

## Keeping a pet

### Our Commitment

We know that pet ownership can be a great benefit to residents. However, pets can also cause nuisance to other residents and damage to property. We need to make sure that the pet you would like to keep is suitable for the home you live in, that they will not cause a nuisance to other residents and that they will be properly looked after.

### What pets do I need permission for?

You do not need to ask for permission if you would like to keep fish or a small caged animal such as a bird, rabbit, rodent or reptile.

Before you decide to keep a cat or a dog, you will need to complete the application form and return it to your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator. They will make an assessment based on the home you live in, the type of animal and any issues you may have had with pets in the past.

If you would like to keep chickens or ducks, you should discuss this with your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator as some areas may not be suitable for poultry.

### Are there rules about what type of pets I can keep?

There are certain types and breeds of animal that you are not allowed to keep. These include:

- Dogs listed on the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
- Wild or farm animals.
- Endangered species.
- Animals listed on the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976, including venomous snakes, spiders and certain breeds of monkey.

We will normally give permission for the following types of pet;

If you live in.....	Maximum number of pets
A house	Two dogs <u>or</u> Three cats <u>or</u> One cat and one dog
A non leasehold flat with a private entrance	One cat <u>or</u> one dog
A leasehold flat with private entrance and garden	One cat <u>or</u> one dog
A flat with a communal entrance	No cats or dogs allowed

A private entrance means that you can access your flat from the street without going through any communal gardens, walkways or corridors.

We do not give permission for horses, donkeys, goats, livestock and other similar animals they are not suitable for a residential property. If you are not sure about which animal you would be allowed, please contact your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator.

### Details of pets you are applying to keep continued

Type of pet

Breed of pet

Description of pet

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Has your pet been neutered? Yes  No

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Have you or a member of your household ever had issues with animal welfare? Yes  No

(if yes please give any details, including any convictions)

Is there any other information you'd like to give that may help us assess your application?

### What happens next?

Please return this form to the address below and your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator will assess your application and notify you in writing within 10 days of your application being received.

If we are unable to grant you permission to keep the pet we will explain the reasons to you. This will mean you must not keep the pet at your home, as this would be a breach of your tenancy agreement.

If we do grant permission and there are issues with your pet, your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator will discuss these with you. If the problems cannot be resolved, we may revoke permission for you to keep the pet and will require you to remove the pet from the property. If this is not done, we may take legal action against you for breaches of your tenancy.

The information that I/we have given is the truth. I/we understand that if I/we have withheld relevant information, then permission may be withheld or revoked at a later stage.

Signature:  Date:

Signature:  Date:

(joint tenant)

**Please return to:  
Sentinel Housing Association**

**Basingstoke office: 56 Kingsclere Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 6XG**

**Fleet office: 11 Church Road, Fleet, Hampshire, GU51 3RH**

### Why would Sentinel refuse me permission to have a pet?

There are a number of reasons why we might refuse you permission, including;

- The number or type of pet is not suitable for the home you live in.
- You or the animal has been involved in serious pet anti-social behaviour previously.
- The pet is deemed to be dangerous or intimidating, or you or the dog has been involved with dog fighting.
- There have been previous animal welfare issues or we are concerned that the pet will not be properly cared for.
- The condition of your home means that it is not suitable for a pet.
- The pet is pregnant.
- Planning permissions prohibit the type of pet.

There may be other reasons why permission is not granted and your Neighbourhood Co-ordinator will explain this to you.

### Can I keep a cat or dog in Sheltered Accommodation?

Some sheltered schemes are unsuitable for pets. You will need to ask your Scheme Manager about which pets you are allowed where you live.

### What if you are given permission to keep a pet?

You will be required to sign a Responsible Pet Ownership Agreement. This agreement covers your responsibilities as a pet owner and tenant, including;

- Responsibility for the behaviour of your pet.
- Not allowing your pet to cause a nuisance to others.
- Providing good living conditions for your pet.
- Not allowing your pet to foul and removing faeces immediately.
- Not allowing your pet to breed.

If you do not keep to this agreement, permission to keep the pet may be revoked and you will need to rehome the animal. This may constitute a breach of your tenancy agreement and Sentinel could take enforcement action against you.

If you would like  
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in large print, braille or translated please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0800 195 5515 from a landline or 0300 666 5515 from your mobile.



# Application to keep a pet

- **PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS**
- **If you have a joint tenancy with Sentinel please write both names**

**First Applicant**

**Second Applicant**

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Daytime phone:

*Please give details of all pets currently living at your home*

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Have you, a member of your household or the pet ever been involved in pet nuisance? Yes  No

If yes please give details including any convictions:

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