

## Section IV - CONTROL OF ANIMALS

### A. Dogs at Large Prohibited:

1. All dogs shall be kept under restraint. It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to permit such dog to be at large in the County. If a dog is found to be at large in the County, the owner or keeper shall be presumed to have violated this section, except that this section shall not apply during the controlled environment of a professionally conducted dog obedience school.

2. All female dogs in heat shall be kept inside a building or within a fence or other enclosure which limits the dog to a particular confined area so that the dog cannot come into contact with a male dog except for planned breeding. When allowed outdoors to relieve itself, the dog shall be under restraint and under the observation of its owner or keeper.

### B. Disturbance of the Peace and Quiet Prohibited:

Each owner or keeper of a pet animal in the County shall not permit such pet animal to disturb the peace and quiet of any person by barking, whining, howling, yowling or making any other noise in an excessive, on-going or untimely fashion. If any pet animal does so disturb the peace and quiet, its owner or keeper shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this section, provided that such owner or keeper shall not be charged with a violation of this section unless they or a member of their household over the age of eighteen (18) years has received a written warning from an Animal Control Officer of a previous complaint at least once within the preceding twelve (12) months.

This subsection B shall not apply to dogs located in a kennel, as defined in the Larimer County Comprehensive Zoning Resolution which, if required to be licensed, has been validly licensed pursuant to the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act, C.R.S. § 35-80-101, et seq. or other applicable law and which has been approved for use as a kennel by special review by the Larimer County Board of County Commissioners.

### C. Public Nuisance Prohibited:

It shall be unlawful for any owner or keeper of a pet animal to fail to exercise proper care and control of his pet animal so as to have it become a public nuisance. For the purposes of this section, a public nuisance includes:

1. A pet animal which is a safety or health hazard, which damages or destroys the property of another (including garden and flower beds and

trees), which creates offensive odors which materially interfere with or disrupt another person in the conduct of lawful activities at such person's home or which urinates or defecates upon private property not owned or exclusively occupied by the owner or keeper or upon public property if the feces deposited by the pet animal are not immediately removed by the owner or keeper.

2. A pet animal at large that jumps on, or attempts to herd a person or persons, or that runs after and vocalizes at horses, joggers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or any vehicle being ridden or driven upon the roads or any public grounds or place within the County.

3. A pet animal that exhibits exuberant greeting behavior without the intent to harm, including but not restricted to jumping up, chasing, and excessive mouthing.

4. A pet animal that chases or attacks wildlife (including birds) or livestock on property not owned or exclusively occupied by the owner or keeper, whether or not the pet animal injures or destroys the wildlife or livestock.