

## PET POLICY:

### **GENERAL**

Members are allowed to keep pets in the co-op. It is the member's responsibility to read and be familiar with the policies pertaining to the type of pet(s) allowed. All pets must be registered with the co-op. All pet owners must comply with the following regulations, and pets must not interfere with another member's use or enjoyment of their unit or common areas, nor create a nuisance or dangerous condition. Corrections of any damage caused, and which has not been adequately corrected, during the period of occupancy must be paid for by the member. The cost for the correction of the damage may be deducted from the share capital or may be paid for directly by the member.

### **CATEGORIES OF PETS**

- a) **Contained, non-dangerous pets: pets which could not cause damage to the health or safety of co-op members due to normal characteristics or habits of the species, and which are contained in a cage, 30-gallon tank on a sturdy stand, or other restricting container. This category includes birds, small rodents, fish, and rabbits. Rabbits housed outdoors will be subject to the same regulations listed under the pet policy for dogs, and cats**
- b) Contained, potentially dangerous pets: pets contained in a cage, tank or other restricting container which have normal physical characteristics or habits that might pose a danger to the health or safety of co-op members if accidentally released. This category includes venomous snakes, insects, constrictors, piranhas. The examples given are illustrative but not restrictive.
- c) **Dogs and cats are allowed with the exception of aggressive pet, the following breeds of mixed breeds are not permitted: German Shepherds, Pitbulls, Staffordshire Terriers, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers, Akita, Presa Canarios and Boxers. Any behavior displayed as threatening or anti-social will not be tolerated.**
- d) Non-contained, potentially dangerous pets: all pets not falling within the above three categories, including, but not limited to attack-trained dogs, monkeys and cats other than domesticated housecats.

### **LIMITS OF PETS/UNIT**

Dangerous pets [categories (b) and (d)] are not allowed.

No household may have more than a maximum of two pets from category (c). Where existing pets in category (c) bear offspring, the offspring may be kept in the household until they reach three months of age, at which time the limit of two pets per household will again be enforced. If a nuisance or dangerous situation is created or if other pet regulations are violated, the household limit will immediately be enforced.

## **MEMBERS GUESTS' PETS**

Members are responsible in all respects for their guests' pets. If a member's guest has pets in category c) and is staying longer than 36 hours at the member's household, the member must notify the Office. If the member's guests have pets in category (c) and are staying longer than 2 weeks, the guest's pets must be registered, at which time the maximum limit of 2 pets per household will be enforced.

In all cases, violation of pet regulations by guest's pets will result in an immediate request for removal.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration of a pet will include the signing of an agreement by the pet owner to abide by the regulations.

Pets in categories (b) and (d) are not allowed.

With the exception of category (a), all pets must be registered, two of which may be kept provided that a nuisance or dangerous situation is not created. A photograph of each pet in category (c) must be provided.

These items must accompany the registration form. Dog license numbers must be recorded on the registration form. Upon registration, proof of appropriate vaccinations must be supplied. (Cats - rabies, distemper, rhinovirus; dogs - rabies, distemper, Parvo, Parinfluenza, Rhinotelecyvirous, or any other inoculations for communicable diseases as recommended by the Pet Committee/ Staff on the advice of local health authorities.)

Help with the registration of guide/aid dogs, will be offered to visually impaired people, by the Staff.

## **CONDITIONS OF PETS**

- a) Photocopies of vaccination certificates for animals in category (c) must be submitted on a yearly basis.
- b) When vaccination is delayed upon a veterinarian's advice, due to age or health factors, the owner must provide proof of such veterinary advice.
- c) If required, pet owners must be prepared to provide a veterinarian's certificate, attesting to the health of the pets.
- d) **There will be a \$25.00 monthly fee starting January 1, 2024, for all new pets. These fees will be revisited every three years by the Pet Committee/Staff.**
- e) In the case where the first or second is permanently removed from the unit, the pet deposit may be assumed by a replacement pet listed in category (c).

- f) Failure to register and/or pay the fees for any pet listed in category (c) within two weeks of the pet's occupancy in the unit will result in a warning and a \$50 fine. Within 30 days of the warning, the pet must either be removed from the unit or become registered and have the applicable pet fee and fine paid in full. Failure to comply may result in the termination of pet privileges, or in the termination of occupancy rights under the Occupancy Agreement.
- g) Exemptions to the pet fee include:
  - a. **Any pet listed in category (c) which have been registered with Rainbow Housing Cooperative.**
  - b. **The pet(s) shall remain in the unit without a deposit for as long as said pet(s) resides in the unit. Once the grandfathered pet(s) are permanently removed from the unit or move to a different unit in the Cooperative, this rule will no longer apply.**
  - c. **Active qualified Service Animals, with certification paperwork will be provided to the office. Upon retirement of the service animal the monthly fee of \$25.00 will be applied**

The co-op strongly recommends that all pets be spayed or neutered. In the case of any nuisance or danger caused by breeding animals, the co-op reserves the right to demand that the pet be neutered or removed from the co-op.

The co-op will not concern itself with the health of the pets, except as noted above. However, neglect or abuse of pets may be reported to the appropriate authorities. Responsibility for such reporting rests with the member observing the evidence of abuse or neglect.

## **CITY STANDARDS OF CONTROL**

Pet owners are expected to abide with all city bylaws concerning pets including the licensing, vaccination, and control requirements. The Animal Control Bylaw is available at the office for further reference. The co-op may call upon the appropriate authorities to enforce the city bylaws.

## **CO-OP STANDARDS OF CONTROL**

- a) Dogs are allowed in common areas of the co-op, but only when on a leash, and under the immediate control of a responsible person. Dogs are allowed in the yard attached to the owner's unit only if the yard is properly secured. The manner, in which the yard has been secured, must be approved by the Pet Committee/Staff. Dogs may not remain in the yard for more than 12 hours at a time, unless a responsible person is in the unit. Where dogs are tied up in an unfenced yard (front or back), the owner must ensure that the rope is not long enough to permit the dog to stray onto neighbouring yards or common areas.
- b) Cats in the co-op must be contained in the unit, or must be on a leash when outside.
- c) A pet owner must clean up immediately any mess (excrement or otherwise) created by pets in common areas or unit yards (including the owner's yard).
- d) Pet owner is responsible for the repair of damage caused to co-op property by her/his pet.
- e) A pet owner must control her/his pet to prevent unnecessary or unreasonable noise.

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## **CITY ENFORCEMENT**

Where a violation of the pet regulations or City Bylaws constitutes an emergency or otherwise requires immediate action, it is the responsibility of the complainant to contact the appropriate authorities—the pound or the police—and have immediate action taken. Contact the animal control warden at **306-384-7297**.

## **CO-OP ENFORCEMENT**

### Violations:

Members found to be in contravention with any portion of this policy are subject to the following penalties:

Offence	Fine
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$50.00 and a meeting with the Board, possibility that the member can no longer keep their pet.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meeting with the Board, possibility of termination of membership.

If any member is found to have more pets than allowed there will be a \$50.00 fine and will need to re-house their pet(s). The member may also be called before the Board, and it could be determined that the member(s) is no longer allowed to keep any pets and or potentially have their membership terminated.

## **INFORMATION**

All prospective members (pet owners and non-owners) shall be informed of the pet regulation upon being interviewed for acceptance into Rainbow Housing Co-operative. All members (pet owners and non-owners) shall receive a copy of the pet regulations upon moving into Rainbow Housing Co-operative. Registration of a pet will include the signing of an agreement by the pet owner to abide by the regulations. It is the member's responsibility to read and be familiar with the rules pertaining to the type of pet s/he wishes to keep. The pet(s) must attend the interview to be assessed for temperament and behavior, and to have a picture taken for the office records.