

Relevant rules and regulations for pet owners.

Governors Village Restrictive Covenants – Article 11.4

- Livestock and poultry are prohibited.
- Pets cannot be kept or bred for commercial purposes.
- No more than 2 dogs are permitted.
- No more than 4 of any combination of pets that go outside the Residence are permitted.
- No animals are permitted to run loose at any time, except within fenced-in areas approved by the ARB.

North Carolina State Law - NC General Statutes Chpt. 67

Counties or municipalities can establish administrative bodies to address dogs that are a threat to public safety. A dog can be designated “dangerous” or “potentially dangerous” if the dog has:

- Without provocation killed or inflicted severe injury on a person,
- Inflicted a serious bite on a person,
- Killed or inflicted severe injury upon a domestic animal when not on the owner’s property, or
- Approached a person when not on the owner’s property in a vicious or terrorizing manner in an apparent attitude of attack

If a dog is determined to be “dangerous” or “potentially dangerous” State Law:

- Imposes strict liability on the owners for any civil damages for injuries to a person or animal or property damage caused by the dog and
- Charges the owner with a Class I misdemeanor if the dog attacks a person causing injuries requiring more than \$100 worth of treatment.

Chatham County Animal Control Ordinances

For “dangerous” or “potentially dangerous,” dogs, protective measures can be ordered by the county such as special fencing, signage, micro chipping and/or appropriate liability insurance be obtained by the owner.

Factors in determining whether protective measures are required include:

- The nature of the animal including behavior, size, breed, temperament and capacity to do harm
- Adequacy of confinement, and
- The immediate surrounding area.

Chatham County Animal Control is authorized to impound any animal which has been observed to bite or is reliably believed to have bitten or attacked an individual or other animal.

All animals, dangerous or otherwise, are required to be restrained at all times. The ordinance defines under restraint as:

- Controlled by a chain, leash or bridle,
- Under the immediate supervision of someone on the owner’s property
- Within a vehicle in motion or
- Confined indoors or within a fence, cage or similar enclosure

Contacts

Chatham County Animal Control Department	542-7203
Chatham County Sheriff’s Department(Emergencies only such as person bitten or threatened by domesticated animal)	542-291
NC Wildlife Commission(If threatened by wildlife)	800-662-7137
Keith French(Wildlife Nuisances)	336-222-8117

Governors Village Neighborhoods

NIP Guide for Neighborhood Pets

N EIGHBORLY
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NEIGHBORLY
Whether you're a pet owner or not, be neighborly to others.

We pride ourselves on our small friendly neighborhood. Some of your neighbors love pets, some not so much. A little concern and understanding can go a long way.

Pet Owners

If someone has an issue with your pet, the first thing to do is listen.

Non-Owners

If you have an issue with someone's pet, a nice conversation could go a long way.

Parents & Kids

- Teach kids not to approach a pet without asking the owner.
- Teach kids how to approach a dog.
- Teach kids about invisible fences. Children can run in the road when a dog approaches and they don't realize it's restrained. These yards are usually marked with a sign on the mailbox post.

IN CONTROL
Whether your pet is at home or out for a walk, you're in control.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

- Pets should be under your control at all times (e.g. on a leash or confined to your property).
- Pets should not be aggressive toward people and other pets.
- Pets should stay within the boundaries of your property. If you use invisible fencing it is recommended that it be set back 3 feet from the sidewalk. Remember sidewalks are community property.

When Things Get Serious

Remember to report all animal attacks and bites to the proper authorities by either calling 911 or the Chatham County Sheriff's Department at 542-7203

For more information visit www.governorsvillage.org.

PICK UP THE POOP
It's the neighborly thing to do.

Pet Owner Responsibilities

- Always pick up after your pet.
- When possible steer pets away from neighbor's yards and children's play areas.
- Use the waste facilities provided throughout the neighborhood.
- If your pet uses the bathroom in a neighbor's yard, you are responsible for cleaning it up.

Governors Village Pet Amenities

Take advantage of what our wonderful neighborhoods have to offer your pets:

- Great places to walk
 - ✓ Sidewalks in all neighborhoods
 - ✓ Gov Park – Meadow Park
 - ✓ Gov Village – Fountain Park
- Free poop bags and cans for bag disposal. Cans are emptied once a week on Wednesday.
 - ✓ North and Southwest ends of Gov Park park
 - ✓ In front of swimming pool Gov Park
 - ✓ South and West entrances to Fountain Park (Gov Village)
 - ✓ Entrance to path around the lake
 - ✓ Park on Roark Hoey Loop (Townes)