

CLARKSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY - PET OWNERSHIP POLICY OUTLINE

- A. Pet must be registered with the CHA office before the pet is brought on the premises. (Assistance animals that are needed as a reasonable accommodation for person with disabilities are not considered pets, and thus, are not subject to PHA pet policies.)
- B. Registration must be updated annually, at annual recertification of tenant's lease.
 - 1. Lease must be changed to include pet addendum.
 - 2. Furnish certificate from a state licensed veterinarian certifying pet is in good health and has had all necessary inoculations for contagious diseases and/or vaccinations for the Rabies virus.
- C. Tenant must be physically and mentally able to take care of pet and agrees to abide by all pet regulations.
- D. All pets must fall under the category of common household pets; specifically:
 - 1. Dogs: Maximum 40 lbs. or 15"
 - 2. Cats: Maximum 20 lbs.
 - 3. Birds: small sized
 - 4. Fish: 5 gallons tank or more
 - 5. Hamsters – Gerbils
 - 6. Rodent: Maximum 15 lbs. (Example: Rabbits)
 - 7. Reptiles: Turtles (or Terrapins) **NO SNAKES ALLOWED**

Within these categories, the following restrictions will apply: (Number of pets per unit is based on unit size.)

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2 BR – 2

3 BR – 3

- 1. Dogs – Must be a pet of no more than 15" in total height. The owner will have to certify that the pet is either house-broken or paper-trained and must show evidence the dog is currently licensed and inoculated under prevailing local regulations. No more than two dogs per household will be permitted and must be kept on a leash when not in unit. No dog will be permitted to be tied and left unattended. All City ordinances must be followed.
 - 2. Cats – Domestic breeds only. Must be certified pet is vaccinated for the Rabies virus by.
 - 3. Birds – Small birds such as parakeets, or canaries, etc. No more than two per household permitted.
 - 4. Fish – No limitation.
 - 5. Hamsters/Gerbils – Two per household maximum.
 - 6. Rabbits – One per household maximum.
 - 7. Reptiles – One per household maximum; **NO SNAKES ALLOWED**
- E. If pet disturbs other residents by barking, scratching, whining or other unusual noises or threatening behavior, the tenant owning the pet will be asked to vacate or get rid of the pet.
 - F. Pet will be kept free from fleas, ticks or other vermin.
 - G. Pet shall not be left unattended in a dwelling unit longer than 12 hours.
 - H. Pet waste will be disposed of daily and litter twice weekly, put in plastic bag and deposited in trash can.
 - I. In case of death of owner, pet will be placed with a registered veterinarian or animal shelter until disposition of pet can be determined.
 - J. Deposits will be collected over and above the normal security deposit in the following amounts:
 - 1. Dog - **\$75.00**
 - 2. Cat - **\$50.00**
 - 3. Bird - **\$ 5.00**
 - 4. Fish - **\$20.00**
 - 5. Hamster/Gerbil - **\$10.00**
 - 6. Rabbit - **\$10.00**
 - 7. Reptile - **\$25.00 (No Snakes)**

Deposits will be held, without interest, until such time as the owner moves out or until the pet is no longer in residence. The deposit shall be applied against all damages caused by the pet or the tenant's failure to clean up after the pet. Under no circumstances shall the special pet deposit be used to defray the cost of other unrelated repairs while the tenant is in tenancy.

K. The owner shall be responsible for cleaning up after his/her pet both inside the units, within the building and on Housing Authority grounds. Pets will not be permitted to use the grounds for rest areas.

L. The owner shall enter into a separate Pet Agreement that specifically outlines the Housing Authority's interpretation of pet care and owner responsibility. Failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement will result in termination of tenancy or permanent removal of the pet.

M. Visiting Pets: Pets that meet the size and type criteria outlined above may visit the housing divisions where pets are allowed for up to two weeks with Clarksville Housing Authority approval. Tenants who have visiting pets must abide by the conditions of this policy regarding health, sanitation, nuisances, and peaceful enjoyment of others. If visiting pets violate this policy or cause the tenant to violate the lease, the tenant will be required to remove the visiting pet.

N. This policy is subject to change at any time.