

DOGS AND CATS

Intent

This agreement about dogs and cats attempts to balance five important considerations of members' pets and the well being of all Silver Sage members:

- 1) Safety of community members and visitors including children, and of each other's pets
- 2) Cleanliness of the community and common areas, including the common house
- 3) Impact on wildlife and environment
- 4) Quality of life of pets
- 5) Impact on members and neighbors– noise, fences, allergies, quality of life, etc.

Due to the close nature of our community, we aim to address the major concerns of community members with regard to cats and dogs. The goal of this Agreement is to ensure that all pets are kept safe, bother our neighbors as little as possible, and don't bother birds and other wildlife.

The Silver Sage community includes many pets. We acknowledge the fun, affection, comfort, and meaning these animals add to their lives. We also acknowledge that some members may prefer neither to have pets nor to interact with others' animals. This Agreement regarding pets is intended to promote a harmonious relationship among pets, pet guardians, and other residents, and a peaceful, clean, and safe environment for all. Each guardian is responsible for their animal's behavior and should see to it that their pet is not a nuisance or danger to others.

Agreement about Dogs

This agreement about dogs mirrors the City of Boulder dog ordinance.

- 1) Dogs may do what they and their guardians wish inside private residences as long as their behavior does not interfere with the community's quality of life and City of Boulder ordinances.
- 2) Except for service dogs, no dogs are allowed in the common house except for access to/from the elevator during inclement weather.
- 3) Guardians are responsible for thoroughly cleaning up their dogs' poop at the time of deposit.
- 4) Guardians are expected to ensure that their dogs do not bark excessively. They are to be responsive to concerns expressed by others regarding dog noise or other problem behavior.
- 5) Dogs are not allowed to wander loose. They must be on leash at all times.
- 6) Guardians are to walk their dogs outside the community. The common Green (Courtyard) is not to be used as a bathroom for pets.
- 7) Special consideration will be given to guardians who are unable to walk their dogs outside of the common grounds area due to circumstances such as icy / hazardous conditions. Common space directly adjacent to their entrance can be utilized. These areas will need to be kept clean of their dog's feces and odors.

- 8) Guardians of dogs with threatening or aggressive tendencies have greater responsibilities, including alerting the community to their dog's prior behavior, and such dogs will be subject to further restrictions than set out in this document.
- 9) Guardians of dogs who may have incontinence problems and/or tend to do their business in our courtyard are encouraged to take additional measures as needed to meet the concerns of other residents, such as:
 - a. Keeping a water bucket by the stairs to wash pee off the sidewalk
 - b. Keep a dog pad outside one's door for emergencies
 - c. Use dog diapers
 - d. Carry the dog off Silver Sage property

Agreement about Cats

- 1) It is the responsibility of cat guardians to ensure that their cats are well taken care of and that they do not harm local wildlife nor terrorize anyone in the community.
- 2) Cats are not allowed in the Common House at any time.
- 3) Cat guardians agree to work cooperatively if an issue arises surrounding their cats and/or all community cats.
- 4) Each cat is kept indoors at night, for its own protection and the protection of local wildlife. This will minimize the chance that a cat may be hit by another Silver Sage member's car when coming home at night.
- 5) Each cat should be spayed or neutered, unless the community member is going to breed the cat. This is so that our community is not over-run by strays, as much as we can control that.
- 6) If the cat guardian is away for one night or longer, the cat should be kept indoors.

Resolving Conflicts

We strongly encourage members to use respectful communication with each other when conflicts involving pets arise. Whenever possible, talk directly with the guardian of the pet with whom you are having a conflict. If disputes cannot be resolved through one-to-one conversations, members should follow the Silver Sage Conflict Resolution Agreement.

If you have a conflict with a guardian about their pet that cannot be resolved through the Silver Sage Conflict Resolution Agreement, you may put your complaint in writing and give it to the Steering Team. If complaints are received from three different people about one pet, the Steering Team will meet with the guardian and come to an agreement about how to resolve the community concern. The Steering Team's decision will be final.