Lakewood Hills No. 2 Community Association, Inc.
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# PET WASTE POLICY

**Whether allowing pet waste to remain in the backyard or storing pet waste in unsightly containers near the front entrance, these foul-smelling actions detract from the neighborhood's appearance and attract vectors for disease and rats. Containers for pet waste should be weatherproofed, resilient to vermin, hidden from public view and emptied frequently!**

## BASIS OF ANY FUTURE ACTION BY THE BOARD

The Association Board has been advised by several homeowners that a few neighbors have created unsanitary and unhealthy conditions caused by pet waste on their property. These few neighbors may not be aware of the sanitation hazards that this creates for their property and their neighbors. Should this situation continue, the Board on behalf of the Association will advise the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division of the ongoing situation.

The Board's actions are pursuant to Article VIII, *Section 4. of the Lakewood Hills 2 Community Association Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions which states:* "No noxious or offensive activity shall be carried on upon any portion of The Properties, nor shall anything be done thereon that may be or become a nuisance or annoyance to the neighborhood."

In addition, the Fairfax County Government Website states:

> *"Pet waste is a subject everyone likes to avoid, although we at the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District like to bring it up often.*
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> *Pet waste is ugly and smelly. But even worse, it poses a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, trails, and grassy areas is immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Even if you can't see the water near you, the pet waste goes into a storm drain where it travels untreated to your neighborhood stream or lake.*
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> *Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the receiving water unfit for drinking and recreation. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.*
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> *What should Fairfax County residents do with animal waste?*
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> *Scoop it up and bag it with the rest of your household garbage.*
> *Or scoop it up, and flush it down your toilet just like human waste."*

Please review the information provided and take the necessary steps to correct the pet waste situation. If it is not corrected and the property maintained to eliminate the accumulation of pet waste, the Association will refer this matter to the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division. A cure notice will be issued to the individual homeowner(s) and/or residents before referral. If you have any questions please contact the Association Board by email at lakewoodhills2.board@gmail.com.