

GRANITE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF POLICY

PETS

Effective October 1, 2000

## PET POLICY

All residents seeking permission to keep a pet in housing owned and/or operated by the Granite City Housing Authority shall demonstrate that they have the physical and financial capability to care for the pet.

- A. Application for Pet Permit Prior to housing any pet on premises owned or operated by Granite City Housing Authority, the resident shall apply to the Granite City Housing Authority for a pet permit, which shall be accompanied by the following:
1. A current license issued by the City of Granite City.
  2. Signed statement from Veterinarian verifying that the animal is in good health and has no communicable diseases or pests.
  3. That the pet has received current rabies and distemper inoculations or boosters as applicable.
  4. Picture of pet shall accompany application.
- B. All residents with pets shall comply with the following rules:
1. Permitted pets are domesticated dogs, cats, birds and fish aquariums. The size and number of pets must be reasonably appropriate for the size of the unit and the number of people in the household.
  2. Dogs and cats must be licensed yearly with the City of Granite City (Office of the City Clerk) and residents' must show proof of annual rabies and distemper booster inoculations.
  3. Every dog and cat must wear city license tag, valid rabies tag and tag bearing Owner's name, address and phone number.
  4. Vicious and/or intimidating dogs will not be allowed.
  5. All dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered as applicable. If such animals are not spayed and have offspring tenant is in violation of this rule.
  6. Dogs and cats shall remain inside the resident's unit. No animal shall be permitted to be loose in lobby areas, community rooms, yards or other common areas of the facility.
  7. When taken outside the unit, dogs and cats must be kept on a leash, controlled by an adult. Unleashed dogs and cats straying in area will be picked up by the Humane Officer.
  8. Birds must be confined to a cage at all times.
  9. Owners shall not permit their pet to disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of other residents. The terms "disturb, interfere and diminish" shall include but not be limited to barking, howling, chirping, biting, scratching, and other like activities.
  10. Owners must provide litter boxes for cat waste, which must be kept in the dwelling unit. Residents shall not permit refuse from litter boxes to accumulate nor to become unsightly or unsanitary.

11. Owners are solely responsible for cleaning up pet droppings, if any, outside the unit and on facility grounds. Droppings must be disposed of by being placed in a sack and then placed in the trash container at their own unit.
  12. Owners are responsible for properly disposing of dog and cat waste in the trash container of their own unit.
  13. Owners shall take adequate precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within or around the unit and shall maintain the unit in a sanitary condition at all times.
  14. If pets are left unattended for a period of twenty-four (24) hour or more, the Housing Authority may enter the dwelling unit, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper authorities, subject to the provisions of Illinois State law and pertinent local ordinance. The Housing Authority accepts no responsibility for the animal under such circumstances.
  15. Owners shall not alter their unit, patio or unit area in order to create an enclosure for any pet.
  16. Owners are responsible for all damages caused by their pets, including the cost of cleaning of carpets and/or fumigation of units.
  17. Residents are prohibited from feeding or harboring stray animals. The feeding of stray animals shall constitute having a pet without the written permission of the Authority.
  18. Should any pet give birth to a litter, the resident shall move from the premises all of said pets except one.
  19. Owners must identify an alternate custodian for pets in the event of resident illness or other absence from the dwelling unit. (Who will pick up pet within 12 hours after emergency arises.) This identification of an alternate custodian must occur prior to the Housing Authority issuing a pet registration permit. Signature of alternate custodian must be on Pet Permit.
  20. Tenant shall pay a damage deposit of \$100.00 for a dog or cat. Fish or bird will not require a deposit, but must be registered with Authority. This deposit shall be paid in advance or on the acceptance of said pets by a tenant. This deposit is refundable if no damage is done, as verified by the Housing Authority, after tenant disposes of the pet or moves.
  21. Tenant shall pay a non-refundable pet fee in the amount of \$100.00. The non-refundable pet fee is intended to cover the reasonable, operating costs to the development relating to the presence of pets. Payment of the pet fee will be accepted in monthly installments until such time as paid in full.
- C. The privilege of maintaining a pet in a facility owned and/or operated by the Granite City Housing Authority shall be subject to the rules set forth in paragraph B. above. This privilege may be revoked at any time subject to the Housing Authority Hearing Procedures if the animal should become destructive, create a nuisance, represent a threat to the safety and security of other residents, or create a problem in the area of cleanliness and sanitation.

D. Should a breach of the rules set forth in paragraph B, above, occur the Granite City Housing Authority may also exercise any remedy granted it in accordance with the lease and laws of the State of Illinois.

I have read and understand the above policy provisions regarding the keeping of pets and agree to abide by those provisions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I hereby make application for written permission to keep the following pet in my dwelling unit as a resident of the Granite City Housing Authority:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Animal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Breed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Color

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

My alternate pet custodian is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I fully understand the rules and regulations regarding the privilege of keeping a pet and agree to abide by those rules and regulations. Copy attached and made a part hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Damage Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Paid

Picture of Pet