

## Pet Policy Statement

One Housing recognise the benefit that living with a pet can bring and have adopted a pet friendly policy.

### Key points about keeping pets in your home

You will need our permission to keep some pets and you may be asked to sign a pet agreement before you can keep a dog or a cat.

You do not need our permission to keep pets that live in a small cage, or a small aquarium or vivarium. You will never be given our permission to keep the following:

- Dangerous dogs
- Livestock
- Wild animals
- Pets for commercial breeding

Permission will be revoked if your pet causes a nuisance, especially through barking or fouling, or if it attacks anyone or another animal.

Dogs must be kept under control at all times. You are responsible for ensuring your home and garden are secure and your dog cannot escape. When you are in a public place or a communal area your dog must be kept on a lead.

You are responsible for your pets in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act. This means you must take good care of your pet and protect it from any suffering.

If you have a dog and/or cat they must be micro-chipped, vaccinated and regularly treated for fleas and worms.

### Size and numbers of pets allowed

You will not be allowed to keep a cat or dog if you live in a block that is subject to a restriction on pets in the head lease unless you have a medical need and can provide evidence from your GP, consultant or CPN.

The number of pets you are allowed will depend on what type of home you live in.

You will **not** be allowed to keep more than:

- 2 small or 1 medium sized dog in a property without a private garden.
- 3 small or medium sized, or 2 large dogs in a property with a private garden
- 2 cats in a flat or 4 cats in a house.

### Points to remember

Dogs should not be left alone in your home for more at 4 than hours at a time.

Dogs should never be left alone outside.

You must always obtain our permission before you get a pet.

If your pet is a nuisance to your neighbours we will withdraw our permission.

If you have a pet without our permission, we can take legal action to end your tenancy.