

STARWOOD DOG POLICY

Starwood Homeowners are welcome to own household dogs and cats. However, the Starwood Boards remind homeowners that, within its County Code, Pitkin County has established specific rules and regulations regarding dogs running at large. Starwood relies on Pitkin County's Code that makes it unlawful for animals to run at large under any circumstances, or to harass or harm people, other pets or wildlife, or to cause property damage. Dogs must be contained on their owner's property at all times when not being walked or exercised on a leash. The Boards believe that most Starwood homeowners with pets already follow Pitkin County's leash requirement when walking on roads around the Starwood neighborhood, which is meant to protect dogs from potential car and truck accidents. The County's laws seem sufficient and require no further enhancement within Starwood. However, the Boards do request that dogs be kept on leashes when not on one's own property. If there is an incident with a dog, or concerns about loose dogs within the subdivision, homeowners are encouraged to contact Pitkin County Animal Control directly, if they wish to report it. The phone number to call Pitkin County Animal Control Services is: (970) 920-5310

Any dog outside on its owner's property must be in voice and sight control of its owner or keeper, or contained in such a way that the dog cannot leave its property. The term "contained" includes but is not limited to a leash, invisible fence, kennel, or fenced yard or run.

The Pitkin County Animal Control Officer deems the Pitkin County animal control regulations to be applicable and enforceable in Starwood, even though Starwood is a gated community that owns and maintains its own roads. While it is fair to assume that enforcement in Starwood of the Pitkin County animal control regulations by the Pitkin County's animal control officer has been minimal, it is nonetheless important to be mindful of the County's regulations. More importantly, Starwood property owners who own a dog are reminded to be considerate of their neighbors and to keep their dogs under control and well behaved at all times. This will also assure that animal control enforcement does not have to become a Starwood community issue.

The Boards ask that Starwood property owners be mindful of their responsibilities to maintain control of their animals at all times, so as to avoid nuisance and hindrance to others, as well as a respectful safeguard for one's pets.