

NYCHA PET POLICY OVERVIEW

The following are highlights of the NYCHA pet policy (*Revised March 28, 2018*):

- ◆ **Dog/Cat:** A household may own either one dog or one cat. Such dog or cat must be registered in accordance with NYCHA's pet registration requirements.
- ◆ **Weight Limits** **As of February 1, 2010**, residents who wish to maintain a dog in their NYCHA apartment will be permitted to register such dog, provided the adult weight of the dog does not exceed **25** pounds. Specifically prohibited dogs (either full breed or mixed breed) include: **Doberman Pinscher, Pit Bull** and **Rottweiler**. Assistance and Service Animals are exempt from weight and breed restrictions.

Prior to February 1, 2010, residents were permitted to register a dog, regardless of breed, provided the adult weight of the dog did not exceed 40 pounds.
- ◆ **Registration** Every household that owns a dog, a cat, or an Assistance or Service Animal **MUST** submit to NYCHA a registration form (available at the management office within **30** days after such dog, cat or an Assistance service animal was acquired. If tenant is adding a new pet after a pet has been removed from the household, (*e.g. the pet has passed away*), the tenant must provide proof the animal was removed from the household or complete NYCHA Form *040.299B, Animal Removal Affidavit*, if documentation cannot be provided. A dog or cat that is not registered may not reside in or visit a NYCHA apartment.
- ◆ **Dog Tag:** When in public or common areas, all dogs (including dogs that are Service Animals) must wear its NYCHA's tag on a collar around its neck. *Please note that this does not eliminate or replace New York City's dog license requirement (Health Code §161.04).*
- ◆ **Service and Assistance Animals:** *A Service Animal is one that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability.* One example is a guide dog for a visually impaired individual. Service animals must still be registered.
- ◆ **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 apply to dogs or cats.
- ◆ **Dangerous Pets:** Animals that are vicious, threatening, bite people or that are otherwise prohibited by law are not permitted in NYCHA apartments or on NYCHA property. Residents are not permitted to keep dangerous dogs, including fighting dogs or attack dogs, on NYCHA property.
- ◆ **Pet Conduct:** Pets must be kept in a manner that will not create a nuisance, excessive noise or an unsafe or unsanitary condition. A pet must not injure, cause harm to, or threaten other people. A pet 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. Dogs must be curbed. Solid dog waste must be picked up.
- ◆ **Dog Leash:** A dog must always be kept on a leash, six feet long or less, while in a public area both inside and outside of NYCHA buildings.
- ◆ **Pet-Free Zone:** Pets are not allowed to enter a designated "no-pet" area, such as Management Offices, playgrounds, Community Facilities, laundry rooms, basement areas, barbecue areas, roofs or roof landings.
- ◆ **Spay/Neuter:** Dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered.
- ◆ **Vaccination:** Dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination.
- ◆ **Fee Exemptions:** No fees required.

**Call 911 to report a vicious or threatening animal causing an immediate danger or hazardous condition.
Call or visit your local management office to report non-compliance with NYCHA's pet policy**

