

## 2.15 Pet(s) and animal(s)

**Condition 76.** You have the right to keep one pet, or animal such as a cat, a dog, small bird, fish, non-poisonous insect, spider, small snake or lizard, rabbit hamster, guinea pig, mouse, gerbil or domestic rat as long as they do not cause damage to the property, or nuisance or annoyance to anyone in your locality.

If you live in a flat, maisonette or house with direct access to a private garden, you may be allowed to have more than one pet. You will need our written permission.

If you live in sheltered accommodation, you are required to nominate a friend or relative to take responsibility for your pet if you are taken into hospital or otherwise unable to look after it.

Pets must be kept in appropriate enclosures which are adequate for their needs and from which they cannot escape and with regard to their well-being.

**Condition 77.** You must inform us of details of pet(s) (and working dogs for example; guide or hearing dogs) before they are brought into the household.

**Condition 78.** Dogs, other than guide or hearing dogs, are not allowed in play areas.

**Condition 79.** You must always keep your dog(s) on a lead in communal areas and on our land.

**Condition 80.** You must ensure your dog(s) does/do not foul communal areas, estate roads or our land, including play areas. Dog faeces must be disposed of hygienically such as in dog waste bins.

**Condition 81.** If your pet(s) or animal(s) is/are causing a nuisance, annoyance or disturbance to others, or is/are being treated inappropriately or cruelly, we will take action and give written notice asking you to remove it/them from your home.

**Condition 82.** You must not:

- (a) breed any pet or animal at your home
- (b) encourage wild animals or wild birds, including pigeons, by feeding them. The feeding of wild birds is permitted providing that the food is contained in a suitable bird feeder.
- (c) allow any animal droppings to build up in your garden and/or balcony and you must keep these areas free from pigeon droppings.

## 2.16 Gardens

**Condition 83.** You must keep your garden (including any remote garden) well maintained at all times.

You are responsible for maintaining all parts of your garden; including pathways, grass, sheds, plants, bushes, hedges and trees (including any of these that were present when your tenancy started as well as anything you have installed or planted yourself).

We reserve the right to take back possession of any remote garden which is not maintained.

**Condition 84.** You must keep hedges, trees and shrubs at a manageable height. They should not hang over a public right of way, cause an obstruction or a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

**Condition 85.** You must not plant climbing plants for example; ivy, against the building which might damage the fabric of the building. You must also remove self-seeding climbing plants and self-set trees. We reserve the right to recharge for the cost of removal of any such vegetation and any associated structural repairs.

**Condition 86.** You must keep any garden and path clean tidy and free from obstruction. You should not leave rubbish or large items such as unwanted furniture, white goods and mattresses in your garden for an unreasonable period of time. (That is, longer than the council's refuse collection cycle).

**Condition 87.** You must obtain our prior written permission if you wish to plant a tree, cut one down, put up or take down and replace any fence or wall. If you install your own fence or wall, then you will be responsible for its maintenance.

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