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1. POLICY

All residents of City West Housing (CWH) are entitled to apply for permission to keep a pet. In most instances applications to keep pets will be approved. CWH recognises the valuable contribution that pets can make to the lives of their owners and that keeping a pet is an important part of feeling at home.

When assessing applications to keep a pet CWH will consider:

- The type of animal
- If the property is suitable for the animal
- If the resident complies with the Companion Animals Act 1998; and
- The potential or history of the animal interfering with the reasonable peace, comfort and privacy of neighbours.

It will not be possible for CWH to give permission to residents to keep a pet, if the building that a resident lives in is not owned by CWH and is governed by strata by-laws that ban pet ownership. CWH cannot give permission to residents to keep a restricted dog as defined by the Companion Animals Act or a dog that has been declared as dangerous by a local council or a local court.

In most situations, permission will not be given to residents to keep more than 2 pets per household.

All dogs must be kept on a leash when in the common areas of any CWH building.

Residents who live with pets may be required to steam clean carpets and to fumigate their apartment when they leave.

If permission to keep a pet has been given and the pet goes on to cause nuisance or annoyance to neighbours, CWH may withdraw permission to keep the pet.

Decisions made in relation to pets in this policy are appealable.