

Pet Policy / Pet Lease

The rules for pet ownership at the Housing Authority of Madisonville are as follows:

EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not apply to animals that are used to assist persons with disabilities. Assistive animals are allowed in all public housing facilities with no restrictions other than those imposed on all tenants to maintain their units and associated facilities in a decent, safe, and sanitary manner and to refrain from disturbing their neighbors.

APPROVAL

Residents must have the prior approval of the Housing Authority before moving a pet into their unit. Residents must request approval on the Authorization for Pet Ownership Form that must be fully completed before the Housing Authority will approve the request.

Types and Number of Pets

The Madisonville Housing Authority will allow only domesticated dogs, cats, caged birds and fish in aquariums in the units. All dogs and cats must be neutered and acceptable proof must be provided to the Housing Authority.

Only one (1) pet per unit allowed. (This does not apply to fish.)

Any animal deemed to be potentially harmful to the health or safety of others, including attack or fight trained dogs, will not be allowed.

No animal may exceed twenty five (25) pounds in weight at full growth.

Inoculations

In order to be registered, pets must be appropriately inoculated against rabies and other conditions prescribed by local ordinances. Proof of inoculations must be provided prior to approval.

Pet Deposit

A pet deposit of \$200 is required at the time of registering a cat or dog. The deposit must be paid in full at the time of registration. \$100 of the deposit is refundable when the family vacates the unit, less any amounts owed due to damage beyond normal wear and tear caused by having the pet. The remaining \$100 of the deposit is non refundable, no matter how long the pet is / was owned.

Financial Obligation of Residents

Any resident who owns or keeps a pet in their dwelling unit will be required to pay for any damages caused by the pet. Also, any pet-related insect infestation in the pet owner's unit will be the financial responsibility of the pet owner and the Madisonville Housing Authority reserves the right to exterminate and charge the resident.

Nuisance or Threat to Health or Safety

The pet and its living quarters must be maintained in a manner to prevent odors and any other unsanitary conditions in the owner's unit and surrounding areas.

Repeated complaints by neighbors or Madisonville Housing Authority personnel regarding pets disturbing the peace of neighbors through noise, odor, animal waste, or other nuisance will result in the owner having to remove the pet or move him / herself.

Any biting incident will result in the owner having to remove the pet or him / herself.

Designation of Pet Areas

Pet must be kept in the owner's apartment or on a leash at all times when outside the apartment. Pets are not to be outside, even on the porch area, unless accompanied by the owner. Pet owners must clean up after their pets and are responsible for disposing of pet waste appropriately.

"Appropriately" means that waste matter shall be bagged and tied prior to disposal in the trash containers. No pet waste or waste-related materials shall be disposed of in the toilet. This will be grounds for termination of tenancy.

Removal of Pets

The Madisonville Housing Authority, or an appropriate authority, shall require removal of any pet from a development if the pet's conduct or condition is determined to be a nuisance or threat to the health or safety of other occupants of the project, or other persons in the community where the development is located, or to the pet itself.