

Pet Guidelines

Many of our residents have pets. A pet can be a happy and rewarding addition to a family, especially when cared for in a responsible manner.

Following is a list of rules of conduct for residents having pets:

1. All pets must be properly restrained (leashed) when not inside the unit. When out of doors, the person responsible for the pet must be able to control the animal should it become necessary.
2. Residents are responsible for clean up of their pet's excretion on the property. Not only is this unsightly, but is also a health hazard.

In townhouse projects, to avoid damage to sod, frequent watering of the sod must be conducted to dilute concentration of urine, thereby reducing burned grass. Residents are responsible for re-seeding or replacing the sod where damaged. Failure to do so, will result in the Corporation undertaking the necessary repairs and holding the tenant responsible for any costs incurred.

In apartment complexes, green space is usually minimal and we ask that residents walk their pets regularly off of the premises. Small areas of green space are quickly destroyed by pet urine and feces and we wish to avoid this.

3. Other residents' right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises must not be infringed upon by a pet.
4. Residents having a pet will be held responsible for all damages caused by said pet. This includes inside and outside the unit.
5. Failure to comply with any of these rules of conduct shall result in the Corporation taking steps under the Tenant Protection Act to request the removal of the pet from the premises or seek termination of the tenancy.
6. Your co-operation is requested, so that all residents may enjoy their tenancy with Durham Region Non-Profit Housing.