shall be kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. Dogs which are household pets shall be confined to a leash whenever they are outside.

From the St. Lucie County Code of Ordinances / Chapter 4 ANIMALS:

ARTICLE II. - ANIMAL CONTROL

Sec. 4-20. - Public nuisance. *(see definition of 'Public Nuisance' below)*

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner to permit his or her animal to become a public nuisance or for any individual to create a public nuisance as defined herein.
- (b) The owner or keeper of any animal shall immediately remove any excreta deposited by the animal on public walks, recreation areas, or the property of others.
- (c) A violation of this section shall constitute a class A civil infraction, punishable as provided within this chapter.

(Ord. No. L-80, § 2, 4-20-09; Ord. No. 16-015, § 1, 8-15-16)

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And as defined in the St. Lucie County Code of Ordinances / Chapter 4 ANIMALS:

Public nuisance.

(1) Any animal which:

- a. Attacks passersby or passing vehicles without provocation;
- b. Attacks other animals;
- c. Is repeatedly at large and not under restraint;
- d. Trespasses on school grounds;
- e. Damages private or public property;
- f. Repetitively barks, whines, howls, chirps, caws, or whistles for a period of five (5) minutes or more so as to disturb adjacent residents; or
- g. Causes an annoyance in the neighborhood by acts such as overturning garbage cans, defecating, digging holes on other than its owner's property, or such other acts as are generally regarded to create an annoyance.

Thank you! It is important we show “pet courtesy” to our neighbors!