

Pet Friendly Housing Toolkit



Pet Friendly Housing principles:



The human-animal bond and benefits of pet ownership are understood and valued throughout neighbourhoods.



Pets are viewed as family members, meaning animals and owners are kept together throughout housing journey.



Responsible pet ownership and high animal welfare standards are promoted by housing provider.

Pet Friendly Accreditation steps:



Implement an inclusive and accessible pet policy that meets animal welfare needs, and has clearly defined guidelines.



Communicate aims and work of Pet Friendly Accreditation to all tenants, and other relevant organisations.



Consider pets in Health and Safety procedures and policies, to provide a safe environment for staff, tenants and pets.



Consider pets in context of domestic abuse; signpost or refer tenants to fostering services [Freedom](#) or [Lifetime](#) where appropriate.



Ensure staff understand how to deal with pet-related matters and know when and where to signpost externally.



Provide tenants with animal welfare resources to support responsible pet ownership.

You could also:

- **Collect and store relevant pet ownership data.**
- **Consider appointing a Pet Friendly Champion.**

