

## CHF BC Sample – Pet Policy (remove header when adapting for use)

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[Full name of housing co-op or letterhead]

### Pets policy

#### Purpose of the policy

To regulate the number, type and behaviour of pets in our co-op, and to stress member responsibility for pets.

#### Policy

1. Members are allowed **[one cat or one dog]** per unit. They may also have contained pets: **[fish, birds, gerbils, hamsters or guinea pigs]**. The board may permit other contained pets but may reasonably withhold permission. Contained pets must remain inside their tank or cage when outside the unit.
2. Guide dogs and other assistance dogs are not counted in the number of pets per unit in Point #1.
3. Animals not listed in Point #1 and Point #2 are not allowed.
4. Animals or breeds **[defined as “vicious” by municipal or regional bylaw]** are not allowed in the co-op.
5. All pets must be registered with the co-op.
6. The co-op reserves the right to refuse any pet it considers dangerous, and to require the member to remove any pet that causes persistent noise, damage or other problems.
7. All **[[cats] and [dogs]]** must:
  - wear identification tags when outside
  - not be tied up and/or left unattended for unreasonable periods of time when outside
  - be spayed or neutered. Owners must provide proof on move-in, and
  - be vaccinated. Owners must provide proof on move-in and annually.The directors may grant exemptions to spaying, neutering or vaccinations where reasonable.
8. Dogs must be on a leash when outside on co-op common property. Cats **[and dogs must not be left out at night or when their owner is not at home]**.
9. Owners must immediately pick up any animal droppings left by their pet.
10. Members are responsible for any damage caused by their pet.

Policy approved: **[enter date]**

Replaces policy/policies: **[enter date]**