

**LOTUS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ANIMALS AND PETS

1. Ordinary house pets are permitted, subject to the guidelines contained herein. Ordinary house pets shall include dogs (except Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Presa Canarios (canary dog) and "Dangerous Dogs" – all as provided in the Declaration), cats, caged domesticated birds, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, aquarium fish, small snapping turtles and tortoises, domesticated rabbits and pets normally maintained in a terrarium or aquarium. The Board may determine in its discretion, a maximum number of pets permitted per household.
2. Under no circumstances shall a Pit Bull, Rottweiler, Presa Canario (canary dog) or Dangerous Dog be permitted on the Property. As used in the Declaration: (i) a "Pit Bull" is defined as any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying a majority of the physical traits of any one (1) or more of the above breeds, or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds; and (ii) a "Dangerous Dog" is defined as a dog which meets any one (1) of the following criteria: (a) has aggressively bitten, attacked, endangered or has inflicted severe injury on a human being at any time whether on or off the Property, (b) has severely injured or killed a domestic animal at any time whether on or off the Property, or (c) has, when unprovoked, chased or approached any person upon the Streets, Drives, Roads, Avenues, Roadways and/or Sidewalks, or any other portion of the Property in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack; provided, however, a dog shall not be a "Dangerous Dog" if the threat, injury, death or damage was sustained by a person who, at the time, was unlawfully on the Property (or any portion thereof), or, while lawfully on the Property (or any portion thereof), was tormenting, abusing or assaulting the dog or its owner or a family member; provided further, that no dog may be a "Dangerous Dog" if the dog was protecting or defending a human being within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an unjustified attack or assault.
3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, breeding of any animals or pets, including ordinary house pets, or any other keeping of pets for any commercial purpose whatsoever within the Community is prohibited.
4. Unusual pets shall not be kept, raised, bred or maintained on any portion of the Community, including the Home, Lot and Association Property. Unusual pets shall include, by way of example and not limitation, those animals not generally maintained as pets, such as poultry, livestock, horses, large reptiles, anthropoids, felines other than cats, canines other than dogs, rodents, birds and other creatures other than those listed in item 1 above, or not maintained in a terrarium or aquarium. Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, Presa Canarios (canary dog) and Dangerous Dogs (all as provided in the Declaration) are also classified as unusual pets and are, therefore, prohibited. Free-ranging domestic animals (i.e., domestic animals that spend all or a portion of their time outdoors where they may prey on wildlife) are also prohibited and shall not be kept, raised, bred or maintained on any portion of the Community, including the Home, Lot and Association Property.
5. Pet owners are responsible for any property damage, personal injury or disturbance which their pet may cause or inflict. Each Owner who determines to keep a pet agrees to indemnify the Association and hold the Association harmless against any loss or liability of any kind or character whatsoever arising from or growing out of such Owner having any animal in the Community.
6. Pets shall not be left unattended outside the Home. No pet shall be kept tied up outside of a Home or in any covered or screened porch or patio, unless someone is present in the Home. All dogs and cats shall be walked on a leash and in full control by their owners at all times. Any pet shall be carried or kept on a leash when outside of a Home or outside of a fenced-in area.
7. Any solid animal waste shall be immediately picked up and removed and shall not be deposited on or within the Association Property.
8. All pets shall have and display, as appropriate, evidence of all required registrations and inoculations and the name and address of its owners.
9. Every female animal, while in heat, shall be kept confined in the Home by its owner in such a manner that she shall not be in contact with another animal nor create a nuisance by attracting other animals.
10. If any pet becomes obnoxious to the Owners by barking or otherwise, the owner of the pet shall cause the problem to be corrected. If the problem is not corrected, then the Owner, upon written notice from the Association, shall be required to dispose of the animal. No Owner shall inflict or cause cruelty upon or in connection with any pet.
11. The foregoing are in addition to the other rules, regulations and restrictions governing animals and pets set forth in the Governing Documents.