

Pets Policy

1. Policy

Uniting Vic.Tas (Uniting) acknowledges the value of pets to renter’s health and well-being, and the responsibilities renters have to those pets and others in the community.

Uniting will manage renter’s applications to keep a pet at a Uniting residence in accordance with relevant legislation.

Depending on the jurisdiction, in this policy:

In this document		Victoria	Tasmania
Renter	shall mean	Renter	Tenant
Rental agreement	Shall mean	Rental agreement	Tenancy agreement

2. Scope

This information applies to all rental properties owned and managed by Uniting.

3. Procedure

Uniting representatives will:

- require renters to:
 - apply to Uniting to keep an animal in a property owned by Uniting on the [Pet request form](#)
 - apply for third party permission, for example when a property is in a head leased arrangement with Uniting and provide evidence of the outcome of the application on request.
 - only keep an animal as permitted in legislation, for example Local Laws requirements for registering and keeping pets
- when assessing applications to keep a pet, consider:
 - any rule, like strata rules, that control pet ownership
 - the type and number of animals. In most situations, Uniting will not permit more than two pets per household.
 - the suitability and welfare of the animal
 - if the animal is an assistance or service animal in terms of relevant legislation
 - the potential or history of the animal interfering with the reasonable peace, comfort, and privacy of neighbours
 - professional advice, as appropriate

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- manage complaints or damage caused by an animal in accordance with relevant policy and procedure.
- withdraw permission to keep an animal on the basis of following relevant policy and procedure.

4. Legislation/Regulations

National

Age Discrimination Act 2004 (Cth)
Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)
Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)
National Rental Affordability Scheme Act 2008 (Cth)
National Rental Affordability Scheme Regulations 2020 (Cth)

Tasmania

Community Housing Providers National Law (Tasmania) Act 2013 (Tas)
Family Violence Act 2004 (Tas)

Victoria

Housing Act 1983 (Vic)
Residential Tenancies Act 1997 (Vic)
Residential Tenancies Regulations 2021 (Vic)
Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic)
Public Health and Wellbeing (Prescribed Accommodation) Regulations 2020 (Vic)
Noise (Residential) Accommodation Services; Environment Protection (Residential Noise) Regulations 2018 (Vic)
Environment Protection Act 2017 (Vic); Environment Protection Regulations 2021 (Vic)
 Family Violence Multi-Agency Risk Assessment and Management Framework (MARAM)
 Charter of Human Rights

5. Related documents

Eligibility and Allocations Policy
 Breach of rental agreement Policy
[Pet request form](#)

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