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Animal Regulations

The following is a list of Cottonwood Heights City ordinances most pertinent for the responsible animal owner. The city's complete animal ordinance can be found in Title 8 of the municipal code. Cottonwood Heights Ordinance Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of these ordinances. Officers may impound animals or cite owners for violations of this code.

1. **LICENSE:** All dogs, cats and ferrets living in Cottonwood Heights must be licensed and the license tag must be attached to its collar. Senior citizen rates are available and sterilized animals can be licensed at a reduced rate.
2. **RABIES SHOTS:** All dogs, cats, and ferrets must have current rabies vaccinations. This must be given by a licensed veterinarian. The rabies vaccination certificate must be provided in order to license your pets.
3. **ANIMALS AT LARGE:** All pets must be properly contained on the owner's property. When your pet is not on your property, it must be on a leash with a responsible person in control of that leash.
4. **ANIMAL CARE:** County, City, and State ordinances require that all animals be given adequate food, water, shelter, and veterinary care. Most behavior problems in animals occur when these needs are not met.
5. **NOISE PROBLEMS:** It is illegal to allow your animal, for whatever reason, to make noise to the point where it disturbs neighbors. Many good training programs exist to correct this behavior problem.
6. **DEFECATION:** Your pets are not allowed to relieve themselves on someone else's property. You are legally responsible to clean up after your pet. You must also keep your own property clear of animal waste.
7. **WILD and EXOTIC PETS:** Many wild and exotic pets are protected under Federal and State law and most are illegal for private ownership. Always check with Ordinance Enforcement before acquiring an "exotic" animal.
8. **BITES:** All animal bites must be reported. An Ordinance Enforcement Officer will investigate and a full bite report must be recorded.
9. **VICIOUS ANIMALS:** Animal owners that possess animals that have the propensity to be aggressive must keep that animal contained and owners will be held responsible for any injury inflicted by that animal.
10. **ANIMAL TRAPPING:** It is violation of the ordinances to set any trap other than a humane approved trap. Contact Ordinance Enforcement if there is doubt in using a specific type of trap.
11. **FEMALE DOGS:** Female dogs in season ("heat") shall be contained in a building or secure enclosure which prevents attraction by scent or contact at all times during their cycle.
12. **NUMBER OF ANIMALS:** No more than (3) three adults of any one species or four total of any dog, cat, or ferret can be owned or registered at one residence. Hobby Permits for an additional pet are available upon completion of permit inspection.
13. **STRAY ANIMALS:** By law any stray domesticated animal must be reported to Ordinance Enforcement within 24hrs.
14. **NUISANCE GUIDELINES:** Any person having charge of an animal causing a nuisance listed below is in violation of Cottonwood Heights City Municipal Code of Ordinances:
 - a. Causes damage to property.
 - b. Evidence and history of aggressive behavior.
 - c. Causes unsanitary conditions in surroundings
 - d. Defecates on public or private property without consent of the property owner
 - e. Barks, whines, howls, or makes other disturbing noises in excessive or continuous manner.
 - f. Molests pedestrians or vehicles
 - g. Attacks or harasses other animals

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Officer Lovato at 944-7095 or Officer Kassapakis at 944-7096.