

Dear Residents,

I have an urgent request to all our dog owners. Due to the mandatory stay at home order many of us and our families are using the trails in greater numbers. I love that I've seen so many families with young children getting out and enjoying one of Kingwoods greatest assets, our trails system.

In addition to families of bikers or walkers many residents are out with their dogs. Most dog owners are respectful of others and keep their dogs on a leash. But there are a few, and you know who you are, that decide to let your dog run without a leash. This is not acceptable for the safety of everyone. Yes, you say your dog is friendly but many young and old do not see your dog as friendly but aggressive. I will remind you that City of Houston has a Leash Law that is enforced by our HPD. Below is a portion of the leash law:



Please, do not put your dog or other people at risk by letting them off the leash. Kings Point Trails Association has had several calls recently about loose dogs and we will be requesting HPD to increase their visits to the areas that the calls have identified. And, as long as I am talking pet ownership responsibility, clean up after your dog. Dog feces is the biggest contributor to surface water pollution in addition to being a magnet for flies and unsanitary. We have erected several doggie stations with bags for your convenience and as a reminder that this is your responsibility as an owner.

Enjoy the trails, enjoy our natural preserve and be considerate and respectful of others using the trails and abiding to our rules and regulations.

Be safe and stay healthy.

Kathleen Muhle,

President Kings Point Trails Association

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City of Houston Dog Bite Codes: Leash Law and Dangerous Dog Law

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Below are the relevant parts of the Houston Code of Ordinances that contain the various leash laws and dangerous dog laws which may apply when a *City of Houston dog bite* occurs. The city of Houston has a fairly comprehensive set of regulations that are very similar to Texas Health and Safety Code Section, 822. The City of Houston dog bite codes beyond what most municipalities do in that they set up a database for dogs that are determined to be dangerous. (See section 6-162.)

If you need to report a City of Houston dog bite, please contact the appropriate [animal control number](#).

Houston Leash Law

Sec. 6-2. – Owner's responsibility for animals at large.

An owner or any other person having the right of possession of an animal shall ensure that such animal does not run at large in violation of this chapter and shall be subject to punishment under this chapter without regard to whether he was acting with a culpable mental state.

(Code 1968, § 6-1.1; Ord. No. 80-744, § 1, 4-20-80)