Pets

Purpose of the policy

To regulate the number, type and behaviour of pets in our co op, and to stress member responsibility for pets.

Policy

1. Members are allowed two cats per unit. They may also have contained pets: fish, birds, gerbils, hamsters or guinea pigs. The board may permit other contained pets but may reasonably withhold permission. Contained pets must remain inside their tank or cage when outside the unit.  
2. Guide dogs and other assistance dogs are not counted in the number of pets per unit in Point #1.  
3. Dogs and animals not listed in Point #1 are not allowed.  
4. Skunks, cougars, and animals or breeds defined as .vicious. by municipal or regional bylaw are not allowed in the co-op.  
5. All pets must be registered with the Membership committee.  
6. The co op reserves the right to refuse any pet it considers dangerous, and to require the member to remove any pet that causes persistent noise, damage or other problems.  
7. All cats must:

* not be left unattended for unreasonable periods of time when outside
* be spayed or neutered
* have annual health check-ups with a veterinarian including a flea control program.

8. Pets are not permitted unsupervised in the common areas of the co-op (including hallways).  
9. Owners must immediately pick up any animal droppings left by their pet and spot was carpet in event of liquid or solid soiling.  
10. Members are responsible for any damage caused by their pet, including flea infestations.

Procedures needed to carry out this policy

1. Procedure for declaring pet(s) on member application form or when pet moves in. Information to all applicants and members about the policy.  
2. Where members must register pets.  
3. Registration form including proof of neutering or spaying and vaccination.  
4. Pet records will be included in a member.s unit file.  
5. A registered training certificate if required for an assistance dog.

1. Permitted size of fish tanks and/or required water damage liability insurance.
2. Process for dealing with unsupervised pets in common areas.