

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Permission may be withdrawn if you do not keep to the Agreement.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

Defra - www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-pets/pets/dangerous/index.htm

Dogs Trust - www.dogstrust.org.uk

PDSA - www.pdsa.org.uk

RSPCA - www.rspca-cardiff.org.uk

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

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