

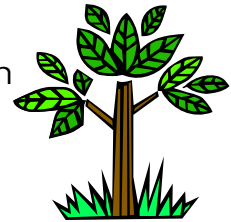


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Dear Neighbors:

As we enter a new year, and a new decade, more and more of our neighbors are moving into the subdivision, bringing with them new pets and livestock to the neighborhood, adding to those already here. All of these "family members" are VERY welcome in Horse Creek Ranch and Legend Oaks, but whether you're new to the neighborhood or have been here for ten years, we all have a responsibility to look after our animals and ensure that they are not causing a disturbance or are a bother to anyone.

Unfortunately, we live in a very remote part of the county, and strangers often drop unwanted animals on our roads, so we as a community must make the extra effort to ensure that it is not *our* pets or livestock that are our wandering the streets and subdivision.

Keep in mind current Deed Restrictions that apply to all landowners- Horse Creek Ranch and Legend Oaks:

**7.00 All livestock, dogs, and poultry must be kept penned or fenced-in at all times or must be individually tethered or leashed.** No stable, barn, shed, or sty in which livestock are housed or fed; no livestock feeding trough, bin or station; no poultry house, coop or yard; no dog kennel; and no cattery shall be erected, used or maintained on any Tract at any time for any purpose within twenty-five (25) feet of the boundary line of any other Tract. For purposes of the provisions of this article all contiguously owned Tracts or parts hereof as if constituting a single Tract. As used herein, the term "livestock" shall include horses, mules, donkeys, calves, heifers, sheep, goats, llamas, and similar animals, and ostriches, emus, and similar birds; and the term "cattle" shall include cows, bulls, steers, oxen, bison, calves and heifers. In addition to the number of animals, livestock, and poultry otherwise permitted to be kept or maintained on any Tract, the natural offspring of such animals, livestock, and poultry may be temporarily kept or maintained for the period of time during which such offspring are normally dependent on a parent for feeding, nurturing, or protection.

Except as otherwise provided herein, no animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract at any time for any purpose in violation of the following rules and limitations:

- A. No more than five (5) dogs may be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract
- B. No more than five (5) cats may be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract

- C. No more than one head of swine may be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract
- D. No more than one head of cattle may be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract for each one (1) acre in size the of the Tract
- E. Not more than one (1) head of livestock and ten (10) head of poultry may be raised, bred, kept or maintained on any Tract for each acre in size of the Tract
- F. No lions, tigers, panthers, bears, or similar animals may be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract
- G. No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, kept, or maintained on any Tract in such manner as to cause a safety or health risk or hazard to humans or other animals, livestock, or poultry, or in such a manner as to cause a noise, odor or other nuisance
- H. Any livestock or cattle kept or raised in excess of two per five acres must be penned and fed in stalls or corrals unless by express written approval of Declarant

We as a neighborhood typically use the "honor system" and rely on each other to abide by the rules so that we can all live out here peacefully. For those of you who may be experiencing increased animal traffic in your yard or road and need more information about Texas laws and resources available to you, here is a web-link to an overview of current statutes:

[http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stustxhealthsafetycode822\\_001\\_828\\_015.htm](http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stustxhealthsafetycode822_001_828_015.htm)

Feel free to investigate your rights as a landowner in Texas, but also be aware that the dog running through your yard may be a stray or belong to one of the property owners nearby that are not included in our subdivision. If you are aware of violations to the Deed Restrictions, we have a procedure in place to report those violations, and this applies to animals as well. Complaint forms can be found on our website: [www.hcrhoa.com](http://www.hcrhoa.com), and questions or comments can be sent to our PO Box (429, Moody, 76557) or e-mail address ([hcrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:hcrhoa@gmail.com)).

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read this letter. It is vital that we as a community are aware of the problems and the solutions, so that there are no incidents that lead to unhappy neighbors and an unpleasant neighborhood.

Sincerely-  
Horse Creek Ranch Homeowners' Association