

## PET POLICY

Apartments are not ideal environments for pets—consequently, pet's acceptability on the premises must be based on the owner's control, his/her consideration of the property & courteous concern for neighbors. The following are the necessary policies to be observed by pet owners residing in the apartment community.

- No Visiting Pets are allowed.
- When a pet is acquired, a Pet Deposit of \$200 will be required. (*Trained Service Animals are exempt*)
- Residents are allowed one (1) pet.
- The pet may only be a cat or dog under 20 lbs. in weight (*Trained Service Animals are exempt*). No other animals are permitted! This includes exotic or dangerous species such as, but not limited to: birds of prey, insects, reptiles, poisonous animals, and cat species other than domestic cats, ferrets, poisonous or dangerous fish, such as piranha. Any animal deemed to be potentially harmful to the health and safety of others, including attack or fight-trained dogs, will not be allowed.
- Dogs and cats must have a current municipal license. A photocopy of the license must be on file. All municipal requirements for licensing and municipal ordinances in regard to keeping domestic pets must be adhered to. Service animals may be certified, and the owner should provide a copy of this certificate.
- Dogs and cats must have current certificates of rabies, distemper and other required vaccinations as required by state and/or local ordinances on file with the Housing Authority. A licensed veterinarian's examination and report as to the animal's health and physical condition will be required upon initial registration and annually at the time of tenant reviews.
- ALL dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before they are approved as pets. A certificate or statement from a licensed veterinarian to this effect must be on file with the Housing Authority. Cats must have front paws declawed before they are approved as pets.
- In order to keep the grounds clean and sanitary, all tenants must immediately clean up after toileting.
- Pet must be "on leash" at all times when outside of tenant's unit.
- Pets are not be tied or staked outside the apartment.
- Pets that make noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or intermittently for one half hour (1/2) or more to the disturbance of any person at any time day or night will be considered a nuisance.
- If a pet cause's harm to any person, the pet's owner will be required to permanently remove the pet from the Housing Authority's property within twenty-four (24) hours of written notice from the Housing Authority. The pet owner may also be subject to termination of his/her dwelling lease.
- Resident's payment for damage caused by the pet shall not entitle the Resident to keep the pet; this is under the discretion of the Housing Authority.
- The resident will be asked to remove any pet that constantly bothers other residents, whether inside or outside, or constitutes a problem or obstruction to the agents and employees of the Manager or Owner from properly performing their functions, duties and responsibilities. If resident fails to remove said pet from the Apartment within ten (10) days after written request following complaints from the residents and requests from Management, a Lease may be terminated.
- New London Housing Authority will not be held responsible for the behavior or misbehavior of any pet while on-or-off the premises.
- It is recommended that anyone owning a pet acquire rental insurance with an adequate pet clause.

