

SAWMILL FOREST OWNERS' ASSN., INC.
PET CONTROLS & REGULATIONS*

1. No more than three household pets shall be kept on one homesite in the Sawmill Forest community (the "Community").*
2. No pet shall be allowed to remain in the Community if it becomes a nuisance (see below) or is being kept for commercial purposes.*
3. Specifically prohibited from residing on Community property are: (1) farm animals (e.g. cows, horses, swine, goats, fowl); (2) snakes; (3) all pit bull and Rotweiler dog breeds*; and (4) wild animals (e.g. raccoons, possums, squirrels, deer, etc.).
4. No outdoor structure for the care, housing, or confinement of any animal shall be constructed, placed or altered on any homesite in the Community unless plans, specifications and location for said structure have been approved by the Architectural Control Committee.*
5. No animal waste of any kind shall be permitted to accumulate on any homesite in the Community or in any structure contained thereon or deposited in any manner on Community property, the private property of others, or public property within Sawmill Forest at any time. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be interpreted as an offensive and noxious activity detrimental to the health of residents and shall be subject to all available legal remedies.
6. No animal carrying any contagious or infectious disease of any kind shall knowingly be permitted to reside within the boundaries of the Community.
7. Rabies vaccine must be administered, in accordance with South Carolina and Beaufort County law, to all dogs, cats and ferrets residing in the Community, without exception.
8. Unless otherwise prohibited (see item 9 below), no animal shall be permitted to reside without continuous restraint in the Community without having positive proof of being neutered, spayed, vaccinated and with caregiver name and phone number attached.
9. Animals shall be restrained (i.e. on a leash) when they are not on the homesite of the owner when the laws of South Carolina and/or Beaufort County require such restraint (see SC 47-3-10, 47-3-40, and 47-3-50). Unrestrained animals, when otherwise legally handled, shall be considered a nuisance as defined in Section 6.21 of the Community covenants when valid written complaints from at least two owners of homesites in the Community are submitted to the board of directors of the Community.*

*All regulations followed by an asterisk are as stated in the Association's covenants.

CODE OF ORDINANCES
County of
BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA

Codified through
Ord. No. 2007/32, enacted Aug. 17, 2007.
(Supplement No. 17, Update 2)

Sec. 14-30. Restraint of animals by owners.

(a) ***Running at large.*** It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any dog, cat, or other animal to permit the dog, cat, or other animal to run at large at any time upon any street or highway or other property within the county (S.C. Code 1976, § 47-7-110).

(b) ***Control of animals generally.*** No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance.

***Restraint* means an animal secured by a leash or lead, under the control of a responsible person within the boundaries of the owner's property or any public property.**

(c) ***Female dogs and cats in heat.*** Every female dog and cat in heat shall be confined in a building or veterinary hospital in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.

(d) ***Vicious animals.*** Every vicious animal, as determined by the animal control officer, magistrate or licensing authority, shall be confined by the owner within a building or secure enclosure and shall be securely muzzled or caged whenever off the premises of its owner (S.C. Code 1976, § 47-3-720).

(e) ***Disturbing the peace.*** No person owning or having custody of any dog or any other animal shall permit it to unreasonably bark, whine, howl, screech, or crow.

(f) ***Penalties for violations.*** Any person violating this section may be found guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 or confinement for ten days in jail and up to \$200.00 or 30 days in jail or at the discretion of the court. Each day's violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.