

Cherrywood Neighborhood Association
<http://asnic.utexas.edu/~bennett/nhome.htm>
WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW...

PET DOGS

(rev. April 2006)

Dear Neighbor,

Several of the residents in your area have complained about your dogs running loose in the neighborhood. This letter is to inform you of your rights and responsibilities as a pet owner.

Dog owners in the City of Austin are required to keep their pets on a leash at all times when they are not in a fenced area, including when walking their pets. The leash ordinance requires dogs be on a leash no longer than 6 feet on all City land except areas designated as "off leash" areas. Violation of the ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$500.00. Failure to comply with this requirement can lead to complaints being filed with the City, and may result in your pet being picked up by Animal Control authorities. If your dog is picked up, you will be required to pay a fee in order to free your animal, and you may be required to pay additional fees for vaccinations.

Concern for this issue is not unfounded. There have been many attacks on cats by stray dogs and even a vicious attack upon some residents in their own home by a neighbor's pets which escaped confinement! As a result of these events, residents of the Cherrywood Neighborhood Association take the existence of loose dogs very seriously and intend to enforce the existing City regulations to the utmost. Please be a responsible member of your community and keep your dog(s) in a securely fenced yard or in your home, and walk your pet only when on a leash.

There are a number of leash free dog parks in Austin, and we encourage you to find one where you can take your dog(s) for unrestrained exercise.

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LEASH FREE PARKS IN AUSTIN

< <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/dogparks.htm> > (has detailed maps)
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Auditorium Shores from South First Street to Bouldin Avenue

Soccer fields of Zilker Park between Barton Springs Road, Stratford Drive, and Lou Neff Drive

Far West Boulevard right of way between Great Northern Boulevard and Shoal Creek Blvd

Red Bud Isle

Onion Creek District Park south of Chunn Road

Bull Creek District Park in the area behind the restrooms to the creek

Northeast District Park between Crystal Brook Drive, the railroad right of way, and Decker Lake Road

Walnut Creek District Park between Cedar Bend Drive, Walnut Creek, and the east & west park fences

Emma Long Metro Park between City Park Drive, the west park boundary fence, Turkey Creek, and the top ridge of the bluff line overlooking Lake Austin

Shoal Creek Greenbelt between 24th and 29th Streets

West Austin Park, 1317 W. 10th St (between Lamar & West Lynn): the fenced-in area on the southwest corner

Norwood Estate, IH35 at Riverside Drive (north of Travis Heights Blvd): the fenced-in area by the access road