

# KSHOA PET REGULATIONS

## 1. Introduction

The Pet Regulations derive from the Dog Debate held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 at 3 Beluga Close, Klein Slangkop. The meeting was called to consult with all interested KSHOA members as there had been a general perception among the trustees for a number of years that something needed to be done about the dog problem specifically.

## 2. Context of the Meeting

- ❖ The Council and CPNP regulations regarding dogs and complaints received to date.
- ❖ The need to preserve the KSHOA special environment, as well as maintaining good relations with neighbours in a small estate.
- ❖ The requirements of the EMP i.e. that "owners of pets that repeatedly destroy flora and fauna shall remove such animals from the Estate."
- ❖ Input from Karen Gray-Kilfoil, animal behaviourist, outlining the consequences of the current situation continuing unabated and possible solutions available to pet owners.
- ❖ Homeowners' views on the extent of the problem, ways to resolve and means to enforce any solutions.

## 3. KSHOA Pet Regulations

The regulations may be summarised as follows "Pets are allowed, Problem pets are not".

Specifically;

- ❖ Aggressive animals and animals violating the provisions of the EMP will not be tolerated.
- ❖ Cats must wear bells, and be kept in at night to reduce hunting.
- ❖ Feral cats will be captured, possibly with CPNP involvement, and taken to the appropriate authority for neutering.
- ❖ Roaming dogs are not acceptable. Dogs should be contained within their property.
- ❖ While dogs are outside their property but inside the estate they must be under the owner's control (i.e. will come immediately on command), or must be walked on a lead.
- ❖ Excessive barking is a major problem for some neighbours and needs to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Barking logs to be used to keep an accurate record of problem barking dogs.
- ❖ Pet owners are responsible for removing dog faeces from paths and verges.
- ❖ Neutering or spaying of animals is recommended and bitches must be kennelled for the periods when they are on heat.
- ❖ Possible limit on number of pets.
- ❖ Visitor's dogs are subject to the same rules as resident dogs and it is the responsibility of the host to ensure that this happens.

### Enforcement

The EMP empowers the Environmental Officer to act in an emergency, but that the normal process when faced with a problem pet is as follows;

- ❖ Approach the neighbour concerned in the first instance.
- ❖ Log all complaints with the Estate Manager so that a comprehensive list of misdeeds can be compiled.
- ❖ Once three separate complaints are received relating to one pet, a warning letter will be sent giving three months to resolve the issue and inviting the pet owner to an interview with the KSHOA chair and the complainants. A list of Animal Behaviourists is also available.

**Note:** Aggressive dogs do not necessarily require three separate complaints for the warning letter to be sent.

- ❖ In the event of further complaints, notice may be given for the removal of the pet from the estate.