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I would like to add my experience on the subject of Sandy changing their "dog limit". I have been training dogs professionally for the past 26 years here in Utah. My main training is going into people's homes to help them train their dogs. I currently live in Sandy on a street that is an island. I have found that it isn't about the number of dogs allowed; it's the amount of responsibility from the owners.

I have also found that it really doesn't matter if a city has a limit on dogs. People are either going to obey the dog limit or not. If a city limit on dogs worked, there wouldn't be as many unregistered breeders and animal hoarders. With my job, I work all over the Wasatch front and Park City. I have not noticed a difference in dog owner's behavior if the city limit was 2 or unlimited. I don't see a difference in loose dogs, aggressive dogs, dogs that nuisance bark from a city that has a dog limit or one that has unlimited. It all boils down to the responsibility of the owner, not the number of dogs. I know that Salt Lake County moved to a no dog limit a few years ago. They would be a good resource to see how that has affected their jurisdiction.

I would like to see Sandy go to a no dog limit, but see stricter enforcement on owner responsibility. I am very tired of loose dogs running around with or without their owners, especially at the local parks. I have the right to walk my leashed dogs without being harassed by loose dogs.

I would also like to see stricter laws and enforcement on dogs that are aggressive and cause issues with the public. It amazes me how lax cities can be on aggressive dogs. It seems that animals have more rights now a day's than humans. I understand that the Animal Control officers are underpaid and over worked. Making the laws stricter and enforcing the laws would bring in revenue for the shelter.

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