

April 7, 2026

Reported by a homeowner on 4/7/2026:

A homeowner send an email to the WOSHOABoard@gmail.com reporting that there was an ongoing issue on Gentry Rd reporting a loose dog has been roaming freely and has been knocking over trash bins, creating a mess and scattering garbage in the street on Gentry Rd.

The homeowner is concerned that this is causing an issue for cleanliness and safety within the community and has requested that the HOA Board give attention to this matter.

Below are pictures provided:



Thank you to the homeowner sending the email and pictures. We've done some research on this and found the following for guidance:

HOAs in Houston are generally not directly responsible for catching loose dogs, as this is the duty of city or county animal control. However, HOAs are responsible for enforcing community leash laws and pet rules. If a dog attack occurs on HOA common property due to negligence, the HOA might be held liable. In the case of this report, it is not the HOA common property, but the HOA Member lot of unit property (private property).

Furthermore, HOAs typically do not have the manpower or authority to act as animal control. Their role for the HOA common area is to enforce them rather than act as a catcher of stray animals.

What should an HOA Member or Homeowner or resident do in this case?

Residents should report nuisance or loose pets to their HOA management company to initiate fines if the owner is known and is a resident of the HOA, while reporting dangerous or stray animals to municipal animal control. White Oak Springs is not in the Houston City Limits. In Cypress, TX, loose or roaming dogs should be reported to Harris County Animal Services at (281) 999-3191. For concerns regarding animal cruelty or neglect, call the Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce at 832-927-PAWS (7297) or submit a report online at 927paws.org.

Who to Contact for Loose Dogs in Cypress, TX/Harris County:

Harris County Animal Services: 281-999-3191 (General stray/roaming animal control)

Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce: 832-927-PAWS (Report cruelty/neglect)

Houston SPCA: 713-869-SPCA (7722) (Cruelty investigations)

Houston Humane Society: 713-433-6421 (Cruelty reporting)

If you can, please take pictures and send to the HOA Board, you will remain anonymous.

Email the picture to the WOS HOA Board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com and we'll add a report to our crimeawareness so our neighbors are aware of an issue, crime or vandalism in the area.

For something like this, a resident can call one of the numbers directly to provide the address location and description of the loose or roaming dog.

If it's an emergency, call 9-1-1

For non-emergency, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number is 713-221-6000, option 1

APM at 713-686-4692

HOA Board at WOSHOABoard@gmail.com.