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## The Companion Animals Act 1998

The Companion Animals Act 1998 places a number of obligations and responsibilities on the pet owner. Bridge Housing expects these conditions to be met for permission to be granted:

- Cats and dogs must be micro chipped and registered.
- The owner of the pet is responsible for ensuring the pet does not harm or threaten anybody or another animal nor should it cause a nuisance.
- Dogs must be kept under effective control and not allowed to roam.

## The Residential Tenancies Act 2010

Tenants are also reminded of their responsibility to keep the property in a reasonable standard both internally and externally, specifically:

- Tenants must ensure that their pet does not interfere with the reasonable peace, comfort and privacy of neighbours.
- Tenants have any carpets professionally cleaned and/or the property fumigated at the end of the tenancy.
- Tenants will be held responsible for paying for any repairs or damages caused by the pet.

Where a tenant fails to comply with the Pet Policy, Bridge Housing will take action. This can range from working with the tenant to resolve any problems caused by pet ownership, withdrawing permission to keep a pet or seeking an order from the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) if there has been a breach of the Residential Tenancy Agreement.

## Need further information?

A copy of Bridge Housing's pet policy can be found on our website [www.bridgehousing.org.au](http://www.bridgehousing.org.au).

If you would like to apply for a pet, please contact your Housing Manager on 8324 0800 or download a Request to Keep a Household Pet Form from our website.

If you are experiencing nuisance from a neighbour's dog, you are encouraged to contact the local Council.