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Dear Owners and Residents: We would like to address a growing concern that requires the immediate attention and cooperation of all dog owners within the community.

The sidewalks throughout our property are becoming increasingly stained, unsightly, and odorous due to a number of dogs being allowed to urinate directly on the walkways. While this may seem minor in isolated cases, the cumulative impact of repeated urination in common areas creates both an aesthetic and sanitary problem that affects everyone.

Many owners may not realize that dog urine, unlike waste that is picked up, is left behind—absorbing into concrete and leaving behind stains, odors, and potential health hazards. Not only does this diminish the appearance of our community, but it also creates an unpleasant experience for neighbors and guests who walk these shared paths.

Importantly, while most residents responsibly clean up solid waste, it should be equally unacceptable to allow urine deposits to remain untreated. Just as dog waste is expected to be picked up, urine should not be left where residents walk—especially on sidewalks or near entrances.

We respectfully ask all dog owners to:

- Refrain from allowing dogs to urinate on concrete walkways
- Guide pets to appropriate areas, ideally toward the outer perimeter of the community
- Avoid repeated use of the same small areas, which can kill grass or plants and lead to costly replacement.

If your dog has an accident on a walkway, a simple and effective solution is to rinse the area with water. While not ideal, this is far better than allowing urine to accumulate without any effort to mitigate its effects.

If this issue continues, the Association may be forced to consider enforcement measures, including potential fines, to preserve the cleanliness and quality of our shared environment.

We appreciate your cooperation and your continued efforts to maintain a respectful and pleasant community for all.

Thank you,
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