

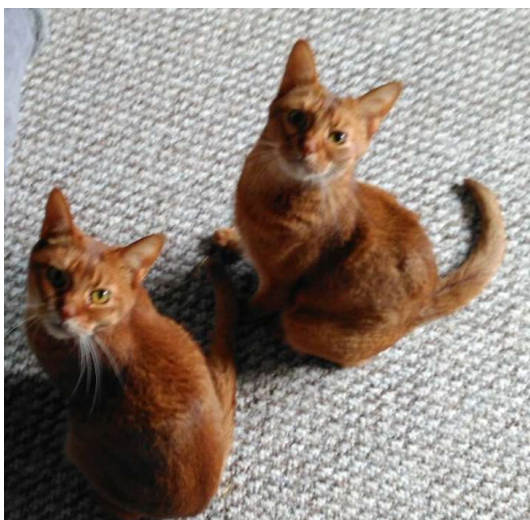
Keeping Pets in a Paragon Tenancy

At Paragon, we understand that having a pet can have huge benefits for your wellbeing. For that reason you are not asked to request written permission, however we do need to make sure that your pets don't disturb neighbours or cause damage either to your home or to communal areas. Keeping pets is covered in section 2.6 of your tenancy agreement.

Dogs

Any dog which is classed a "dangerous dog" should be registered as such and muzzled on all occasions when it is in the common parts of the Association's housing stock.

Dog faeces should be cleaned up as soon as possible whether this is in your own garden or, for example, in communal back courts. If the Association has to step in and arrange for any area to be cleared of dog mess you will be recharged and may receive a tenancy warning.



Cats

If you have a cat who uses a litter tray this should be cleared regularly and should not be placed in a communal area. You should also consider getting your cat spayed and organisations such as Cats Protection League maybe able to provide financial assistance with this.

Exotic or unusual pets

You must comply with any legislative requirements regarding keeping exotic pets such as snakes, spiders and lizards. You should also take into account the possible additional expense, for example if you need to provide a heated vivarium



Caged Pets (Birds, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Ferrets and Rodents etc)

All domestic birds, rodents etc must be kept in cages. On no account with the Association tolerate the keeping of domestic birds that are not caged. Pidgeon and other such species of birds shall only be kept with the express permission of the Association having first considered the views of tenants in adjoining properties.

Fish

Whilst the Association is happy to include Fish in the category of domestic pets you should consult with the maintenance officer if you live in an upper flat and are looking to have a large or heated aquarium. This is so we can make sure that there is no risk to yours or others homes. If you are looking to put a fishpond in your garden you will need to complete an alteration to property request

Other types of pets



We know that from time to time other varieties of animal – not traditionally considered to be a domestic pet- may be kept in a domestic setting. For example micro pigs and chickens. Whilst the Association would not unreasonably withdraw permission to keep these as pets, the impact such animals have your neighbours would be taken into account.

Where tenants allow their pets to cause a nuisance (e.g. dog fouling) the Association will make every effort to enforce the conditions of tenancy by requesting that the dog is brought under control. If you have any questions about keeping pets in a Paragon tenancy then you can email the Estates Team estates@paragonha.org.uk or phone us on 01324 664966 or you can use the contact form on our website.