



## SAMPLE- Pet Ownership Policy & Agreement

This sample is provided as a possible starting point for your band to develop your own pet policies. Some suggestions, such as fines, fees and permits, are purely optional and should be addressed somewhere within your own policies if you wish to use these tools for enforcement.

Tenants will be permitted to have pets under the following conditions:

1. Only common house pets, including dogs, cats, fish, birds, and rodents such as guinea pigs and hamsters, are permitted. Farm animals, including chickens and rabbits, are prohibited.
2. Tenants will be allowed to keep no more than **2** cats and or dogs. More than one pet of any other species must be approved at the discretion of the Housing Department.
3. Tenants must notify the Housing Department when a new pet comes into the household.
4. All pets must receive proper veterinary care, including flea treatment and all appropriate inoculations, (Shots against diseases)
5. All adult dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered. Proof must be given to the Housing Manager.
6. Ownership of "outside dogs" is discouraged. Dogs must not be allowed to stay chained/tied outside for longer than 8 hours per day. Pets that are secured in suitable pens or in fenced yards may stay outside longer. Extended barking or howling will not be tolerated.
7. Areas where pets are housed must be clean, safe and free of parasites, including fleas.
8. Pets are not permitted to run at large. Pets must be under the control of the owner at all times, i.e, on a leash or in a pen.
9. Pets must not endanger or disturb other residents or cause a nuisance to the neighborhood.

### Enforcement

1. Vicious animals must be removed within 24 hours of receiving written notice.
2. Where it is determined that the presence of pet waste, feces/urine or fleas, is compromising the health and safety of the residence, Housing will issue a 5-day warning. Owners must remedy the situation within this time frame by sufficiently cleaning and sanitizing the residence. Housing will inspect the premises at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> day and will issue a notice of approval to retain the pets.
3. A violation of any of the conditions will result in a 30-day notice being issued to the tenant outlining measures to rectify the situation. If the owner fails to follow the directives of the 30-day notice, the band reserves the right to remove and dispose of problem animals and/or issue a monetary fine in the amount of \$25 per day until the situation is remedied. Failure to pay the fine or make sufficient alternate arrangements may result in eviction with no further warning.
4. Repeat offenders may be banned from owning animals as long as they are tenants on reserve.

I understand and agree to adhere to the Pet Ownership Policy as outlined above:

Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_