

RECREATION AREA – Policy Statement re No Pets rule.

1. The Gold Ridge Forest Property Owners Association has adopted rules for its Recreation Area facilities, which includes the fenced areas surrounding its two swimming pools and its two tennis courts. These rules assert that no pets are allowed in these two keyed-entrance enclosures.
2. The Fair Housing Act (FHA) makes it unlawful for a housing provider to refuse to make a reasonable accommodation that a person with a disability may need to have equal opportunity to enjoy and use a dwelling. GRFPOA is a housing provider. One common request housing providers receive is for a reasonable accommodation to providers' pet or no animal policies so that individuals with disabilities are permitted to use assistance animals in housing, including public and common use areas. The FHA has application to the Gold Ridge keyed-entrance recreation areas.
3. It is the policy of GRFPOA to comply with the FHA with regard to its common use areas such as its keyed-entrance recreation areas. As such, if a member, her family, or her guests requests an accommodation from the no pets policy, a GRFPOA representative will require the person making the request to present some evidence regarding the matter. In general, upon a showing that the dog is a service animal or a support animal, the guest will be invited to stay in the key-entrance area on the condition that the rules set forth below are followed.
4. If a dog is allowed into the keyed recreation area in response to a request for a reasonable accommodation from the no-pet policy, then the guest must secure the dog and not allow the dog to be disruptive to other guests. Any dog feces must be immediately and properly disposed. Dogs may never enter the pool waters.
5. At the conclusion of the 2024 pool season, when the Recreation Area rules are reviewed and revised in light of the 2024 experience, this FHA compliance policy will be added into any revision of the Recreation Area rules.

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