

CITY OF VIRGINIA PET OWNERS

The Virginia Community and Lakes Committee (VCLC) urges pet owners to follow the City Code regarding pets. As a public education program, the VCLC has joined with the Virginia grade school to educate the public on picking up pet waste. Signs drawn by the students have been installed around the two lakes in Virginia to promote the idea of picking up your pet's waste. The artwork is intended to be a "friendly reminder" to pet owners to follow the City Code. Following are highlights of the City Code regarding pets:

Animal Licensing:

Dogs or cats over six months of age are required to obtain a City license. Licenses are available at City Hall. License fees are \$20/year, or \$10/year if spayed or neutered. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required upon purchase of the license.

Restriction on Number of Animals Allowed:

The number of animals per dwelling shall not exceed three per dwelling unit or four per multi-dwelling structure, whichever is less.

Running at Large:

It is unlawful for any animal to run at large. Any animal shall be considered to be running at large unless it is secured on the premises of the owner, or on a leash under the control of a person of suitable age, or confined within a motor vehicle, building, or enclosure. Animals can be unleashed for purposes of exercising the animal 200 feet from a residential area, unless posted.

Animal Waste:

It is unlawful to permit an animal to defecate on public or private property without the owner immediately removing and disposing of the waste in a sanitary manner. Also, it is unlawful to fail to have an adequate number of dog bags on his/her person at all times.

Fines:

For any City Code violation, a fine schedule shall be as follows: \$25.00 for first violation; \$50 for second violation; \$75 for third violation. Any violation beyond a third violation shall be charged as a misdemeanor and subject to the sanctions of the District Court.

