

Noise Abatement Procedures for Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary

Effective Immediately

Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary is committed to maintaining the quiet residential character of the surrounding neighborhood. To minimize noise impacts, the following procedures are in place and will remain part of our long-term operational plan:

1. Nighttime Indoor Confinement

All dogs are confined indoors within the residence and/or within a small, secure nighttime enclosure after evening hours to eliminate barking outdoors during nighttime quiet periods.

2. Delayed Outdoor Access in the Morning

Dogs will not be allowed into the larger outdoor exercise areas until after 7:00 AM. Morning turnout will be conducted under direct supervision to ensure noise is controlled.

3. Early Evening Enclosure

After dinner, dogs are transitioned into a smaller fenced area to reduce stimulation and noise.

- Standard schedule: 6:00 PM enclosure
- Summer schedule: 8:00 PM enclosure due to extended daylight hours

4. Restricted Deliveries

All deliveries will be directed to the bottom of the driveway to avoid vehicle noise near the residence and dog areas, reducing barking triggers.

5. Reduced Volunteer Traffic

On-site volunteer numbers will be limited to only those essential for daily care. This will reduce vehicle trips, activity levels, and general noise associated with comings and goings.

6. Reduced Off-Site Dog Walk Frequency

To avoid frequent departures that can excite the dogs or stimulate barking, off-site walking sessions will be limited to 2-3 times per week rather than daily.

7. Management of Noisy Dogs

Dogs who exhibit excessive noise will receive individualized interventions including:

- Use of humane bark collars
- Behavior modification protocols
- Veterinary-guided calming medications when appropriate

These measures will be used responsibly and only as necessary to maintain a quiet environment.

That being said, we do have a lot of wildlife in the area, including a game trail that has probably been active for hundreds of years. We do not wish to block the trail for the wildlife. The Javalina, the deer and the coyotes use this trail regularly, along with an occasional bear, bobcat, mountain lion, skunk or turkey and unfortunately, both trails surround the property. Dogs are going to bark, the neighbor's dogs will bark, all the dogs in the area bark, some more than others. Unfortunately, we cannot control any of that 100%.

Summary Commitment

Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary is fully committed to being a quiet, respectful, and compliant neighbor. We will continually monitor and adjust these procedures to ensure minimal noise impact on surrounding properties. We have gone to GREAT LENGTHS to minimize the community impact and protect the natural forested areas.