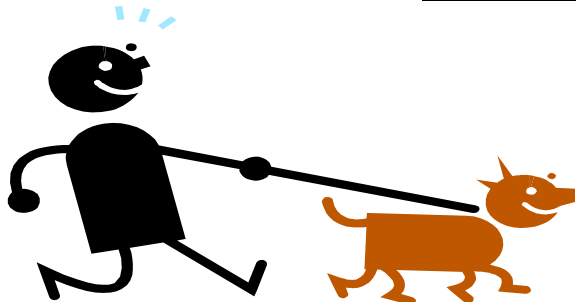


OAKRIDGE PETS



We are an enviable Community of homeowners and tenants, many of whom love and enjoy pet companionship. Nearly a third of all Oakridge residents own at least one pet. Your HOA morally supports this right within reasonable limits. In order to preserve the fundamental safety and welfare within Oakridge, our Homeowners Association Board of Directors has adopted a set of pet ownership guidelines which are described in our CC&R's. A brief abstract of pet rules is in your Oakridge Welcome Kit. If you've misplaced this information, click on **ANIMAL CONTROL POLICY** for a brief synopsis. All pet owners **MUST** register their animal(s) with Oakridge Homeowners Association. You can click on **PET REGISTRATION FORM** to download a blank registration form or request a copy from Bates & Associates, our management company. You are also encouraged to register your pets(s) with Contra Costa County Animal Control Services.

While we pride ourselves as a Community of *neighbors helping neighbors*, matters can sometimes get out of hand pertaining to neighbors animals. Such abuses as excessive dog barking, unleashed free running or roaming animals, owners failure to cleanup animal feces and; human and pet endangerment are deemed a "nuisance" in a neighbor of conscience and mutual respect.

Also dogs must be firmly leashed when they are running uncontrolled outside the perimeter of the owners fence property. If your dog breaks leash or escapes runs free from your property, the animal is defined as being "at large" and is in clear violation of the CC&R's. A human or their pet could get hurt. Such incidents must be reported immediately to the Homeowners Association.

If your dog barks frequently and persistently as to become a nuisance to surrounding residents, we ask that affected neighbors earnestly try to resolve the

conflicting issue amongst themselves. If a peaceful solution is not possible, we ask that BOTH parties document the situation and report it to Oakridge Homeowners Association and Blackhawk Sheriff. Your OHOA will take immediate action.

Given proper notice and in due course, both Oakridge and Blackhawk Homeowners Association have the authority to prohibit the right of a homeowner or tenant to the keeping of animal that constitutes a nuisance.

A wise-ole farmer once said this about pets “They say that your barking dog never bites. I know it, you know it, but does that dog know it?”



When you walk your pet, there are certain recommended steps you should think about before taking a stroll with your pet.

1. Wear rubber soled shoes such as sneakers for traction in case your animal bolts and decides to run. Some of our roads are steep and dangerous. Wearing flip flops is not a good idea.
2. Firmly leash your dog when walking limit yourself to two dogs.
3. Expandable/retractable recoil dog leashes are not advised especially if you walk with 2 animals or small children.
4. Carry a canister of pepper or bee/wasp spray in the event you are attacked by a free dog, wild animal and an aggressive turkey, aim the canister directly at the animal or fowls face. This action should temporarily impair the critter and marginalize its' impact and aggressiveness but won't have a permanent in humain consequence.
5. One more proven TIP. If you are in a real time dog-on-dog altercaton

6. animal attacks, firmly grasp the leash and back up to a neutral area.
Call for HELP! Stay calm and do not try to incite the attacking dog by throwing objects such as stones toward or yelling at the animal.
7. Do not attempt to pick up your animal and “cradle” him/her because a larger attack dog could jump toward YOU and potentially inflict serious injury to you both.
8. Amidst an animal attack, things happen very rapidly. In a manner of seconds, your pet could be severely injured and killed if you don’t think rationally. If attacked, yell for HELP. With responder instruct the helper to firmly grab the hind legs of the attack dog. Responder should lift the attack dog up vertically and arch the dogs back. This action will not injure the attack dog but marginalized the dog’s power enough to release the mouth grip on the victim.
9. Finally WILD ANIMALS. Do not forget that we also have wild turkeys stray coyotes, raccoons and skunks roaming in our Community. All species have been known to be aggressive toward pets and humans.
Stay alert and be safe neighbor.