

PETS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Junction understands there are many benefits of owning a pet. Pets can increase opportunities to exercise, get outside and make new friendships. Pets can help manage loneliness and mental health by giving us companionship and a purpose.

This fact sheet will outline your responsibilities and Junctions expectations as a pet owner.

Can I have a pet at my Junction home?

If you are thinking of getting a pet, please contact your Housing Manager in the first instance. They will have a discussion with you around gaining approval and will provide you with a Pet Application Form.

An application for pet approval must be made in writing and must include the following information:

- The current pets residing at the property
- The type of pet you plan on getting (cat, dog, bird, rabbit)
- Registration number of Dog or Cat (<https://www.dogsandcatsonline.com.au>)
- How many pets you plan to have
- The breed, age and colour of your pet
- The size of your pet (large, medium or small)

Your Housing Manager will assess your application, taking into consideration the size of the house/unit, the yard size and neighbouring properties. Your Housing Manager may contact you for further information before a decision is made. Please note, written approval may take up to 28 days to receive.

What are my responsibilities as a Pet owner?

If you gain written approval from your Housing Manager to house a pet, it is your responsibility to:

- Register your pet with “Dogs and Cats Online” (evidence may be required)
- Provide your pet with nutrition, personal care and the medical attention they require
- Clean up any waste or mess your pet makes

- Ensure your pet does not cause any damage to your Junction home
- Repair any damage your pet makes to the home at your own cost
- Ensure your pet is not a nuisance or danger to other people or animals
- Keep your pet under effective control at all times and restrain or cage/crate your pet during routine inspections
- Abide by all council bylaws and regulations, including microchipping and de-sexing of animals

Note: Dogs listed on the “prescribed breeds list” will not be approved. For further information see: <https://dogandcatboard.com.au/dogs/prescribed-breeds>

RSPCA Responsible Pet Ownership Guide: <https://www.rspca.org.au/campaigns/responsible-pet-ownership>

Additionally, the home must be free of pet odours and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

Can I make alterations to my home to cater for my pet?

Please do not make any alterations to your Junction home to accommodate your pet. This includes doggy doors, gates/fencing or removing screens from windows. If you would like to make an alteration, you must contact your Housing Manager and request a Modification Request Form which must be approved before any modification can be undertaken.

Can I look after a friend’s dog or cat temporarily?

All pets must have written permission before coming to a Junction property. This includes shorts stays, visits and stray animals.