

Pets

- ❖ pet population at Casa Verde
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- ❖ our approach



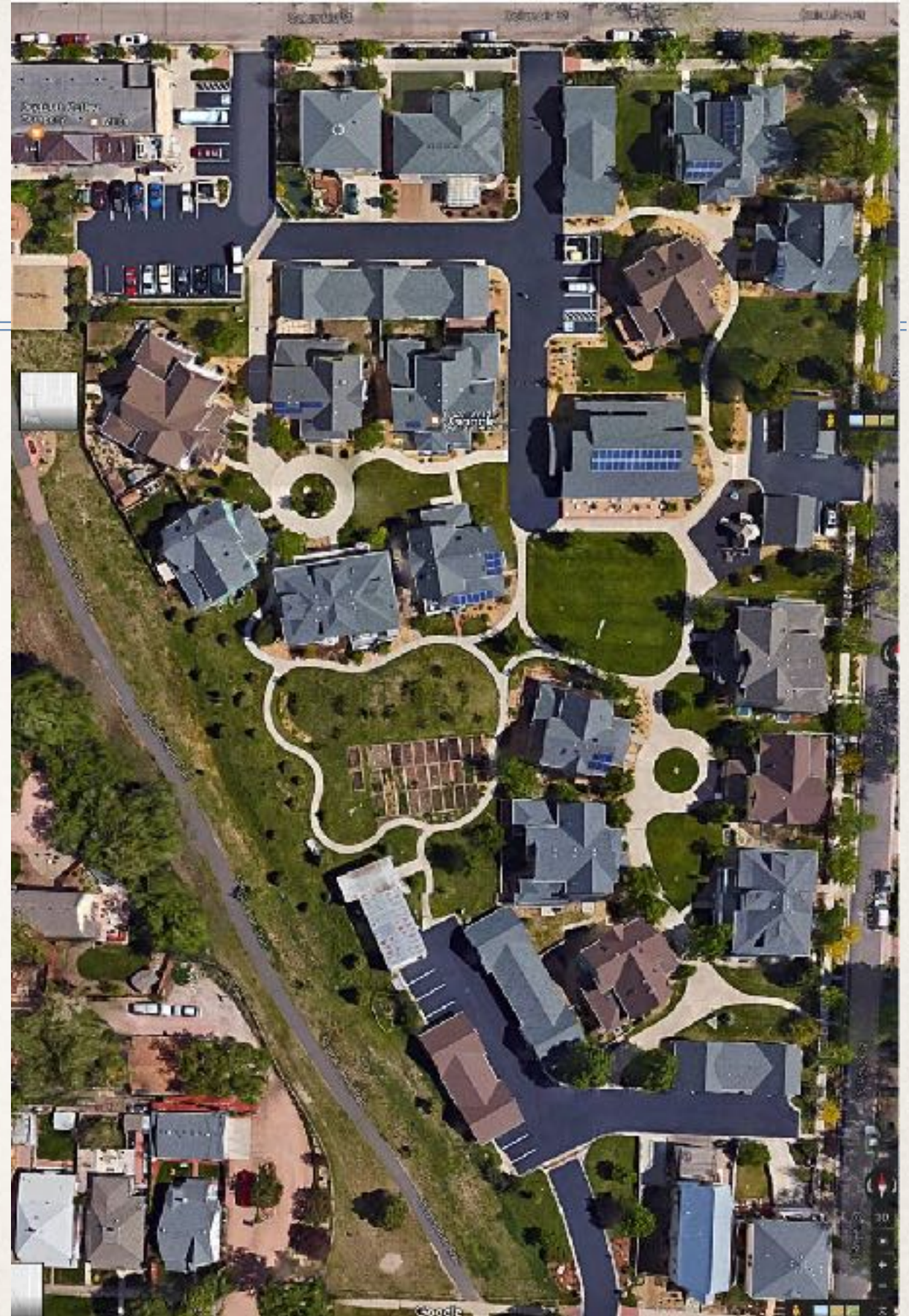
- 34 residential units
 - some units have no pets
 - some units have more than 1 dog
 - total dog population = 13
 - cats generally not a problem
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Pet population at CVCA



Concerns

- ❖ not everyone has a fenced in yard
- ❖ no special pet exercise area
- ❖ owners not picking up
- ❖ negative pet behavior:
e.g. aggression, barking



Our approach

- ❖ PORT: Pet Ownership Responsibility Team (elected position)
- ❖ Pet policy: revised as needed; condensed at community meetings



AMENDED PET POLICY
Consensed on April 13, 2014

COLORADO SPRINGS COHOUSING COMMUNITY
At Casa Verde Commons
PET POLICY

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Recognizing that pets can be a source of joy and good mental health, members are allowed to have pets.
2. Members must be responsible for their pets.
3. No one should have to be inordinately negatively impacted by other members' pets.

CVCA Pet Policy

begins by recognizing so many benefits of owning pets :)

Rules

- ❖ abide by city ordinances
- ❖ clean up after pet
- ❖ notes in Common House
- ❖ owners responsible for noisy or aggressive dogs
- ❖ play on turf; repair damage
- ❖ cats can roam, but clean up after them
- ❖ visitors must abide
- ❖ dogs unleash or under voice control and within eyesight of owner at all times
- ❖ introduce new pets to community
- ❖ if in violation, respond appropriately



Hi fellow dog parents,
I wanted to write a quick note to let you know I am working with my dog, Kuiper (one), to help her with her reactivity with other dogs. I'm sure you've seen or heard bananas (i.e. barking and pulling the leash) when you've been on a walk with your

In her training I'm trying to catch her BEFORE she starts going bananas when she sees another dog and to do this I have to increase the distance between her and the other dog. So if you see us out and it looks like I'm pulling Kuiper away from you this does not mean I don't want to chat with you or that I'm trying to avoid you. It's a slow process but she's doing really well with it. She's a very sensitive dog, and I'm working closely with her trainers at House of Dog to apply this method that focuses on positive reinforcement.

My other dog, Simon (small, black, and gray) is partially blind, has trouble hearing, and is old, so we just let him have bad manners and do whatever he wants.

Thanks for understanding! Michelle & Kuiper

Violations

- ❖ Barking / excessive noise
- ❖ Dangerous dogs (as defined by the state)
- ❖ Negative dog / pet behavior(as defined by the state)
- ❖ Defecation not cleaned up
- ❖ Pet not within eyesight of owner

If negative /dangerous dog behavior is identified, owners must:

- ❖ 1st offense: Dog and owner must work with a Behavior Modification Trainer, at owner's expense, within 30 days; dog must be leashed at all times
- ❖ 2nd offense: if within 3 months, dog must be muzzled at all times
- ❖ 3rd offense: if within 6 months, not allowed in shared areas, must be leashed and muzzled when leaving the property
- ❖ 4th offense: if within 1 year, dog must be removed from the property

Failure to comply

- ❖ A fine \$25 per day will be imposed if the dog owner fails to take the above actions