

Ilion Housing Authority Pet Policy

1. Common household pets shall be defined as dogs, cats, birds, fish, or rodents traditionally kept in the home for pleasure rather than for commercial purposes. Reptiles are not considered household pets. Animals that are considered vicious and/or intimidating will not be allowed. Some examples of animals that have a reputation of a vicious nature are reptiles, Rottweiler, Doberman pinscher, pit bull-dog, Jack Russell terrier, and/or any animal that displays vicious behavior. This determination will be made by the Executive Director prior to the execution of this lease addendum.
2. Only one pet per apartment is allowed at any time; Permission is granted for additional pets by the Housing Authority. Any pet must be licensed according to local regulations in the name of the tenant. A copy of the license must be provided.
3. All cats and dogs must be spayed or neutered and documentation of this must be furnished to the Housing Authority.
4. Dogs weighing more than 20 lbs. shall not be permitted at full maturity. Also, any pet that exceeds the weight limit at any time during occupancy will not be an eligible pet and must be removed from the IHA property.
5. Tenants must on request provide proof that pet has received the following shots,
 - a. **Dogs-** distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis (two types), parvovirus, parasite influenza and kennel cough. These are administered in one shot each month until dog reaches four (4) months of age; annually thereafter.

Rabies- one shot at 4-6 months of age and every three years thereafter.

Ear mites- appear as tan or dark brown waxy buildup on inside of ears.
Vet must check and dispense eardrops as needed.
 - b. **Cats-** panleukopenia (feline distemper), calici virus, rhinotrachitis. These are to be administered annually.

Rabies- administered annual or every three years depending on vaccine used. Any vaccine is only good for one year if the cat is under one year of age.

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6. Additional care required for both dogs and cats must include the following:

- a. Odor/dermatitis (skin problems)- fleas, tick sprays or powders must be used as needed.
 - b. All dogs and cats must be brushed often for hygienic purposes.
 - c. Cats and dogs should have toenails clipped.
 - d. All animals must have an annual checkup and receive new certificate of inoculation. Bring in proof.
 - e. Use water and Clorox, or other strong disinfectant if animal inadvertently urinates, sprays or disinfects in an apartment.
7. All dogs shall be on a leash as per Village of Ilion ordinance when out of the apartment.
8. Dogs and cats are not allowed in any community room.
 - a. Guest will not be allowed to bring pets on the Housing Authority property.
 - b. No pet sitting will be allowed.
9. Doctor's certificate may be requested at any time as determined by the Authority to verify individual's ability to care for the pet.
10. Tenant must identify and document willingness of (three people) third party (third parties must sign) who will within one hour remove and care for the pet in the event of sudden illness, injury or death of the tenant. In the event that the designated party cannot be reached, or fails to act within 24 hours, Ilion Housing Authority will turn the pet over to the Humane Society.
11. Tenant's that own a cat shall provide a litter tray for the animal's use in his or her apartment. Waste is to be separated from kitty litter daily, placed in a double wrapped trash bag and properly disposed of. Kitty litter is to be changed every other day and disposed of in a double wrapped trash bag. Under no circumstances is kitty litter to be flushed in the toilet. Under no circumstances will litter be dumped into the street.
12. Dogs and cats shall not be permitted to excrete anywhere in buildings (other than cats using a litter box in the apartment). Tenants shall be responsible for immediately removing dog feces dropped anywhere placing the same in a bag or small container and disposing of the same properly. Double bag.
13. A charge of \$5.00 will be levied each time to pet owners who fail to remove pet waste in accordance with rules stated above.
14. A \$150.00 security deposit shall be charged to owners of dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, birds and any caged rodent. This amount will be applied for services for clean up and extermination necessary because of the pet upon the tenant's vacating of the premises.

15. If a pet becomes vicious, displays symptoms of severe illness or demonstrates other behavior that constitutes an immediate threat to health or safety of the tenancy as a whole, the Executive Director may request the pet owner immediately to remove the pet from the housing project. If the owner refuses to remove the pet or if the Executive Director may contract the local Humane Society to have the pet immediately removed from the project premises.

16. Pet rule violation procedures

Notice of pet rule violation- If the Executive Director or his designee determines on the basis of objection facts supported by written statements that a pet owner has violated a rule governing the keeping of pets, the Executive Director shall serve a notice of pet rule violation on the pet owner.

Any tenant failing to comply with the above regulations shall be grounds for removal of the pet or termination of the pet owner's tenancy.

17. Pet shall not disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of other tenants. The terms, "disturb, interfere or diminish" shall include but not limited to barking, howling, chirping, biting, scratching and other like activities. The Executive Director will terminate this authorization, if a pet disturbs other tenants under this section of the lease addendum. The Tenant will be given one week to make other arrangements for the care of the pet.
18. All authorized pets must be under the control of an adult. An unleashed pet, or one tied to a fixed object, is not under the control of an adult. Pets which are unleashed, or leashed and unattended, on IHA property will be impounded and taken to the local Humane Society. It shall be the responsibility of the Tenant to reclaim the pet and at the expense of the Tenant. Also, if a member of the IHA staff has to take a pet to the Humane Society the Tenant will be charged \$50 to cover the expense of taking the pet to the Humane Society.
19. The Tenant shall have pets restrained so that maintenance can be performed in the apartment. The Tenant shall, whenever an inspection or maintenance is scheduled, either be at home or shall have all animals restrained or caged. If a maintenance person enters an apartment where an animal is not restrained, maintenance shall not be performed, and the Tenant shall be charged a fee of \$25. If this same situation again occurs, the pet shall be removed from the premises. Pets that are not caged or properly restrained will be impounded and taken to the local Humane Society. It shall be the responsibility of the Tenant to reclaim the pet at the expense of the Tenant. Also, if a member of IHA staff has to take a pet to the Humane Society, the Tenant will be charged an additional \$50 to cover the expense of taking the pet to the Humane Society. The IHA shall not be responsible if any animal escapes from the residence due to maintenance, inspections or other activities of the landlord.

20. Pet owners will be charged for all violations and damages caused by pets according to posted rates.
21. All owners must submit a picture of the pet or bring the pet to the office to have a picture taken.
22. Any tenant having a dog as a pet must obtain a Tenant's Insurance Policy.
23. All tenants with pets shall sign this pet policy.