

1. Purpose of Policy

1.1 Purpose

This policy outlines the procedures for tenants if they wish to keep pets, provided the pet is appropriate to the type of property and the tenant maintains control of its activities.

1.2 Operating Context

THA owns and manages approximately 1300 properties in 198 communities to house teachers in NSW.

THA provides accommodation in rural and remote locations in NSW where the private rental market fails to meet the needs of teachers and Department of Education (DoE) staff.

2. Scope and application

2.1 In scope

The policy applies to THA properties.

2.2 Application

This policy applies to all tenants occupying a teacher housing residence including:

- teachers;
- non-teaching school-based staff;
- TAFE teachers;
- Government employees; and
- private citizens.

3. Policy

THA has no objection to tenants keeping domestic pets, provided the pet is appropriate to the type of property, the pet remains outside or contained as appropriate, and the tenant maintains control of its activities.

- Domestic pets are permitted but must remain outside and not enter common areas. Domestic pets include dogs, cats, birds, fish, domestic rabbits etc.
- Stock animals must not be kept on the property without the prior written approval of THA. Stock animals include but is not limited to cattle, horses, goats or sheep.
- Wild animals are not permitted on teacher housing property under any circumstances.

All identified domestic pets and stock animals must not create a nuisance or cause damage to the property.

The property must be kept in a clean and hygienic condition. Should any damage occur to the property or the THA supplied furniture, the tenant is required to pay the full cost of repairs or replacement. Upon vacating, where a tenant has kept a pet at the property, they are required to have the carpets professionally cleaned and the property sprayed for pests. Evidence of this should be supplied to the managing agent and/or THA at the time of the final inspection.

THA has sole discretion to direct a tenant to remove a pet, or other animals, from the property by giving seven days written notice.

4. Failure to comply with this policy

Tenants who fail to comply may be directed to remove the animal from the property. Where the animal is not removed within the set timeframe, the Residential Tenancy Agreement may be terminated.

5. Monitoring and review

THA will review this policy no later than three years from the date the document is approved. The document may be reviewed earlier in response to post-implementation feedback, changes to legislation, or as necessary.

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