

MAN'S BEST FRIEND - DO'S and DON'TS

Over the past year the trustees have received complaints concerning dogs running loose and dogs barking excessively. The burden of controlling your dog by keeping them on a leash or within a fenced enclosure lies with the owner as does monitoring your dog's barking. Whether or not your neighbor has initiated a discussion with you about your dog's behavior does not necessarily mean that the nuisance that has been created by your dog is acceptable to them.

Don't allow your dog to run loose to use the neighbors' yard to go to the bathroom, to stir up the other dogs in the neighborhood or cause damage on the property of someone else.

Barking or whining dogs are not enjoyable to others and deny the neighbors of those dogs the peaceful home that is their right. A Realtor reported that a home within Leawood Village that was next to a yard with dogs that barked excessively, sold for at least \$5,000 below market value due to the noise. **DON'T** allow your dogs to cause a disturbance with their barking.

So **DO** be a good neighbor and control your pet, but be reminded that in the event you **DON'T**, that the residents of Leawood Village are protected by ordinances covering many topics that maintain the safety, peace, and attractiveness of our neighborhoods and that while every effort will be made to resolve complaints in an amicable manner, the trustees are empowered to enforce the rights of residents as stated in the ordinances.

Ordinances may be viewed on the leawoodvillage.com website.