

# Swansea Village Co-operative PET POLICY

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## **General**

1. Members are allowed to keep pets in the Co-op in accordance with this policy.
2. Licensed pets must be registered with the Swansea Village Administration Office in case of emergencies.
3. Members must not permit pets to interfere with other residents' use or enjoyment of their units or the common areas.
4. Members must provide humane care and treatment for their animals.
5. Members with one or more dogs must pick up all feces and put the waste in a plastic bag and drop into the regular garbage disposal (not recycling). Members with dogs must not let them urinate or defecate on the front lawns of any of the Swansea buildings as it may leave burn marks in the grass. *Please consult the office regarding the disposal of cat litter if not sure what is appropriate.*
6. No animal waste product is allowed in the composting bins at the rear of each building.

## **Types of Pets Allowed**

1. Cats and dogs must be licensed with the city of Toronto. Due to the size of the units of Swansea Village Cooperative Inc. it is imperative to keep the number of animals to 2. i.e.: 1 cat/1 dog or 2 cats or 2 dogs.
2. Animals trained to help members with disabilities will be allowed according to the law.
3. Pets that are normally kept in a cage or tank, for example fish, hamsters and birds, are allowed.
4. If a member is uncertain as to whether a pet is permitted, the member is responsible for consulting the Co-op before acquiring the pet.

## **Types of Pets not Allowed**

1. Exotic Pets are not allowed. For the purpose of this policy, an exotic pet will be any animal not commonly kept as a domestic pet, for example spiders, snakes, ferrets, etc.
2. The Board of Directors may refuse to allow members to keep any pet which it considers to be potentially dangerous, destructive or a nuisance.

## **Nuisance**

1. Pet owners must dispose of their litter in a sanitary, responsible manner.
2. Members are responsible for any damage that their pets cause to the property of the co-op or of other members.
3. Members must control their pets at all time so as not to interfere with the well-being of other members. This may include barking or other noise made by the animal. All pets are to be confined to their owners' unit unless accompanied outdoors on a leash. Visitors with pets must also follow this rule.

4. Members are responsible for any pets brought onto the co-op property by their visitors.

### **Complaints**

If a member has a complaint about a pet, the complaint shall be dealt with in the following manner:

- (a) The member must first attempt to resolve the complaint with pet's owner.
- (b) If a member is unable to resolve the problem with the pet's owner, the member may submit a written complaint to the Board. The Board will take such action, as it deems appropriate; up to and including removal of pet.