



PET APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by the leaseholder(s)

Your name/s :

Address :

Telephone :

Email :

Type of accommodation : house [] flat [] maisonette []
other []

If a flat or maisonette, what floor is the property on : Ground [] 1st Floor []
Other []

Does the property have direct access to a garden : Yes / No

Are you disqualified by a Court from having custody of an animal : Yes / No
(if 'yes' please explain why you believe that you should be able to have this pet)

What species of pet do you wish to keep (e.g. dog / cat / rabbit etc) :

Age of pet :

Description of pet (eg breed/type; colour; distinguishing features) :

Microchip number (if any) :



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If a dog, on the microchip database (a) are you the registered keeper of the dog, and (b) does it have your current address recorded : Yes / No (if 'no' please say why not)

Has the pet been neutered : Yes / No
(if 'no' please explain how you will prevent breeding without our prior consent)

What, if any, previous experience do you have of keeping a pet of this type :

If you should go away (e.g. on holiday) what is the name and telephone number for the person who will be responsible for your pet :

What is the name and telephone number for the pet's vet :

What other pets do you have at the property :
(specify species as well as number)

By signing this application I/We declare that:

I/We will be a responsible pet owner at all times

I/We have read the Pet Policy and will comply at all times

I/We understand that I have responsibility for all pets that live at the property and that a separate application must be submitted for each (including any pets that are owned by others who live in the property (not tanked animals))

I/We understand that if I breach the Pet Policy that permission may be withdrawn in addition to any other enforcement action that Winchester City Council may take

Dated:

Signed:
Name/s :



Winchester City Council Pet Policy

In this document the term 'Leaseholder' means the owner occupier or relates to any sub tenant/s of the property and anyone else in the household who wishes to have/has a pet.

1 Introduction

Extensive research has proven that pets have a positive effect on households. People can benefit physically, emotionally and often socially from looking after a pet and this is particularly the case for those who are vulnerable (e.g. the elderly and those living alone). Pets can add so much to our lives and for many they are their only companions. However, pets aren't for everyone and are costly, so it's important for all potential owners to take into consideration the cost of keeping a pet, and the length of time they'll be part of the family.

We understand how much fun and happiness a pet can bring, and want to help people to be responsible pet owners. This Pet Policy is designed to make sure people's lifestyles and homes are suitable for a pet, and with the welfare of the animals always at the forefront of everyone's minds.

2 Conditions

A leaseholder or anyone residing with the leaseholder is not permitted to keep a pet at the property without first obtaining our written permission. Although we appreciate the benefits that many people obtain by keeping pets, we have to strike a balance as not all of our properties may be suitable for all kinds of pets. This is why we require all leaseholders to apply for permission first so we can consider if their particular circumstances and the particular pet are acceptable.

Leaseholders do not need permission for:-

- A registered assistance dog
- A reasonable number of small caged birds and small animals such as hamsters and gerbils.
- A reasonable number of fish contained in a tank not exceeding 33 gallons (155 litres)

Leaseholders should be advised that if they are in any doubt whether they need to apply for permission, or what we would regard as 'reasonable', to

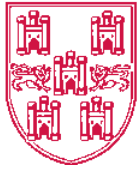
make the application so we can fully consider their request and inform them of the outcome.

Permission will not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or withdrawn. Each application will be treated on its own merits having regard to things such as:

- The type of property
- The size of garden
- Species, size and number of pets
- Leaseholders/persons history of keeping a pet

Please note:

1. In addition to any other enforcement action we may take, permission may be withdrawn at any time if any of the terms of this Pets Policy and / or the terms of the lease are not complied with
2. Permission will not be granted (or if already granted it shall be withdrawn) if the leaseholder is disqualified from having custody of an animal
3. Permission is unlikely to be granted for more than two dogs or more than two cats
4. Permission is unlikely to be granted for exotic pets (such as reptiles or spiders)
5. Permission will not be granted if the pet:
 - (a) Is a dog that is of a type that is prohibited by Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (such as a pit bull terrier type dog) unless the dog has been exempted from the prohibition by a Court Order and the terms of the exemption are being fully complied with, or
 - (b) Requires a licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (as amended), or
 - (c) Is a farm animal



3 Terms for Permission

3.1 Microchipping

If the pet is a dog, permission will not be granted unless it has been microchipped. The leaseholder must provide us with written confirmation that this has been done and the identification number. The leaseholder must ensure that their details are kept up to date on the microchip database. It is recommended that the leaseholder other gets all other pets microchipped.

3.2 Collar & Tag

If the pet is a dog, when outside the property, it must wear a collar and tag with the leaseholders name and address clearly inscribed.

3.3 Breeding

The pet shall not be used for breeding purposes without the leaseholder first obtaining our written permission. Such permission will not be granted unless the leaseholder can prove to our reasonable satisfaction that:

- (a) It would not be detrimental to the health of the pet, and
- (b) It is not for the purpose of making a profit, and
- (c) They will be able to find suitable homes for the offspring.

Permission is required before each proposed mating.

3.4 Control

The pet must be kept under proper control at all times when it comes into contact with neighbours, visitors or their animals. Dogs must be kept on a lead in all public places, communal areas and walkways.

3.5 Nuisance

The pet must not cause a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours, visitors or their animals. This includes excessive noise and damage to other people's property.



3.6 Balconies

If the property has a balcony, the leaseholder will not be permitted to keep the pet there when they are not at the property.

3.7 Welfare

The leaseholder must take such steps as are reasonable in the circumstances to ensure that the needs of the pet are met to the extent required by good practice. This includes but is not exclusive to:

- (a) The need for a suitable environment
- (b) The need for a suitable diet
- (c) The need to be able to exhibit normal behaviour patterns
- (d) Any need to be housed with, or apart from, other animals
- (e) The need to be protected from suffering, injury and disease

If we believe a leaseholder has breached this term then in addition to other action we may take we may also report the matter to the RSPCA.

3.8 Fouling

Pets must not be allowed to foul inside the property, except for caged pets and pets trained to use a litter tray. Any pet faeces must be removed immediately from gardens or outside areas and disposed of safely and hygienically.

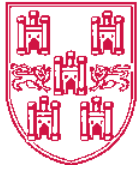
3.9 Damage/Property Condition

The pet must not damage the property or the communal areas. If it does, in addition to any other enforcement action we may take, the leaseholder will also be responsible for paying for any necessary repairs.

The leaseholder must not allow the property to become unhygienic.

3.10 Neutering

We recommend that all pets are neutered.



The pet must be neutered if we believe that the leaseholder persistently allows it to stray or if it is recommended by:

- (a) a veterinary surgeon, or
- (b) an animal behaviourist, or
- (c) a trainer

3.11 Abandonment

Leaseholders must not abandon their pets. If it is confirmed that this has taken place, in addition to other action we may take against the leaseholder, we may report the matter to the RSPCA and we shall assume that the leaseholder no longer wants the pet back.

4 Confirmation of Permission

This Pet Policy must be read in conjunction with the standard 'Permissions Policy & Procedure'. Section 2 of the Permissions P&P sets out the process which must be followed when a request is received for a pet including the permission letter which should then be sent confirming whether the request is approved or refused.