

ELDORADO COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (ECIA)

TITLE: REVISED DOG POLICY AND GUIDELINES

BOARD MOTION

NUMBER: 13-04-18 DATE OF POLICY: 4-18-2013

INTRODUCTION: Per the ECIA By-Laws, the ECIA Board of Directors has the power to adopt and publish rules and regulations governing the use of the ECIA Common Properties and facilities, and the personal conduct of the Members and their guests thereon. As it is also the Board's responsibility to protect the safety and well-being of the residents and guests in Eldorado, the Board has adopted the following Policy and Guidelines.

ECIA POLICY: Eldorado residents and guests owning or tending to dogs shall be subject to the Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance (#) in effect at any time. Eldorado residents and guests owning or tending to dogs on ECIA Common Properties shall also be subject to any ECIA dog control guidelines that may be more stringent than those contained in the Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance. ECIA Common Properties include the following:

1. Community Center, including surrounding grounds, fields, courts, play areas, but excluding the ECIA Dog Park (which has its own set of rules).
2. Compadres Park, including playground, entrance road and surrounding grounds
3. Recreational Trails (Bike Paths)
4. Stable roads, footpaths, arenas
5. Greenbelts
6. Community Preserve

GUIDELINES: With respect to the presence of dogs on ECIA Common Properties, excluding the Dog Park (ECIA Dog Park Rules will apply) and the Community Preserve (See Preserve Guidelines following), the following guidelines will be noted:

1. Dogs shall be on leash at all times.
2. When a dog defecates in a public place, the owner or handler must remove the feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
3. When encountering other people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and equestrians, the owner or handler must yield the right of way by standing aside and holding dogs under control. If the encountered party(s) also have dogs, the parties shall hold their dogs under control until agreement is reached as to whom will have the right of way.

This ordinance can be found at: www.santafecountynm.gov/sheriff/animal_control.

In the ECIA Community Preserve:

1. Dogs shall be either on leash or under such voice control that the dog will respond to the first command to return to its owner or handler.
2. When a dog defecates on trail or in a parking lot, the owner or handler must remove the feces and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
3. When encountering other people, including pedestrians, bicyclists, joggers, and equestrians, the owner or handler must yield the right of way by standing aside and holding dogs under

control. If the encountered party(s) also have dogs, the parties shall hold their dogs under control until agreement is reached as to whom will have the right of way.

SUPPORTING COMMENTS: This policy supersedes ECIA Board Policy 07-08-43, Eldorado Responsible Dog Ownership Policy, dated September 2007. The primary change, which requires dogs to be on leash and/or under control at all times on ECIA Common Properties (except the Dog Park), is adopted because of the numerous past instances of dog bites by, and fights between, dogs under voice control but not on leash, or dogs being involved in “near collision” with vehicles. The Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance indicates It is unlawful for any owner to allow or permit any dog to run at large. Any such dog is to be considered a nuisance as well as a threat to public health and safety. It also indicates failure to dispose of dog waste shall be considered a nuisance.

The ECIA will support Santa Fe County in the enforcement of the Santa Fe County Animal Control Ordinance in Eldorado and will actively hold members and guests accountable to honor this policy and its guidelines. The Association will also support an ongoing community education program to stress the importance of this policy and its guidelines.

This policy was adopted by the Board on April 18, 2013, and shall be effective on May 1, 2013

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President Date

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Secretary Date