

OPS028 - Pet Policy

MONITORING FORM	
Department	Housing
Department Director	Operations
This policy is applicable to	Housing Management
Author	Housing Manager
Original Version approved by & date	9/10/2019
Date of last review	9/10/2019
Version number	V1
Date of minor modification	
Period of Review	3yrs
Date of next review	October 2022
Internal /external consultees (if required)	

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Reference to domestic pets is contained within Weslo's tenancy agreement.
- 1.2. Reference is made to the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 and section 2.6 of our Scottish Secure Tenancy Agreement.
- 1.3. Tenants are required to abide by the terms of their tenancy agreement.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This policy is aimed at all tenants and prospective tenants who have either a Scottish Secure Tenancy or a Short Scottish Secure Tenancy.

3. OBJECTIVES

The overall aims of this policy are to:

- 3.1. Enable all tenants and other residents living in our areas of operation to enjoy a clean, peaceful and safe environment.
- 3.2. Reduce the number of unsupervised animals in the community and address nuisance created by pets being experienced by tenants and residents.
- 3.3. Ensure that all tenants and prospective tenants are aware of their responsibilities under the terms of their tenancy agreement in relation to pet ownership.

4. POLICY GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Weslo will keep a record of permission granted for the keeping of pet. Permission will be for a specific pet and will expire at the end of the pets lifetime.
- 4.2 **Small animals** - Permission to keep small animals such as hamsters, fish and budgies and similar small animals will be covered by general consent and written permission will not be necessary. The overriding principle being a maximum of three pets to be kept in any one property.
- 4.3 **Cats and Dogs** - Written permission must be obtained to keep cats and dogs.
- 4.4 **Dangerous Dogs** – Permission will not be granted for the keeping of dogs prohibited by the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 or by any other law. Current legislation would define Dangerous Dogs in this country as an American Pit Bull and Japanese Tosa and Dogs de Bordeaux.
- 4.5 Where a tenant has been given permission to keep a pet, and in this instance a dog, that dog or dogs must never be allowed to roam the area and should always be with adult supervision or permission will be revoked.

- 4.6. All applicants will be advised of the Pet Policy at time of making an application for housing, and again should an offer of housing be made.
- 4.7. **Pigeons, Fowl, Livestock and Non- Domestic pets** - Weslo Housing Management's tenancy agreements does not allow tenants to keep pigeons, fowl, livestock or non-domestic pets. Where a tenant is found to be keeping any of this type of animal, they will be instructed to remove them within 28 days.

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

This Policy will always be carried out in accordance with Weslo's Policy of Equality & Diversity which aims to promote diversity, fairness, social justice and equality of opportunity by adopting and promoting fair policies and procedures.

6. AVAILABILITY

This policy is available on the Weslo website, to Board and staff members and any other key stakeholders. Copies are available free of charge. A summary of this policy can be made available in other formats and languages.

7. MONITORING & REPORTING

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure compliance with applicable legislative changes, changes within the organisation and best practice

8. COMPLAINTS

Anyone wishing to make a **formal** complaint about the services provided by the organisation should do so as per our complaints procedure.

9. OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

This Policy relates to:

- Equality of Opportunity and Diversity Policy and procedure.
- Tenancy Management Policy and Procedures.
- Anti-social behaviour Policy and Procedure

And these must be read in conjunction with this Policy.

10. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviews every three years, or sooner if legislation or best practice changes requires it.