

POLICY DOCUMENT

PETS POLICY

Intention of Policy

Our community acknowledges the fun, affection, comfort, and meaning pets add to their families' lives and the lives of others in the community. We also acknowledge that some members may prefer neither to have pets nor to interact with another member's animal. The community should be accessible to all people, including those with asthma, allergies or fears of animals. Members and their guests should be free to enjoy any public outdoor space, as well as their dwelling's private outdoor space, without interference from pets. This includes members' freedom to cook and eat out of doors.

This policy is intended to promote a harmonious relationship among pets, pet owners, and non-pet-owners and a peaceful, clean, and safe environment for all. We desire to minimize negative impacts pets may have on other members. The policy is a response to strong felt concerns of some members and is an alternative to a total ban on all dogs and outdoor pets.

General Pet Policies:

1. Pet owners are responsible for preventing incidents and to dealing with problems, including a commitment to be gracious and responsive when receiving complaints about their pet. Pet owners agree to willingly address concerns about their pet(s) that may be/become a problem to their neighbours. Serious pet incidents must be addressed immediately by the pet's owner so that future serious incidents do not occur.
2. No pets are allowed in the Common House (with the exception of service dogs).
3. Pet owners are responsible for any property damage caused by their pets.
4. Owners are expected to thoroughly clean up their pet's mess in all outdoor areas.
5. To discourage strays, pet food is not to be left outside.
6. Any animal that deliberately hurts or threatens a person or another animal (when unprovoked) shall be subject to immediate exclusion at the discretion of the Directors.
7. Members shall be responsible for the pets of their visitors.
8. Pet owners are responsible for dealing effectively with any excessive noise generated by pets.

Indoor pets

1. Indoor pets are the responsibility of the household in which they live. Unless they cause complaint beyond the walls of their living unit (such as noise), they are not the community's business.

Outdoor pets

1. No new outdoor pets shall be introduced by members into the community without the agreement of the Directors.
2. The management committee may admit outdoor pets only if it is satisfied with regards to: control; noise; population density and animal poop. Unknown pets, such as those from Animal Care, or adopted strays, may only be admitted on a trial basis of up to three months.
3. Dogs will not have access to any public outdoor or indoor space, other than when being taken out of the community for walks etc. Members shall retain dogs within the confines of their dwelling's private indoor and outdoor space. Members are responsible for ensuring the security of such boundaries.
4. Dog owners must respond immediately to any request by a member or guest to contain and/or tether their animal within the confines of the dog owner's private dwelling space (indoor or outdoor) if the animal is found beyond the boundaries of such space.
5. All outdoor pets shall be neutered and have up-to-date protective inoculations.

Pet Policy Implementation

The Directors shall promote the ongoing implementation of this policy. The Directors shall retain the right to exclude pets. The Directors may also declare a moratorium on new pets.