

## **Animal Control Policy and Procedure** (as revised June 10, 2006)

**No animals shall be kept or maintained on any Lot except the usual household pets which shall be kept reasonably confined so as not to become a nuisance. When outside the limits of an owner's property, animals must be kept under control through the use of a leash, shock collar, or kept by the individual's side except when on the SVILA beach when all types of animals must be on a leash or within an appropriate animal container.**

Any loose or stray animal that has been reported to the SVILA office or spotted by the SVILA Lake Manager while conducting routine lake inspections will be considered in violation of the SVILA Rule stated above.

The Lake Manager will make a reasonable effort (e.g. phone call, personal visit, letter, etc.) to contact the owner of the loose or stray animal. The animal owner will be given a written warning stating the date, time and location of the violation. Any future violation(s) involving the same property owner's dog(s) will result in a ticket and fine of not less than \$50.

Any animal that is considered dangerous such as by attacking other animals or humans and has been reported in writing to the SVILA Office or spotted by the SVILA Lake Manager during routine lake inspections, will be reported to the Ringgold County Sheriff's Office for capture and confinement.

Property owners will have twenty calendar days to pay the fine. SVILA By-Laws, Section 6, Fines & Suspensions state, "It shall be the duty of each member of the Association to comply with the By-Laws and rules of the Association.

The fine must be paid within twenty calendar days at the Association's business office. Alternatively, a written request for a hearing must be received within twenty calendar days at the Association's business office if the property owner feels they have been unjustifiably accused of a rule infraction.

The request will be to appear before a Hearing Committee established by the Board which shall be convened to hear the case. The Hearing Committee will decide his or her guilt or innocence. If the member is found guilty, he or she shall pay the assessed fine. The decision of the Hearing Committee may be appealed to the Board. The decision of the Board is final.

In the event a member does not pay the fine or appear before the Hearing Committee, he or she shall be subject to a suspension of member's privileges.

The Board may suspend all voting rights, if any, and all rights to use the Association's Common Areas of any owner for any period during which any Association assessment or other obligation remains unpaid.