

Pet ownership in Arun District Council homes



At Arun District Council, we encourage responsible pet ownership to ensure that pets do not cause a nuisance to neighbours or damage to our properties. Before bringing a pet into your home, you must first ask for permission from the council. The following guidelines outline what types of pets are suitable for different property types.

Property types and pets allowed

Type of property	Number of dogs or cats	Other small domestic pets	Assistance pets
House or bungalow with private garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Two dogs <u>or</u> ✓ two cats <u>or</u> ✓ one of each 	Will consider permission	✓ One
Flat or masionette without a private garden	Will consider permission	Will consider permission	✓ One
Ground floor flat or masionette with a private garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ One dog <u>or</u> ✓ one cat 	Will consider permission	✓ One
Temporary accommodation	x	x	x

Factors we consider before granting permission

When reviewing a request for pet ownership, we consider several factors, including:

- terms of your occupancy agreement and compliance with tenancy rules
- suitability of accommodation – this includes:
 - the size and type of property
 - the size and species of the pet
 - any house or scheme rules
 - access to outdoor spaces and communal areas
 - the number of pets already in the building
- ability to care for the pet – including any history of irresponsible pet ownership
- support in caring for the pet – the availability of someone to care for your pet during illness or time away
- local Issues – any history of anti-social behaviour related to pets or breaches of tenancy, such as noise complaints
- longevity of pet ownership – for example, temporary arrangements for pets due to a family member’s hospital stay



Pet agreement

Once you apply for permission, you’ll be required to sign a pet agreement, which outlines the details of your pet, confirmation that it is microchipped, confirmation that it is neutered/spayed, and what vet it is registered at. We will also look to confirm who can take the animal in the event of an emergency situation. Our aim is to ensure your wellbeing and the wellbeing of the pet, your neighbours, and the property.

If permission is refused, we will explain the reasons for our decision and if you already have a pet without prior permission, the council may grant retrospective permission if all conditions are met.



Pets we allow

- dogs and cats – provided they are microchipped, neutered, and vaccinated (excluding any dogs listed under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991)
- fish – in a small aquarium
- small birds – in suitable cages
- small mammals – such as rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, and mice, provided they are kept in appropriate cages

Pets we do not allow

- operating a kennel or cattery business
- keeping aviaries or flocks of birds
- poisonous spiders, reptiles, insects, or snakes
- farm animals – for example, pigs, sheep and horses
- any dogs listed in the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991
- any animals listed under the Wild Animals Act 1976

Please note

Small cages need to be a minimum size recommended by the RSPCA.

For more information

For further details on what pets are allowed and how to apply for permission, please contact the Neighbourhood Services team.

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