

Overview to Addendum to Lease Pets & Assistive Animals Policy

Pets and Assistive Animals must be registered with the Red Wing HRA before they are brought onto the premises. The steps to registering are as follows:

1. Fill out Pet/Assistive Animals registration form
2. Pay deposit if required
3. Meet with HRA staff to go over policy, receive copies, and go over any documentation that is needed. May need to fill out extra paperwork if assistive animal.
4. Then you can bring the animal home
5. Must stay current with policy and provide Red Wing HRA with documentation that is needed to do so

Assistive Animals are animals that work, provide assistance, or perform tasks for the benefits of a person with a disability, or that provide emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability. Assistive animals that are needed as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities are not considered pets.

Common Household Pets are domesticated animals such as dog, cat, bird, or fish that is traditionally recognized as a companion animal and is kept in the home for pleasure rather than commercial purposes.

The following animals are not considered common household pets: reptiles, rodents, insects, arachnids, wild animals or feral animals, pot-bellied pigs, animals used for commercial breeding, etc. The following animals are not permitted: any animal whose adult weight will exceed 20 pounds, ferrets or other small animals whose protective mechanisms pose a risk to small children of serious bites or lacerations, and any animal not permitted under state or local law or code

Number of Pets allowed:

- Maximum of one pet
- In the case of fish, only what can be held safely and healthy manner in a 10 gallon tank. Such tank or aquarium will be considered one pet.
- In the case of birds, there can only be a maximum of 2 in a cage the size of a 10 gallon tank.

The Red Wing HRA will permit residents of housing projects to own and keep common household pets in apartments. This privilege may be revoked at any time subject to the Housing Authorities grievance procedure and pet/ assistive animal policy. The following is a summary of the policy. This list is not all inclusive and tenants should read the full policy as to what all the rules are for pets and assistive animals.

1. Dogs and cats are required to carry a current license, be up to date with current shots, and spayed or neutered before receiving the written permit. These all need documentation that is turned into the HRA.
2. No pet or assistive animal can be kept in violation of humane or health laws of the City, County, or State.
3. Pets and assistive animals must be maintained within the tenant's unit. When outside of the unit, dogs and cats must be kept on a leash that cannot be longer than 6 feet and cannot be retractable. Other animals would need to be kept in a cage or carrier when outside of the unit.

4. Only one animal will be permitted on an elevator at any time.
5. Tenant must identify an alternative custodian for the animal which is located on the registration form.
6. If an animal is left unattended due to the tenant being unable to care for their animal, the custodian will be contacted. If the custodian is unable or unwilling to care for the animal, Red Wing HRA can contact the appropriate agency to assist in removing the animal.
7. Owners are responsible for removal of waste from their animals. This includes promptly removing waste from litter boxes properly and to pick up any waste outside.
8. Owners should take adequate precautions to eliminate any animal odors within or around the unit and to maintain the unit in a sanitary condition at all times.
9. Owners shall not alter their unit, patio, premises or common areas to create an enclosure for any animal.
10. Owners must agree to control the noise of the animal so that such noise does not constitute a nuisance to other residents.
11. No animals may be tethered or chained inside or outside the dwelling unit at any time.
12. The bathing of an animal shall not be permitted in the laundry room or in a tub/shower room.
13. Pets that are not owned by a tenant are allowed on the premises for short term visits only. Tenant is responsible to make sure pet rules are followed.
14. Residents are prohibited from feeding or harboring stray animals.
15. All complaints of cruelty and all dog bites will be referred to animal control or an applicable agency for investigation and enforcement.
16. If there is a violation that is unable to be resolved, the Red Wing HRA may serve notice to remove the animal.
17. Tenant is responsible for all damages caused by their animal including the cost of fumigation.
18. Tenant shall pay security deposit of \$200 for a dog or cat. No deposit is required for fish, birds, or assistive animals. This deposit is refundable as required by law.
19. The HRA grievance procedure shall be applicable to all individual grievances or disputes arising out of violations or alleged violations of this policy.

I have read the Pet/Assistive Animal Policy and agree to follow the policy as written. By signing below, I am acknowledging that I will abide by the attached lease addendum.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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