

HIDDEN LAKE ASSOCIATION – ANIMAL POLICY

Policy on Restrictive Covenant regarding animals: “No animals shall be allowed on the land conveyed hereby except household pets; and no livestock or poultry of any nature shall be allowed thereon.”

PURPOSE:

This policy was developed to ensure and protect the health and safety of all HLA members and visitors on HLA land. Enforcement of this policy may include fines, daily civil penalties allowed by law, injunctive relief, or any other enforcement action allowed by law.

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

1. A **Pet** is a domestic or tamed animal kept for companionship or pleasure and treated with care and affection. **Household Pets**, as defined herein, include cats, dogs, turtles, hamsters, and other small caged animals, and caged rabbits.
2. **Livestock** are grazing animals or farm animals that are raised for private use or profit, and include for example cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, other hoofed animals, ostriches, emus, and rheas.
3. **Poultry** is defined as fowl (e.g., chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese).

POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Livestock** and **Poultry** are prohibited on land conveyed.
2. **Pets** are allowed on the land conveyed and are restricted by those pet restrictions of the Town of Stoddard and State of New Hampshire (i.e., relevant leash laws, licensing by April 30 of each year, etc.) and the Hidden Lake Association Dangerous Activity and Noise Policy.
3. **Pet** owners must ensure that nuisance behaviors, e.g., excessive barking, chasing or intimidating people or other pets, are stopped. When such behavior occurs, the parties involved should work out an agreeable remedy; if an agreement cannot be reached, the party seeking relief should contact the Town of Stoddard Animal Control Officer.

The **HLA Animal Policy** was reviewed and updated by the HLA Bylaws and Policy Committee during meetings from Fall 2022 through Winter 2023 and adopted by the HLA Board at the August 2023 Board of Directors Meeting on August 8th, 2023.