



**NEW BEDFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PETS  
IN STATE - AIDED ELDERLY HOUSING**

*THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO PROVIDE STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH RESIDENTS WHO OWN A PET AND RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT OWN A PET AND TO ENSURE THE RESPONSIBLE CARE OF PETS.*

1. Any resident or applicant who wishes to keep a domestic cat or dog will inform the management office in writing. A Pet Rider to the lease will be signed immediately by the resident. (See Pet Rider attached)
2. Residents who wish to keep a pet will register the pet with management. A photo and some identifying description of the animal will be submitted and retained in the resident's file. Management reserves the right to request and check references for the pet. If management feels that a pet is inappropriate, management will so inform the resident. Permission for a specific pet will not be unreasonably withheld.
3. The size of newly acquired dogs is limited to forty pounds. All pet owners must be able to control their pets.
4. All female dogs over the age of six months and all female cats over the age of five months must be spayed. All male dogs over the age of eight months and all male cats over the age of ten months must be neutered. Exceptions may be made to this requirement at the Executive Director's discretion, if the pet owner presents a veterinarian's certificate attesting to health problems which prevent such spaying or neutering.
5. No resident will have more than one pet, birds and fish excluded.
6. Pets will be restrained on a leash, **AT ALL TIMES**, when on the property, outside the owner's apartment, or visiting in the apartment of another resident.
7. Pet owner is responsible for cleaning up after the pet inside the apartment and outside on the grounds of the property.
8. Pet owner will be liable for damages caused by the pet. Charges for damage are to be those actually incurred by management and will include materials and labor
9. Pet owner is responsible for assuring that the pet does not annoy other residents with excessive barking or yowling.
10. Pet owner is responsible for providing adequate care for the pet at all times.
11. Pet owner will provide the name and address of a pet caretaker who must assume responsibility for the care of the animal should the owner be unable to. Further, name and address of the veterinarian responsible for the pet's health care must be listed. Any temporary caretaker will act in responsible manner toward care of the pet; however, the pet owner continues to be responsible for any damage done by the pet or any nuisance committed by the pet while under the care of the caretaker.

12. The resident is responsible for keeping management informed of any changes in the information submitted to management as described in section 11.
13. Management will determine which common areas pets will be permitted. Pets will not be excluded from hallways. In elevator buildings, pets must be on a short leash (the hand of the person accompanying the pet will hold the leash within four inches of collar, or the pet should be carried).
14. Pets must be licensed in compliance with local government rules.

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**DATE**

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**RESIDENT SIGNATURE**

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**NBHA SIGNATURE**

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**NAME AND TITLE**

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**PET RIDER**

*To Be Attached to Lease*

*This Pet Rider to the Lease between \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(RESIDENT)  
the New Bedford Housing Authority is made a part of the Lease entered into between  
parties on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(DATE)*

1. Both parties have read and signed the attached Pet Regulation.
2. The resident will keep his/her pet in a responsible manner and provide proper care for it.
3. The resident will be liable for any damage or injury caused by his/her pet. If the resident's pet privilege payment does not cover the damage, management and the resident will agree on a payment plan to pay for the damage as well as replace the pet privilege payment.
4. Resident will show proof of spaying or neutering and licensing, in accordance with the attached pet policy.
5. Resident will provide the name, address, and telephone number, in the space provided below, of a pet caretaker who will assume responsibility for the pet should the resident become unable to care for the pet. Resident will also provide the name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian responsible for the pet's health care.

**PET CARETAKER**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VETERINARIAN**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_