

SIERRA SPRINGS OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SSOA) ANIMAL CONTROL RULES

It is important that members and residents of SSOA be allowed to enjoy the peace and tranquility within the Association, to live odor free from and feel safe from household pets and livestock owned by others.

Lot Size One (1) Acre or Less:

No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept on any Lot except for dogs, cats, or other household pets, provided that such pets are not kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. Household pets are not to be a nuisance to the neighbors. See [EDCCO Animals Disturbing the Peace](#).

In El Dorado County, a maximum of 4 dogs and 4 cats are allowed per household. There is an exception made for 5 or more household pets (dogs and cats) given the owner secures a *noncommercial license* (dogs) or a *cattery license* (cats) and the pets are **not** kept, bred, or maintained for any commercial purpose. See EDCCO [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Lot Size Greater than One (1) Acre:

The same rules pertain to household pets residing on more than one acre that apply to those residing on one acre or less, as explained above. Regarding animals other than household pets, *written permission* must be obtained from the Architectural Committee to keep any other type of animals on the owner's or renter's lot/parcel. The Architectural Application request must:

- Specify, in writing, the number and nature of the animals
- Specify how the animals are to be housed and restricted
- Be submitted by the property owner(s) on behalf of a non-owner tenant such as a renter.

Architectural approval comes with the requirement and expectation that animals are not a nuisance to neighbors, including but not limited to, creating odors, noise, or encroaching on another's property. An Architectural Application is available on the SSOA website at: [Architectural Application](#).

Loose Animals: El Dorado County Ordinance requires that any animal, other than a working animal, be confined in an enclosed private area or kept on a leash when outside. Owners of loose or roaming dogs are subject to a citation and the dog subject to impoundment.

Barking Dogs and Other Noise Problems: EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.060 states: "It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any animal to be allowed, permitted or caused to utter any frequent or continuous noise of an irritating or raucous nature which disturbs the peace and quiet of any person." EDCCO offers a brochure at [Animal Services/documents/Barking Dog Brochure](#) for more information.

Dangerous Animals: EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.050 addresses aggressive and dangerous dogs. See [Animal Services Dangerous Dogs](#). Owners of such dogs are required to keep their dogs confined to their property, or on a leash, all the time. Dogs that bite people or other animals can be deemed potentially dangerous or vicious. All animal bites should be reported to El Dorado County Animal Services. Additional information is available at [Potentially Dangerous Dog Brochure](#).

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NOTE: The owner of a dog that bites someone and causes serious injury could face misdemeanor or even felony charges.

Wild Animals: Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, it is illegal to harass wildlife or intentionally feed big game mammals, including bears, deer, and mountain lions. Harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including agriculture crops.

NOTE: Owners or Residents may use force to protect their domestic animals and livestock from predatory animals.

SSOA OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES: Owners/residents of SSOA are required to adhere to the El Dorado County Code of Ordinances: Animals Disturbing the Peace (EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.060), Animals Running at Large (EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.070); Dog Licenses Required (EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.025); and Animal Bites (EDCCO Ordinance 6.12.045).

As stated previously, all SSOA residents deserve and are entitled to feel safe in their neighborhood and environment. Loose or aggressive dogs potentially threaten that safety. Dogs that bark continuously interrupt the peace and tranquility SSOA residents seek. Please do your best to contain your animals and ensure that their safety as well as the safety of other animals.