

Pet Policy

1. GENERAL

Pet owners must comply with all City of Peterborough by-laws governing the licensing and control of pets. Members must also comply with the co-op rules as set out in this Policy.

2. NUMBER OF CATS, DOGS

Members will be allowed to have a maximum of two (2) dogs and/or cats living in their unit at any one time. This could be : 2 dogs, 2 cats, or one of each.

3. CONTAINED PETS

Pets that are normally contained in a cage, tank or other container may be kept in reasonable numbers. Examples of contained pets are: birds, fish and small rodents.

4. PETS THAT THE CO-OP DOES NOT ALLOW

Exotic or potentially dangerous pets are not permitted in the co-op. Examples of such pets include, but are not limited to: venomous tarantulas, venomous or constricting snakes, reptiles, cougars and vicious dogs (specifically Bull Terrier breeds <"pit bulls">).

5. CONDITION OF ANIMALS

Pet owners must protect their pets against parasites, including fleas and diseases.

6. LITTERS

Members have 60 days to find homes for litters produced by their pets. If the member chooses to keep some of the litter, the total number of animals in the unit must not exceed the number of cats, dogs as outlined above.

7. NUISANCE

Members must immediately clean up any mess created through natural body functions, or otherwise (digging, chewing) by his/her pet.

Members will be held financially responsible for the repair of any damages caused by his/her pet.

Upon move-out, the Co-op will arrange to have the unit sprayed, at the members expense, if deemed necessary.

Members must control his/her pets to prevent any noise that may disturb other members.

8. CONTROL

No pets (cat or dog) are allowed in the children's playground.

Dogs must be on a leash and in the control of a responsible person at all times while outside their unit and on co-op property.

Unattended, un-leashed dogs are allowed in the backyards of the units, but only if the yard is completely fenced.

The member(s) of a co-op household where an animal (cat or dog) is visiting will be responsible and liable for the conduct of the visiting pet, and the pet's owner, while they are on co-op property.

9. COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES

Any member with a complaint about a pet should first approach the owner and try to resolve the problem. If that is unsuccessful, the complaint should be put in writing, on the proper form, and submitted to the Board of Directors.

- (a) For a first time complaint, the Board will issue a written warning.
- (b) For a second complaint, the member will be required to meet with the Board to explain why he/she should not have to permanently remove his/her pet from the co-op.

Failure of a member to remove his/her pet when so directed by the Board, will constitute a breach of the Occupancy Agreement and will be grounds for termination of Occupancy and Membership rights.

In every event of an animal physically harming a person, the incident will immediately be reported to the Humane Society and the Police.

The Board may at any time appoint a Pet Committee to act on it's behalf in the administration of all or any part of the above Policy, except where the Policy clearly states that action is to be taken by the Board.

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- Suggestion to allow 3 pets... members did NOT agree, policy to remain at 2 pets

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