

PET POLICY

ALL MEMBERS MUST FOLLOW THE ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAWS OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER

THE PET POLICY APPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS UNIFORMLY AND WITHOUT PREFERENCE OR DISCRIMINATION.

1. The purpose of the Pet Policy is to provide the framework for the peaceful coexistence of Members and appropriate pets. The Member agrees to comply with the following requirements in exchange for the privilege of keeping a cat/dog in their Unit. **The Pet Committee must be advised in writing, in advance, of the acquisition of a new pet and any new pet must conform with the regulations set out in the Pet Policy and be registered with the Pet Committee as per Item 10.**

The Pet Committee supports the Animal Control By-Law

2. For the purpose of this Policy, pet is defined as cat or dog.
3. All pets acquired prior to the revised Pet Policy of March 7, 2001 shall fall under the previous Pet Policy dated April 26, 2000
4. Each housing Unit may have a maximum of three (3) pets, which may include a maximum of 2 dogs only. This means a Unit may have:
 - Two dogs or two cats, or
 - Two cats and one dog, or
 - Two dogs and one cat, or
 - No pets

The maximum allowable height (measured at the shoulder) for a dog is 22 inches when full grown, according to breed specifications.

5. No cats or dogs are permitted to run at large. All dogs, when not maintained on a leash, must be kept inside the Member's Unit or on the enclosed balcony or patio. Cats, when not maintained on a leash, must be kept inside the Member's Unit.

Balconies and patios may not be used as primary housing facilities for cats and dogs. No cats or dogs may be left tied up outside their Unit. No cats or dogs may be left on a balcony or patio unattended, under any circumstances.

All provisions of the Animal Control By-Law of the City of Vancouver must be obeyed, including leash and roaming regulations. Members have the right to call Animal

Control Officers if they find any animal on Co-op grounds to be in contravention of the By-Law.

6. In addition to the pets, Members may also keep small caged animals in their Unit. These include but are not limited to birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, fish, turtles, Etc.
7. Exotic animals, i.e. snakes, reptiles, etc. are not allowed.
8. No person is permitted to keep in the Co-op or allow to visit the Co-op grounds or premises, any vicious dog, as described in the Animal Control By-Laws of the City of Vancouver. This includes but is not limited to: Pitbulls, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweillers, Staffordshire Terriers and crosses of the foregoing.

The keeping of wild animals, fighting dogs, attacked-trained dogs or vicious dogs, as defined in the City By-Laws, are not allowed under any circumstances.

9. Each dog must be licensed with the City of Vancouver and a copy of the license must be filed with the Pet Committee within 5 days of licensing of the pet.
10. The pet registration form must be completed and returned to the Pet Committee within 10 days of the acquisition of a pet. There will be a compulsory \$10.00 registration fee, which will include a fee for a Co-op tag. Your pet must wear the tag at all times. Replacement tags will be available at a cost of \$5.00. All pets will be photographed.
11. Every Member must report their pet(s) on the annual income verification forms.
12. Each dog or cat must be neutered or spayed, at the age of 6 months and shots must be kept up to date. Documented proof must be filed with the Pet Committee.
13. No animals, except seeing and hearing aid dogs will be permitted in the children's play area, basketball court, laundry room, amenity building or workshop. Exceptions may be granted for disabled pet owners.
14. Pet owners are responsible for prompt cleanup after their pets.
15. Pet owners are responsible for all damages caused by their pets and must bear the cost of repairs to their Unit, any other Unit and other common property.
16. Pet owners, at their expense, agree to have the Unit professionally fumigated upon request by the Co-op and upon vacating the Unit. An incoming member shall be informed of the requirement for fumigation and shall be given the right to refuse, in writing. The receipt must be provided to the Pet Committee and a copy sent to the Office within 5 days. The Member is advised to have the carpets professionally cleaned annually to help protect the carpet and Co-op property from permanent damage due to staining, fleas or other pet infestations. The Member is also advised to remove any urine or feces or cat "spray" deposited inside the Unit and spot clean the area immediately to avoid permanent

damage.

17. All cats must be litter box trained with the litter box kept indoors. Litter must be appropriately disposed of as household garbage.
18. No breeding of any pets is allowed, under any circumstances.
19. Members owning pets and all pets visiting the Co-op must adhere to the rules of conduct set out in this Policy. The host Member is responsible for the conduct of their own pet and any visiting pet.
20. Pets staying in the Co-op for a cumulative period of 7 calendar days must be registered as a visiting pet with the Pet Committee. The Member shall notify the Pet Committee when the pet has left the Co-op. Dogs described in item #8 are not permitted in the Co-op.
21. Members finding an animal unattended are encouraged to call the SPCA or City Pound for pickup. All expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the pet owner.
22. Any pet complaints not involving an injury must be addressed to the pet owner. If the members are unable to resolve a complaint it may be taken to the Pet Committee. If the Pet Committee is unable to resolve a complaint it may be taken to Member Relations. If Member Relations is unable to resolve a complaint, it may be forwarded to the Board of Directors with or without recommendations for consideration.
23. The Board of Directors have the authority, after hearing the issue, to order that a Member permanently remove a pet from the Unit and the Co-op, or make such other orders as is appropriate in the circumstances.
24. A Member appealing a removal order must obey the order while the appeal is ongoing. If an appeal is successful, the Co-op will reimburse the pet owner for kennel board fees to a maximum of \$25.00 per day for a maximum of 31 days, if necessary.
25. Where a pet has been removed from the Co-op, visitation on Co-op property will not be allowed.
26. **IN THE EVENT OF DIRECT INJURY OF THREAT BY A PET TO ANY PERSON OR PET ON OR WITHIN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF CO-OP PROPERTY, THE INJURED PARTY OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD CONTACT THE SPCA, CITY POUND AND/OR POLICE AS APPROPRIATE.**