

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 must abide by the City of Vancouver Animal Control By-law No. 9150. (www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/bylaws)
2. Members are allowed one cat or one dog per unit. The co-op will grandfather the pets of members who have more than one dog or cat at the time this policy is adopted. Members with “grandfathered pets” must not replace the pet after it dies. Members may apply in writing to the Board to have an additional cat or dog.
3. Members 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.
4. Animals not listed in Point #2 and Point #3 are not allowed.
5. All pets must be registered with the co-op.
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 and dogs must:
 - not be tied up and/or left unattended for unreasonable periods of time when outside
 - be spayed or neutered
 - dogs must be licenced

The directors may grant exemptions to spaying, neutering or vaccinations where reasonable.

8. Dogs must be on a leash when outside on co-op common property.
Cats and dogs must not be left out at night or when their owner is not at home.
9. Owners must immediately pick up any animal droppings left by their pet.
10. Members are responsible for any damage caused by their pet.

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Replaces policy dated: 1997

Procedures needed to carry out this policy

1. Membership committee should ensure that prospective members declare their pets on the membership application form and are made aware the PPP Co-op's pet policy.
2. Members must register all pets with the office co-ordinator and ensure that the pet is named on the annual co-op census form.
3. Dog and cat owners must provide proof of neutering or spaying and annual vaccination to the office co-ordinator.
4. Pet records will be included in a member's unit file.
5. A registered training certificate if required for an assistance dog.