

SUBJECT: Pets
WORDS: 115
TITLE: Why Scoop the Poop?

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
2. Uncollected dog waste may lead to a special assessment. If fined by the EPA, the association could face a potential special assessment that would be levied against all members—not just dog owners.
3. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
4. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.
5. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

[Optional: Source: Community Associations Institute.]

Topic: Rules/Pets
Suggested title: Love Your Dog, Leash Your Dog
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We love dogs—we really do. That's why the association is committed to enforcing the county leash law on association property. According to the U.S. Humane Society, an unleashed dog has an average life span of less than four years? Allowing your dog to run free threatens your dog's health and welfare and the happiness it brings to you.

We also love our community. That's another reason the association is committed to enforcing the county leash law—so all residents may enjoy our community.

We trust we can count on you for voluntary compliance with the leash law. We don't like to call animal control, but we won't have any choice if your dog is running free.