

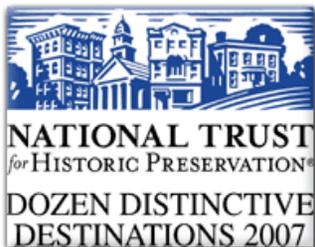
Please Be Responsible!



A GOOD NEIGHBOR:

- Controls dogs with the proper leash or at heel
- Only allows a person physically capable of restraining a dog to be in control of the dog
- Does not allow dog/pet to run at large
- Cleans up immediately after their pet on their property as well as public and other's property
- Does not allow a dog to cause a disturbance by continual howling or barking
- Reports dog/animal bites immediately
- Provides proper food and care for pets
- Does not leave unattended pets secured outside for significant amounts of time

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DID YOU KNOW?

Some peoples' tolerance for dogs or other pets might be considerably lower than that of the pet owner. To the pet owner, frequent barking or an animal that is allowed to roam freely might not be considered a nuisance. But to the person who is afraid of animals, awakened by the barking of a neighbor's dog, or who is concerned their children or pet might be attacked by an animal, these concerns may be valid.

Included in this brochure are commonly asked questions regarding animal control. A complete listing of applicable ordinances relating to animals may be found at the City of Woodstock website at

www.woodstockil.gov

and the

McHenry County Dept. of Health/Animal Control Division website at www.mcdh.info 815-459-6222

Third in a series of brochures as part of the "Being a Good Neighbor" program designed to inform and educate the residents of Woodstock, Illinois.



City of
Woodstock

3 Animal Care and Control

Help Yourself/Help Your Neighbor



Being a Good Neighbor

Woodstock Police Department
656 Lake Ave
Woodstock, Illinois 60098
(815) 338-2131
policedept@woodstockil.gov

ANIMAL LICENSES AND POLICIES

These regulations* are intended to prevent pets from becoming public nuisances and to control diseases these animals are capable of transmitting to humans. By following the simple rules outlined in this brochure you will be promoting responsible pet ownership and also be considerate of your neighbors and the Woodstock Community.

Public Nuisance Animal

Any animal that unreasonably annoys humans, endangers persons or other animals, or interferes with the rights of citizens, including:

- Repeatedly running at large
- Dog or cat in a park or recreational area without a leash or similar restraint
- Animal that soils, damages or defecates on other's property without proper clean up by the pet owner
- Animal making disturbing noises including continual howling or barking causing a disturbance or discomfort to neighbors
- Animal that causes unsanitary conditions or offensive odors in the area where the animal is kept
- Any animal, whether or not on the owner's property, that without provocation molests, attacks, or otherwise interferes with the freedom of movement of persons in a public right of way

Dog Licenses/Rabies Vaccinations

All dogs, four months or older, must be registered with the McHenry County Department of Health. Proof of vaccination is required.

Animal Bites

All animal bites must be reported to the Woodstock Police Department at 815-338-2131 and the McHenry County Department of Health at 815-459-6222.

Keeping Numerous Animals

It is unlawful to keep dogs, cats or other animals in such large numbers which can reasonably be construed to be a threat to health and well being of the animals or a threat to public health or safety.



Sanitation

No owner or custodian shall allow an animal to soil public or private property unless the feces is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

Caring for Animals

Owners or custodians will provide animals with sufficient nutritious food, veterinary care and humane care and treatment. Animals will not be unnecessarily exposed to hot, cold or inclement weather.

Keeping of Exotic or Wild Animals

It is unlawful to own, harbor or permit at large any exotic or wild animal without a written permit granted by the City Council.

Restraint and Confinement

Animals are not allowed to run at large: Dogs that are off an owner or custodian's property must be secured with a leash or shall be at heel.

The owner or custodian of any animal must exercise proper care and control to prevent that animal from causing harm or becoming a public nuisance.

* These regulations, and other regulations pertaining to animals, can be found in the Woodstock City Code, Title 4, Chapter 3 entitled Animal Control.



Complete information on applicable ordinances is available from the Woodstock Police Department or online at www.woodstockil.gov

This brochure is intended to be a guide for being a responsible **pet owner** and a **considerate neighbor** regarding your pet.