



# **Pet Policy**

## **PETS POLICY**

We understand some tenants wish to keep pets and there are benefits derived by tenants from keeping them in their home.

Tenants have the right to keep **one** domestic pet. A domestic pet means: one dog, cat, bird, fish, hamster, gerbil or mouse, terrapin, tortoise, or newt. Written permission is not required for keeping one domestic pet.

**However, this permission will be withdrawn if any tenant fails to comply with the conditions for keeping one domestic pet.**

### **Conditions for keeping a domestic pet**

The domestic pet must not

- Be prohibited by the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010, be poisonous or any other law;
- Cause a nuisance to other residents and visitors to their home; and
- Cause the physical environment within our estates to deteriorate.

## **You and anyone living with you are responsible for:**

- The behaviour of their pet in and around the locality of our property
- The behaviour of any other household member's pet and those of visitors, in and around the locality of our property. This includes fouling, noise, danger and damage.

## **You must take all reasonable steps to:**

- Supervise and keep such a pet under control and ensure the pet is not left unattended in common or open areas
- Prevent a pet causing nuisance, annoyance or danger to their neighbours. This includes fouling or noise or smell from the domestic pet
- Ensure a pet does not foul or cause damage to the house, their neighbour's property, anything belonging to the Association or anything the Association is responsible for, such as common parts.

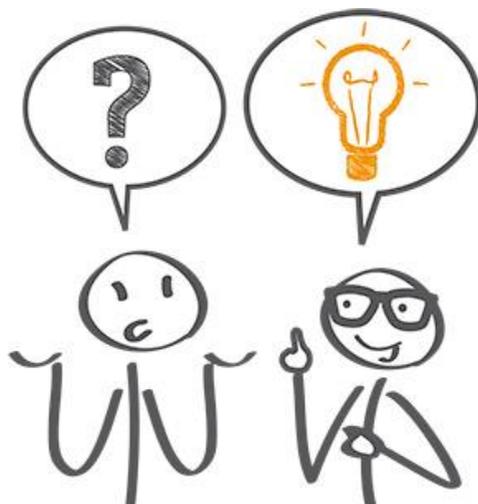
**You must not breed animals. If your domestic pet gives birth, you will be given 2 months to find alternative homes for the animals.**

## Exceptions to the Pet Policy

- If you wish to keep more than one domestic pet, or any other type of animal not specified as a domestic pet, **you must first of all obtain our written permission.**
- Requests for permission must be in writing and we will not refuse the request without good reason. If we refuse, we will tell you what the reason is.
- We will give our decision in writing within 28 days of receiving the written request for permission. If we do not reply within that period, permission is automatically granted.
- Any permission given may be subject to certain conditions.
- We may withdraw our permission if it appears the keeping of the domestic pet is a nuisance to anyone in the neighbourhood.
- If you object to our decision, you can appeal using our complaints procedure.

If you already have more than one domestic pet, you are allowed to keep these, **provided you adhere to the conditions laid out in this leaflet.** However, you should be aware that once these pets die, you only have permission to keep one domestic pet thereafter.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS OR ASK FOR ANY  
ADVICE ON THIS POLICY PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING OFFICER.**



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