

WHITEHALL MILL DOG/CAT POLICY

Every resident (unit owner or tenant) will sign a WHITEHALL MILL Pet Responsibility Statement (attached). If no statement is on file, no dog and/or cat may live in or visit the unit.

No more than two dogs and/or cats may live in any unit without prior Board permission.

Pet owners will remove animal waste immediately and dispose of it properly using sealed plastic bags and the bins placed around the property or the dumpsters. There is NO area of the property where waste from your animal is exempt from this rule.

Dogs will be on a leash and accompanied by a person at all times when outside of their unit, including in limited common areas.

- No dog is allowed on the riverside of the wall.
- Dogs that have a statement of electronic collar training from a qualified dog training program
 filed with the Board may be walked with an electronic collar; otherwise, the dog will be on a
 physical leash at all times, except in the off-leash area (shown on the Whitehall Dog Map)
- Well behaved and socialized dogs may run free in the designated dog area (see attached map) with an owner that is in control of said dog at all times.

Dogs that bark and/or howl for extended periods will not be allowed to live at Whitehall Mill. After two warnings the Board may request that other accommodations be made for the animal.

Owners will be warned about any cats that make free with the property of others. After two warnings, the cat will not be allowed to roam the property – it must be either kept inside the unit or leashed when it is outside.

Violations:

- The potential loss of electronic collar privilege will be included with the warning for the first infraction, and revoked for a second infraction. What is being revoked is the privilege of using the e-collar in the leash-only areas and would not apply to the off-leash areas.
- Violations will incur a \$50.00 fine unless otherwise noted above.
 - o The owner will be notified of any warnings for their tenants.
- The dog/cat owner will be fined; however, if the owner is a tenant, the unit owner will become responsible for the fine if the tenant does not pay within 7 days.
- All legal measures will be pursued by the Association to collect any unpaid fees/fines.

Responsibility Statement

• Sign and return the WHITEHALL MILL PET RESPONSIBILITY statement (attached) regardless of whether you currently have a pet(s) or not.



WHITEHALL MILL PET RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

I accept responsibility for the actions of any dogs and/or cats that live in my unit or are visiting my unit. This includes leashing, cleaning up after them, and controlling their interactions with other persons and/or pets.

I currently have the following dogs/cats living in my unit:

None

Pet Name:

Description:

Pet Name:

Dog

Cat

Description:

Pet Name (third pet must be board approved):

Dog

Cat

Description:

Resident Signature and Unit Number:

GEORGIA Statutes

§ 4-8-4. Liability for damage done by dogs

- (a) The owner or, if no owner can be found, the custodian exercising care and control over any dog which while off the owner's or custodian's property causes injury, death, or damage directly or indirectly to any livestock, poultry, or pet animal shall be civilly liable to the owner of the livestock, poultry, or pet animal for injury, death, or damage caused by the dog. The owner or, if no owner can be found, the custodian exercising care and control over any dog shall be liable for any damage caused by such dog to public or private property. The liability of the owner or custodian of the dog shall include consequential damages.
- (b) This Code section is to be considered cumulative of other remedies provided by law. There is no intent to eliminate or limit other causes of action which might inure to the owner of any livestock, poultry, or pet animal.

Credits

Laws 1969, p. 831, § 4; Laws 2012, Act 765, § 2, eff. July 1, 2012.

ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY Animal Ordinances

Sec. 4-1-2. Keeping domestic animals under control.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a domestic animal not to control the animal at all times through one of the following means:
- (1) On a leash when off the property of the owner;
- (2) Within the passenger area of a vehicle driven or parked on the streets;
- (3) Within the property limits of its owner and attended by its owner; or
- (4) Confined within the property limits of its owner or of another with the permission of the person in control of the property.

Confined means in a building, pen or fenced area or other structure built to prevent intrusion or escape by any dog.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any owner of a domestic animal to chain, tie, fasten or otherwise tether the animal to dog houses, trees, fences, vehicles or other stationary objects as a means of confinement except that the animal may be temporarily confined by a tether while attended by its owner.
- (c) Exemptions. Feral cat colony caretakers are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(Ord. of 12-1-98, § 1; Ord. of 6-3-2003, § 4; Ord. of 4-4-2006, § 2; Ord. of 11-6-2007, § 1; Ord. of 3-2-2010, § 2)

Sec. 4-1-4. Prohibitions for domestic animals.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit a domestic animal under his or her ownership or possession to do the following:

- (a) Go upon the property of any person other than its owner or keeper without the express consent of such other owner or occupant;
- (b) Attack or act so as to menace pedestrians or other persons using public ways or on the property of another.

Pending an adjudication for any citation for a violation of this subparagraph (b), the person cited shall be required to maintain the dog in a proper enclosure, as defined in this chapter. Any person convicted of violating this subsection, in addition to penalties provided for in <u>section 4-1-14</u>, shall be required to maintain the dog in a proper enclosure, as defined in this chapter.

(c) Disturb the peace of any other person by loud, persistent, habitual barking, howling, growling, yelping or whining.

No person shall be charged with violating this subsection unless written warning has previously been issued within 90 days of the charged violation.

No citation for violation of this subsection shall be issued unless there are at least two complaining witnesses who shall have signed a written statement stating the address of the dog owner, a description of the dog and of the offense and the date, time and location of the offense;

- (d)Reserved.
- (e)Be in heat and not be confined in an enclosure to the property of its owner or keeper.
- (f) Exemptions. Feral cat colony caretakers are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(Ord. of 12-1-98, § 1; Ord. of 6-5-2001, § 1; Ord. of 6-3-2003, § 6; Ord. of 8-3-2004, § 3; Ord. of 10-5-2004, § 1; Ord. of 4-4-2006, § 4; Ord. of 11-6-2007, § 3; Ord. of 3-2-2010, § 4)

Sec. 4-1-6. Control and removal of animal wastes.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to refuse or fail to immediately remove any feces deposited by such animal upon public sidewalks, public streets, public parks or other public property in Athens-Clarke County, or upon any private property within Athens-Clarke County not under the exclusive use and control of said owner or keeper.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit such animal to defecate or urinate upon any private property except that upon which he or she resides or owns unless he or she has the permission of the owner of such other private property.
- (c) Exemptions. Feral cat colony caretakers are exempt from the requirements of this section.

(Ord. of 12-1-98, § 1; Ord. of 11-6-2007, § 4; Ord. of 3-2-2010, § 5