



Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb

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PET POLICY AND RULES SUMMARY

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The following rules are established to regulate pets in and on properties owned or operated by the Housing Authority of the County of DeKalb. These rules do not restrict the ownership of animals that assist persons with disabilities. Common household pet means a domesticated animal, such as a dog, cat, bird, or fish that is traditionally recognized as a companion animal and is kept in the home for pleasure rather than commercial purposes. The following animals are NOT considered common household pets: Reptiles, Rodents, Insects, Arachnids, Wild or Feral Animals, Pot-bellied Pigs and Animals used for commercial breeding. The complete Pet policy can be found in Chapter 10 of our Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy [ACOP] found on our website.

ALL PETS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED AND REGISTERED WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF DEKALB BEFORE ENTERING THE BUILDING.

Tenants must be in good standing with HACD and receive a written pet permit to keep any pet on or about the premises before they are brought onto the property. Visiting pets are NOT allowed. The pet permit may be revoked at any time subject to the Housing Authority grievance procedure if the animal becomes destructive or a nuisance to others, or if the tenant/owner fails to comply with the following:

1. Weight must be 30 pounds or less at adulthood. This weight limitation does not apply to a service animal. Certain dog breeds are prohibited – refer to the ACOP for a list of prohibited breeds. Tenants may own a maximum of 2 (two) pets, only 1 (one) of which may be a dog. A fish tank counts as 1 pet and must not be larger than 10 gallons. Fish tank must be supported by an appropriate fish tank stand. Additional renters' insurance is recommended to help cover costs of an accident.
2. Dogs and cats are to be tagged, licensed, and vaccinated yearly in accordance with state and local law. Owners must provide proof of current licensing and vaccination on a yearly basis during yearly recertification.
3. Cats and dogs are to be spayed or neutered.
4. No pet may be kept in violation of humane or health laws.
5. Dogs shall remain inside apartments unless they are attended and leashed. Dogs may not be tethered or chained inside or outside the dwelling at any time. Cats shall be restricted to inside the apartments unless being transported in appropriate secured carriers. All other pets must be always caged when outside the apartment.
6. Cats are to use litter boxes kept in the tenant's apartment. Owners must not permit waste to accumulate. Waste is to be placed in a plastic bag, sealed, and disposed of promptly and ONLY in the outside garbage dumpsters, not down the garbage chute or flushed down a toilet.



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7. Owners are responsible for promptly cleaning up and disposing of pet droppings. A fee according to the current schedule of fees will be charged per occurrence to the pet owner of record for the cleanup of pet waste by Housing Authority staff. Owners are also responsible for maintaining animals in cages and fish tanks in a clean and sanitary environment.
8. Owners must take adequate precautions to eliminate pet odors within or around their apartment and maintain their apartment in a sanitary condition at all times.
9. Owners may not permit any disturbance by their pet that interferes with the peaceful enjoyment of other tenants.
10. A pet may not be left unattended for more than twenty-four (24) hours. The Housing Authority may enter the apartment to remove the pet and transfer it to the proper authorities. The Housing Authority accepts no responsibility for the pet under such circumstances.
11. Owners must pay a refundable pet deposit of \$150.00 for all pets in advance of the pet being acquired. The pet deposit can be paid as follows: \$50.00 initial payment and two (2)\$50.00 monthly payments. The deposit will be used to pay reasonable expenses directly attributable to the presence of the individual pet. The unused pet deposit balance will be refunded within 30 days following lease termination.
12. Violation of these rules may be grounds for removal of the pet or termination of the pet owner's tenancy.
13. The tenant agrees and understands that this permit and the Pet Policy is a part of the lease.

AS A CONDITION OF THE APPLICATION FOR A PET PERMIT ON _____
I, _____, **UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS**
AND CONDITIONS OF THE PET POLICY.

HOH SIGNATURE

DATE

HACD STAFF

DATE



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