



# **The Del City North Neighborhood Watch Community Bulletin No. 27 Pet Owners Be Aware**



It has come to our attention that there are a number of dogs roaming the DCNNW Area and Ray Trent Park Trails outside the dog park facility. These dogs appear in some cases completely alone and at other times are accompanied by an “owner.” In either case the dogs being loose to roam freely is a direct violation of the Del City Code of Ordinances Chapter 4 which states in summary: Any dog, older than 6 months must be restrained by a leash not longer than 6 feet that is in the hands of a person. Furthermore, the dog must be vaccinated for rabies by the age 6 months also. No dog should be allowed to roam freely “at large” outside the pen, kennel or house under the control and supervision of the owner or “harborer” responsible for the animal. Simply stated, a dog should not be released to go outside in a front or back yard (unless fenced) unless the dog is on a leash. Tying or chaining a dog to a tree or other stationary object in an unfenced yard is only OK if the dog has food water and shelter. The conduct, the appearance and the care of a dog is strictly the responsibility of the owner or the person harboring such an animal. Fines up to \$750 can be assessed for violations of these laws.

If you walk your dog on a public street even on a leash, you are responsible to pick and remove any excrement your dog produces. Following these ordinances will keep the public and dog owners safe.