

Responsible Dog Ownership Agreement



Lewes District Council

Leaseholder's Name/s:	
Address:	
Contact Number/s:	
E-mail:	
Emergency Care Contact Details: (name, telephone and e-mail)	

Breed of dog:		Name of dog:	
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Before you get a dog, you must apply to us for written approval and sign up to this 'Responsible Dog Owners Agreement'. You must ensure that your dog, or a dog belonging to anyone in your household, does not cause a nuisance to neighbours and that you comply with the conditions as stated in the Pets Policy as well as those in your Leaseholder Agreement.

The Pets Policy states your responsibilities are as follows:

- You must keep animals in a reasonable manner and not allow them to cause a nuisance to anyone or cause damage to your home.
- It is strongly recommended that you arrange pet insurance in case your pet causes injury/accident to others, as well as covering veterinary expenses.
- You must not keep, or allow visitors to bring to your home, any livestock or animal classed as wild or dangerous in law as referred to within the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 or the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.
- Visitors can bring animals to your home for temporary periods of time, as long as they don't cause nuisance to neighbours.
- You and other members of your household must not breed animals in your home or garden.
- You must ensure that your dog is microchipped and wears a collar and tag with the owner's name and address whenever it is in a public place.
- You must ensure that your dog is under control whenever it is in a public place.
- If you allow a dog into your garden, then you must ensure that it cannot escape.

- You must not allow dog waste to accumulate in your garden, any waste should be removed promptly.
- You must pick up your dog's waste from any public place or communal areas and dispose of it responsibly.
- Pets must be restrained or kept in a different room when a member of council staff, repairs and maintenance contractor, Councillor, or any other agency working with the council, visits your home.
- You must make suitable arrangements for the animal's care if you go away overnight, or for longer, and provide the Neighbourhood Housing Team with details of an emergency contact (please ensure this is included in space provided within this agreement).

If you are requesting approval to have an assistance or service pet, please ensure that you attach the formal endorsement to support this request.

If there are problems with a pet in your home, e.g., noise complaints, we will work with you to solve any problems in line with our Anti-social Behaviour Policy.

If pets cause damage to your home or to any communal area, we will recharge you the cost if we have to clean or repair damage, if caused by a pet owned by you, a member of your household or a visitor.

If we ask you to rehome any pet, we will tell you why and discuss with you a timescale for you to remove the pet from your home. We will confirm our agreement in writing. Any costs associated with the removal of pets will be recharged to you. We will work in partnership with all relevant agencies to support you where appropriate.

Declaration

I confirm that I have read the terms and conditions and I fully understand and accept them. I also confirm that I will remove my dog(s) from the dwelling if required to do so by the council.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

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Print name: _____

Date: _____

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