

The Board of Directors has determined Eastcoast Housing has a strict PET policy.

Pet Approval

Renters will not be approved to have pets unless:

The renter can demonstrate that:

- The animal is microchipped
- The pet is registered with local council
- Appropriate care for the animal has been proved ie. shelter, food, exercise and veterinary care demonstrated (ie. up to date with its vaccinations)
- In the case of a cat or dog, the renter must be able to provide an outdoor secure enclosure for the animal to ensure the animal cannot roam freely in the community
- A photo of the pet must be provided – signed and dated by the renter

Please Note: Even if the above has been demonstrated approval still may not be granted if the property is considered not suitable to contain a pet eg: fences are inadequate, no yard etc.

The pet is deemed to have approval if this approval is confirmed by Eastcoast Housing and received by the renter in writing.

Pets will NOT BE APPROVED to reside at any of our properties if:

- All of the above points has not been met

If a renter obtains a pet without approval

In the event of Eastcoast Housing notices (either at inspection or a drive-by) a NON APPROVED pet at the property the renter will be given notice to have the animal re homed immediately.

Removing Pet Approval after it has been given

Eastcoast may remove approval at any time resulting in the requirement that the renter must re home the animal immediately.

This may be done if the pet is deemed not to be adequately contained, cared for, damaging the property and/or be a risk to others (including children of the household).

If an animal damages the property in any way inside or outside

If there are any damages noted as a result of the pet the renter will be asked to re home the animal immediately and the renter will be breached. VCAT action will result.

This VCAT action may result in eviction of the renter.

This damage may be but not restricted to:

- urine and/or faeces smells
- signs of gnawing/scratching
- digging
- pushing on fences/removal of palings or
- any/all other property damages.

Eastcoast will seek retribution from the renter to remedy any damages caused by pets regardless of whether they were approved or not.