

## Pet Application Form

Property Address:

Unit No:

Strata Plan No:

Applicant's Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Type of Pet including breed and species:

Age of Pet:

Name of Pet:

Description of pet including weight and height:

Vaccinated: Yes  No

Micro-chipped: Yes  No

De-sexed: Yes  No

Council Registration Number:

Note: Applicable to dogs and cats only. Dogs are required by law to be registered with the local council in every Australian State and Territory (other than the Northern Territory where dog registration is required by some councils only). Cats are required by law to be registered with the local council in NSW, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia (and by some councils in the Northern Territory).

I (The Applicant)

request the consent of the Property Owner/Managing Agent to keep the above detailed pet on the property.

Signed:

Date:

**Check list (To help demonstrate that you are a responsible pet owner please ensure that you provide all documents listed below with your application)**

- Pet Keeping Agreement Form     Vaccination information     Microchip certificate  
 Picture of the pet     Council registration certificate

**To further support your application you may choose to attach additional information which might include:**

Veterinarian contact details, pet's personality characteristics, health and grooming information, training certificates, references and/or a list of referees that attest to your pet's good behavior (these might include pet sitters/boarding facilities, previous landlords and neighbours and dog trainers).

## Pet Keeping Agreement Form

I/we:

- Understand that it is my/our responsibility as pet owners to:
  - Have read and understood the By-law regarding keeping of animals.
  - Have read and understood this link to "Pets in Strata" - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/strata/living/pets>
  - Agree to abide by the By-laws of the Strata Plan
  - Maintain a high standard of cleanliness and sanitation at all times, cleaning and disposing of any animal waste within the lot or common property.
  - Maintain a high standard of preventative health care e.g. flea and worm treatment.
- Agree to monitor the noise from our pet to avoid undue annoyance or disturbance of neighbours.
- Acknowledge that I/we shall be liable for any damage to the property caused by the pet and shall pay immediately for any costs incurred in rectifying this damage.
- Accept full responsibility and indemnify the Owners Corporation/Property Owner for any claims by or injuries to third parties or their property caused by, or as a result of, actions by my pet.
- Acknowledge that the consent of the Owners Corporation/Property Owner operates in respect of the nominated pet only and that any change of pet must be the subject of a separate application.

Property Address:

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Signed (Pet Owner):

Date:	Print Name
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Signed (Property Owner/Managing Agent):

Date:	Print Name
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Where the signatory to this agreement resides in strata premises this form should also be signed by a representative of the Owners Corporation as an indication that they give permission for an animal to be kept on the property.

Owners Corporation Representative signature:

Date:	Print Name
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## Pet Application Process:

1. Call First Community to find out if your scheme has a By-law for pets.
2. Fill out the application form and send to [admin@firstcommunity.com.au](mailto:admin@firstcommunity.com.au)
3. First Community will send the application to the Owners Corporation for their decision.
4. First Community will notify you of their decision in a reasonable timeframe.
5. Tenants need to have written approval from their landlord prior to getting a pet.

## Are pets allowed in Strata?

An owners corporation cannot stop you from owning a pet unless the pet causes 'unreasonable interference' - for example, it is a dangerous or restricted dog. However, your pet or pets must not disturb other residents in your scheme.

You may need to tell the owners corporation or strata committee in writing if you want to have a pet.

Owners corporations can create their own rules for pets. Make sure to check your scheme's by-laws. However, by-laws banning all pets are not valid and banning animals based on size, type, or quantity, will not be valid in most circumstances.

## Tell the owners corporation

Most owners corporations will require you to write to the secretary or strata manager if you have a pet or want to get one. Check the scheme's by-laws to see what the process is and what information is needed for approval. The owners corporation may ask for:

- the pet's name, type, breed, weight and age
- a photo of the pet
- pet vaccination records and a microchip number (if your pet needs these in NSW).

## What is unreasonable interference?

Unreasonable interference means your pet has behaved badly towards other residents or animals. This could include:

- making constant noise that unreasonably affects the peace, comfort or convenience of another resident
- repeatedly running at or chasing another resident or animal
- attacking or threatening another resident or animal
- repeatedly causing damage to common property or someone else's property
- risking the health of another resident, through infection or infestation
- causing a constant unpleasant smell in common property or someone else's property.

It is also an unreasonable interference when:

- the owner of a cat or dog breaches a nuisance order placed on it
- a dog is classified as dangerous or menacing, or
- a dog is a restricted breed under the [Companion Animals Act 1998](#).

More information can be found on:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-construction/strata/living/pets#toc-are-pets-allowed-in-strata>