



## PET POLICY

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### Purpose

This policy sets out Advance Housing Ltd's position on the management and approval of pets as held by tenants.

### Scope

This policy applies to all matters relating to pets as held or desired to be held in any AHL tenancy.

### Policy Statement

Tenants can only have pets with written permission from Advance Housing Ltd. Strata rules may prohibit pets in strata complexes. Tenants may have a cat or dog only if the property has an enclosed yard and if the local council regulations and/or strata company by-laws are complied with. The yard must be suitable for the size and breed of the pet.

A pet bond of no more than \$260 is charged to cover the costs of flea treatment only (as per the RTA). A pet bond will not be charged for birds or fish. The pet bond will apply to all new permissions given to have a pet. Tenants who were given permission to have a pet without paying a bond, will not have to pay a pet bond, unless they acquire a new pet. A pet bond is not required for registered assistance dogs as defined under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

## Restricted breeds

Tenants are not permitted to keep a dog that is listed on the *Dog Regulations 2013* Dangerous dog (restricted breed) breeds (including Pit Bull Terrier and Pit Bull Terrier cross breeds).

## RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of:

**Employees** to ensure they comply with this policy.

**Employees** to identify and report potential issues to Management.

**Employees with related tasks** to ensure they have a comprehensive understanding of this Policy, related Legislation and Documents as it relates to their roles.

**Team Leaders and Management** to oversee compliance, monitoring and review of this Policy.

## RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

[Residential Tenancies Act 1987](#)

[Dog and Cat Management Act 1995](#)

[The City of Albany Dog Local Law 2017](#)

[Local Government Authority Pet By Laws as they apply to each LGA](#)

[Risk Management Policy](#)

[Allocation Policy](#)

[Cat Act 2011](#)

[Dog Act 1976](#)

## Approval and Review Details

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