

# Keeping Pets

## Information for Cardiff Council Tenants

This information sheet tells you what you need to know about keeping a pet in your council home.

We understand that pets are important to many tenants and their families, we want to let you keep them but you must be a responsible pet owner.

*Before considering keeping any pets, you need to read the following.*

### No tenant is allowed to keep:

- X Farm animals such as sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, horses and ponies and cockerels.
- X Dangerous animals that require a licence e.g. poisonous snakes and spiders, alligators and monkeys.
- X Banned dogs i.e. Pit Bull Terrier (also known as American Staffordshire Terriers or Irish Staffordshire Bull), or Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro or Japanese Tosa.

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## If you live in a house you must ask permission to keep the following:

- ✓ Chickens and ducks.
- ✓ Homing Pigeons.

You do not need permission to keep dogs or cats in a house but you must only keep a reasonable number of pets.

## If you live in a flat, maisonette or sheltered accommodation

You must not keep:

- X Chickens, ducks or homing pigeons.

You may keep:

- ✓ Up to two cats.
- ✓ One dog with permission.

A flat is not a suitable home for many dogs, especially large dogs. Multi-storey flats are only suitable for small dogs. You will have to apply to keep a dog in a flat. You will be asked to sign a Responsible Dog Owner Agreement. You will only be given permission if the dog is suitable for your home.

**Permission may be withdrawn if you do not keep to the Agreement.**

## Other pets can be kept as long as:

- They do not cause a nuisance to other people; and
- They do not damage your property, garden or the communal areas; and
- You keep a reasonable number of pets; and
- You provide them with suitable facilities and look after their welfare; and
- You do not breach your tenancy agreement in any other way.

## Useful websites

Cardiff Council - [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)

Defra - [www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/dangerous/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/dangerous/index.htm)

Dogs Trust - [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk)

PDSA - [www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk)

RSPCA - [www.rspca-cardiff.org.uk](http://www.rspca-cardiff.org.uk)

If you need further information on keeping pets you can contact the Tenancy Team:

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