

## Common Questions

**Can the Village require that an animal be removed from the community?**

Yes, our ordinance prohibits the keeping of an animal that has become a "public nuisance." The ordinance defines conditions which must be satisfied before an animal is classified as a "public nuisance."

**Can I keep exotic animals in the community?**

No, our ordinance prohibits the keeping of wild or exotic animals. The ordinance lists specific animals and types of animals which are prohibited.

**Can I raise chickens in the community?**

No, this is prohibited both by the Village's ordinances, and the Building & Use Restrictions for the various plats in the community.

**I want to build a fence to keep my dog in my yard, do I need a permit?**

Yes, please visit the Village Hall and apply for a fence permit. Please note chain-link fences have been prohibited since 2008.

## Numbers to Save

Isabella County Animal Control:  
989.773.9721

Isabella County Central Dispatch:  
989.773.1000

Isabella County Sheriff's Department:  
989.773.5911

LIPOA Office:  
989.644.3326

**The Village's Animal Control Ordinance can be viewed on our website. It is located at Chapter 602 of the Codified Ordinances.**



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**Good Pets are  
Good Neighbors**

This pamphlet is a short guide of helpful tips and information you can use to make sure your pet is a good neighbor. Having a pet as a companion is a wonderful relationship. We know that many people love their pet and see him or her as a part of their family. But, you should also be considerate that others in your neighbor may not share those feelings and may have a legitimate fear of animals. It is important to respect the feelings and views of others, especially when they are in a public place like a street or a park.

## Control the Noise



If you own a dog be aware of the noise they can make. Many pet owners can become selectively deaf, tuning out the noise their pets make. It is important for pet owners to minimize the impact their pet can have on their neighbors. Please be especially mindful of your pets in the morning and at night. While your pet may be inside your home, if the windows are open its noise can impact your neighbors. §602.05 of the Codified Ordinances prohibits dogs and cats that cause annoyance or disturbance by frequent barking, howling, or yelping. Frequent barking can result from boredom or anxiety when a dog is left alone for long periods of time. Regular walks and play-time can help prevent your best friend from becoming your bored friend.



## Keep it Clean



It is not only your responsibility to clean up after your pet on your property, but also when out for a walk. Many people take great pride in their yard, and letting your pet do its business there will definitely lead to problems. §602.13 of the Codified Ordinances requires the person in charge of an animal to remove any excrement deposited by said animal on any street, park, or the property of others.

## Stay on the Leash



If off your property, dogs are required to be on a leash. §602.09(2) of the Codified Ordinances requires dog owners to keep their animal restrained in any park or street. Think of others first, while you may know your pet is harmless, others do not, and may have an anxiety about dogs. Keeping control over your dog will also help avoid confrontations with other dogs that may be walking by your home.

## Keep them Legal



Dogs are required to keep an up-to-date license from Isabella County. Dog owners are required by §602.07(1) of the Codified Ordinances to only obtain a license for their dog, but also provide the dog with a collar for the license to be attached to. The dog is required to wear the collar and license at all times when off the owners property.

## Know Your Limit



§602.07(2) of the Codified Ordinances limits properties in the Village to a maximum combined number of dogs and cats over the age of six-months to 4. Properties with more than 4 total dogs/cats are required to be approved as a Kennel through the Zoning Code.

If you have an underground dog fence, don't take for granted that others walking by your house know this. Please regularly check the batteries in your dogs collar to help ensure the underground fence can do its job!