

PET OWNERSHIP RULES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

GENERAL

1. All Program Participants who keep a Pet must comply with these rules and no Program Participant may keep an animal on the Program Accommodation or residential property except as specifically permitted by these rules. These rules, as amended from time to time, form part of the Program Agreement for the Program Accommodation.
2. In these rules, the defined terms have the same meaning as in the Program Agreement for the Program Accommodation, except that:
 - a) "Pet" means any domesticated animal which is kept or fed;
 - b) "Program Accommodation" includes not only the area as defined in the Program Agreement, but also any balcony, porch, patio or fully enclosed outdoor area adjacent to and accessible from such Program Accommodation;
 - c) "Rodent" means a domesticated gerbil, hamster, rat, mouse or guinea pig; and
 - d) "Vicious or Dangerous Dog" means any dog with a known tendency or disposition to attack a person or a Pet without provocation or any dog trained for fighting.

PETS ALLOWED

3. A Program Participant may keep one of the following animals as a Pet:
 - a) up to two birds;
 - b) one rabbit;
 - c) fish (aquarium size must comply with the Program Agreement for the Program Accommodation including written consent from BC Housing for any aquarium size 20 gallons or over);
 - d) one Rodent;
 - e) one ferret;
 - f) one cat, if registered with BC Housing; or
 - g) one dog, except a Vicious or Dangerous Dog, if registered with BC Housing.
4. A Program Participant **must not** keep more than one cat or one dog, and must not keep both a cat and a dog.
5. Livestock, and/or any animals intended for human consumption, are prohibited (e.g. chickens).
6. Exotic animals, such as snakes, lizards, spiders, etc., are prohibited.
7. A Pet (except a Vicious or Dangerous Dog) is permitted in the Program Accommodation without registration or approval if the Pet is participating in a visitation program approved by BC Housing. A Program Participant must ensure that a Pet on a visitation program or a Pet belonging to a guest of a Program Participant complies with these rules.

REGISTRATION OF PETS

8. Prior to keeping a cat or dog, a Program Participant must apply to BC Housing for registration. This application must be on the form provided by BC Housing and must include:
 - a) a description sufficient to identify the cat or dog;
 - b) the name, address and telephone number of a person who will care for the cat or dog whenever the Program Participant is unable to do so;
 - c) proof that the cat or dog has been spayed or neutered; and
 - d) a photo of the cat or dog.
9. BC Housing may refuse an application to register a cat or a dog if:
 - a) keeping the cat or dog will pose a serious threat to the health or safety of other residents or BC Housing staff; or
 - b) the Program Participant fails to provide all information required by these rules.
10. Every Program Participant who keeps a registered Pet will:
 - a) immediately advise BC Housing of any changes in the information provided with the application for registration; and
 - b) declare at the time of Program Participant sign-up or with their annual Declaration of Income and Assets whether a Pet is kept in the Program Accommodation.

RULES GOVERNING PETS

11. A Program Participant must not allow a Pet to enter a laundry room, library or lounge on the residential property. This does not apply to assistance dogs which have been professionally trained to provide assistance to persons with disabilities and have been approved by BC Housing.

12. A Program Participant must:
 - a) ensure that the Program Participant's dog is restrained on a leash when passing through common areas of the residential property;
 - b) not chain or leave any cat or dog unattended anywhere within the residential property other than within the Program Accommodation;
 - c) not leave any Pet unattended on the residential property, other than within the Program Accommodation;
 - d) immediately remove all waste deposited by the Program Participant's Pet on common areas of the residential property;
 - e) ensure that all litter (including waste) from the Program Participant's Pet is bagged and placed directly in garbage bins and not placed in garbage chutes or toilets; and
 - f) take sufficient and timely action to remove an infestation of fleas, lice, ticks or other external parasites from the Program Participant's Pet and the Program Accommodation. BC Housing may undertake to have the Program Accommodation treated by a professional pest control company and charge back all costs to the Program Participant.

13. When BC Housing is required to enter the Program Accommodation for maintenance work or otherwise (unless in an emergency), the Program Participant must either remove the cat or dog from the Program Accommodation or remain in the Program Accommodation and keep the dog or cat under control at all times.

14. BC Housing is entitled to enter any Program Accommodation where a Program Participant keeps a Pet to inspect the Program Accommodation and determine whether the Program Participant is complying with these rules.

15. A Program Participant keeping a Pet must comply with all applicable municipal bylaws. Where these rules conflict with any municipal bylaw, the bylaw will govern.

REMOVAL OF PET

16. BC Housing may require a Program Participant to remove a Pet from the Program Accommodation and residential property or BC Housing may end the Program Agreement if:
 - a) the Program Participant breaches these rules or fails to care for the Pet; or
 - b) the Pet:
 - i) causes noises or obnoxious odours which disturb other persons;
 - ii) causes a health hazard to other persons;
 - iii) urinates or defecates anywhere within a building (other than within the Program Accommodation), within any cultivated flower or vegetable garden, or within any children's play area;
 - iv) bites, claws, aggressively pursues or otherwise harms any person or Pet; or
 - v) the Program Participant fails to rectify an infestation of fleas, lice, ticks or other external parasites.

LIABILITY OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

17. The Program Participant is liable for any damage done to the Program Accommodation, the common areas of the residential property or to other rental units or Program Accommodation within a building, or harm done to persons caused by the Program Participant's Pet or a Pet belonging to a guest of the Program Participant.

18. I/We: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the BC Housing Pet Ownership Rules and agree to comply with same.

In the event of my death or other emergency, I/we appoint _____ as Guardian of my pet.

Signature	Date	Signature	Date
Development	Prop. Ref. No.	Address	