

**Examples of pet clauses in public sector tenancy agreements.
All require express permission for each pet.**

5.27 You and other members of your household must not breed animals in your home or garden (Lewes District Council)

13.5 You must not allow your animals to breed (Harlow Council)

13.1 You must not cause a nuisance by breeding any animals or birds at the property (not sure if this means they can breed if they don't cause a nuisance, whatever that means!) Islington Council

20.1 You may keep a dog if your property is suitable and you have written permission from your housing office. If permission is given, it will be on condition that the dog is micro chipped and relevant owner details recorded and kept up to date. (Lambeth Council)

2 Consent for keeping a pet will include the requirement for microchipping and neutering. Prohibited animals includes “dogs used as weapons” (Colchester Borough Homes)

4.1 Permission should be sought by contacting Housing Customer Services who will arrange for the form “Application to keep a Pet in a Council Owned Property” to be completed.

4.6 Applications to adopt pets from rescue societies will be prioritized, and will be processed within three working days from the date of application in order to facilitate the rehoming process.

4.7 Pet owners will be required to give details of a person who can care for their pet in an emergency, or if they become unable to do so

4.8 The breeding of all pets is prohibited in council homes. Owners will be encouraged to neuter their pets. If they choose not to, or neutering is not practical or safe (i.e., as may be the case with very small animals such as hamsters or mice) owners will be required to take practical steps to stop them from breeding, such as separating pets of opposite sexes. If breeding does occur, we may require that the pet is neutered.

4.9 We will never give permission for residents to operate a pet breeding business from their home

5.5 All dogs living in Council owned properties must be micro chipped

- Dogs must be kept on a lead on all Housing land, including the shared areas of blocks of flats, the surrounding land, and shared gardens
Dogs must not be left unsupervised on balconies or in any communal areas
- Residents must not leave their dog unattended overnight, or for periods exceeding five hours
- Where a resident has a private garden, they are responsible for ensuring that their dog is safely contained within it by providing hedging, fencing or some other form of restriction.
- Dog fouling in private gardens and on balconies must be cleared up promptly

(Brighton and Hove City Council)

8.33 You must not breed any animals or birds at your home, build a pigeon cove or aviary without obtaining our written permission. (not sure if this means they can breed with permission) (Gateshead Council)

80a You must not keep a cat or dog in any high or medium rise flat (three storeys or above) under any circumstances.

80e Animals must not be kept in the dwelling, or any part thereof, for breeding or any commercial or illegal purposes.

80f The keeping of dogs and cats is limited to a total of two animals. (Wolverhampton City Council)

Permission should be refused:

1. If the tenant or another household member has any convictions for, or past history of abandonment, cruelty, neglect or mistreatment of animals, or convictions for any offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, or has been disqualified from keeping animals or a particular type of animal due to a conviction.
2. 3.1.5 When the tenant or another member of the household has previously left a pet behind when the tenant/household member moved out of a council owned property.
3. 3.1.6 When the tenant or another member of the household has previously had any tenancy enforcement action taken against them in relation to their previous ownership of pets in a council owned property. The council may consider giving permission to keep pets with additional conditions placed on the tenant in exceptional circumstances.

4. 3.1.7 If the tenant wants to keep too many animals for the type of property. See section 8 for information about what pets can be kept in which property type. Tenants should not keep more than two cats **or** dogs (i.e. a total of 2 animals). They may keep more than two smaller animals such as rodents, birds, reptiles or fish, but the council will only give permission to keep a reasonable number of pets. The housing office staff should use their discretion based on the number of animals the tenant wants to keep, the type of animal and the type of accommodation needed for the small pet, the size of the property and the number of people living in the property when deciding whether to give permission or not. In order to keep the number of animals kept to a reasonable number, the council stresses the importance of neutering animals or, where appropriate, keeping them in same sex combinations. (Leeds City Council)

You must have your dog permanently identified by microchip, neutered and wear a collar. (City of Lincoln Council)

You must not allow your dog to breed. (Tendring District Council)

Tenants are not allowed to breed or arrange for the sale of any kind of domestic pet. (St Albans Council)

A tenant must nominate at least one person and/or an organisation (such as an animal welfare charity) to be responsible for their pet should the resident become ill or die.

Tenants must not breed any animal kept in Council property or offer any animal for sale from the property under any circumstances. (Darlington Borough Council)