

## **Paw Point Member-Dog Warning & Termination Protocol**

### **Dog Related Issues:**

- 1) If a dog is written up in a ranger report as being an aggressor, the Paw Point Executive Committee defines that behavior as beyond the scope of typical dog interactions. The report will be noted in the Paw Point files and the owner's records will be amended with a warning. The owner of the reported aggressor will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 2) If a committee member observes behavior that is beyond the scope of typical dog interactions; that committee member will discuss/review the incident with the Paw Point Executive Committee. If determined that that incident merits a warning, the incident will be noted in the Paw Point files and the owner's record will be amended with a warning. The owner of the reported aggressor will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 3) If a dog is reported in writing to the Paw Point Committee as an aggressor or nuisance dog, the Paw Point Executive Committee will then confer with the owner of the dog and come to a decision as to whether a warning should be issued. If determined that that incident merits a warning, the incident will be noted in the Paw Point files and the owner's record will be amended with a warning. The owner of the reported aggressor will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 4) If a dog is issued a second warning, the Paw Point Executive Committee will then confer with the owner of the dog to determine if the dog is a candidate for Paw Point. The Paw Point Executive Committee reviews all information related to the incident and formulates a final decision on whether a second warning is valid and with merit. If that is the case the dog will be terminated from Paw Point. The owner will be contacted via e-mail and be given notice of termination with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. In addition, the Paw Point Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog's owner.
- 5) If at any time, a dog is an aggressor, whether they have received warning or not and they inflict an INTENTIONAL wound on another dog/person and/or injure or draw blood, it is immediate termination of membership for the owner and the dog. The owner of the reported aggressor will be contacted via e-mail and be given notice of termination with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. In addition, the Paw Point Committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog's owner.

### **Owner Related Issues:**

- 1) If a Paw Point member/dog owner is written up in a ranger report within the confines of Paw Point and the Paw Point Executive Committee determines that the behavior is beyond the scope of normal member behavior, the report will be noted in the Paw Point files and the Paw Point member/dog owner records will be amended with a warning. The Paw Point member/dog owner will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the dog owner.
- 2) If it is reported in writing or observed by a Paw Point Committee member that a Paw Point member/dog owner is in violation of the published and posted rules of Paw Point, the Paw Point Executive Committee will then confer with the Paw Point member/dog owner and come to a decision as to whether a warning should be issued. If a warning is issued, the Paw Point member/dog owner's records will be amended with a warning. This only applies to violations that are not automatic terminations. The Paw Point member/dog owner will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the Paw Point member/dog owner.
- 3) If a Paw Point member/dog owner is issued a second warning, the Paw Point Executive Committee will then confer with the Paw Point member/dog owner to determine if they are a candidate for Paw Point. The Paw Point Executive Committee reviews all information related to the incident in question and formulates a final decision if a second warning is valid and with merit. If that is the case the Paw Point member/dog owner will be terminated from Paw Point. The Paw Point member/dog owner will be contacted via e-mail and be given a warning with a request for confirmation of receipt of the e-mail. If there is no confirmation received by the Paw Point Committee, the committee will follow-up with a phone call and a certified mailing to the Paw Point member/dog owner.

### **Right of Appeal:**

If a Paw Point member/dog owner is not satisfied with the decision of the Paw Point Committee, they may appeal this decision with the Executive Committee of the Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council. If a Paw Point member/dog owner is not satisfied with the decision of the Executive Committee of the Robert E. Lee Park Nature Council, they may appeal this decision to the Board of Recreation and Parks.

### **Definition of Termination:**

- Terminations of dog(s) is indefinite.
- Termination of Paw Point member(s)/dog owner(s) is indefinite.
- Paw Point member(s)/dog owner(s) are eligible if re-applying to Paw Point with a new dog if the previous termination was based only on the prior dog's actions.
- If a Paw Point membership is terminated, all dogs on that membership are terminated.