

Hastings County Community and Human Services
 Housing Services
 Administrative Policies and Procedures

SUBJECT : Pet Policy		
APPROVED BY : County Council		
POLICY #: L.H.C. 6		
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PURPOSE

To ensure that tenants with pets meet requirements set out by the Hastings Local Housing Corporation with regards to the reasonable enjoyment and safety of other tenants.

SCOPE

The policy applies to the units managed by the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

DEFINITIONS

“Pet” means any domesticated animal which is kept or fed

REQUIREMENT

The tenant shall not allow any pet to disturb the reasonable enjoyment of the premises by the Landlord or the other tenants and the tenant shall abide by the Landlord’s policy as it relates to pets in or upon the Landlord’s property.

RESPONSIBILITY

All tenants must comply with applicable municipal by-laws with respect to the number and type of pets that are permitted in a household.

Livestock and some exotic animals are prohibited.

Rules Governing Pets

Tenants must abide by the following rules if they have pets or they have visiting pets to the property;

- Ensure that the pet is restrained on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length
- Pet must not be in any common areas such as common rooms, laundry rooms, lounge areas, custodial rooms and office spaces. Pets are permitted in hallways and lobbies when entering or exiting the building only.
- Do not leave a pet unattended anywhere on the property, with the exception of the tenant's unit
- Immediately remove all waste deposited by the pet
- Ensure that all litter (including pet's waste) is bagged and placed immediately in garbage bins. Do not place the litter in garbage chutes or toilets
- Immediately contact the Property Supervisor if there is any indication of flea infestation. If precautions have not been taken to prevent fleas, the tenant may be charged for the costs to remove fleas.
- Remove the pet from the unit or remain in the unit with pet if maintenance work is required in the unit

The Hastings Local Housing Corporation may require the tenant to remove the pet or visiting pet from the premises if any of the following occur;

- The tenant fails to comply with any of the rules governing pets
- The pet interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of other tenants such as, but not limited to, constant barking
- The pet harms any other pet or person such as, but not limited to, biting, clawing, aggressive behavior.

Liability of Tenant

Tenants are responsible for any damages caused by their pet or a visiting pet to any unit, common area or grounds directly managed by the Hastings Local Housing Corporation.

In the event that a conflict may occur between this policy and any municipal bylaw, the bylaw will govern.

REFERENCES

Hastings Local Housing Corporation Administrative Policies