

PERSONNEL SUPPORT PROGRAMS MILITARY HOUSING (PSPMH) DOMESTIC PET POLICY

Refs: A. Occupant Handbook – “Domestic Pets” -<http://www.cg.cfpsa.ca/cg-pc/Ottawa/EN/HousingandAccommodation/PSPMH1/Pages/References.aspx>

B. QR&O 38.03 Administrative Deductions - <http://www.admfincs-smafinism.forces.gc.ca/qro-orf/vol-01/chapter-chapitre-038-eng.asp#cha-038-03>

1. Effective 1 June 16, PSPMH is limiting occupants to two (2) domestic pets per household, of which can be one cat & one dog, two dogs, or two cats. This policy is meant to be flexible enough to give occupants a choice in their pet ownership while respecting local municipal by-laws and CFSU (O) PSPMH occupancy agreement. This policy is not intended to replace current municipal by-laws or standing orders, but to grant PSPMH more consistency and authority in this domain. Local municipal by-laws and CFSU (O) PSPMH occupancy agreement may take precedence in some matters with reference to types and breeds of animals as these are various in nature and PSPMH policy may not fit all specific situations. . Occupants residing in PSPMH prior to 1 June 16 may be “grandfathered” with the number of pets they possess and that have already been identified. This rule will be applied by PSPMH if an occupant has more than the specified amount of pets prior to 1 June 16 A written request to have an exception to this policy must be forwarded by the occupant to the PSPMH office through the COC for approval by the Property Manager.

2. A service animal may be considered an exception to the policy provided that the occupant can submit documentation from a medical or mental health professional as required. These cases will be regarded individually, on their own merit and will not normally be prohibited. The PSPMH manager may approve service animals in an RHU .

3. As a general guideline, the following pets are considered acceptable for residence in an RHU:

- a. Cats – domestic only;
- b. Dogs – Excluding those that are a restricted breed (as per local laws);
- c. Fish – 20 Gallon tank maximum;
- d. Birds – Excluding birds of prey;
- e. Amphibians – Frogs, toads, salamanders;
- f. Caged animals – Hamsters or guinea pigs; and

4. The following pets are considered not acceptable within an RHU:

- a. Any dog with a mix of any of these breeds or those that have been banned by local government:
 - (i) American Pit Bull Terrier;
 - (ii) Staffordshire Terrier;
 - (iii) American Staffordshire Terrier;
 - (iv) Staffordshire Bull Terrier;

- (v) Wolf; and
- (vi) Wolf Hybrid.

- b. Reptiles – snake, lizard, turtle, tortoise, crocodile, alligator, iguana, komodo dragon, newt, gecko, gila monster;
- c. Arachnids – spider, scorpion;
- d. Rodents – Mice, rat, beaver, squirrel, porcupine, chipmunk, prairie dog, groundhog, gopher, shrew, bat, hedgehog;
- e. Wild animals – Fisher cat, fox, weasel, raccoon, monkey;
- f. Exotic animal – Ferret, rabbit, chinchilla;
- g. Farm animals – Pig, horse, cow, chicken, sheep, goat; and
- h. Birds of Prey – Hawk, eagle, buzzard, vulture, owl, falcon, harrier, kite.

5. The following regulations remain valid and must also be adhered to by all occupants:

- a. Your pets cannot bother other neighbours or damage property. You could be held legally responsible for any injuries or damage caused by your pets to persons, property or other pets. These damages include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Any additional cleaning including the removal of pet hair; remedial work or replacement of carpets/floor where there are urine or feces stains and odours which cannot be removed; and fumigation for fleas and ticks;
 - (ii) The repair of damage to walls, screens or scratching of glass panels;
 - (iii) Any damage to landscaping or fences;
- b. Dogs must be kept under effective restraint and cannot run loose beyond the occupants lot. Dogs left outdoors unattended are to be fenced in or tethered on a leash that will keep them on their respective lots. Please do not use power meter or gas lines to tether your dog(s). Cats do not normally need to be restrained to the same extent as dogs unless complaints are received that they are a nuisance or are causing damage. . Any animal found running at large and not held on leash by a person accompanying it, may be seized and impounded by Animal Control for safe keeping until released or otherwise disposed of;
- c. You are responsible for cleaning up and immediately disposing of any excrement left on any property by your dog or cat (stoop and scoop); and
- d. You are required to buy licences for all pets belonging to the household. All occupants must provide a copy of this licence(s) to PSPMH.

6. Violations or disregard to this policy may result in administrative, legal, financial, or disciplinary action, up to and including eviction of the occupant of record. Occupants who are found responsible for damages to their RHU (including landscaping/property) will be held financially liable for full replacement/repair costs and not only remaining lifecycle costs. An administrative deduction shall be raised where applicable and all damages arising from pet problems will be recovered from the occupant of record.