

# Your Pet as a Good Neighbor



Having a pet as your companion is the most wonderful feeling there is. A pet brings its owner such love, delight and companionship. Many people love animals, but there are some people that do not. The people that do not own pets have their own reasons, either fear, allergies, or all the work involved in pet ownership. It is important to respect their decisions and their rights.

To be a good pet owning neighbor you should:

**Control excessive noise:** If you own a dog or bird be aware of the noise they can make. Many pet owners can become selectively deaf, tuning out or ignoring the noise their pets can make. It is important for pet owners to minimize the impact their pets have on their neighbors. Carefully monitoring your pets at night, mornings and on the weekends can make for a peaceful neighborhood.

**Keep your pet under control:** Fences can make great neighbors. People that do not own pets do not appreciate your pet coming onto their property. What you see as an adorable ball of fur can sometimes be your neighbor's worst nightmare. When walking your pet always use a leash this not only makes your neighbor more comfortable but can also save your pet's life.

**Maintain sanitary conditions:** Most communities in New Jersey have pooper scooper laws. It is not only your responsibility to clean up after your pet it also creates a healthy environment for your pet. Many people take great pride in their property, allowing your pet to urinate or defecate on your neighbor's property will definitely lead to problems.

**Be an educated pet owner:** Know the laws in your community and obey them.

***Being a responsible pet owner will make you a good neighbor***