

Dear resident of Ruth,

It has become increasingly apparent that we have an issue with pet ownership within the town. This letter is an appeal to help resolve this issue to prevent any further property damage or injury. While the owning of pets is appreciated not only for enjoyment but also as a safety asset acting as a deterrent to trespassers and burglars for the whole community, unrestrained pets can pose a threat to residents and properly restrained pets.

We have young children and elderly that would not be able to defend themselves effectively against an attack as well as quite a few residents that walk with or without their leashed dogs throughout the neighborhood.

We have previously had an incident where a dog walker was attacked by an unrestrained dog and both the walker and their dogs sustained wounds in the incident.

Some residents are fearful of being attacked or having their own pets attacked. They are justified to defend themselves and their property. Please do not allow your pets to roam on other's property on the streets.

Please restrain your pets appropriately and maintain a good neighbor attitude in regards to your pets.

I do not want to have to take further action in my official capacities and would prefer that we could all treat each other in a friendly neighborhood manner.

Please feel free to call or text me if you see stray animals or have concerns and suggestions for how else to address this issue.