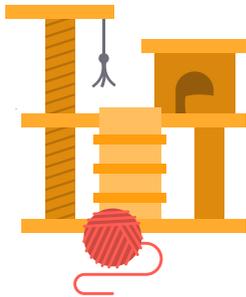




You and Your Pet

A Pet Ownership Guide and Advice for
Aberdeen City Council Tenants





1. You and Your Pet

Aberdeen City Council recognises the benefits that a pet can bring, however, owning a pet comes with responsibilities. By following some of the useful information in this guide, we can help you to be a responsible pet owner.

This guide will provide information on the following:

- Your pet and the law
- Caring for your pet
- What happens when pets are not looked after properly
- What happens if a pet is behaving badly?
- Where pets are not permitted.

If you have a pet you should:

- ✓ Take responsibility for the behaviour of your pets or the pets of anyone living in or visiting your home
- ✓ Ensure your pet does not cause a nuisance, stray, cause a danger or display aggressive behaviour to others. This includes pooing, noise or smell from the pet or injury caused by the pet.
- ✓ If you have a dog, ensure that it is micro-chipped, and it wears a collar with a tag displaying your contact details when in public place. (See page 5 for more information).



2. Your pet and the law

Microchipping

Microchipping is the best way of you being reunited with your pet should they become lost or stolen.

We recommend all pets are microchipped. A collar and tag can fall off or be removed, but a microchip is a more permanent way to identify your pet and keep them safe.

On 6 April 2016 the law was changed so that all dogs over 8 weeks old must be microchipped. The law states that:

- Owner details must be kept up-to-date and stored with an approved database company.

Even though your dog has been microchipped they must still wear a collar and tag with your contact details on when in public.

- If your dog is scanned and found not to have a microchip you'll have 21 days to get them microchipped. If you don't, you'll face a fine of £500.

It is the law for all dogs to wear a collar with the name and address of their owner inscribed on the collar, or on a tag attached to the collar.

Certain dogs are exempt from having to wear a such collar. These include any dog registered with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

For further information, please see [Article 2 of the Control of Dogs Order 1992](#).

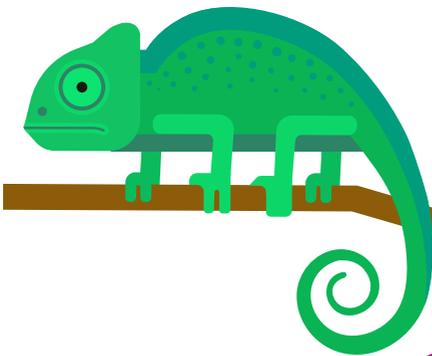


3. Where pets are not allowed

The council will not allow pets in sheltered or very sheltered complexes (except for outlying cottages), all multi storey blocks and certain other tenements. Please check the full list of pet ban blocks at the end of this guide. If you currently live in one of these blocks check with your Housing Officer before you purchase a pet or if you are moving to one of these blocks and you currently have a pet.

4. Exotic Species

An “exotic” pet is one which is “not a native habitant” or is “non-domestic” in the UK. [The Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976](#) as amended, lists the animals which are required to have a licence before they can be kept. If tenants are in any doubt, please seek advice from Environmental Health. It is not permitted to keep any animal whose diet includes live animals and insects in a Council property.



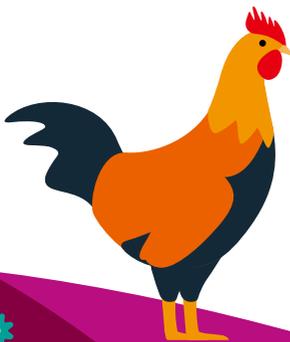
5. Dangerous Dogs

If it is suspected that a dog is of a type banned under the terms of the [Dangerous Dogs Act 1991](#), e.g. a Pit Bull Terrier, a Japanese Tosa, a Fila Brasileiro, a Dogo Argentino. This includes, any cross breeds who have been bred for fighting, or has the appearance of a dog bred for fighting, then it would be considered unacceptable for such an animal to live in a Council property. If any resident wishes to challenge the banned status they should contact Police Scotland.

6. Wild and Farm Animals

Under no circumstances should any animal classified as a “Dangerous Wild Animal” in terms of the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 as amended, be kept in Council housing. A licence is mandatory for keeping such animals. If tenants are in any doubt about an animal they may wish to own then professional advice should be sought.

Tenants will also not be allowed to keep any large farm animals. Small farm animals will be considered on an individual basis, consideration being given to noise levels, proximity to neighbouring properties and housing conditions of the animals.



7. Pets causing nuisance

[The Dog Fouling \(Scotland\) Act 2003](#), makes it an offence to ignore picking up any dog poo within any public space (this includes a shared garden area). Any must be picked up and disposed of immediately.

In addition, a tenant is required to ensure their dog is always under control, both in public and common areas of the property. Should the tenant fail to do this they may become subject to legal action under the [Control of Dogs \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#).

If your dog or any other type of pet is either stray or pooing in gardens/ footpaths, or otherwise causing what may be construed as a nuisance, e.g. excessive barking, this will be brought to the attention of the Dog Warden who may take further action.

Reports of tenants keeping a dangerous dog or otherwise allowing it to act in a dangerous manner in a public place will be reported to Police Scotland.

In cases of nuisance from pets, advice will be sought from Environmental Health and Community Safety Teams. The Anti-Social Behaviour team are available to witness acts of excessive barking or other anti-social behaviour.

Where evidence exists that the pet has been causing a nuisance or is not being looked after in an appropriate manner, a Housing Officer will be advised and will contact the tenant to warn them that if such conduct persists potential legal action may be taken.

If the Council receives information of any anti-social behaviour from an animal, the Housing Officer or other appropriate person may visit your home to investigate the complaint and to ensure that the property is suitable to house the animal. We will do our best to work with you to find a solution to the problem. In some cases where the issue cannot be resolved you may be asked to rehome your pet.



If the pet is not rehomed and the problems continue, the Council may refer the matter to our legal team for action. You would be kept advised of the situation and of any evidence we had obtained. You can report a concern relating to dog control on our website

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/environment/environmental-health/dog-wardens/report-out-control-dog>

Any matters relating to stray dogs will be brought to the attention of the Dog Warden service. The Dog Warden service operates Monday-Friday between 8.30am-5.00pm.

9. Appeals

To promote tenants' rights to a fair hearing, tenants may appeal against decisions that the Council take. Appeals can be taken against decisions either not to allow pets or potential legal action. Appeals may be referred to the Locality Inclusion Managers, see list of contacts on page 10.



Appendix 1

Useful Contact Details

Locality Inclusion Manager (South)

Early Intervention and Community,
Empowerment,
Business Hub 1,
Lower Ground Floor West,
Marischal College,
Broad Street,
Aberdeen AB10 1AB.
Tel: 03000 200 292

Locality Inclusion Manager (North)

Early Intervention and Community
Empowerment,
Mastrick Customer Access Point,
Spey Road, Aberdeen AB16 6SH.
Tel: 03000 200 292

Locality Inclusion Manager (Central)

Early Intervention and Community
Empowerment,
Tillydrone Area Housing Office,
Formartine Road,
Aberdeen AB24 2RW.
Tel: 03000 200 292

Dog Control

City Wardens,
Community Support Manager,
Early Intervention and Community
Empowerment,
Archibald Simpson House,
27-29 King Street AB24 5AA.
Tel: 03000 200292
Email: poll@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Mrs Murrays Cat and Dog Home

Brickfield,
East Seaton,
Aberdeen AB24 1XL.
info@mrsurrays.co.uk
www.mrsurrays.co.uk

Protective Services

Business Hub 15,
3rd Floor South,
Marischal College,
Broad Street,
Aberdeen AB10 1AB.
Tel: 03000 200 292
Email: poll@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals

Aberdeen Veterinary Centre
Fraser Place
Aberdeen AB25 3TY.
Tel: 01224 632042
www.pdsa.org.uk

Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Scottish SPCA)

Kingseat Road
Halbeath
Dunfermline KY11 8RY.
Tel: 03000 999 999
Email: enquiries@scottishspca.org
www.scottishspca.org
Times 7am - 11pm 7 days a week



Appendix 2

Pet Ban Addresses, the numbers in brackets are the flat numbers

Ashgrove Court	Elphinstone Court
Ash-Hill Place	Fairley Den
Aulton Court	Fountain Grange
Balgownie Court	Fullerton Court
Balmoral Court (1-58)	Gairn Court (1-56)
Bayview Court	Gilcomstoun Land
Beachview Court	Grampian Court
Beechwood Court	Grandholm Court
Berrymoss Court	Granitehill House
Brimmond Court	Gray Court (1-36)
Bruce House (1-46)	Great Northern Road (678-744 even)
Cairncry Court	Great Northern Road (735)
Cairngorm Place (2-48)	Greig Court
Castleton Court	Hamewith
Charlie Devine Court (10-44)	Hilton Court
Clifton Court	Hutcheon Court
Constitution Court	Inverdon Court
Constitution Lane	Janesfield Manor (12-52)
Constitution Street (2&4)	Kincorth Land (1-52)
Cornhill Court	Kings Court
Coronation Court (1-33)	Lewis Court (1-33)
Davidson House (1-46)	Linksfield Court
Denburn Court	Loch Court
Denmore Court (1-34)	Lord Hays Court
Denseat Court (1-48)	Margaret Clyne Court (1-41)
Dominies Court	Marischal Court
Donside Court	Mark Bush Court (1-49)
Donview House	Mastrick Land
Eden Place (7&9)	Meadow Court

Morven Court
Murray Court
North Balnagask Road (231-301)
Northsea Court
Oldcroft Court
Parkhill Court
Piries Court
Porthill Court
Promenade Court
Provost Hogg Court
Quarryhill Court (1-30)
Regensburg Court
Regent Court
Rorie Court
Rose House (1-46)
Rosehill Court
Seamount Court
Seaton House
Seaview House
Short Loanings (8-18)
Smithfield Court
South Constitution St
St Clements Court
St Machar Court
St Ninian Court
Stewart Park Court
Stocket Grange (1-42)
Stockethill Court
Thistle Court

Tillydrone Court
Transay Court
Victoria Road (382-392)
Virginia Court
Wallace House (1-46)
Woodhill Court

