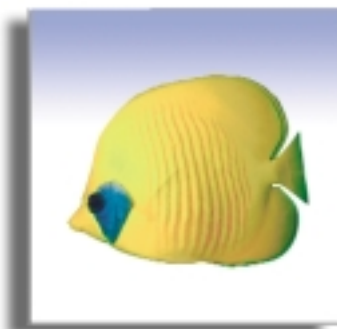




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## Hafod Housing Association



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## A guide to applying for and keeping Pets in Hafod Housing Properties

Where practical, Hafod Housing Association will allow permission for pets in Hafod properties. Permission will, however, only be granted on the basis of certain conditions and on the basis of the type of accommodation you live in.

### Do I need permission for a pet?

The answer to this question will depend upon the type of pet you would like and the type of accommodation you live in. Please see guidelines over the page.

### Conditions for permission

Where permission is granted, the following conditions apply:

- Tenants are personally responsible for the health and welfare of any pets.
- Any damage caused to Hafod property by pets will be the tenants' responsibility.
- Control of pets is the tenants' responsibility.
- Pets must not cause a nuisance to neighbours or the community; this includes fouling, barking, biting etc.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead and mess cleared up immediately.

- Pets are not be left alone in properties when tenants are away, i.e. on holiday, in hospital etc.

If reports that any of the above conditions apply, the Association will consider withdrawing permission and asking the tenant to make alternative arrangements. We will take action against serious or persistent reports of nuisance caused by pets.

Property Type	No Permission Needed	Permission required	Not Allowed
<b>Houses and bungalows</b>	Assistance dogs (i.e. guide dogs/ hearing dogs) *Small animals Birds Fish	Dogs (2 max) Cats (2 max) ** Exotic animals Rabbits	Animals falling under Dangerous Dogs Act Animals falling under the Wild Animals Act Farm animals Livestock
<b>Flats</b>	Assistance dogs (i.e. guide dogs hearing dogs) *Small animals Birds, Fish  *By 'small animals' – we mean, guinea pigs etc	** Exotic animals Rabbits  ** By 'exotic animals' we mean reptiles, amphibians, snakes, scorpions etc	Dogs Cats Animals falling under Dangerous Dogs Act Animals falling under the Wild Animals Act Farm animals Livestock

## Applying for permission

New tenants need to seek permission for any pets they intend to bring to their new home. Existing tenants should seek permission before obtaining a pet, if permission is required.

Please complete the form at the back of this booklet and return to your Area Office.

## Responsible Pet Ownership

Looking after a pet is a big responsibility and should be thought about carefully before you decide to have one.

Pet owners have a responsibility both to the animals welfare and the community they live in.

Pets are totally dependant on you for their physical and mental well being.

It is important to regularly exercise dogs, as this can be a main cause of barking and discomfort, dogs get bored and restless if they are not walked. When on estates dogs should be on a lead at all times, and mess should be cleared up at the time.

When you go away from home longer than for a day, it is up to you to make suitable arrangements. Small caged pets can be looked after by family or friends, but other pets will need more suitable arrangements in place.

It is a good idea to have cats and dogs registered as well as wearing a collar and tag, this will assist you in tracing your pet if it goes missing.

## Responsibility to the community

Not everyone sees animals as companions; some dislike animals or are fearful of them and some people have cultural objections to certain animal groups. Therefore it is important that owners keep their animals under control in public.

Neutering animals helps to reduce the risk of health problems, aggression and unwanted babies. A number of organisations offer assistance with the costs of neutering cats and dogs.

Problems with fouling and noise are not restricted to dogs. Cats and other species can also cause a nuisance to neighbours. Cats should be provided with, and trained to use, indoor litter trays.

Noisy pets, such as dogs who bark a lot can cause a serious nuisance to other people. Advice is available from your vet or local animal charity on ways to avoid problems like barking.

If you or Hafod receives a complaint about your pet, ask yourself if the complaint could be justified. You can seek help from vets or specialist agencies, to help resolve the problem.

## Queries

If you have any queries, comments or need any further information please contact us. Our opening hours are 9.00am - 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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# Application to keep a pet

I would like to apply for permission for (name of tenant(s)).

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To keep the pet(s) detailed below at (address of Hafod property)

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## Pet 1

Type	Cat	Dog	Reptile	Other (Please state)
Number				

Breed

Colour

Age

Neutered

Yes

No

## Pet 2

Type	Cat	Dog	Reptile	Other (Please state)
Number				

Breed

Colour

Age

Neutered

Yes

No

I have read the Association's Pets policy and understand if I do not adhere to the conditions set out it may affect the security of my tenancy.

Signature

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Date

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