HMHA PET POLICY

1. HMHA require pet owners to have their pets inoculated with the rabies vaccine and provide proof of such inoculations annually at time of recertification.
2. All pet owners must sign a Pet Agreement with HMHA at the main office located at 33601 Pine Ridge Drive, Logan, Ohio 43138.
3. All pets must be on a leash when in the common areas of buildings or on HMHA properties.
4. Pets are not allowed in any of the common areas of buildings other than to enter or exit. These areas include the lounges, community room, laundry, maintenance rooms and/or offices.
5. Pet owners are responsible for the disposal of pet waste. Leashed animals must be curbed away from the site area. Owners must carry a pooper-scooper and plastic bag to dispose of waste properly.
6. In care of cats, littler boxes must be cleaned often and the soiled litter must be disposed of properly.
7. Animal waste must be placed in a plastic bag and disposed of:

 **Hi-Rise** - at the rear door of the building or the dumpster outside the building, under no circumstances should pet waste be put into the trash chute. **Logan Village** - pet waste must be placed in a plastic bag and put into the dumpster. **Scattered Site** - pet waste must be placed in a plastic bag and put into the garbage can.

1. Any pet that is considered detrimental to the health and safety of the residents will not be allowed. See paragraph 28.
2. The breeding of animals is strictly forbidden.
3. No pet will be permitted to be in the buildings or on the grounds unless escorted by the tenant or a guest of the tenant.
4. All pets must be in good health at time of admission.
5. All dogs, cats, etc. shall be neutered or spayed. Tenant(s) must provide proof.
6. Cats must have their front feet declawed. Tenant(s) must provide proof.
7. No pet is to be staked or tied to the building, door, tree, fence, or anywhere on the grounds of the rental unit.
8. Exercise area is restricted to:
* Hi-Rise, the south green end of the building (Second Street)
* Logan Village Apartments, the back yard area behind the apartments
* Scattered sites, the back yard
1. All pet must be authorized by the Occupancy Coordinator and the tenant’s file is to include and addendum to the lease, specifying condition of pet ownership.
2. Deposit as a condition of agreement, a refundable restoration fee in the amount of $ 300.00 must be paid in advance. This fee is based on fumigation, extermination, and cost of repairing pet damages.
3. The tenant agrees to provide management with a signed agreement naming another person or legal entity the responsibility to act as caretaker of the pet if the tenant is unable to do so. This agreement must be signed by the party named in the presence of a HMHA representative. At the Hi-Rise the co-signer cannot be a resident of the building.
4. The tenant agrees that HMHA can implement the above agreement if the pet is not properly cared for (in the sole opinion of the HMHA) or shows signs of abuse or is a source of damage to the premises.
5. The tenant agrees that HMHA is not responsible in any way for injury or illness caused by the pet.
6. Any tenant or employee of the housing authority who considers the pet a nuisance so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the area, a menace or is vicious to persons, property or other pets, may make a complaint in writing to a law enforcement officer. A copy of that complaint will be kept on file at the HMHA office. Such complaints may constitute sufficient basis for invoking paragraph 24.
7. Tenants shall provide HMHA with proof of most current City tag for dogs. Tag registration can be obtained at the Hocking County Auditor’s Office
8. Tenant shall adhere to the guidelines and regulations for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
9. Tenant agrees that if fellow tenants or employees of the HMHA develop an allergenic reaction resulting from a pet, its owner will voluntarily remove the pet from HMHA premises.
10. Pet owners are required to abide by all applicable statues and city ordinances.
11. Section 8 tenants are exempt from these rules and regulations. They must make arrangements for the keeping of pets with their respective landlords.
12. Allowable pets are limited to:
	* Dogs standing less than 14” high at the shoulder and weighing 26 lbs. or less.

You must take into consideration “How large a puppy will be” to avoid giving your pet up because of its size.

* + Cats domestic only, weighing 10 lbs. or less
	+ Birds must be caged at all times and are limited to finches, canaries, parakeets, and cockatiels
	+ Fish – tropical or gold fish only. Carnivorous fish are forbidden. Tank size is limited to 15 gallons. Limit one (1) tank per apartment
1. Types of animals not allowed:
* All rodents, rats, guinea pigs, ground hogs, mice, squirrels, hedgehogs, gerbils, ferrets, mink, rabbits, and chinchillas.
* All reptiles to include snakes, lizards and iguanas.
* Goats, pigs, pot-bellied pigs, wart hogs or other farm animals.
* Exotic Birds and wild life
* Small wild animals; fox, raccoon, and opossum.
* Non-human primates; monkeys and chimpanzees

If you are in doubt about the size or type of animal; you are encouraged to contact the HMHA office at 33601 Pine Ridge Drive, Logan, Ohio 43138 or call (740) 385-3883.