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#### Pet Owner Responsibility

The HOA has received complaints about dogs running off leash and even a confrontation between dogs resulting in bodily injury. Each of us must follow the Manatee County Animal Ordinance 12-10 and control our pet's behavior for their own safety and as a courtesy to our neighbors. The list below is a brief summary of the Manatee County Animal Ordinance.

- 1). Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large and they must be on a leash. All animals must be under the physical control of the owner and it is respectful to keep the animal close to you. Manatee County dictates that leashes should be no longer than 8 feet in length when your dog or cat is off your own property.
  
- 2). All dogs and cats must also be under the direct control of the owner or custodian while on the property of the owner or custodian. This means the dog or cat must be confined on the property by a fence (the ordinance does recognize invisible fences, provided they are in working order), chain, leash, or cord of sufficient strength to restrain the animal or the animal shall be attended and supervised by a competent person by hand or voice control when on the property of the owner or custodian or property the owner or custodian has the right to use.
  
- 3). Manatee County and River Wilderness require pet owners to pick up after their animals on common property or the property of others. Your animal should not be allowed to wander on a fully extended leash onto someone's property. Your dog should be kept in close proximity to the street/sidewalk.

Enjoy your pets! Care for them safely and responsibly so that your pet does not become an issue for your neighbors.

The RW HOA Board