

## NYCHA PET POLICY OVERVIEW

The following are highlights of the NYCHA pet policy (*Revised effective May 1, 2009*):

- ◆ **Registration:** A resident **MUST** submit to NYCHA a registration form (available at the management office) for every dog, cat or Service Animal within **30** days after it is obtained. The dog weight limit of 25 pounds and specific breed restrictions apply to any dog registered on or after May 1, 2009. After the registration form is submitted the resident is given a grace period of up to an additional 90 days to submit a veterinarian certification showing that the dog or cat was examined, was spayed or neutered, has a current rabies vaccination and that the dog is licensed by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.  
A dog or cat that is not registered is prohibited and may not reside in or visit a NYCHA apartment.
- ◆ **Dog/Cat:** A household may own either **one** dog or **one** cat.
- ◆ **Weight limit-Dogs:** Dogs that are expected to weigh over **25** pounds when full grown, are not permitted.
- ◆ **Prohibited Dogs:** Residents are not permitted to keep dangerous dogs, fighting dogs or attack dogs on NYCHA property. Specifically prohibited dog breeds (either full breed or mixed breed) include: **Doberman Pinscher, Pit Bull** and **Rottweiler**.
- ◆ **Other Pets:** Reasonable quantities of other pets such as small caged birds (parakeets, canaries), fish and small caged animals (hamsters, gerbils guinea pigs), maintained in accordance with the NYC Health Code, are permitted. These animals do not need registration. This paragraph does not include dogs or cats.
- ◆ **Dangerous Pet:** Animals that are vicious, threatening, bite people or are otherwise prohibited by law, are forbidden.
- ◆ **Pet Conduct:** Pets must be kept in a manner that will not create a nuisance, not create excessive noise and not create an unsafe or unsanitary condition. A pet must not injure, cause harm to or threaten other people; must not cause damage to personal property or to other animals. A pet must not damage NYCHA property or premises, including buildings (inside or outside an apartment), elevators, common grounds, trees, shrubs or ground cover.
- ◆ **Pet Waste:** Pet owners must clean up after their pets, in their apartment and in public areas. Dispose of pet waste, including cat litter box filler, in the compactor with the regular garbage, **not** in the toilet.
- ◆ **Dog Leash:** A dog must always be kept on a leash, **six** feet long or less, while in a public area.
- ◆ **Pet-Free Zone:** Pets are not allowed to enter a designated "no-pet" area, such as a Management Office, playground, Community Center, laundry room, basement area, barbecue area, roof or roof landing.
- ◆ **Spay/Neuter:** Dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered.
- ◆ **Vaccination:** Dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination.
- ◆ **Dog License:** A dog must be licensed and must wear its metal license tag when in public.
- ◆ **Service Animal:** *A Service Animal is one that assists, supports or provides service to a person with disabilities, as verified by a medical doctor. One example is a guide dog for a blind person. Service Animals are exempt from any registration fee, weight limit or breed restriction.*
- ◆ **Fee:** A tenant must pay a one-time, non-refundable fee of **\$25**, valid for his/her entire NYCHA tenancy.
- ◆ **Fee Exemptions:** The following are exempt from paying the \$25 pet registration fee:  
A resident of a development designated exclusively for **Senior Citizens**, a resident of a **Section 8 Project Based** development, or a resident who maintains a verified **Service Animal**.

**TO REPORT A VICIOUS, THREATENING, OR PROHIBITED ANIMAL WITHIN YOUR DEVELOPMENT:  
CALL THE NYC 24 HOUR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER (CALL 311)**