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KEEPING A PET



TENANT INFORMATION GUIDE

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What pets are allowed in my home?

We allow small tame pets in a flat, pets that are unlikely to make a noise or need regular access to an outside garden. Please let us know if you have a pet or intend to purchase a pet. This is because we may need to share this information with a contractor or visiting officer who may have an allergy to certain pets.

Permission

As a WPH resident you must ask for permission if you want to take in a pet. All requests for pets will be considered on a case by case basis. Permission will be determined by your housing circumstances and the type of pet you wish to bring into your home.

Possible reasons for permission to keep a pet being refused:

- The animal is deemed to be inappropriate for the type of property
- Any animal defined in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 and the Dangerous Wild Animal Act 1976
- Previous pets were not looked after in a satisfactory manner.
- The animal is an endangered species.

Please contact us for a pet application form.



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Looking After Your Pet

You will be responsible for your pet's welfare by law (under Animal Welfare 2006). This includes the following obligations:

1. Somewhere suitable to live.
 - a. Has the animal got a safe and comfortable place to rest?
2. A proper diet, including fresh water
 - a. Animals have different nutrition needs based on their condition. Make sure your food meets these conditions.
3. The ability to express normal behaviour
 - a. Are the animal's social, exercise, and rest needs satisfied?
4. To support an need to be housed with or apart from other animals.
 - a. Animals should have company with other animals if appropriate. E.g. Puppies should be with their mother when they are young.
5. Protection from, and treatment of, illness and injury
 - a. Animals need routine healthcare to prevent health issues. Microchips are necessary as it makes dogs identifiable even if their collar is lost.

Nuisance

You must not allow your pet to become a nuisance. This would include:

- Incessant barking.
- Fouling gardens, footpaths and roadways.
- Animals let loose with no affective supervision i.e. A dog not on leash.
- Damage to WPH or other residents property.

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Nuisance

WPH will endeavour to resolve complaints by agreement with the owner. If we continue to receive complaints other measures that we will consider include. In these instances the action taken could include:

- Withdrawing permission to keep a pet
- Contacting welfare organisations such as the RSPCA
- Seeking an injunction preventing you from having a pet
- Commencing legal action that could lead to the termination of your tenancy



Help and Advice

RSPCA 24-hour National Cruelty and Advice line

The RSPCA a dedicated cruelty and advice line, which operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The cruelty and advice call team deals with emergencies such as trapped or injured animals as well as reports of cruelty and welfare concerns. The number is: **0300 1234 999**

RSPCA information and advice line

The RSPCA's advice team provides general, non-emergency animal care and welfare advice. Welfare is also featured on the RSPCA website:

www.rspca.org.uk. The number of the information and advice line is:

0300 1234 555