



PET POLICY

1. The Marquette Housing Commission allows the common household pets listed below:
 - Dog: Not to exceed 30 pounds in weight and 18 inches high at the withers. Must be spayed or neutered. Puppies must be spayed/neutered at the earliest age possible. No attack or fight trained dogs permitted.
 - Cats: Must be neutered or spayed and declawed or have a scratching post. Kittens must be spayed/neutered at the earliest age possible.
 - Birds: Canary, parakeet, finch and other species that are normally kept in cages. All birds must be in a cage when outside the resident's home. Birds of prey are not permitted.
 - Fish: In tanks or aquariums, not to exceed 20 gallons in capacity. Poisonous or dangerous fish are not permitted.
 - Rodents: Rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, gerbils, rats and mice permitted.
 - Reptiles: Lizards, Iguanas, Turtles, or Frogs only permitted. Tenant may have two of any one reptile.
 - Exotic pets, such as snakes, monkeys, game pets, etc. are not permitted.

2. Tenants will be assessed a \$150 pet fee for a dog or cat only. No pet fee will be assessed for other pets. The pet fee shall be paid in full prior to the pet's admission to the residence. The fee is to be paid at the offices of either Pine Ridge Apartments or Lake Superior Village.

3. A household may have one dog or one cat and/or some combination of the other pets as defined below. In addition to the one dog or cat, the family may have one other pet allowed by this policy. If the household does not own a dog or cat, the household is permitted two pets of other types allowed and identified in this policy. No household may have more than one rabbit, hamster, gerbil, ferret, mouse or rat. They may have one gerbil and one rabbit, or any combination thereof.

4. Every pet must be registered upon admission and annually during the tenant's annual recertification period. Registration requires the following:

Annually	Upon admission
➤ Proof of current license (dogs only)	➤ Proof of spaying/neutering
➤ Proof of inoculations	➤ Photograph of pet
➤ Certificate of good health from a vet	

5. Dogs and cats must be inoculated as required by veterinarians for the following:
 - Rabies every three years
 - Distemper annually

6. All families who have a pet must designate annually a person to serve as the pet's custodian when the head of household will be absent from the unit. If you are unable to designate a pet custodian you will not be permitted to have a pet.
7. All apartments must be kept free of pet odors and maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.
8. All fur-bearing pets must wear flea collars at all times or be on flea prevention medication.
9. All pets must be on a leash when not in the owner's home and on MHC property. Leash must be no longer than 4' and dogs must be appropriately and effectively restrained and under the control of a responsible individual at all times. At no time may the animal be tied where it can get into a neighbor's yard.
10. Cats and rabbits must be provided with a litter box and be litter box trained. Litter must be cleaned on a daily basis, disposing of waste in a plastic bag tied securely and placed in the trash.
11. Every dog and cat must wear a tag containing the owner's name, address and phone number (if applicable) and a valid rabies tag.
12. Residents will not be allowed to pet sit or to house a pet without fully complying with this policy including payment of the pet fee.
13. No dog houses will be permitted.
14. No pet shall be tied up or left unattended in the common areas or outside of the building(s) (such as the day care center or youth center) at any time on Housing Commission property.
15. At no time will pets be allowed in common areas except when leaving or entering resident's apartment.
16. A **\$25.00 per offense** clean up charge will be charged to the family for pet waste found in buildings or on Housing Commission property.
17. Any pet that causes any bodily injury to any resident, guest, visitor or MHC staff member shall be immediately and permanently removed from the premises without prior notification. The tenant will not be permitted to obtain another pet.
18. Pet owners are liable for any damages caused by their pet.
19. Residents who violate the Pet Policy as it relates to dogs and cats, will no longer be permitted to have a dog or cat unless they come into compliance with said policy within 7 days of notice by the MHC. Should tenant again violate the pet policy, they will no longer be permitted to have pets and could be subject to eviction.

20. If the pet poses a nuisance, such as but not limited to, excessive noise, barking, whining, digging or running loose, which is disruptive to others, owner will remove the pet from the premises within 14 days of a request to do so by the Marquette Housing Commission or face eviction.

21. Unregistered pets or pets not in compliance with this policy must be removed within seven (7) calendar days of notice by the MHC.

22. Residents must meet **all** obligations outlined in this Pet Policy prior to move-in or prior to obtaining the animal. Partial documentation or payment will not be accepted.

23. Violations of this Pet Policy shall be treated as a violation of the MHC Dwelling Lease Agreement.