

Keeping a dog or other large pet Guidelines for tenants

You may keep small domestic animals (for example, cat, hamster, budgie) without permission. The Council would only intervene if such animals caused a nuisance to others.

Formal permission is needed for tenants who want to have a dog. Consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

If you wish to apply for permission to keep a dog or other large pet in shared areas, please note the following:

- Your Neighbourhood Office will inform you of its decision to grant permission to keep a dog or other large pet within 15 working days of receipt of your application.
- Immediate neighbours must be consulted.
- You must have a licence to keep that type of animal.
- You can keep only one dog.
- You must keep the pet under control.
- The pet must not foul the landing, the stairs or the close outside.
- The pet must not foul the back garden or drying area.
- The pet must not disturb other neighbours or cause a nuisance.
- Tenants living in multi-storey or sheltered flats are not allowed to keep a dog, except a guide dog.
- If reasonable, where corroborated complaints are received from neighbours, permission to keep a pet may be withdrawn.
- Tenants are NOT allowed to keep poultry, livestock or animals covered by the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976.