

# Policy Document



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## Ainslie Village – Pets Policy

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### 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. This policy provides guidelines as to the keeping of pets at Ainslie Village. With a few exceptions, Argyle maintains a “no pets” rule at Ainslie Village.

### 2. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

- 2.1. Ainslie Village is a caring, non-violent and tolerant community that employs principles to maintain harmony among residents and with those who support them.
- 2.2. Argyle’s Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all persons with a disability and provides a service to tenants in line with the principles of the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Disability ACT, Disability Services Act 1991 (ACT), Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- 2.3. Argyle’s Ainslie Village program is compliant with the ACT Human Rights Act.
- 2.4. Argyle’s Ainslie Village program supports and encourages a person-centered and culturally sensitive approach to service delivery.
- 2.5. Argyle’s Ainslie Village program promotes and respects the rights and freedoms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### 3. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

- 3.1. Refer Argyle Policy: Policy Definitions.

### 4. POLICY DETAIL

- 4.1. Residents shall not keep any pets at Ainslie Village due to the nature of the accommodation provided to residents and the impact on the health and safety of other residents and the unsuitability of the environment to humanely care for animals.
- 4.2. Residents can apply to keep companion animals for medical reasons. However, this will be considered on a case by case basis and is subject to strict conditions for approval.
- 4.3. Residents who do not comply with these policies may be asked to remove their pet or seek more appropriate accommodation to maintain their pet.

- 4.4. Residents are responsible for the management of any animals bought on site by their visitors. This includes ensuring that they are kept on a lead at all times and are not bought inside the residences for the health and safety of all residents and visitors to Ainslie Village.
- 4.5. Any animals not authorized to be at Ainslie Village, or animals found to be neglected or treated inhumanely maybe removed from the village by animal welfare agencies.

## 5. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- 5.1. Delegation of Authority Schedule.
- 5.2. Property-specific Complaints Policies, Procedures and Tools.
- 5.3. National Community Housing Standards Reference - 1.2 Establishing and maintaining tenancies
- 5.4. Companion Animals Act 1998

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