



<i>Housing Corporation Act R.S.P.E.I 1993, Cap. H-11.1</i>	Program	Seniors Housing Program	
	Subject	Pet, Dog, and Service Animal Policy	Policy # 6-6(1)
Effective Date: March 1, 2013		Authorized by:	
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ensure that prospective and current tenants of seniors housing are aware of expectations with respect to care and ownership of pets and service animals in seniors housing.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 **Dog:** a dog-weighing 25 pounds or less. A dog is not defined as a pet for the purposes of this policy.
- 2.2 **Dog-Friendly Buildings:** seniors housing buildings that allow pets and dogs.
- 2.3 **Pet:** a cat, bird, or fish but not a dog.
- 2.4 **Pet-Free Buildings:** seniors housing buildings that do not permit tenants or their visitors to have pets or dogs.
- 2.5 **Pet-Friendly Buildings:** seniors housing buildings that allow pets.
- 2.6 **Service Animal:** an animal that is individually trained to do work, or perform tasks, for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or disability related to mental health. Service animals must be trained by an accredited facility.

3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

- 3.1 Service animals are permitted in all seniors housing buildings. Tenants with service animals must provide proof of accredited training.
- 3.2 Pets and dogs are not permitted in seniors housing buildings designated as Pet-Free Buildings in Attachment A.

- 3.3 Pets and dogs are permitted in seniors housing buildings designated as dog-friendly Buildings in Attachment B.
- 3.4 Pets are permitted in seniors housing buildings designated as Dog friendly buildings in Attachment B and as pet-friendly buildings in Attachment C.
- 3.5 Tenants may have one pet, one dog, or one service animal per seniors housing unit in accordance with the designation of their seniors housing building. In the case of fish, no more than one aquarium will be permitted.
- 3.6 Animals of a dangerous or aggressive disposition are not permitted.
- 3.7 Tenants must obtain approval from Housing Services prior to getting a pet, dog or service animal as per the *Request to Keep a Pet or Dog Policy* and the *Request to Keep a Service Animal Policy*.

Tenant Responsibilities

- 3.8 All dogs and cats, including service animals, must be spayed or neutered. If health problems prevent the animal from being spayed or neutered, a veterinarian's certificate will be required, and approval of the animal will be at the discretion of Housing Services.
- 3.9 Tenants will demonstrate responsible pet, dog and service animal ownership. Responsible ownership includes:
 - spaying/neutering;
 - maintaining annual health check-ups, vaccinations, and flea and tick control, as necessary;
 - daily provision of fresh food and fresh water;
 - regular grooming and cleaning;
 - appropriate and regular disposal of animal waste;
 - providing a comfortable living space for the animal to rest/reside (such as appropriate sized cage, kennels, aquarium);
 - keeping the pet under control at all times within seniors housing and surrounding property;
 - maintaining animal identification (collar, identification tag, microchip or tattoo); and
 - providing affection and attention.
- 3.10 Tenants must identify an emergency caregiver who will assume the responsibility of caring for the pet, dog, or service animal. Emergency caregivers contact information must be provided when tenants apply for approval to get a pet, dog, or service animal. Emergency caregivers must sign the application form to confirm their agreement and commitments.
- 3.11 For the health, safety and comfort of all tenants:
 - pets, dogs and service animals are to be restrained at all times when in building hallways, common areas or on property grounds;
 - pets, dogs, and service animals are not permitted on furniture in common areas;

- tenants are responsible for immediately cleaning up after their pet, dog, or service animal inside their unit, common areas and property grounds;
 - Island Waste Management Corporation guidelines shall be followed in regards to disposal of hair and litter;
 - litter must not be disposed of in toilets;
 - bedding and blankets of pets, dogs, and service animals are not to be cleaned in the laundry room; and
 - pets, dogs, and service animals are to be confined to the tenant's unit, not allowed to roam free, nor be tethered unattended.
- 3.12 No pet, dog, or service animal shall be a nuisance or create any unreasonable disturbances including continuous noise, parasite infestation, or relieving itself in common areas.
- 3.13 Tenants are financially responsible for the cost to repair any damage caused by their pets, dogs, or service animals.
- 3.14 Tenants shall not keep, breed or use pets, dogs, or service animals for any commercial purpose.
- 3.15 Tenants shall not feed nor harbor stray or wild animals.

Failure to Seek Approval

- 3.16 Failure of a tenant to seek prior approval to keep a pet or dog may result in written notice to remove the pet or dog within 30 days of issuance of written notice. If after 30 days the pet or dog has not been removed upon order to do so, a second verbal and written notice will be issued to remove the pet or dog within 48 hours.
- 3.17 If the pet or dog is not removed within the required timelines, the tenant may be notified of eviction.

Complaints

- 3.18 Complaints by other tenants will be addressed with tenants with pets, dogs, or service animals; Housing Services will work with tenants to develop a plan to address issues as per the *Pet, Dog, and Service Animal Complaints Policy*.
- 3.19 Housing Services will provide verbal and written notice of any concerns related to policy non-compliance.

4.0 REFERENCES

Request to Keep a Pet Policy
 Request to Keep a Service Animal Policy
 Pet, Dog, and Service Animal Complaints Policy
 Visiting Pets, Dogs, and Service Animals Policy
 Pets, Dogs and Service Animals in Seniors Housing – Application Form

5.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Buildings Designated as Pet-Free

Attachment B - Buildings Designated as Dog-Friendly

Attachment C - Buildings Designated as Pet-Friendly

HISTORY:

August 1, 2016 - Revised for policy formatting and minor wording changes, and to add lists of designated buildings and to add definitions of dog, dog-friendly buildings, pet-friendly buildings, and pet free buildings.

May 1, 2019 – Updated Attachments A, B, and C to reflect increase in number of dog-friendly buildings.

Attachment A

Buildings Designated as Pet-Free

Owned by Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation		
Buildings	Units	Community
Georgetown C	4	Georgetown
Montague H	8	Montague
Souris L	7	Souris
Souris M	6	Souris
Summerside P	34	Summerside
Owned by Private Developers		
Bella Place	15	Charlottetown
Charlotte Court	48	Charlottetown
Rose Hill Place	10	Summerside
E Z Living Properties	6	O'Leary
BPC Holdings	1	Charlottetown

Attachment B

Buildings Designated as Dog-Friendly

Owned by Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation		
Buildings	Units	Community
Alberton A	4	Alberton
Borden C	6	Borden
34 Hunt Court	45	Charlottetown
Rankin Court	14	Charlottetown
Georgetown B	6	Georgetown
Montague A	4	Montague
Misouche A	4	Misouche
Montague B	4	Montague
Montague E	8	Montague
Morell B	6	Morell
Souris A	4	Souris
Souris B	4	Souris
Souris C	4	Souris
Souris E	8	Souris
St. Peters B	5	St. Peters
Summerside A	4	Summerside
Summerside B	4	Summerside
Summerside C	4	Summerside
Summerside D	4	Summerside
Summerside E	4	Summerside
Summerside G	8	Summerside
Summerside H	8	Summerside
Kensington B	4	Kensington

Buildings	Units	Community
Kensington C	6	Kensington
O'Leary B	6	O'Leary
O'Leary C	8	O'Leary
Tignish B	8	Tignish
Tyne Valley A	6	Tyne Valley
Wellington B	4	Wellington
Owned by Private Developers		
The Christie	24	Charlottetown

Attachment C

Buildings Designated as Pet-Friendly

Owned by Prince Edward Island Housing Corporation		
Buildings	Units	Community
Champion Court & Extension	61	Charlottetown
Duvar Court	38	Charlottetown
Haviland Court	39	Charlottetown
Hemlock Court A	16	Charlottetown
Hemlock Court B	20	Charlottetown
28 Hunt Court	25	Charlottetown
Park Royal Court	40	Charlottetown
Spring Park Court	96	Charlottetown
Queens Court	37	Charlottetown
Cornwall A & Extension	14	Cornwall
Crapaud C	5	Crapaud
Crapaud A	4	Crapaud
Hunter River	14	Hunter River
Mount Stewart	6	Mount Stewart
North Rustico	6	North Rustico
South Rustico	4	South Rustico
Belfast/Eldon	6	Eldon
Cardigan	3	Cardigan
Georgetown A	6	Georgetown
Montague C	6	Montague
Montague D	6	Montague
Montague F	5	Montague
Montague G	5	Montague
Montague J	8	Montague
Montague J Extension	8	Montague
Montague K	8	Montague
Montague L	8	Montague
Montague M	13	Montague
Murray Harbour	6	Murray Harbour
Murray River	6	Murray River
Morell A	6	Morell

Buildings	Units	Community
Rollo Bay	14	Rollo Bay
Souris D	6	Souris
Souris F	5	Souris
Souris G	6	Souris
Souris H	5	Souris
Souris J	6	Souris
Souris K	6	Souris
Souris K Extension	6	Souris
Souris N	8	Souris
St. Peters A	4	St. Peters
Abrams Village	5	Abram's Village
Alberton B Extension	6	Alberton
Alberton B	6	Alberton
Bedeque	6	Bedeque
Borden A	8	Borden
Borden B	8	Borden
Kensington A	4	Kensington
Kensington D	6	Kensington
Kensington E	14	Kensington
Kensington F	10	Kensington
Kensington G	6	Kensington
Kinkora B	3	Kinkora
Kinkora C	2	Kinkora
Miscouche B	5	Miscouche
Miscouche C	8	Miscouche
Mont Carmel	6	Mont Carmel
O'Leary A	4	O'Leary
O'Leary B Extension	6	O'Leary
St. Louis	4	St. Louis
Summerside F	22	Summerside
Summerside J	30	Summerside
Summerside K	18	Summerside
Summerside L	12	Summerside
Summerside M	14	Summerside
Summerside N	20	Summerside
Tignish A	6	Tignish
Tyne Valley B	5	Tyne Valley
Wellington A	2	Wellington

Building	Units	Community
Wellington C	4	Wellington
Wellington E	6	Wellington
Wilmot	6	Wilmot
Garden Suite E1	1	Various
Garden Suite E2	1	Various
Garden Suite E3	1	Various
Garden Suite E5	1	Various