

The following is the London & Middlesex Housing Corporation's pet policy. The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline regarding what pets are considered to be acceptable. Its purpose is to also let all tenants know that there is a pet policy and that along with the pleasure of keeping a pet comes certain obligations and responsibilities.

## Pet Policy

This policy will be used in conjunction with the City of London's By-Law No. 61/427, prohibiting and restricting animals in residential premises and No. 61-428, to regulate the keeping and running of dogs.

### Definitions

#### Pet:

A pet shall mean a domesticated animal of the dog and cat species. Excluded from this category will be any species or breed which have, by past behaviour, been considered dangerous to the safety of the landlord or other tenants (example: Pit Bulls).

Other animals such as small caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, or tropical fish shall be considered acceptable.

The term "pet" shall not include: reptiles, exotic animals, farm animals, snakes, alligators, lizards, weasels, mink, skunks, raccoons or monkeys. This list is not all-inclusive but is intended to act as a guide.

#### Tenant

For the purposes of this policy and regardless of actual ownership, the term "tenant" shall apply to the leaseholder(s) living in the unit where the pet is located.

#### The Tenant shall:

1. Be permitted to keep a maximum of two (2) domestic pets. In the event that the tenant wishes to keep both a cat and a dog, the combination shall not exceed two.
2. Ensure that the pets are properly cared for and that all requirements for animal control (including licensing, vaccinations, and spaying or neutering) are complied with at the tenant's expense. Pets shall not be allowed to roam freely and shall be restricted to a leash while outside the tenant's property.
3. Ensure that the animal is kept in a clean and acceptable manner with every precaution being taken to control such problems as fleas.
4. Clean up after their pet(s) to ensure that public health standards are maintained. Failure to "scoop and scoop" could result in the Housing Corporation initiating the cleanup action and billing the tenant for the costs.
5. Dispose of cat litter in a manner that will ensure that it is confined in a sealed container (example: a tied plastic bag that will not break open easily). Dog owners using a litter box must follow the same procedure.
6. Be responsible for the maintenance of their yards and the repair of damaged grass and/or planted material. Should the tenant be unable to or refuse to complete the repairs, the Housing Corporation will initiate the repairs and bill the tenant accordingly for costs incurred. The tenant may retain a contractor approved by the Housing Corporation to complete repairs. Any costs for the work done will be the responsibility of the tenants.
7. Be responsible for the behaviour of their pet. Any complaints associated with a dog or cat will result in the Housing Corporation requesting that the tenant find an alternative home for the animal. Failure by the tenant to take corrective action to eliminate any problems caused by the animal may result in legal action being taken by the Housing Corporation which may further result in the termination of the lease agreement.
8. In the interest of health and safety, confine the pet(s) in a separate area if requested to do so by staff or contractors working on the premises. Failure by the Tenant to do so may result in a refusal to work in unsafe conditions and a delay in repairs.

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## Animal Control Matters

### Excerpts from Dog Licensing By-Law and Animal Control By-Law

#### 3 By-Law PH-4 Dog Licensing By-Law

- 3.1 Keeping – more than 2 – per premises- prohibited.  
No person shall, within the City of London, keep more than (2) dogs in a dwelling unit or on any premises.
- 3.3 Running at large – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, fail to prohibit a dog from running at large.
- 3.4 Unregistered – unlicensed – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, fail to register a dog for a dog licence.
- 3.6 Tag – removal – unlawful – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, unlawfully remove a dog tag from a licenced dog.
- 3.7 Tag – lost – failure to replace – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, fail to apply for a replacement dog tag.
- 3.8 Tag – not securely affixed to dog – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, fail to fix the tag issued for a dog securely on the dog.
- 3.10 Excrement – failure to remove – dispose – prohibited  
No person shall, within the City of London, fail to forthwith remove and dispose of dog excrement from any property within the City.
- 3.12 Leash – over 2 meters – prohibited  
No persons shall, within the City of London, have a dog under control on a leash exceeding 2 metres (6 feet, 6 inches) in length.

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#### By-Law PH-3 Animal Control By-Law

- 4.1 Animals – keeping – more than 2 per dwelling  
No person shall keep more than two animals in a dwelling unit.
- 11.2 Annual Cat Tag – Contents  
Upon payment of the applicable annual fee, owners of domestic cats shall be furnished with a cat tag bearing a serial number, the year for which the tag is issued and the words "London ON" and the name and address of the owner, the serial number of the tag and the name and description of the cat shall be entered into an identification register.
- 11.5 Failure to apply for tag – Prohibited  
No person who is the owner of a cat shall in any year within the City of London fail to apply for a cat identification tag or fail to affix a tag issued for a cat securely on the cat for which the tag was issued.