# C.A.R.E



#### Communication

- This is a special communication to discuss pet waste.
- Crescent Spring Condominiums is a "pet friendly" community but the common elements (grass and landscaping) of Crescent Spring are not, because it gets damaged or dies.
- A map of the four "Pet Station" areas is included with this communication for education and reference.
- Several violations in regards to pet waste have been reported to the Management Company by unit owners. Please don't assume it's always a Board member who reports violations.
- Report any Pet Stations that are short on "baggies". Volunteers do a good job trying to keep them supplied!

#### Awareness

- The community is being monitored. The fact it may be dark or that you let your pet defecate or urinate behind/between buildings, doesn't fool anyone or let you off the hook. Pet feces and dead grass are obvious "markers" left behind by these individuals.
- Familiarize yourself with what landscaping looks like. Hostas, decorative grass, shrubs, flowers, day lilies, ivy, etc. are not urinals. Some unit owners make the trip to the pet station only to let their animal urinate on the above.
- This time of the year it's pretty obvious where the common elements have been damaged by pet urine. Take a look around.
- It's warming up. Pet feces are not quite as noticeable when they are frozen. Spring is here and with warmer temperatures pet feces smell.
- Don't let your pet defecate in the ivy (especially in front of pool deck areas). It smells.
- The Association may levy fines against repeat offenders.
- The fines levied by the Metro Board of Health are substantial and the President of the Association may also be fined by the Board of Health for unit owner violations.
- Pets are REQUIRED to be on leashes. There are service animals in the community and they are agitated or excited about animals running up to them.
- Sometime pet accidents simply happen and the Association is aware and understands this.

### Responsibility

- Take a plastic bag with you when you leave your unit. Sometimes your pet can't make it to the pet station.
- It's a metro law to clean up pet feces.
- If your pet will urinate along the path to the Pet Station, try to avoid the sidewalks.
- If you see someone letting their pet use the common elements as a toilet, politely remind them where the Pet Station is (if you feel comfortable/safe doing that). Please report the incident to the Management Company. Indicate the time, location and individual.
- If you are having visitors, educate them where the Pet Stations are. If you are having someone house/pet sit or you rent your unit, educate them also. The unit owner will be responsible if fines are levied by the Association or the Board of Health.

## Effort

- <u>Thanks to the several residents who utilize the Pet Stations appropriately and who care about our community!!</u>
- Information about the Pet Stations is included in the welcome packets and distributed yearly.
- Pet baggies are supplied at the Pet Stations.
- The Board of Health will be notified about repeat offenders of Regime Rule 16 (not picking up dog waste).
- Letters will be sent to owners in which trouble spots appear around their unit. The Association may ask for their help to monitor these areas (some trouble areas are in front of units which don't have pets or where past accidents have occurred).