

LA FAMILY HOUSING

LA Family Housing Interim Housing Participant Pet Policy

LA Family Housing (LAFH) is a pet friendly environment. Please note that the pet/animal must be able to reside with the participant in their room/pod/unit. LAFH will make reasonable accommodations for pets on site and holds the ability to decline the accommodation of a pet should the pet not be able to safely and appropriately be accommodated on site. LAFH hereby incorporates the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority's Service Animal Accommodation Policy dated July 1, 2010, a copy of which is available upon request. Animal and pet are used interchangeably throughout this policy.

Please note, only animals that are legally permissible to be pets in the state of California will be considered for the below.

Pet owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of their pet(s) at all times; owners must sign and adhere to the care guidelines as stated below:

- 1. All pets must have all vaccinations up to date, with proof of vaccination status, prior to program entry**
 - Dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Rabies, Parainfluenza and Parvovirus (DHPP)
 - Cats: Panleukopenia (feline distemper), Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus Type I, Rabies
 - All vaccinations as recommended for other types of pets
 - All other vaccinations as recommended by Los Angeles County
- 2. All animals are strongly encouraged to have City of Los Angeles License, and spay/neuter confirmation upon entry**
- 3. If you obtain a pet after your initial enrollment, the animal will not be permitted on site until #1 is provided.**
- 4. The participant must adhere to IH policy regarding pets on site:**
 - a. Animal must be controlled by the participant at all times.
 - b. While an animal is on site, it should be under the direct control of the participant. When in the presence of others, the animal is expected to be well behaved.
 - c. The animal must be on a leash at all times. It should never be permitted to wander off its leash except if it is a service animal and is working or if they are the only dog in a dog run.
 - d. Cats must be carried, on leash or kept in an appropriately sized carrier/crate/covered cat stroller when outside of the participant's assigned room/pod/unit.
 - e. Animals must be secured in an appropriately sized carrier/crate or pet housing (if available) if the participant is not in their assigned room/pod/unit.
 - f. Animal is not permitted to enter dining areas (excludes service animals)
- 5. The participant is responsible for taking care of their animal.**
 - a. Participants must feed, provide water to, exercise and clean up after their animal regularly.
 - b. Dogs must be walked on a daily basis.
 - c. Waste material is to be picked-up and properly disposed of.
 - d. The animal must be kept clean – e.g. bathed one time per week or as needed; the participant is

responsible for cleaning the bathroom tub or sink if used for animal washing.

- e. Participants must keep their animal current with any required vaccinations (proof is required) and attend to any medical needs that their animal may have.
- f. Animals must be free of fleas and other pests.
- g. Owners must agree store food for their animals in designated areas and may not to leave food or water for their animal outside of their dwelling where it may attract other animals.

6. Owners must have an identified emergency care person.

- a. Owners must provide the name and contact information of an emergency care person who will take care of their animal in the event that the owner is in the hospital, jail, or otherwise indisposed.
- b. If the owner allows another participant to watch the animal, this decision is solely the responsibility of the owner and the animal’s behavior remains the responsibility of the owner
- c. At no time is LAFH responsible for the care of the animal.
- d. Animal control will be contacted if the emergency care person or participant/owner is unable to be contacted or is unwilling to care for the animal.

7. Participants will be required to remove their animals for any of the following reasons:

- a. The animal's behavior poses a direct threat to the safety of others and the threat cannot be eliminated by a reasonable modification.
- b. The animal is disruptive and interfering with the program and the participant does not take effective action to control it.
- c. The animal is creating an unsanitary condition.

8. LA Family Housing is not responsible for the care and safety of the animal. Owners assume all liability for their animal.

9. For families or individuals who are placed at Non-LAFH operated sites, the Pet Policy of the site at which you are placed takes precedence

My designated emergency care person is: _____ who can be reached at the following address _____ and telephone number _____

I understand LAFH’s Interim Housing guidelines for animals/pets. I know that I can be required to remove my animal from the site/program if I do not follow the Participant Pet Policy.

Participant’s Name **(print)**

Participant’s Name **(signature)**

Staff Signature

Date