

RIO GRANDE VILLAGE PET POLICY

It is the Housing Authority policy that all residents be allowed quiet enjoyment of the premises. No pet will be allowed that constitutes a nuisance or threat to any resident or detracts from any resident's quiet enjoyment of their unit or the common areas of the complex.

This policy does not apply to service animals that are used to assist persons with disabilities. Service animals are covered by a separate service animal agreement.

To assure adherence to this policy, the following rules governing the keeping of pets are established:

1. Pets are allowed only in accordance with the terms of this policy and with the written approval of the Housing Authority.
2. Pet must be approved in writing by the Housing Authority of Colorado Springs prior to moving upon Housing Authority grounds.
3. The Certificate of Annual Licensing by the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region must be provided to the Housing Authority prior to the approval of the pet.
4. Tenants must abide by all local animal regulations.
5. Pet must be neutered or spayed and written veterinary certificate of such must be provided to the Housing Authority prior to bringing the animal on the premises. If the animal is too young, resident must agree to have it neutered or spayed when it reaches a suitable age.
6. Written proof of yearly distemper boosters and rabies boosters must be provided at the annual lease renewal.

The types of animals allowed as pets shall be limited as follows:

- One dog not exceeding twenty 20 pounds in weight or 12 inches in height at the front shoulder; or one cat.
- One dog or cat per unit, at any one time.
- Aquariums may be no larger than 40 gallons and must be sealed against leakage, maximum of two aquariums per unit.
- Birds and other small caged animals may be permissible with a maximum of two per unit. No rodents, birds of prey, dangerous or disease carrying species may be kept. For example, acceptable birds and animals may include: parakeets, parrots, hamsters, and gerbils.
- Pet damage deposits are not required for aquariums under 40 gallons, caged birds, and small caged animals unless they are allowed to roam free.
- Aquariums and caged animals as described above may be kept in conjunction with a cat or dog.