

There are an enormous number of unwanted pets abandoned or given up each year, and rescue organisations struggle to rehome all the animals they take in. Many healthy animals are destroyed each year because homes cannot be found for them.

Keeping your pets responsibly and preventing them from breeding can help control this problem. Please read this leaflet to find out what you need to know about keeping pets responsibly in council-owned properties.

For more information, go to www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/pets-in-council-homes or call the Housing Customer Services Team on **01273 293030**.

Translation? Tick this box and take to any council office.

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Traduction? Veuillez cocher la case et apporter au council.	French	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tłumaczenie? Zaznacz to okienko i zwróć do któregośkolwiek biura samorządu lokalnego (council office).	Polish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tradução? Coloque um visto na quadrícula e leve a uma qualquer repartição de poder local (council office).	Portuguese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tercümesi için kareyi işaretleyiniz ve bir semt belediye bürosuna veriniz	Turkish	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Keeping pets in our properties

What you need to know

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We recognise the enormous benefits pets bring and do not withhold permission for residents to keep pets unreasonably. However, we do need to make sure residents look after their pets responsibly and prevent them from causing a nuisance to others.

We have conditions attached to keeping a pet in our properties. Please read these carefully to make sure you can meet them before applying for permission. If you fail to keep to these conditions, permission for your pet may be withdrawn and you may be subject to action against your tenancy.

1. We do not permit pet breeding in our properties and strongly recommend that you have your pet neutered. There are an enormous number of unwanted pets and neutering helps control the problem. Your vet can explain the procedure and tell you about the health benefits it can also have for your pet. We have a list of local subsidised schemes which can help with the costs.

2. If you have not yet chosen a pet please consider adopting from a rescue society. Adopting from a rescue has a number of benefits for you and your pet. Please see our factsheet "Adopting and Fostering from Rescue Societies" which also includes a list of rescue organisations.

3. We require all dogs to be micro-chipped and recommend that cats are chipped too.

Micro-chipping makes it easier to reunite a pet with their owner if it is lost or stolen.

It also helps us identify dogs which are allowed to stray or which cause a nuisance.

Micro-chipping can be done by your vet and only costs a few pounds.

Some charities, such as the Dogs Trust, will microchip your dog free.

4. If you have a dog, you must put it on a lead before you leave your property, and not let it run free in shared hallways or shared garden areas. If you have a private garden, it is your responsibility to make sure your dog does not get out.

5. You must obey the laws relating to animal care and control. For dogs this means picking up their faeces immediately, and keeping proper control over the dog at all times.

6. You must care for your pet by ensuring that it is given adequate nutrition, veterinary care when needed, is not left alone for long periods of time, and is exercised appropriately.

7. If your pet causes a nuisance, such as prolonged barking or chewing, we will expect you to resolve this using humane methods within a reasonable period of time.

Responsible pet care includes planning for unforeseen emergencies. You may like to think about taking out pet insurance to help with the cost of unforeseen health problems.

8. We require you to give us the name and address of someone who will take over the care of your pet if you are temporarily unable, and also require details of your vet.

