

Can tenants keep pets?

As detailed in our Keeping Pets Policy, tenants must obtain written consent before keeping a dog or any other animal in their home or garden. Tenants must take all reasonable steps to supervise and keep their pets under control and to prevent them causing nuisance, annoyance, or danger to anyone.

They must also ensure that any pets do not cause damage to the property, their neighbours' property or anything belonging to Waverley housing of for which we are responsible for, such as the common parts. This includes fouling and tenants are held responsible for clearing up the faeces of any pet owned by them, living with them, or visiting them.

Waverley Housing, as the landlord, reserve the right to request removal of the pet if found to be causing a nuisance or damage. Where we believe any pet is being kept in an improper way or being maltreated, we will report the matter to the SSPCA.

Tenants are not allowed to keep pets for the purposes of breeding. Where the number of pets exceeds that for which the tenant has permission, we reserve the right to have a tenant remove them. Tenants are not allowed to keep animals in kennels, huts, hutches, or birds in aviaries in their garden without our express permission in writing. Where permission has been given, we reserve the right to revoke that permission if the structure and/or the pet are found to be causing a nuisance.

Tenants are not allowed to erect a pigeon loft or keep pigeons in their garden or on any ground belonging to Waverley Housing.

You can read our full Keeping Pets Policy [here](#).