

HCH Policy on pets

We recognize the need for tolerance and understanding between pet owners and non-pet owners in our group. Whilst for some residents their pets are important members of their household, other residents may have animal allergies or phobias.

- Exceptions will always be made for any resident or visitor with an assistance dog
- Only common domestic pets will be allowed. The number and type of these pets per household will need to be negotiated and agreed with the other residents. This includes replacement pets in the event of an animal death
- Cats and dogs should be neutered, and maintained in a disease and flea free condition by regular and appropriate treatments
- Pets will be allowed in the communal rooms by agreement with the whole group
- All dogs should be well trained, exercised and toileted outside the building
- All owners are responsible for clearing up their pet's waste. Cat owners will collectively decide on how this will be done.

Cats and birds

The RSPB recommend: "Keep your cat indoors at night when birds are most vulnerable - at least an hour before sunset until an hour after sunrise, especially during March-July and December-January, and after bad weather such as rain or a cold spell, to allow birds time to come out and feed."