WHEREAS, Article VIII of the Bylaws gives the Board of Directors the authority to amend and adopt association Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clear, concise and consistent regulations on the matter of the Dog Park; and

WHEREAS, the Happy Tails Dog Park Club, the Rules Committee and the LOWA Attorney gave advice on the amendments.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby approves the following amendments to Regulation IV, Individual Behavior:

IV. INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR

B. ANIMAL CONTROL

1. No dogs or other pets shall be permitted to run at large within LOW or be allowed on any public beach. Except for dogs inside the designated Dog Park described in Subsection B.12, all animals must be kept leashed and under the Owner’s handler’s immediate control when on the Common Areas or other Lots.

2. The trapping or killing of wild animals, other than rats, mice, moles and other destructive pests within LOW is prohibited. As an exception, the General Manager may authorize such activities in specific situations.

3. No individual shall raise domestic poultry, ducks, geese or other waterfowl on his/her property.

4. The feeding of wild or stray animals on LOWA property is prohibited. (1/1991)

5. The release of fish and wildlife obtained outside of LOW into LOW lakes shall be prohibited, except in the case of live bait, or unless otherwise authorized by the General Manager’s Office.

6. No person shall abandon any dog, cat or other domestic type animal anywhere in LOW.

7. No horse activity shall be allowed on LOW roads or grounds outside the LOWA Equestrian Center, except as authorized by the General Manager for community special events or weddings. (4/1991)
8. Pet owners shall be responsible for the removal of their pet’s droppings from LOWA grounds, road rights-of-way and other LOWA member lots, as well as removal of any pet droppings on their own lot which may accumulate and thereby cause an offensive odor or unsanitary condition.

9. No pet may be kept within the Association which causes a nuisance, results in any annoyance, or is obnoxious to the members of the Association or other residents in the vicinity or is in violation of the rules and regulations regarding pets. Each Owner keeping pets on his or her Lot must comply with all requirements of law applicable to such animal, including without limitation, vaccination and registration of animals, as well as Orange County laws regarding dangerous and vicious dogs. (1/2013)

10. No Owner may keep or maintain on any Lot a “Dangerous Dog” or “Vicious Dog” as defined in the Code of Virginia or Orange County Code, as both may be amended from time to time. If a dog is classified as “dangerous” or “vicious” by Orange County or other governmental authority, such dog must be removed from the property within thirty (30) days of such classification, or such shorter period of time as the Legal and Compliance Committee or the Board of Directors may determine. Each Owner shall be absolutely liable to each and all other Owners, their families, guests, permittees and invitees, and to the Association, for any and all damage to person or property caused by any such pet brought upon or kept on the Properties by such Owner or by his family, guests, permittees, or invitees. (1/2013)

11. A person with a disability shall have the right to be accompanied within the Association by a dog trained and in service as a service animal. A service dog shall not be considered a pet. (1/2013)


a. Dog Park is an off-leash, fenced facility located at the LOWA-owned Life Estates Property and operated by LOWA in cooperation with the Happy Tails Dog Club.

b. Dog owners/handlers may walk leashed dogs to and from the fenced Dog Park, but are otherwise restricted from use of the non-fenced portion of the Life Estates Property to minimize disruption of Dog Park use.

c. Dog Park use is limited to LOWA members in good standing, registered tenants, authorized handlers, accompanied guests, and individuals or groups who receive authorization from the General Manager, subject to the Declarations, Bylaws and these Rules. Authorized handler is defined as a person authorized by the owner to handle the owner’s dog.
d. Dog Park users must observe all posted rules.

e. Dog owners are responsible for damages to person or property caused by their dogs.

f. Unless otherwise posted, Dog Park hours of operation are sunrise to sunset.

13. Happy Tails Dog Park Specific Rules

a. Dogs with their Owners/handlers must be registered with LOWA through the Happy Tails Dog Club with up-to-date information on primary residence; record of rabies, distemper and Bordetella shots on file; Orange County dog license and proof of liability insurance. The Club is authorized to collect and maintain the dog records on behalf of LOWA.

b. All persons inside the enclosure of the Dog Park must wear their designated identifier (Dog Park Lanyard), with current ID. Shoes must be worn at all times and your mobile phone should be handy.

c. Dogs shall be accompanied inside the enclosed area in the Dog Park only by owners/handlers aged 16 and older.

d. A limit of two (2) dogs per owner/handler in the Dog Park at the same time is permitted. Only one (1) person may be in the entry area with their dog(s) at any time.

e. Dogs under six months of age are not permitted in the Dog Park.

f. Female dogs in heat are not permitted in the Dog Park.

g. Owners/handlers may bring water, in plastic bottles only, not glass, into the enclosure of the Dog Park. No other food (human or dog food or dog treats) or beverages are permitted inside the enclosure of the Dog Park.

h. Use of tobacco products is prohibited in the Dog Park.

i. To ensure a healthy environment for all dogs, they should be free of contagious conditions, including coughing, vomiting and diarrhea, for at least one week prior to visiting the Dog Park.

j. No professional dog training may be done in the Dog Park unless first approved by the LOWA General Manager.

k. Dogs must be kept on leash until they are in the designated enclosed off-leash area. All dogs inside the enclosure of the Dog Park must be off-leash. Dogs still on leashes may feel threatened by dogs that are off leash. Owners/handlers must be inside the enclosure of the Dog Park with their dog(s) at all times with leashes in hand. Remember that some dogs may not get along. Watch your dog carefully to prevent possible problems. No dog may be unattended.
1. Immediately pick up and dispose of dog waste. Plastic bags and trash cans are available.

m. Neither LOWA nor the Happy Tails Dog Club shall be held responsible for any injuries. Owners/handlers are responsible for injuries and/or property damage caused by dogs under their control. If an injury occurs, Owners/handlers shall exchange personal information prior to leaving the Dog Park. Owners/handlers shall report the incident to the General Manager and Happy Tails Dog Club President as soon as possible.

n. Owners/handlers are responsible for the behavior of their dogs in and around the outside of the Dog Park. Aggressive dogs (defined as dogs posing a threat to human beings or other dogs) are not allowed in or near the park. Owners/handlers shall immediately remove from the Dog Park of any dogs showing signs of aggression is required. Dogs that are barking persistently should be removed from the Dog Park.

o. Toys brought to the Dog Park must be taken home with you. Rawhide toys are not permitted.

p. Parking at the Dog Park will be next to the fenced area and will be limited. Users of the Dog Park may not use the mail station for overflow parking at any time.

Effective: June 6, 2018

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: Leighton H. Cumming, President

ATTEST:

I, as Secretary for Lake of the Woods Association, Inc., hereby attest that the foregoing Policy Resolution 2018-8 was adopted by the Board of Directors at a duly-held and noticed Board of Directors meeting held on the 6th day of June 2018.

Jennifer Zukowski, Secretary