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SUBJECT: DOG OWNERSHIP POLICY

REASON FOR POLICY: To clarify the responsibilities of dog owners in Lakengren and to provide for the safety and well being of Lakengren residents, family members, guests, and their pets. Dogs specifically may present concerns of property damage and danger of bodily injury which are not an issue with most other common household pets, thus this policy will not include other animals (with the exception of item E. below). It is the expectation of the LPOA that owners of other household pets will make suitable effort to maintain and control their pets in a manor which will not conflict with this policy, Deed Restrictions, or other rules and regulations which may apply to pet ownership.

SOURCE OF AUTHORITY: Code of Regulations and Corporate By-Laws of Lakengren Property Owners Association, Inc. Article XIII-b.

POLICY:

- A. Control. No dog owner shall allow his/her dog(s) to infringe on neighboring properties, persons, or Lakengren recreation areas where dogs are prohibited. No owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog(s) shall fail at any time to keep the dog(s) either physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper, or harbinger by leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision or secure enclosure to prevent escape, or under reasonable control of a responsible person who is of suitable age and discretion. Owners should be considerate of their neighbors by cleaning up after their dog(s) when not on personal property.
- B. Excessive Barking/Noise. No dog owner shall allow his/her dog(s) to make frequent and habitual excessive noise, such as barking, howling, or yelping that is loud, intense, and/or persistent and disturbs the peace, quiet and good order of Lakengren.
- C. Limit on Number of Dogs Kept. The keeping of more than five (5) adult dogs is prohibited. Operation of a kennel for purposes of breeding or boarding dogs for financial gain is prohibited per Lakengren Deed Restrictions, Item 5 *"No noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be permitted on any lot, nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. No animals or fowl shall be kept or maintained on said lot except customary household pets."*
Property owners with more than five (5) adult dogs prior to October 31, 2008 shall be grandfathered only for the duration of ownership of those specific dogs and may not replace those dogs nor acquire additional dogs to exceed the five (5) dog limit. Proof of ownership (license numbers and/or veterinary records) of more than five (5) dogs must be received by the Lakengren office and filed with the member's records prior to October 31, 2008 to qualify for this grandfather clause.
- D. Violations. Any unleashed and/or unattended dog(s) found off the property owner's property may be turned over to an appropriate government entity and the dog owner may be fined by that agency accordingly. Lakengren property owners may be cited per the Code of Regulations and Corporate By-Laws of Lakengren Property Owners Association, Inc. Article XIV-a.1 for violations of this policy as the dog owner, or for violations by members of his/her family, guests, property owner's tenants and associate members. Violations of this policy may result in a warning, citation, or fine of \$25 - \$100.
- E. Maintenance of Dog/Cat Database. The LPOA shall maintain a database of dogs and/or cats that are kept by property owners, associate members, and/or tenant members. The owners of the animal(s) may register the animal(s) with the LPOA by providing a written description of the animal(s) as well as one photo per animal, if desired. If an animal is lost or escapes from the owner's property, the information in the database may be used to identify and return the animal to its owner. There will be no charge for the registration, and registration is strictly voluntary.

Submitted by: LPOA Safety Committee & Policy Review Committee