

## LEASH AND PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET, IT'S THE LAW.



Recently the City of Signal Hill adopted a new municipal code ordinance that will hopefully prevent the prevalence of dogs running off leash in and around Signal Hill. The ordinance allows Animal Control and Signal Hill Police Officers to issue administrative citations to pet owners who neglect to follow the "leash law". The "leash law" requires that all pet owners keep their dogs on a leash not more than six feet long when the dog is on any public street, sidewalk, park, public space or private property if the private property is not enclosed. This includes undeveloped areas on Signal Hill.

Pet owners are also reminded that it is their responsibility to properly dispose of any pet waste that is left behind by their animals. The law specifically states that pet owners remove pet waste and deliver it to a proper trash receptacle.

Please help keep Signal Hill safe and clean for all animals and residents by taking responsibility for your four legged friends.



## LOCAL OFF LEASH DOG PARKS AND BEACHES

### Long Beach Dog Park

5201 E. 7th Street in Recreation Park, open until 10:00 p.m.

### Long Beach Dog Beach

Between Roycroft and Argonne Avenue, just east of Belmont Pool and Pier. 6:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

### Huntington Beach Dog Beach

On PCH between 21st and Seapoint. 5:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. In the water and on wet sand only.

### Huntington Beach Dog Park at Central Park

Edwards Avenue at Inlet, 92648. Dawn to dusk.

### Arbor Park- Seal Beach

Off Lampson between Valley View and Los Alamitos Blvd. Dawn to dusk.

### Costa Mesa Bark Park

Arlington Avenue at Fairview Avenue. Dawn to dusk. Closed Tuesdays.

*Dogs are not our whole lives, but they make our lives whole.*

*~Roger Caras*



## INFORMATION FOR PET OWNERS



Community Services Department  
2175 Cherry Avenue  
Signal Hill CA 90755-3799  
(562) 989-7330  
[www.cityofsignalhill.org](http://www.cityofsignalhill.org)

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PETS



Most of us have been trained on how to prepare our families for a disaster but have you thought recently about what you will do with your pets should a major emergency arise? The American Red Cross suggests that all pet owners prepare for care of their animals in the event that an emergency arises. Here are some tips:

1. Ask a trusted neighbor to look out for and retrieve your pet should an emergency arise while you are away from home. Make sure that person knows where to find your "Pet Emergency Kit".
2. Find out in advance where you might be able to take shelter with your pet in the event of a major disaster. Most human shelters will not be able to provide space for pets so research other options you might have such as pet friendly hotels, homes of friends outside your immediate area, or other animal boarding facilities.
3. Prepare and keep stocked a "Pet Emergency Kit":
  - Food and water for three days per pet
  - Pet medical records
  - Any medications that your pet will need
  - A small litter box with litter for cats
  - Doggie waste bags
  - Extra leashes or harnesses
  - Portable carriers or crates to secure pets
  - Photos and descriptions of each pet to help identify them if they get lost or separated from you

You can never be too prepared when it comes to the safety of your beloved animals so take time today to

## ANIMAL LAWS AT A GLANCE

Please be a responsible Pet Owner and follow the laws. The following are punishable by fines up to \$500.

Allowing an unaltered cat to roam outside of your home (Municipal Code 6.16.085)

Allowing a cat or dog to become pregnant (Municipal Code 6.16.080)

Allowing your pet off leash on any beach or on any public school grounds (Municipal Code 6.16.090)

Allowing your pet off leash on any public street, sidewalk, park or private property if the private property is accessible to the public (Municipal Code 6.16.100)

Having a dog without a valid license issued by Animal Control (Municipal Code 6.08.010)

Allowing a dog to bark, howl, whine or make other loud and unusual noises which disrupts the public peace (Municipal Code 6.16.110)

Allowing an animal to defecate on any public sidewalk, street, park, private property or other public place unless the waste is removed by the Person Responsible to a proper trash receptacle (Municipal Code 6.16.200)

A COMPLETE LISTING OF LAWS CAN BE FOUND AT:  
[http://www.longbeach.gov/acs/animal\\_enforcement/default.asp](http://www.longbeach.gov/acs/animal_enforcement/default.asp)

## WILD ANIMALS IN SIGNAL HILL

The City of Signal Hill often receives calls from residents asking what can be done about skunks, opossums and other wildlife that live in and around Signal Hill. Unfortunately, unless wildlife are posing a particular threat to the safety or well being of pets or humans, they have a right to habituate in their natural surroundings. This means that unless they are on your property threatening you or your pets, Animal Control cannot remove them.



The best way to keep wildlife out of the community is by maintaining your home and yard so that wildlife will not be attracted to those areas. Wildlife are always looking for three life sustaining elements: food, water and shelter.

Food for wildlife comes in the form of pet food left out for pets, fruits and vegetables that have fallen from trees or vines and garbage that the animals are able to dig out of uncovered trash receptacles. Water can come from pet water dishes and uncovered ponds or pools. As for shelter, wildlife often take cover under decks, under houses, and in overgrown shrubbery or plants. If residents take care in removing these attractants they are much less likely to have problems with pesky wildlife in their homes and yards.

If a resident does encounter a wild animal that appears aggressive, injured, ill or dead they should call Animal Control immediately to have the animal removed at (562) 570-PETS.