

COUNCIL POLICY

Pets - Amherst Village

- Policy No:** 6.18
- Policy Subject:** Pets - Amherst Village
- Background:** The following is the pet policy of Amherst Village Residents which was developed in cooperation with all tenants currently residing at the property.
- Objectives:** This policy has been established to provide guidance for the Amherst Village Residents wishing to keep pets.
- Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to provide standards to ensure the best possible environment for both pet owners and non-pet owners and to ensure the responsible care of pets.
- Guidelines:**
- 1) A Pet Application Form shall be submitted by the resident to the Shire of Katanning.
 - 2) Common household pets shall include domesticated dogs, cats, rodents, fish, birds and turtles kept for pleasure. No tenant shall have more than one (1) pet.
 - 3) The size of pets is not specifically limited. However, owners must be able to maintain control over their pets.
 - 4) In accordance with the Cat Act 2011 all cats must be sterilised, micro chipped and registered with the Shire of Katanning by the age of 6 months.
 - 5) In accordance with the Dog Act 1976, all dogs must be micro chipped by the age of 3 months and registered with the Shire of Katanning by the age of 6 months. Any dog proposed to be resided at Amherst Village must be sterilised.
 - 6) Pets shall be restrained (cats and dogs must be leashed) when on property outside the owner's unit or visiting in the unit of another resident.
 - 7) Pet owners shall be liable for damage caused by their pets. While it is strongly suggested that pet owners obtain liability insurance, it is recognised that may not be possible for some tenants.
 - 8) Pet owners shall provide the name and address of a pet caretaker who will assume responsibility for the care of their pets should the owner be unable to, as well as the name and address of the veterinarian responsible for the pet's healthcare. If the tenant is unable to provide the name of a pet caretaker, he/she shall make alternative arrangements for pet care in an emergency and shall notify the Shire of Katanning of these arrangements. This information should be updated annually.

Residents Maintenance Obligations

Tenant agrees to promptly and regularly perform the following obligations in respect to ownership of a pet:

- Keep the unit and its patios, if any, clean and free of pet odours, insect infestation and pet faeces, urine, waste and litter.
- Restrain and prevent the pet from gnawing, chewing, scratching or otherwise defacing the doors, walls, windows and floor coverings of the unit, other units and the common area, buildings, landscaping and shrubs.
- Immediately remove, clean up and appropriately dispose of any pet faeces, waste and litter deposited by the tenant's pet on the common grounds, shrubs, flower beds, sidewalks, accessways, parking lots and streets.
- Dispose of pet waste and litter using procedures for the tenants specific building.

Restrictions

Resident agrees to properly and always observe the following restrictions on ownership of a pet:

- Tenant shall exercise proper restraint of a pet to prevent it from becoming a nuisance to any other tenant or person. Cats and dogs are always to wear an identification collar.
- The pet shall be maintained and properly licensed and inoculated as required by the Local Government (Shire of Katanning).
- Pets of vicious or dangerous disposition shall not be permitted. Any pet duly determined to constitute under state or local law as a nuisance or threat may be required to be immediately removed.
- A pet will not be permitted to disturb the health, safety, rights, comfort or peaceful and quiet enjoyment of other tenants.
- Pets except service animals will not be permitted to enter eating or gathering areas, except where properly restrained and where such is not offensive to the other tenants of the project.
- Tenants shall be responsible for the proper care and feeding of their pets. If the health or safety of the pet is threatened by the death or incapacity of the pet owner or if that pet is left unattended for 24 hours, the Shire of Katanning may contact the responsible person designated by the pet owner in the pet registration. If that person is unavailable or unwilling to care for the pet, the Shire of Katanning may contact the appropriate authority to remove and care for the pet. If neither source of aid is available, the Shire of Katanning Ranger may enter the premises, remove the pet and arrange for the pet care for no less than 30 days to protect the pet. The pet owner will be responsible for any costs incurred.

NOTE: Animals individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefits of a person with a disability are excluded from this policy.

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