ANIMAL REGULATIONS (Austin City Code - Title 3)

- Provide adequate shelter
- Ensure pets have current rabies vaccinations
- Pick up and sanitarily dispose of pet waste left on public or private property
- Confine animals transported in unenclosed vehicles in a manner that prevents the animal from falling or jumping from the vehicle or otherwise being injured
- Keep dogs under restraint, except in designated off-leash areas
- DO NOT leave a dog alone on a chain or tether
- It’s unlawful to sell a puppy or kitten that is not spayed/ neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped

ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY

- Know your dog’s physical limitations and tolerance levels
- Train your dog to respond to behavioral commands
- Train your dog to walk by your side when on-leash. Do not use a retractable leash
- Pay attention to the weather. It doesn’t take long for an active dog to overheat, and certain breeds are very susceptible to the heat or the cold
- When you leave home with your dog, bring water

OFF-LEASH AREA (OLA) GUIDELINES

For a complete list, please visit www.austintexas.gov/department/leash-areas

- Keep your dog in your sight and under voice control at all times. Intervene in any inappropriate play. Be aware of, pick up, and dispose of your dog’s waste
- Stay in the OLA with your dog
- Bring only spayed and neutered dogs into the OLA
- Bring only non-aggressive dogs into the OLA
- Do not bring dogs under four (4) months old into the OLA
- Do not bring children under six (6) years old into the OLA
- Leave your dog’s favorite toys at home to discourage problem behavior

KEEPING AUSTIN A NO-KILL CITY

- Please adopt your pets from shelters or rescue groups instead of buying them
- Spay or neuter all of your pets
- Make sure your pets are microchipped and wear a current ID tag
- Make a lifetime commitment to your pets
- Volunteer, foster, or donate to a shelter or rescue group