

Earthaven Pet Dog Management Agreements

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1. These agreements apply to all pet dogs that come onto Earthaven property.
2. Before bringing a pet dog to live at Earthaven, full, provisional and HOA members will first get approval from their neighborhood, then complete the “[Application for a Pet Dog to Live at Earthaven](#)” and submit it along with a proposal to SAP (Strategic Agenda Planners) to be reviewed and approved in a joint Council. Every new dog requires a new application.
3. Only Provisional Members, Full Members, and HOA full members are welcome to apply to have a pet dog at EH. This excludes visitors, STNRs, and LTNRs from having a pet dog. Awareness of this document and its agreements will be integrated into the new root orientation process.
4. Contributing Members may bring their pet dogs onto Earthaven property in accordance with these agreements.
5. Visitors are prohibited from bringing pet dogs when visiting EH, unless the pet dog is registered as a service dog. Guests of EH members are discouraged from bringing pet dogs when visiting EH. If this can not be avoided, the pet dog will stay on a leash at all times when outdoors. New Roots will check with their host for permission if their guest will be visiting with a dog.
6. While reviewing an application for a pet dog, Council (joint ECA and HOA) will take into consideration the total number of dogs currently living at Earthaven.
7. Pet dogs will be on a leash at all times in the village center public places, not just under voice control. These places specifically are: the village center, campground, forest and peace gardens, sauna, fire circles, and neighborhoods where dogs do not reside.
8. Acceptable off leash yet under voice or other control areas are the neighborhood where the pet dog lives and outlying trails in the commons.
9. Pet dogs are not welcome at EH events, including potlucks and coffee & trade, and inside of any common buildings.
10. Pet dogs must be spayed or neutered when coming to EH or as early as is safe in the case of a puppy. Exceptions may be made for working dogs who are intended to be bred.
11. Pet dog owners should be aware of the following things that may result in conflict when stewarding a pet dog:

- Continual barking is a nuisance. The dog-owner should try to keep barking at an absolute minimum with an emphasis on barking control while training the dog. Repercussions for excessive barking will be considered by joint Council.
- Personal safety: pet dog owners will keep their pet dog at a distance until consent is given by a third party. Assume others do not want to pet or interact with your pet dog unless they request to.
- Livestock safety: poultry and other livestock can be negatively impacted by pet dogs.
- All dog poop must be removed from the Village Center and no poop or pee where wild foraging takes place. See Dimitri for locations of wild foraging.
- Be mindful of the pack behavior with other dogs when in the commons.
- Be mindful of where free ranging livestock and livestock guardian dogs are located and try to avoid interactions with them. No pet dogs off leash near these areas.
- Having a pet dog will limit your residence possibilities within Earthaven.
- Some neighborhoods may not allow dogs at all. Remain informed about all neighborhood's dog policies and respect them.

12. Poop scoop

- There is a general requirement to clean up poop by covering it with dirt or removing it completely.
- When in a no poop zone (which include the Village Center, Peace Garden, Campground, Forest Garden, fire circles, sauna, within 10 feet of trails and streams, and neighborhoods where the pet dog does not live), you **MUST** pick up and remove poop and bring home to compost.

13. If concerns/conflicts arise, neighbors are encouraged to work out disagreements with each other by directly addressing the issues between them. If the conflict remains unresolved, further support for a mediation with a third party should be pursued.

14. If the above fails, the following repercussions may be implemented by an HOA committee or the Board when concerns are not resolved:

- Loss of off leash privileges
- Loss of use of the commons

- Possible fine and/or requirement to use a 3-stage shock collar to reduce barking if it becomes a nuisance and other means of training are unsuccessful.
- Last resort: re-homing the pet dog if they are a danger to Earthaven residents and other animals.

15. This agreement applies retroactively to pet dogs currently living at EH, with the exception of the requirement for an application process.