

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MOULTRIE/DOERUN

**PET POLICY
EFFECTIVE 10-1-2000**

In compliance with Section 526 of The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. Residents shall be permitted to own and keep common household pets. Animals that are an Auxiliary for persons with a disability are excluded from this policy. The ownership of common household pets is subject to the following rules and limitations:

1. Common household pets shall be defined as a dog, cat, bird, rodent, fish or turtle. Common household pets are defined as follows:

Bird Includes Canary, Parakeet, Finch and other species that are normally kept caged: birds of prey are not permitted.

Fish In tanks or aquariums, not to exceed 20 gallons in capacity; poisonous or dangerous fish or not permitted.

Dogs Not to exceed 25lbs. weight or 15 inches in height at full growth. Dogs must be spayed or neutered. Veterinarian's recommended/suggested types of dogs are as follows:

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| a. Chihuahua | e. Cocker Spaniel |
| b. Pekingese | f. Dachshund |
| c. Poodle | g. Terriers |
| d. Schnauzer | |

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Cats Cats must be spayed or neutered and be declawed or have a scratching Post, and should not exceed 15 pounds.

Rodents Rodents other than hamsters, gerbils, white rats or mice are not considered common household pets. These animals must be kept in appropriate cages.

Reptiles Reptiles other than turtles or small lizards such as chameleons are not considered common household pets.

Exotic Pets At no time will the Housing Authority approve of exotic pets, such as Snakes, monkeys, game pets, etc.

2. No more than one dog or cat shall be permitted in a household. In the case of birds, a maximum of two birds may be permitted. There shall be no limit as to the number of fish, but no more than one aquarium with a maximum capacity of 20 gallons shall be permitted. A resident with a dog or cat may also have other categories of “common household pets” as defined above.
3. Pets other than a dog or cat shall be confined to an appropriate cage or container. Such a pet may be removed from its cage while inside the owner’s apartment of the purpose of handling, but shall not generally be unrestrained.
4. Only one dog or cat is allowed per household. **NO PIT BULLS WILL BE PERMITTED.** All dogs and cats will need to be on a leash, tied up, or otherwise restrained when they are outside. Neither dogs nor cats shall be permitted to run loose.
5. Pet owners shall maintain their pet in such a manner as to prevent any damage to their unit, yard or common areas of the community in which they live. The animal shall be maintained so as not to be a nuisance or a threat to the health or safety of neighbors, Housing Authority employees, or the public, by reason of noise, unpleasant odors or other objectionable situations.
6. Each pet owner shall be fully responsible for the care of the pet, including proper disposal of pet wastes in safe and sanitary manner. Improper disposal of pet waste is a lease violation and may be grounds for termination.
7. All pets shall be inoculated and licensed in accordance with applicable state and local laws. All cats or dogs shall be neutered or spayed, unless a veterinarian certifies that the spaying or neutering would be inappropriate or unnecessary (because of health, age, etc.)
8. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100.00 per pet shall be paid in advance.
9. Visiting pets may be allowed as long as they generally conform to the guidelines expressed in this policy, except that: no additional pet deposit shall be required of the resident with whom the pet is visiting (unless the visit is in excess of 72 hours) and one verified complaint shall be grounds for excluding the pet from further visits.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MOULTRIE, GEORGIA
PET INFORMATION FORM

Resident's Name: _____ Date: _____

Resident's Address: _____ Project #: _____

Pet's Type: _____ Dog _____ Cat _____ Bird _____

Breed of Pet: _____ Projected Adult Weight: _____

The following parties have agreed to care for the above pet if I should die, become incapacitated or am otherwise unable to care for my pet:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature Date

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Signature Date

I have read the pet rules of the Housing Authority of the City of Moultrie, Georgia and I agree to comply with them.

Signature of Resident Date

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Resident has paid a pet deposit of \$_____.

MHA Representative Date