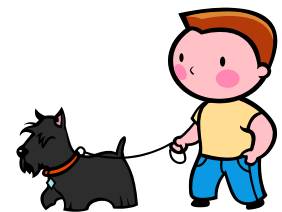

Village of Stratford

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

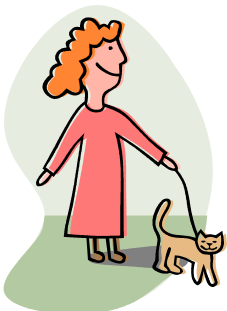
Pets are a wonderful companion, but sometimes owners can be irresponsible and their pets can become a community nuisance. Citations and fines will be issued when owners are in violation of ordinances regarding animals.



- **Litter.** No matter what you call it – feces, droppings, poop – it must be immediately cleaned up by the owner or person walking the animal, *especially when visiting the Village parks.*
- **Leashing.** Animals, when not confined to the owner’s property, must be on a leash not more than 10 feet in length. Animals are not allowed to run loose.
- **Barking.** It is illegal to keep animals that habitually disturb the peace.
- **Licensing.** Dogs must be licensed each calendar year by April 1st to avoid a \$30 late fee. Be sure to keep rabies vaccinations up to date to avoid licensing delays. Failure to license your dog will result in a Village Ordinance Citation – a minimum fine of \$170 per dog.

Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and license tag. If you are separated from your pet, the ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home. Currently, licensing of cats is not required.

- **Local Ordinances.** The Village of Stratford has a limit of three dogs per household. Before adding a new dog to your family, keep in mind that some breeds are not allowed in the village. The complete village ordinance can be found online at <http://ecode360.com/ST2150>. Regulations regarding “Animals” is located in Chapter 194.



If you have further questions, please contact the Village office at 715-687-4166.