## ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE SUBDIVISION

As spring arrives, bringing mild temperatures, the weather is perfect to enjoy the District's parks, playgrounds, and trails. Often our K9 friends join us for our daily dose of exercise. The District has seen an increase in the number of reports of unrestrained dogs in area parks, and along trails.

Although your dog may be gentle, many people can be frightened by unrestrained dogs. Unrestrained dogs may be overly enthusiastic with small children, the young-at-heart, and other pets in the community which can create a risk for dog bites or other injuries. Unrestrained or free-roaming dogs pose a substantial threat to the public. In addition, unrestrained dogs are at an increased risk of being bitten by wildlife present in the community, increasing the potential for the spread of illness.

Fort Bend County has established regulations requiring the restraint of dogs when outside a dwelling. Enforcement of restraint laws is essential in protecting the public using common areas within the community. As you enjoy the great outdoors with your pet, please be courteous, and help keep our community safe by abiding by dog restraint regulations. The District also encourages you to report all instances of unrestrained dogs.

To report a dog bite or other emergency situation, please call 911. For non-emergency reports of unrestrained dogs, please contact Fort Bend County Animal Control Services (281) 342-1512.