

## ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY

The Lake Forest II Master Homeowners Association Board of Directors established the Animal Control Policy in accordance with Article III, Section 3.02 (B) of the Master Declaration of CC&Rs and in response to complaints concerning animal control. Such complaints include dogs allowed to run loose, damage property owner's landscaping, defecate on private property and common areas (whether or not the animal is on a leash) and incessant barking at any time.

### I. ENFORCEMENT

Members who are experiencing a nuisance caused by uncontrolled animals should notify the Association office and provide the following information:

- (a) Description of the animal
- (b) Owner's address
- (c) Nature of problem; i.e., barking, running loose, etc.
- (d) Times of the day the animal is sighted

A staff member or security personnel must verify the complaint prior to taking further enforcement action.

Once verification is made, Association Staff will proceed with standard enforcement procedures; i.e., a letter notifying the owner of the problem. If the nuisance continues, then a second letter setting a hearing date will be sent and the matter addressed by the Hearing Board in accordance with the Fine Policy and CC&R Enforcement Procedures adopted by the Board on November 3, 1993.

### II. ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Orange County Animal Control is a public service agency contracted by the City of Lake Forest to provide residents of the city with varying levels of animal services. The Association recognizes this public agency's program and their ability to enforce their standards, which have been very beneficial to Lake Forest II residents. **The Board of Directors continues to encourage residents to contact Orange**

**County Animal Control at (949) 249-5160 when a particular animal question or problem needs to be resolved.**

The agency will need the same information as outlined in Paragraph I.

A **Request for Criminal Complaint** can be filed at the Orange County Animal Control Center, 561 The City Drive South, Orange, California, if the nuisance continues after the initial complaint has been reported to this agency. The Orange County Animal Control Center is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Upon request of the member filing a Request for Criminal Complaint, Association staff will provide a letter of support indicating that other parties have complained about the same animal, if applicable.

III. REGULATIONS

- a. Leash Required: No person owning or having charge, care or custody of any dog shall cause or allow the dog to run at large on common property, on any highway, street, alley or other public place, or upon any private property or premises other than his own lot without written consent of the owner or lessee of such land. All dogs must be restrained by a substantial leash, not to exceed six (6) feet in length, and in the charge of a person competent to restrain such dog.
- b. Excreta Nuisance: No owner or person having custody of any animal shall permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to commit any nuisance by leaving its excreta in common areas or other public places.
- c. Dog Noise: No person shall permit a dog, by sound or cry, to disturb the peace and comfort of the inhabitants of the neighborhood.