

Goals for 2021

As a result of Covid-19, we anticipate that our in-person activities and events will be canceled. We will continue to meet using the Zoom platform for the foreseeable future. In addition, this impacts our goals for 2021. If things change in the coming months, we will revisit our 2021 goals.

1. Complete pamphlet about Pets in GHI for the Pre-Purchase Orientation. This pamphlet will highlight our Guide on the ghi.coop web site, will explain what is unique about having pets in GHI, and will about dog and cat etiquette.
2. Complete article on Covid and separation anxiety in dogs.
3. Complete document about winter care of pets.
4. Complete document on special items available online for DINOS, deaf, and blind dogs. This information show members items such as collars, vests and leashes that can alert other members that their dog needs space or is unable to hear or see. It will also provide links to resources that can assist members living with these dogs. The CAC is aware of members who have dogs that fit into all these categories.
5. Work with an Animal Behaviorist on the issue of cats roaming at large in GHI. This will include at least one webinar educating committee members about this topic, discussion of problems that often result in cats becoming outdoor cats, solutions to common behavior problems to prevent cats from becoming outdoor cats, other community-based educational programs (if any) to address this issue, and online resources that members will be able to access.
6. Use e-News alerts to announce key CAC events and topics.
7. Draft a public-facing page for the GHI.Coop CAC webpage to have ready when the private member portal is operational.

Ongoing Goals

8. Community Education Campaign
 - Transitioning cats indoors.
 - Management techniques to stop dogs from fence running and lunging at fences.
 - Management techniques for excessive barking.
 - Avoiding human-wildlife conflicts.
 - Importance of cleaning up after pets.
9. Educate all members about dogs in need of space (DINOS) to provide a member with the tools to inform others that their dog is a dog in need of space and should not be approached without permission. Also aids in bite prevention.

10. Hold Meet and Greet Events around GHI (once it is safe to do so).
11. Update and clean up our ghi.coop web page.
12. Continue working with Member Services, and contributing to GHI's e-News, and the committee web page.
13. Transition content to the new member portal once it is operational.
14. Continue to partner with the Greenbelt Community Animal Response Team (GCART).