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Re: Dog Owner Violations

Dear Residents,

We hope you all had a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

The HOA has received numerous complaints from residents with an increasing level of frustration. It appears that members of River Wilderness and sub-neighborhoods are bringing their dogs to the areas of The Islands, in particular, Rio Vista Terrace, to walk and for bathroom purposes. In addition, they are also using the vacant building lots to exercise the dogs, however unconstrained.

The issue appears to be that dogs are wandering unleashed, including into front yards of newly built homes, and often not picked up after. The dogs are also creating a disturbance with homeowner animals and there have been instances where potential dog conflicts needed to be broken up.

That said, we are reminding you all to comply with Florida - Manatee County regulations, the basis for the RWHOA Guidelines attached below. Please keep your dogs on a physical leash at all times, keep them well controlled and pick up after them with dog refuse bags which you dispose of in your own garbage. Please prevent your dog from wandering into other homeowners yards, and if your dog is off leash on your property, the dog must be supervised so that it does not wander into other yards.

We ask for your immediate cooperation - it is our obligation to homeowners to ensure that this practice is being enforced.

## [Dog Owner Responsibilities](#)

Regards,

The River Wilderness Foundation of Bradenton, Inc.

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