



PET POLICY

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Purpose

This policy sets out Advance Housing Ltd's (AHL) position on the management and approval of pets kept in properties 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

Tenant capacity to keep a pet or pets within a rental property in WA is determined by the terms of the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 (RTA). AHL will manage the keeping of pets in line with RTA requirements and under the terms of the 'Commissioner's Guidelines: Pet Requests in a Rental – for landlords, real estate agents, property managers, and tenants' or its replacement.

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](#)

[Commissioner's Guidelines: Pet Requests in a Rental – for landlords, real estate agents, property managers, and tenants](#)

[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](#)

[AHL005 Risk Management Policy](#)

[AHL.020 Allocation Policy](#)

[Cat Act 2011](#)

[Dog Act 1976](#)

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