

The Village Voice

The Village of Ada will be running informational articles about Village policies and services currently offered. These articles will be for informational purposes only, and further details and the complete Codified Ordinances may be found on the Village website, www.adaohio.org, or by calling the Village Water Office at 419-634-4045.

Letting Fido out? Grab the leash, first

Many of us have done it. We walk in the door after a long day and our dogs are ready to burst outside to do their business. Our first thought may be to leave the door open and let the dogs run unleashed, just long enough for them to do what they need to do.

That first thought is a terrifying one for someone walking past your house just as your dog takes off running. We like to think our dogs won't hurt a person or another animal, but as we have seen in recent news, that is not always the case.

Village Council has recently updated Codified Ordinance 505.01, which is often called the leash law. With these changes, it is now required by ordinance that dogs be leashed and held under the reasonable control of a person. A dog owner may also use an adequate fence, tether, or secure enclosure to prevent his or her dog from escaping the property of the dog owner.

Placing a leash on your dog prior to taking him/her outside is one of the responsibilities of being a pet owner, and many owners take their responsibilities very seriously. Your fellow citizens thank you.