

Hello Everyone,

A couple of weeks ago, we sent out a communication to residents reminding everyone of our CC&R regulations regarding pets and mentioned that the Board was reviewing our current rules for possible changes. We recognize this may have caused some anxiety within the community, however felt the immediate reminder was necessary. We wanted to be up front that we were reviewing these rules as there was an unfortunate incident where a member of the community was injured by a neighborhood pet.

After careful review of our CC&R's, West Jordan City as well as Salt Lake County laws regarding animals, and in speaking with Animal Control we have determined that no changes to our CC&R's or rules are necessary. That being said, we did learn a few things in our research that we feel are important to share with the neighborhood to ensure that we are all compliant with the law as well as being thoughtful, good neighbors and citizens.

### **Did you know?**

West Jordan City requires that **ALL DOGS AND CATS** be licensed each year to a person of 18 years of age or older.

For further information regarding this as well as fees, etc. you can visit the website below or call 801-282-3951.

<https://www.westjordan.utah.gov/animalservices>

Here is what we learned in reviewing Salt Lake County laws. The bullet points below contain some very basic and somewhat paraphrased information. If you would like to review the full laws, you can use the link below to view the animal laws for Salt Lake County.

[https://library.municode.com/ut/salt\\_lake\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8AN](https://library.municode.com/ut/salt_lake_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8AN)

- Dogs **must** be under physical restraint in all developed areas of the county. This includes residential neighborhoods, streets and sidewalks.
- It is unlawful for the owner or person having charge, care, custody or control of any animal to allow such animal to attack, chase or worry any human, domesticated animal, any species of hoofed wildlife protected by any law or ordinance, or any pet or companion animal. "Worry," as used in this section, means to harass or intimidate by barking or baring of teeth, growling, biting, shaking or tearing with the teeth; or approaching any person in an apparent attitude of attack or any aggressive behavior.
- Persons who obtain knowledge that an animal has bitten another animal or a human shall report the fact(s) to the division within twenty-four hours of the bite, regardless of whether the biting animal is of a species subject to rabies.
- Poop is a reality. Every dog must poop and nope, they don't only poop at home. It's the law to clean up after your dog, if you get caught not picking up their poop, expect to pay a fine. This is

another public nuisance violation. Be a considerate neighbor or hiker and carry poop bags to clean-up after your dog when they defecate out on an adventure, whether it's in the neighborhood or on a busy hiking trail, you must pick it up.

**Point of clarification regarding pets requiring a leash within our community:**

Based on our review and in the spirit of the city and county regulations, the Board has decided that while our CC&R's state that "pets" in common areas must be kept on a leash, this regulation and any subsequent fines for being off-leash will only be applicable to dogs.

**In closing:**

At the end of the day, though it may be difficult at times, we all have a responsibility to keep our community safe. While we recognize that sometimes our furry family members may behave unexpectedly (escaping or reacting to their surroundings even when on leash), it's important that we keep the safety of everyone in mind by reporting all incidents where a pet behaves aggressively or inappropriately to Animal Control. As mentioned before, we also need to be thoughtful, good citizens within the community by ensuring dogs are leashed when outside of an enclosed space (home or backyard) as this can be reported with a time stamped photograph.

If a situation arises where you need to report to Animal Control, we ask that you also make the Board aware of what is happening within the community. While this may sometimes be uncomfortable, and at the time the incident may not seem significant, it will help ensure that we are all doing our part to keep our friends, family (including our furry members), and visitors safe.

**For your convenience here is the information for West Jordan City Animal Control:**

West Jordan City Animal Control  5982 West New Bingham Hwy West Jordan, UT 84084 801-282-3951  Office Hours Monday-Friday (excluding all state and federal holidays) 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Officer Hours 7 a.m.-8 p.m.  Emergencies available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Dispatcher 801-840-4000
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Sincerely,

The Board