

## Pet Policy

The Covington Housing Authority allows for pet ownership in its developments with the written pre-approval of the Housing Authority.

The Covington Housing Authority adopts the following reasonable requirements as part of the Pet Policy:

1. Residents are responsible for any damage caused by their pets, including the cost of fumigating or cleaning their units. . In addition, residents are responsible if their pets attack or harm any others whether they are fellow residents, visitors to the property of Housing Authority of Covington staff members.
2. In exchange for this right, resident assumes full responsibility and liability for the pet and agrees to hold the Covington Housing Authority harmless from any claims caused by an action or inaction of the pet. Residents must provide evidence that their pet can be properly secured outside the affected area when Housing Authority staff or contractors are required to enter the unit.
3. Residents must have the prior written approval of the Housing Authority before moving a pet into their unit.
4. Residents must request approval on the Authorization for Pet Ownership Form that must be fully completed before the Housing Authority will approve the request.
5. Residents must give the Housing Authority a picture of the pet so it can be identified if it is running loose.
6. A pet deposit of \$175 per uncaged or contained animal pet is required at the time of registering a pet. A monthly fee for expenses incurred will be \$10 a month. Residents with registered pets as of July 1, 2015 will be exempt.
7. The Covington Housing Authority will allow only common household pets. This means only domesticated animals such as a dog, cat, bird, rodent (including a rabbit), fish in aquariums or a turtle will be allowed in units. Common household pets do not include reptiles (except turtles).

All dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before they become six months old. A licensed veterinarian must verify this fact.

The maximum pets per unit will be allowed according to this schedule.

<b>Unit Size</b>	<b>Pets</b>
Zero Bedroom	<b>1</b>
One Bedroom	<b>1</b>
Two Bedrooms	<b>1</b>
Three Bedrooms	<b>2</b>
Four or More Bedrooms	<b>2</b>

Any animal deemed to be potentially harmful to the health or safety of others, including attack or fight trained dogs, will not be allowed.

No animal may exceed twenty (20) pounds in weight projected to full adult size.

8. In order to be registered, pets must be appropriately inoculated against rabies, distemper and other conditions prescribed by state and/or local ordinances. They must comply with all other state and local public health, animal control, and anti-cruelty laws including any licensing requirements. A certification signed by a licensed veterinarian or state or local official shall be annually filed with the Covington Housing Authority to attest to the inoculations.
9. The Covington Housing Authority, or an appropriate community authority, shall require the removal of any pet from a property if the pet's conduct or condition is determined to be a nuisance or threat to the health or safety of other occupants of the development or of other persons in the community where the project is located.