



City of London Housing Service

Pets Policy

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Background

The City of London has historically operated a 'no pets' policy across all its housing estates. This has now been revised to allow the following pets to be kept in City of London properties. This excludes sheltered accommodation, where the 'no pets' policy remains in place.

This revision follows an extensive consultative exercise in 2014 where the vast majority of residents expressing a view chose to maintain the 'no dogs' approach but to allow the keeping of cats.

Cats

- Up to two indoor cats (also known as 'house cats') are permitted per property. Cats must not be allowed to roam in communal areas (indoors or outdoors).
- For guidance on being a responsible 'house cat' owner, please refer to the RSPCA and PETA guidelines, found here:

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/cats/environment/indoors>

<http://www.peta.org/living/companion-animals/caring-animal-companions/caring-cats/indoor-cats/>

Dogs

- Registered guide dogs, hearing dogs and assistance dogs are permitted, as long as they are registered with an accredited member organisation of Assistance Dogs International (ADI) or the International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF). A list of these organisations is attached.
- If you live in a flat or a maisonette, you are not allowed to keep a dog other than a registered guide/hearing/assistance dog.
- People living in houses with exclusive use of an enclosed garden are permitted to keep one dog per property.
- Dogs, including registered assistance dogs, must not be exercised on City of London estates, and must not cause a nuisance to others.
- Dogs, including registered assistance dogs, must be kept on a lead at all times when being taken through a City of London estate.

Other animals

Other small domestic pets such as hamsters, caged birds, fish etc are permitted as long as they do not cause damage to the property or nuisance to neighbours.

Residents' Responsibilities

- You are responsible for the health and welfare of your pet(s). Under the Animal Welfare Act 2006, this is called a duty of care. This requires proper day-to-day management and care of the pet. If you have any questions about the care of your pet(s) you should contact a vet or a suitable accredited animal welfare organisation.
- You are responsible for the behaviour and control of pets or any animal owned by visitors to your home, including fouling, noise, smell or injuries caused by the animal and damage caused to property (including communal areas).
- We will take action if there is a breach of this policy and in cases where residents allow animals to cause nuisance. This includes causing injury to others through biting, noise nuisance or smells, fouling, or pets chewing wiring or damaging property.
- Under no circumstances are residents permitted to breed, fight or offer any animal for sale from a City of London property.

**Accredited members of
Assistance Dogs International (ADI) and/or the
International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF)**

<p>Guide Dogs</p> <p>Hillfields Burghfield Common Reading, Berkshire RG7 3YG</p>	<p>Registered Charity No: 209617</p>	<p>Tel: 0870 600 2323 guidedogs@guidedogs.org.uk www.guidedogs.org.uk</p>	<p>Guide dogs for adults and young people who are blind or partially sighted.</p>	<p>Qualified guide dogs wear a white harness with yellow fluorescent strips.</p>
<p>Hearing Dogs for Deaf People</p> <p>The Grange Wycombe Road Saunderton Buckinghamshire HP27 9NS</p>	<p>Registered Charity No: 293358</p>	<p>Tel: 01844 348100 (voice/minicom) info@hearingdogs.org.uk www.hearingdogs.org.uk</p>	<p>Hearing dogs for adults with a hearing impairment (aged 17+)</p> <p>Hearing dogs for children with a hearing impairment (ages 7-12)</p>	<p>Qualified hearing dogs wear a burgundy jacket</p>
<p>Dogs for the Disabled</p> <p>The Frances Hay Centre Blacklocks Hill Banbury, Oxfordshire OX17 2BS</p>	<p>Registered charity no: 1092960</p>	<p>Tel: 01295 252 600 info@dogsforthedisabled.org www.dogsforthedisabled.org</p>	<p>Assistance dogs for children with physical disabilities (Age7-16)</p> <p>Assistance dogs for adults with physical disabilities (Age 17+)</p> <p>Assistance dogs and other services for families with a child affected by autism (age 3-16) The charity also runs a non-assistance dog programme called PAWS working with families with children with autism who have, or want to acquire a pet dog (see website for details).</p>	<p>Qualified Dogs for the Disabled assistance dogs wear a fluorescent yellow jacket. Autism assistance dogs wear a blue harness</p>

<p>Canine Partners</p>	<p>Registered charity no:</p>	<p>Tel: 08456 580480 info@caninepartners.org.uk</p>	<p>Assistance dogs for adults with physical disabilities</p>	<p>Qualified Canine Partners assistance dogs wear a</p>
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Mill Lane, Heyshott Midhurst West Sussex GU29 0ED	803680	www.caninepartners.org.uk		purple jacket
Support Dogs 21 Jessops Riverside Brightside Lane Sheffield S9 2RX	Registered Charity No: 1088281	Tel: 0114 261 7800 info@supportdogs.org.uk www.supportdogs.org.uk	Services: Disability Assistance dogs for people with physical disabilities (client-owned dogs specifically trained to meet their owner's needs) Seizure Alert Dogs for people with epilepsy Autism Assistance dogs for children with autism	Qualified Support Dogs wear a blue jacket
Dog A.I.D. Suite A, Ground Floor New Zealand House 160-162 Abbey Foregate Shrewsbury SY2 6FD	Registered Charity No: 1098619	Tel: 01743 588469 general_admin@dogaid.org.uk www.dogaid.org.uk	Volunteer trainers supplied to help physically disabled clients train their dogs to assistance level.	Qualified Dog A.I.D. assistance dogs wear a red jacket
Medical Detection Dogs 3 Millfield Greenway Business Park Winslow Road Milton Keynes MK17 ONP	Registered Charity No: 1124533	Tel: 01296 655888 www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk	Medical Alert Assistance Dogs for adults and children who manage complex health conditions. Dogs are trained to identify the odour changes that are associated with life threatening medical events. Cancer & Bio-detection Dogs detect cancer volatiles in urine and breath samples. These specialist dogs provide valuable data to assist in the development of new ways to detect and diagnose cancer.	Qualified dogs wear a red jacket