

PORTWAY HOUSING ASSOCIATION

FACT SHEET

Pets

Portway Housing Association (PHA) understands the benefits of pet ownership for the wellbeing of tenants, and is supportive of pet ownership within certain guidelines. This fact sheet summarises the policy for keeping pets on a property leased through PHA. For a full copy of the Pets policy, please contact your property manager.

Approval to have a pet

If you are thinking of having a pet, please discuss this first with your property manager before you get one.

- You must apply in writing to PHA for permission **and get written approval back** before you can bring a pet onto the property to stay with you.
- When making your written request, you need to include the following information:
 - The type of pet or pets you intend to have
 - How many you intend to bring
 - If the pet is a dog, you need to state what breed it is. Prescribed breeds on the South Australia government's "watch list" are not allowed and these include:
 - American Pit Bull Terrier
 - Fila Brasileiro
 - Japanese Tosa
 - Dogo Argentina
 - Presa Canario.

The number of pets approved will be subject to the size of the property and the location. PHA reserves the right to decline your request. If you have any doubts about what may or may not be approved, please discuss this with your property manager.

Pet owner responsibilities

If you get approval from your property manager to keep a pet, it is your sole responsibility to:

- provide the pet with adequate care, nutrition, exercise and medical attention
- make sure the pet is not a nuisance or danger to other people or animals
- make sure the pet does not damage PHA property.

Please do not make any alterations to the property to accommodate your pet (installing pet doors or altering the premises to make an animal enclosure are not allowed without written approval). The property and unit must also be kept free of pet odours and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Any expenses incurred as a result of damage due directly to the presence of a pet on the property will be your responsibility, including:

- deoderising / fumigation of the property
- cost of repairs and replacements of floor coverings, fly screens or other property items
- waste removal.

You must keep your pet under effective control at all times. If PHA staff or representatives have an appointment to see you, please leash or cage any dog you might have.

Animals temporarily on the premises

Pets that are not owned by the tenant and have not been approved by the property manager are not allowed on the premises. This includes:

- stray animals
- pets belonging to visitors (other than for a short visit).

More information

Councils have their own pet regulations regarding numbers, types and registration requirements for pets. You should contact your local Council before buying, bringing or asking for PHA permission to have a pet at your property.

