

## **Top Ten List for Responsible Guardianship of Companion Animals and Wildlife in GHI**

*If you have any questions or require assistance complying with any of the ten items listed below, please contact Member Services (301-474-4161 x140) to request a Companion Animal Committee member contact you.*

1. GHI members must follow all City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County ordinances and State of Maryland's laws concerning companion animals and wildlife.
2. Companion animals are not allowed to run at large; this includes cats.
3. Members must always clean up after their companion animals.
4. Chaining/tethering of companion animals within GHI is prohibited.
5. Leaving companion animals in members' yards when members or guardians are not at home is prohibited.
6. Members are not allowed to let their companion animals become a nuisance to other members. Nuisance behavior includes excessive barking and displays of aggression, such as aggressive lunging at fence lines, etc.
7. All companion animals over four months of age residing in GHI must have a county animal license. Members with more than four companion animals must have a county hobby permit.
8. Members are responsible for the behavior of their companion animals, and any guest companion animals, while the companion animals are within a member's unit or yard.
9. Adults and children should not approach companion animals without first asking permission.
10. Members should not feed wildlife, leave food in their yards and should ensure that their garbage cans are tightly secured.

