

PET POLICY

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to animals that are used to assist persons with disabilities. Assistive animals are allowed in all public housing facilities with no restrictions other than those imposed on all tenants to maintain their units and associated facilities in a decent, safe, and sanitary manner and to refrain from disturbing their neighbors.

Pets

The Housing Authority will allow for pet ownership in its projects.

Approval

Residents must have the prior approval of the Housing Authority before moving a pet into their unit. Residents must request approval on the Authorization for Pet Ownership Form that must be fully completed before the Housing Authority will approve the request.

Types and Numbers of Pets

The Housing Authority will allow only domesticated dogs, cats, birds, and fish in aquariums in units. All dogs and cats must be neutered.

Only one (1) pet per unit allowed.

Any animal deemed to be potentially harmful to the health or safety of others, including attack or fight trained dogs, will not be allowed.

No animal may exceed thirty (30) pounds in weight.

Inoculations

In order to be registered, pets must be appropriately inoculated against rabies and other conditions prescribed by local ordinances.

Pet Deposit

A pet deposit of \$100.00 is required at the time of registering a pet. The deposit is refundable when the pet or the family vacate the unit, less any amounts owed due to damage beyond normal wear and tear.

Financial Obligation of Residents

Any resident who owns or keeps a pet in their dwelling unit will be required to pay for any damages caused by the pet. Also, any pet-related insect infestation in the pet owner's unit will be the financial responsibility of the pet owner and the Housing Authority reserves the right to exterminate and charge the resident.

Nuisance or Threat to Health or Safety

The pet and its living quarters must be maintained in a manner to prevent odors and any other unsanitary conditions in the owner's unit and surrounding areas.

Repeated substantiated complaints by neighbors or Housing Authority personnel regarding pets disturbing the peace of neighbors through noise, odor, animal waste, or other nuisance will result in the owner having to remove the pet or move him/herself

Designation of Pet Areas

Pets must be kept in the owner's apartment or on a leash at all times when outside (no outdoor cages may be constructed). Pets will be allowed only in designated areas on the grounds of the projects. Pet owners must clean up after their pets and are responsible for disposing of pet waste.

Visiting Pets

No visiting pets will be allowed at anytime.

Removal of Pets

The Housing Authority, or an appropriate community authority, shall require the removal of any pet from a project if the pet's conduct or condition is determined to be a nuisance or threat to the health or safety of other occupants of the project or of other persons in the community where the project is located.