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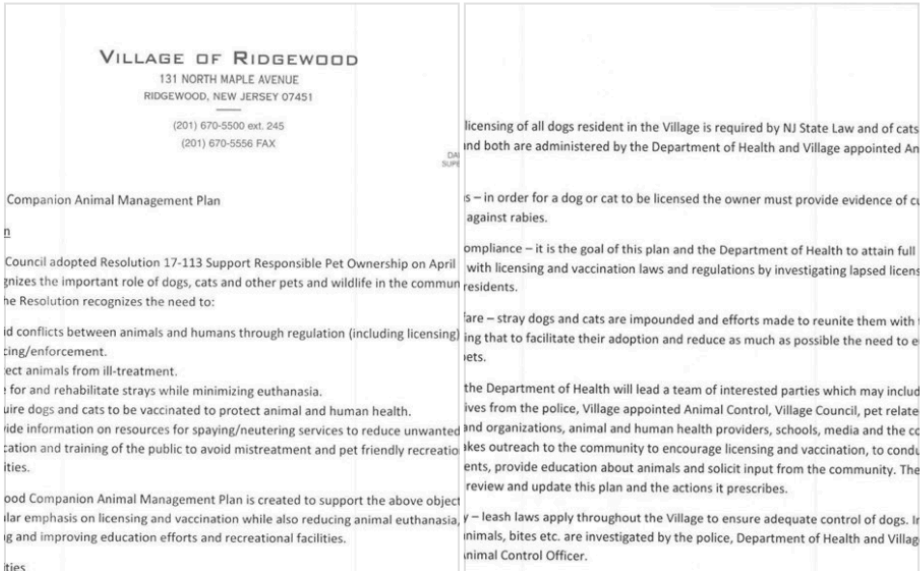
Ridgewood's Companion Animal Management Plan is attached and we are asking anyone interested to review it and provide comments and/or suggestions for improvements. This document was prepared at the request of the Ridgewood Green Team Advisory Committee to support their efforts to achieve Silver Certification for the Village in the Sustainable Jersey program. The Plan formalizes animal programs that have been in effect in the Village for some time with additional emphasis on inviting public input. Therefore, if you wish to provide comment, please do so by e-mail to dcetrulo@ridgewoodnj.net.



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Companion Animal Management Plan

Council adopted Resolution 17-113 Support Responsible Pet Ownership on April
gnizes the important role of dogs, cats and other pets and wildlife in the commun
he Resolution recognizes the need to:

id conflicts between animals and humans through regulation (including licensing)
cing/enforcement.
ect animals from ill-treatment.
for and rehabilitate strays while minimizing euthanasia.
uire dogs and cats to be vaccinated to protect animal and human health.
ide information on resources for spaying/neutering services to reduce unwanted
cation and training of the public to avoid mistreatment and pet friendly recreatio
ities.

ood Companion Animal Management Plan is created to support the above object
ilar emphasis on licensing and vaccination while also reducing animal euthanasia,
g and improving education efforts and recreational facilities.

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licensing of all dogs resident in the Village is required by NJ State Law and of cats
nd both are administered by the Department of Health and Village appointed An

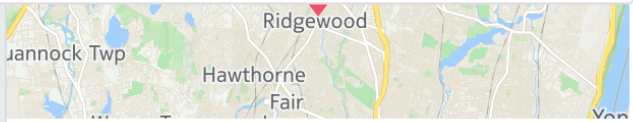
s – in order for a dog or cat to be licensed the owner must provide evidence of c
against rabies.

ompliance – it is the goal of this plan and the Department of Health to attain full
with licensing and vaccination laws and regulations by investigating lapsed licens
residents.

are – stray dogs and cats are impounded and efforts made to reunite them with
ing that to facilitate their adoption and reduce as much as possible the need to e
ets.

the Department of Health will lead a team of interested parties which may includ
ives from the police, Village appointed Animal Control, Village Council, pet relate
nd organizations, animal and human health providers, schools, media and the co
kes outreach to the community to encourage licensing and vaccination, to condu
ents, provide education about animals and solicit input from the community. The
review and update this plan and the actions it prescribes.

y – leash laws apply throughout the Village to ensure adequate control of dogs. I
nimals, bites etc. are investigated by the police, Department of Health and Villag
nimal Control Officer.



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