



PET POLICY

Purpose and Scope: Our pet policy outlines the rules for bringing, caring for, and supervising pets in our Vicinia Gardens homes which include residing and visiting dogs and cats.

We believe pets are good for your physical and emotional well-being. A pet provides an opportunity to socialize with others, gives a sense of purpose, and helps you remain active. Pets can help people focus on something other than their own health or physical problems.

This policy refers to any space on Vicinia Gardens Campus.

Any pet that will be visiting or residing at Vicinia Gardens is required to be registered with the Resident Director (refer to VIL-172a). Anyone who fails to register their pet will be asked to remove the pet from the campus immediately.

Every Pet that enters our campus must be a domesticated breed.

Cats: Veterinary records must indicate that the cat is in good health and has received the required vaccinations:

- Panleukopenia (Distemper)
- Respiratory Complex (Rhinotracheitis, Calici)
- Rabies
- All cats must be spayed or neutered

Dogs: Veterinary records must indicate that the dog is in good health and has received the required vaccinations:

- Rabies
- Distemper
- All dogs must be spayed or neutered

Health and Safety

If at any time, a resident, staff member, or visitor feels disturbed or threatened by the behavior of the pet, the Resident Director has permission to discharge the pet. The resident holds responsibility for the behavior of the pet.

If the pet bites a person or becomes ill or injured, the resident will be legally and financially responsible for such incidents related to the event, and the pet will be immediately discharged from the campus.

Any pet which represents a nuisance or health hazard will not be permitted. Complaints resulting from unreasonable noise/smell or negligent care of a pet will result in the pet being removed from the campus and not able to return.

Pets must be on leashes/remain under pet owners' control at all times. We recommend that you keep a dog tag with your phone number on your pets collar in case they are separated from their owner for any reason.



In addition to medical requirements, other necessary preventative care must be provided to pets owned by the facility, or owned by an individual resident, to maintain the health, safety, and rights of all. If a visiting pet does not meet these standards, they will not be permitted to enter or remain. Pets will be kept clean, nails trimmed, their waste appropriately disposed of, and their habitats regularly cleaned. Their behavior must be respectful of all residents.

Aggressive behavior, biting, or scratching of residents, staff, or others will not be tolerated. If a pet bites a person, the pet's current rabies status will be confirmed and the individual who is bitten will receive immediate medical intervention/treatment.

Upon admission, if pets are allowed in the facility, all residents will be asked if they have any pet allergies and will be made aware that pets will be in facility, either all the time or periodically and that contact may occur. Such residents' physicians will be contacted for procedures to follow if a resident has an allergic reaction to a pet so that appropriate medical intervention can be taken.

If a pet is owned by Vicinia Gardens, we will provide the name(s) of staff members responsible for their care and compliance with this protocol in their pet files. Parts of the care, such as grooming, feeding, exercising, and proper waste disposal may be delegated, but remain the responsibility of the individuals named.

If the Resident Director permits a resident to have a pet, the family or resident is responsible for caring for the pet. If the Resident Director deems the resident is no longer capable of caring for the pet, the responsibility will be assigned solely to the family. If the pet is not being taken care of properly by the family, the Resident Director will ask the family to remove the pet from the campus.

I have reviewed the Pet Policy and agree with the above requirements.

Pet Owners Name: _____

Pet Owners Signature: _____

Date: _____

See VIL-172a for pet registration form on file with office.