

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FORT FAIRFIELD  
PET POLICY  
FIELDS LANE I, II, III, HILLCREST ESTATES,  
BORDERVIEW HOMES, MORNINGVIEW.  
THE MEADOWS AND CHERRY LANE

Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield (HAFF) Residents in the above developments may own and keep a common household pet.

- I. **Permitted pets** are domesticated dog (1), or cat (1), or bird (2), and small fish. No other type of pet is authorized. Pet shall be limited to 24" in height (This includes dogs). No vicious and/or intimidating dog or cat will be allowed. (See Attached LISTING OF DOGS BANNED)
- II. **Prior to admission** of any animal as defined above, the resident must submit to the HAFF the following:
  - a. **Written** request for a HAFF Pet Permit with a Signed statement by a sponsor who will take the pet from the premises when the resident is to be away overnight or longer, and who will be available to take the pet from the premises within twelve hours after any emergency causing the owner not to be able to care for the pet.
  - b. Signed Veterinarian's statement verifying that the animal is in good health, has no communicable diseases or pests, has received current rabies and distemper inoculations or boosters and is spayed or neutered.
  - c. This Signed Pet Policy from the resident accepting responsibility for the care and cleaning of the pet, and acknowledging the applicable rules.
  - d. An executed license as per laws and regulations of the Town of Fort Fairfield and State of Maine (For Dog Only).
  - e. Pet deposit shall be Three Hundred dollars (\$300). The deposit may be paid by paying \$50.00 upfront and then paying in \$10.00/month units until full Security Deposit is paid in full for Public Housing/Morningview only. The Meadows Tax Credit property tenant payments are \$100 per month for 3 months.

After II, a-e is satisfied the HAFF will sign off on the Pet Permit.

**III. Tenant Responsibilities:**

- a. Residents are responsible for all damages caused by their pets, including the cost of cleaning or replacement of carpets, yard damage and or fumigation of units or any other damage caused.
- b. **All dog and cat pets must have a collar with an identification tag. All untagged stray pets will be turned over to the animal control officer.**
- c. Residents shall not permit their pet to disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of other resident's life. The term disturb, interfere and diminish shall include, but not limited to barking, howling, chirping, biting, scratching and other like

activities. If two or more valid complaints are made about noise or disturbance caused by pet, the owner shall have to remove the pet from the premises.

- d. Residents shall take adequate precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within or around the unit and premises and shall maintain the unit in a sanitary condition at all times.
- e. If pets are left unattended for a period of twenty-four hours or more, the HAFF may enter the unit, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper authorities. A fee shall also be leveled for doing this and the HAFF accepts no responsibility for the pet under such circumstances.
- f. Any resident who receives three (3) letters on violations and a letter of "Intent to Evict" from the development, will be required to submit a signed letter stating that the pet is no longer on the premises to stop any further legal action by the HAFF
- g. No leashing of pets is allowed in the yards. No animal shall be permitted to be loose in hallways, lobby areas, Laundromats, community rooms, yards or other common areas. When taken outside the unit, dogs and cats must be kept on a leash or carried and controlled by an adult.
- h. Pet must be housebroken. A cat shall be litter trained and a dog must be housebroken. Litter from any pet shall not be flushed down toilets. All pet droppings outside the unit by the dog or cat shall be scooped-up immediately by the residents and deposited in a plastic bag and placed in an outside trash container.
- i. Birds shall be confined to a cage at all time. Cages and tanks shall be kept clean as well as the area around them. Birds are defined as those birds normally kept as caged pets such as parakeets and canaries. No more than two (2) small birds will be allowed per apartment unit.
- j. Fish – Multiple fish are authorized. Tanks for fish or aquariums shall not be larger than 20 gallons in size.

**IV.** The privilege of maintaining a pet in a facility owned and operated by the HAFF shall be subject to the rules and regulations set forth in this Pet Policy. This privilege maybe revoked at any time subject to the HAFF Hearing/Grievance Procedure.

I/WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FORT FAIRFIELD PET POLICY REGARDING THE KEEPING OF PETS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY. IF I/WE VIOLATE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS POLICY, I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A PET SHALL BE WITHDRAWN OR MY/OUR TENANCY WITH THE HAFF SHALL BE TERMINATED.

I fully understand the rules and regulations regarding the privilege of keeping a pet and agree to abide by those rules and regulations. **I further authorize Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield to check on the status of my local licensing of my pet at any time.**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FORT FAIRFIELD PET PERMIT**

I hereby make written application for permission to keep the following pet in my rental dwelling unit as a resident of the Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield .

Tenant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Fort Fairfield Pet License # (Dogs Only) \_\_\_\_\_

Weight of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Pet: \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinarian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The person listed below has agreed to be my pet sponsor in the event I am unable to care for my pet due to absence or illness.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_

Evening \_\_\_\_\_

(Let the HAFF know if the name, address, or telephone numbers of this person changes at any time).

**SPONSOR SIGNED STATEMENT**

I agree to be the Pet Sponsor of \_\_\_\_\_. I further agree to care for the pet and will take the pet from the premises when the Resident is to be away overnight or longer, and who will be available to take the pet from the premises within twelve hours after any emergency causing the owner not to be able to care for the animal (with the exception of fish).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Resident Signature

Date

**Listing of Dogs Banned From  
Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield Property**

1. ALL DOGS OVER 24 INCHES IN HEIGHT.
2. "AMERICAN BULLDOG": ANY AMERICAN BULLDOG OR OLD COUNTRY BULLDOG, OR ANY MIXED BREED OF DOG WHICH CONTAINS, AS AN ELEMENT OF ITS BREEDING, THE BREED OF AMERICAN BULLDOG OR OLD COUNTRY BULLDOG AS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS PARTIALLY OF THE BREED OF AMERICAN BULLDOG OR OLD COUNTRY BULLDOG.
3. "CANARY DOG": ANY CANARY DOG OR PERRO DE PRESA CANARIO OR ANY MIXED BREED OF DOG WHICH CONTAINS, AS AN ELEMENT OF ITS BREEDING, THE BREED OF CANARY DOG OR PERRO DE PRESA CANARIO AS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS PARTIALLY OF THE BREED CANARY DOG OR PERRO DE PRESA CANARIO.
4. "PIT BULL TERRIER": ANY STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER, AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER OR AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER BREED OF DOG, OR ANY MIXED BREED OF DOG WHICH CONTAINS, AS AN ELEMENT OF ITS BREEDING, THE BREED OF STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER, AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER OR AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER AS TO BE IDENTIFIABLE AS PARTIALLY OF THE BREED OF STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER OR AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER.