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Dogs – Barking and Poop



by Christine L'Ecluse

Chula Vista residents continue to wrestle with the positives and negative aspects of dogs in the neighborhood. Many of us cherish the affection, companionship and security that dogs provide. But we must also recognize the difficulties and challenges that dog ownership presents.

Dogs are social animals with very sensitive hearing. The qualities which make them good companions and watchdogs make them aware of sounds and people in the neighborhood. Dogs will bark when they are bored, lonely or aware of strangers. But constant, uncontrolled or unmonitored barking can cause stress and irritation to the surrounding neighbors. Our association's Rules & Regulations do not permit constant barking by dogs.

Dog poop is also a real issue that concerns our entire neighborhood. Everyone is affected by dog poop. The issue is simple. Dogs are animals and they defecate. The poop has to go somewhere. Our Colonos Rules & Regulations as well as the Chapala's Ecología Dept. requires that dog owners pick up and dispose of their dogs' poop.

Dog poop is not a simple biological material. It is as toxic to health as industrial chemicals or oil pollutants. Dog feces can...

- Contain parvovirus, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, threadworms, giardia, coccidian, salmonella, E. coli
- Cause kidney disorders, blindness, brain or heart disease, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans
- Encourage the growth of weeds and algae in rivers and lakes which limits the oxygen available to beneficial fish and plants

Rain-diluted dog poop can contaminate surrounding bodies of water or the underlying water table. Wind and warm temperatures can turn dog poop into lethal dust which can be inhaled by anyone in the vicinity. Dog poop doesn't just wash away or disappear. For the good health of the whole community cleaning up and disposing of dog poop is the responsibility of every dog owner.

Annual General Assembly - January 26, 2019

Chula Vista is having its annual meeting at Hotel Villa Montecarlo in Chapala on January 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

All members of our association are urged to come to the meeting. We will be presenting information about issues in the neighborhood and changes to the Rules & Regulations, electing Board members and voting on the annual budget.

Association members are asked to **BRING PICTURE ID** to the meeting.

Some of the current Board members will be finishing their terms of office in 2019. The following colonos members have been nominated for the position of Director or Alternate Director.

For Director:

Michael Joseph Lemmo
Victor Manuel Gonzalez y Lopez
Michael Joseph Kavanaugh

For Alternate Director:

Joe Alex de Leon
Gary Joe Blauer
Louise Andree Morel
Werner Zuercher
Keith Russell

Any eligible community member may apply for the position of Director or Alternate Director by registering at the Colonos office no less than three days prior to the AGA, or by January 23.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Chapala Police Department -

To report problems, crimes or ask questions: **Luis - 33 21 61 5903**

Transit Department - To report the date, time, place and purpose of a stop by a transit officer: **Gerardo 33 15 66 3440**

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CHULA VISTA OFFICE
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766-2667

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