

Pets & Pests



Your guide to responsible pet ownership and dealing with pests

Keeping pets

We understand that pets can be a positive attribute to any family home. Unity Housing Association may give you permission to keep pets in your home, but you will have to request permission in writing. However, permission will only be given based on certain conditions (you must agree to) and the type of home you live in (i.e. house, bungalow or flat).

Do I need permission for my pet?

In your tenancy agreement it states that:

'You must get our permission, in writing, to keep any animal, bird, insect or reptile in your home.'

If you get our permission, you have to agree to:

- Take responsibility for the animal's health and welfare
- Take responsibility for any damage caused to your home by your pet
- Controlling the pet within your neighbourhood and local community
- Not leave your pet alone in your home when you are away for a long time (i.e. holidays)

If you don't follow these rules you will be in breach of your tenancy agreement. This means we may withdraw our permission to keep your pet.

Responsible pet ownership

The types of animals you may be allowed to keep in your home with Unity's permission provided it is suitable, may include:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dogs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cats | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caged birds (such as budgies and parrots) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rabbits | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reptiles (like lizards) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rodents | |

We **do not** allow:

- Any type of animal which is illegal
- Any breed or cross-breed of dangerous dog, including pit bull terriers
- Any dog which has ever attacked a person in public
- Any wild or exotic animals
- Poisonous or dangerous reptiles and spiders
- Livestock and poultry
- Racing pigeons without permission of the Royal Racing Pigeon Society

Don't be foul

Please make sure any animal which is kept, or brought to your home, doesn't foul on our land or property. If it does you must clean it up immediately, this includes any private gardens forming part of the property.

Don't be a nuisance

You must make sure no animal which is kept, or brought to your home causes a nuisance or annoys or frightens any person or other animal in the area.

Pets in the neighbourhood

My neighbour's pet is a nuisance. What can I do?

If you have problems with pets in your neighbourhood there are many things you could do. If an animal is being a nuisance (i.e. fouling, noisy, etc) you should:

- Try to speak with the animal's owner

If this doesn't work you should:

- Log an anti-social behaviour complaint with your Housing Officer (see our ASB leaflet or check our website)
- Dog warden (Leeds City Council)

I think my neighbour is mistreating their pet, what should I do?

If you believe a pet in your neighbourhood is being mistreated you should speak to the

National Cruelty and Advice Line (24 hr)

 0870 5555999

General Enquiries (Office hours)

 0870 3335999

Leeds Branch

 0113 2489139

Pest control

Unity Housing Association does not take responsibility for treating infestations.

If you find mice, rats, fleas, cockroaches or any other pests in your home, you need to contact a local pest-control company to treat them. You will have to make these arrangements yourself and pay for the service you receive.

You could try **Axial Pest Control**

 **Terry:** 07957 911030

- Unity cannot endorse any other contractors or third parties
- Always get a quote before any work is carried out



Problems understanding?

If you need any of our information translating or if you need an interpreter, please contact us. We can also provide this information in large print or on CD if you need us to.

Useful contacts

RSPCA

National Cruelty and Advice Line (24 hr)

 **0870 5555999**

General Enquiries (Office hours)

 **0870 3335999**

Cats Protection

Helpline

 **08702 099099**

web: www.cats.org.uk

Dogs Trust

Enquiries

 **020 78370006**

web: www.dogstrust.org.uk

PDSA

Enquiries

 **0800 9172502**

Eligibility for help with vets' bills

 **0800 9172509**

web: www.pdsa.org.uk

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