

Five Rivers Community Agreement – Pets and Companion Animals

As with all Community Agreements this Agreement will be subject to a regular review and adaptation as the Five Rivers Community grows. Any disputes will be open to resolution through recommended conflict resolution procedures

At Five Rivers we understand and are sympathetic to the importance of pets/companion animals to an individual's wellbeing. We also want our project to be accessible to all people, including those with asthma, allergies or fear of animals. We are also keenly interested in protecting wildlife in the area.

We believe that residents and their guests should be free to enjoy any public outdoor space, as well as their dwelling's private outdoor space, including for cooking and eating, without undue intrusion from pets. All owners and any guests that bring pets onto our grounds will therefore need to understand and comply with the responsibilities outlined below.

In addition, we will need to monitor the number and type of animals coming to live at the project . We are especially concerned about the number of dogs that it is appropriate to have living in the apartment block. Any prospective members therefore will be asked to ensure their pets are neutered ,to complete details of pets on their application form and can expect a consideration of how their pet/s will fit in to be part of their membership process.

Special consideration will always be given to support/service dogs.

Owners will be expected to comply with any aspects of good animal care as specified in the [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#). No illegal pets will be allowed.

Owners and guests will be required to take responsibility for:

- Keeping their pets under control while on the premises of Five Rivers . This may mean for example keeping dogs on a lead within any shared areas of the apartment block and the ground
- Managing any noise created by their pets that is intrusive to neighbours
- Ensuring that no pets or other animals enter **any part** of the Common House at any time - this of course includes the guest room
- Removing any faeces from pets in the grounds of Five Rivers and disposing of it hygienically - in the case of dogs this should be immediately and in the case of cats, when it is observed
- Engaging in any measures that help to protect wildlife from any predatory activities of their pets
- Ensuring pet food is not left outside as it may attract rats and mice
- Making good any damage caused by their pets
- Checking with the membership before introducing any new pets including offspring of current pets

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