



Retirement Community Pet Policy

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Policy

Snyder Village recognizes the positive impact pets can have on the well-being of our residents. Animals provide companionship, emotional support, and a sense of comfort that can greatly enhance quality of life. In order to balance the needs and comfort of all residents, as well as maintain a safe and healthy environment, residents must fully understand the privilege and responsibility of pet ownership and observe all guidelines outlined in the policy.

Policy Explanation and Compliance Guidelines

Eligibility/Pet Approval Process

- Cottage residents may own two small to medium-sized pets (dogs, cats, birds, fish).
- Apartment residents may own one cat, bird, and fish.
- Residents must apply for a pet permit prior to housing any pet on campus. Permits may be obtained in the Retirement Community Office, Monday-Friday, during regular business hours.
- Residents seeking the permit will be required to (1) complete the pet permit application (to include identification of pet's alternate caretaker), (2) provide proof of vaccinations, select pet health records, and licensing, (3) complete the Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement, and (4) provide proof of liability insurance coverage of at least \$100,000.
- Snyder Village reserves the right to approve or deny pet permits based on health, safety, and suitability considerations.

Responsibility of Pet Owners

- Residents must ensure pets are well-behaved, clean, and not disruptive to other residents.
- Pets are required to be kept on a leash or in a carrier when outside of their owner's unit. This includes all campus hallways, lobby/reception areas, community rooms, yards or any other common indoor/outdoor space.
- Pets will not be permitted in any dining room on campus or allowed at any Snyder Village function where food is being served.
- Pets may not be tied or staked outside. No fences, pens or other exterior structures may be constructed for the purpose of confining pets.

- Residents are responsible for cleaning up after their pet promptly to promote a clean, safe environment for all residents.
 - Dogs: Owners must promptly clean up after their dogs during walks and at home. Waste should be disposed of in appropriate containers, using biodegradable bags where possible.
 - Cats: Owners are responsible for regularly cleaning and maintaining litter boxes. Waste should be disposed of in sealed bags and placed in waste bins.
 - Birds: Owners must ensure bird cages are kept clean by regularly removing droppings and soiled bedding. Waste should be disposed of in a responsible manner.
- Pet owners must ensure their pets do not disturb the peaceful enjoyment of others with excessive noise (e.g., barking, meowing, chirping, howling, scratching).
- Residents are responsible for all damage in unit or common area on campus that was caused by their pets, including the cost of cleaning carpets and/or fumigation of cottage.
- Violations of any provision of this pet policy may result in a \$25.00 fine.

Health and Safety:

- All pets must be kept up to date on vaccinations, including rabies, and be free from parasites such as fleas or ticks. Proof of vaccination must be submitted each year to the Retirement Community Office.
- Pets that exhibit disruptive behaviors, create safety hazards, or whose owner has established a pattern of non-compliance with the pet policy may be removed from the community. Snyder Village staff members reserve the right to enter the dwelling unit, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper authorities, subject to the provisions of Illinois State Law and pertinent local ordinances. Snyder Village accepts no responsibility for any damage to the pet or property under such circumstances.

Emergency Situations:

- In the event of an emergency (natural disaster, medical emergency, unplanned absence), Snyder Village will contact the alternate caregiver identified in the pet permit application. At that time, the identified caregiver is responsible for the transportation and care of the resident's pet. Residents are responsible for their pets' safety plan.



Snyder Village Application for Pet Permit

Resident Name(s): _____

Unit: _____

Pet Information

Type of Animal: ☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Bird

Breed: _____ Weight (when fully grown): _____

Name of Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

I/We hereby make application to register to keep the following pet in unit and fully understand the privilege of owning a pet. We agree to the guidelines set forth in the Pet Policy.

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Resident Signature/Date

Resident Signature/Date (if applicable)

Alternate Caregiver Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I fully understand the guidelines set forth in the Retirement Community Pet Policy. I agree to keep the pet in an emergency, and I am available to remove the pet from the premises in the event of an emergency or if the owner is not able to care for the pet.

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Alternate Caregiver Phone/Date

For Office Use

☐ Vaccinations ☐ Woodford Co License ☐ Liability Insurance ☐ Agreement

RC Office Administrative Assistant: _____ RC Resident Service Director: _____



HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Snyder Village

And

Resident

For and in consideration of the privilege of maintaining a pet at Snyder Village and in consideration of mutual covenants, agreements and conditions otherwise, the lessee named above does hereby agree as follows:

That he or she does hereby agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless Snyder Village, its agents, staff members and affiliates from and against any and all claims of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of or in connection with the maintaining of a pet, including but not limited to liability, damages, cost, attorneys' fees, taxes, penalties, fines and the like, which may or could be alleged, assessed, or adjudged against Snyder Village or its affiliates for workmen's compensation injury or property damage claims, and any other claim arising out of or in connection with the maintaining of a pet by the undersigned.

This Hold Harmless Agreement and Indemnity Agreement shall remain in force and effect to cover all situations concerning a pet owned by the undersigned, and to be binding upon the undersigned, their heirs, successors, and assigns

I have read the foregoing Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement, and I understand its terms and conditions.

Signed: _____

(Lessee)

Address: _____

Date: _____