

Royal City Housing Co-operative Inc.

Pet Policy

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that pet owners know their responsibilities for pet ownership, set by Royal City Housing Co-op in addition to all City/Municipal Bylaws.

Definition:

For the purpose of this policy, the pet owner is defined as the member and/or household that the pet primarily resides with, or is staying with/visiting.

Section 1: Pet Owner Responsibilities

All pet owners agree to:

- Be 100% responsible for their pet's behavior, well-being and hygiene at all times
- Manage their rental unit to ensure it is "pet-proofed" and safe for their pet
- Ensure that their pet's behavior does not interfere with other members and/or visitors
- Immediately clean up after their pet any time a urine or fecal accident occurs within the unit
- Always and immediately pick up after their pet any time the pet defecates on Royal City property outside of the unit (applicable to all types of pet)
- Ensure their pet is not left unattended for extended periods of time that may cause the pet to become stressed and/or act out (example: constant barking and/or noise, damaging the unit, etc.)
- Maintain renters' insurance that covers dog bites and has no restrictions (such as breed restrictions) that the pet does not meet
- Be legally and financially responsible for any damage caused by their pet
- Always have their pet(s) on a leash and/or in a cage, and under direct supervision by a responsible adult or young adult, when in the parking garage
- Always clean up any mess left by their pet in a Common Area, before leaving the area (example: pet hair, food/treats, toys, etc.)

DOG specific:

- dogs over four months old must be licensed through the City of Guelph
- keep your dog on a leash at all times when outside of your unit (this includes all common areas both inside and outside)
 - the leash must be securely in the hand of a person capable of handling the animal
- maximum limit of dogs per household is set as per Municipal bylaws

CAT specific:

- cats over four months old must be licensed through the City of Guelph
- Keep your cat or kitten in a manner that limits:
 - offensive odors
 - noise that may disturb others
 - straying or roaming (meaning your cat cannot be outside of your unit unsupervised and/or off of a leash)
 - accumulation of feces (meaning you must pickup/cleanup after your cat same as a dog)
- maximum limit of cats per household is set as per Municipal bylaws

Section 2: Types of Pets Allowed

All members, households and guests are required to follow the City of Guelph Animal Control Bylaws which dictates the types of pets permitted to be owned by Guelph residents.

Members are required to know and follow the City's Bylaw before bringing a pet/allowing a pet to be brought into their unit.

Prohibited Animals (include but are not limited to):

- Cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, horses, donkeys
- Wolves, bears, coyotes, foxes, tigers, lions, etc.
- Skunks, weasels, raccoons, etc.
- Bats, monkeys, lemurs
- Alligators, crocodiles
- large and/or venomous lizards
- large and/or venomous snakes
- All poisonous insects, reptiles, and amphibians

Fowl (including chickens and wild birds) are not permitted on the Royal City property.

Section 3: Managing Incidents

Constantly barking dogs are considered a noise violation and are handled by City of Guelph Bylaw Enforcement.

For minor issues, members with complaints must contact the Management Office in writing if the issue cannot be resolved between the members involved.

For more serious issues/incidents, the members involved are to report to the Management Office AND contact the Guelph Humane Society, which provides the following services for the City of Guelph:

- Animal Control Services
 - Stray dogs/dogs at large
 - Stray cats (if injured and confined)
 - Injured domestic animals
 - Injured wildlife
- Animal Bylaw Enforcement
- After Hours Emergency Services – Injured or sick Domestic animals and Wildlife
- Animal and public safety concerns
- Dog bite and/or attack reports

In the event of being attacked by an animal, the person(s) involved (including those attacked and those who are witnesses) **MUST** contact the Guelph Humane Society immediately and report the incident.

Section 4: Pet Reporting Requirements

All pet owners must report the following information regarding their pets to the Co-op Office, and update the information yearly:

- Names of all pets in the unit
- Type of every pet in the unit
- Brief description including age and gender of all pets in the unit
- Emergency contact person (who the Co-op should contact if something happens to the pet or unit while the pet owner is not home and/or who to contact if something happens to the pet owner and there is no one to take care of the pet)