

## **Consider Rules and Restrictions on Breed, Size and Weight of Dogs (Seniors, 55+ Communities and Condominiums)**

**HOAs can ban certain breeds, sizes and weight of dogs. This is especially needed in senior and 55+ communities whereby a dog attack, and they are not uncommon, of an elderly person can easily result in life threatening and deadly outcomes. Also, a senior weighing 90-120 pounds in no way can control a dog equal to and larger their stature, just no way and inviting trouble. Think about a senior or other condominium community with pit bulls and mastiffs in the elevator or sharing a hallway with a senior: anything can happen.**

**Additionally, these large animals need space and most senior communities and in particular condominiums don't have designated open dog exercise areas. Protection is one thing some try to obtain through a large dog but at the same time thought has to be given to the housing environment and the risk posed to fellow homeowners.**

**You get the idea, consider making your community safer.**

**Note, your HOA can make rules on limitations and ownership of dogs as long as there is no conflict with State or local laws. For example, assistance dogs can't be banned but if there is a local law allowing pit bulls to be owned the HOA can restrict ownership without conflict.**

**[Consider banning these dogs in your senior/55+ HOA](#)**