

# **Pet Policy**

This Policy is written to ensure the welfare, safety and harmony of Adelene Village Independent Living residents.

## Type of pets allowed

Non aggressive small dogs to a height of 40cm maximum fully grown and less than 10kg, a house cat or caged birds or fish.

### **Prospective pet owners**

- 1. Incoming residents who already have a small dog, house cat, caged bird or fish
- 2. Current residents may apply for permission to keep a dog, house cat, caged bird or fish.
- 3. All residents both new and current must prove to management that they are capable of looking after a dog, house cat, bird or fish at the commencement and throughout their residency. e.g. feed, wash, clip on a leash; clean up and dispose of droppings, exercising their dog or house cat and monthly flea and parasite control applications etc.
- 4. All residents must advise management of a family member or a friend who will look after their dog, house cat, bird or fish immediately should an emergency occur. If for any reason this cannot occur the responsibility will not be taken on by the Village and arrangements will be made with the RSPCA at the residents cost.

#### **Responsibility of owner**

 The owner will be responsible for cleaning up after their dog or house cat and eradicating any odours on Village property and in the neighbourhood.

- 2. All costs relating to their dog, house cat, bird or fish to be the responsibility of the owner.
- 3. Any disturbances from dogs, house cats or birds must be curtailed to ensure other residents are not inconvenienced. The owner will be given the opportunity to kerb their dog, house cat or birds behaviour otherwise they will be required to house their dog, house cat or bird outside the Village.

#### Dogs and house cats must have current:

- 1. Registration for dogs
- 2. Vaccination (The dog to be free of fleas and parasites)
- 3. Microchip (with Adelene Village information)
- 4. Insurance (Residents are responsible for damages and /or personal injuries resulting from their dog, or house cat)

#### Dogs and house cats must:

- 1. Be fully trained so as not to cause disruption to village life.
- 2. Be accompanied on a leash outside their unit.
- 3. Be constrained in a secure area of the unit when Village staff need to come into the unit.
- 4. Be tied up in the designated area as they are not allowed in the Administration Office or the Hall.
- 5. Not dig in the gardens or lawns.

#### **Emergency button:**

To be used ONLY for RESIDENTS emergencies.

- Residents agree to indemnify the village, its owners and its operator from all liability and damages suffered as a result of the residents dog or house cat.
- The CEO will be the only person to respond to complaints.
- The final decision as to whether a dog or house cat remains in the village will be made by the CEO.
- The only exemption to the size rules will be dogs accredited to assist the disabled.

These rules can only changed by a Special Resolution or Government Act.