

# Responsible Dog Owners' Agreement

## Why have a 'Dog Agreement'?

We allow tenants to keep dogs in their flats or houses as long as they are well cared for, responsibly kept and do not cause a nuisance to other residents. We want to make sure dogs are looked after in the best possible way to benefit both dog owners and the wider community.

We know dog ownership can bring physical, social and emotional benefits to a household. We also appreciate that not everyone likes dogs, or wants to share communal space with them, and this means that we must strike a balance to allow all residents to enjoy their environment.

## What we are asking dog owners to do

We are asking all dog owners to sign this voluntary agreement. This will help the Council to manage dog ownership for the benefit of all residents and the environment.

## 'Assistance' Dogs

If you have an assistance dog you are not expected to sign this agreement, but you are welcome to provide details about your dog.





## Microchipping

The law says that you must have your dog micro-chipped. If your dog is not chipped you could be fined up to £500.






# Your agreement for responsible dog ownership





## Care of your dog

-  Your home must be suitable for the type of dog you want, considering the size of your home and the size of your dog.
-  Do not leave your dog on your balcony when you are not at home.
-  You must get your dog micro-chipped. Please enter the micro-chip number on the Dog Details form.
-  You must keep the micro-chip register up to date if you move or change your phone number.






## Clean up dog fouling

-  All dog fouling must be cleared up immediately and disposed of safely and hygienically.
-  Dog owners with private gardens must regularly clean their garden and keep it free of any dog fouling so that it does not cause a nuisance for neighbours.
-  Dog owners with a communal garden must not allow their dog to foul in any communal garden as it can cause a nuisance for neighbours and council workers and make an unhygienic area for children to play.

## Keep your dog under control



-  All dogs must be kept on a lead in all public places on our estates, including communal gardens, footpaths and car parks.
-  Dogs must always be under the control and supervision of a responsible person over the age of 16 years.
-  Dogs must not be allowed to damage any council property, including trees. You will be responsible for paying for any repairs.
-  All dogs must wear a collar and tag with the owner's name, address and postcode when in a public space. This includes Council land.

## Breach of tenancy and your dog




-  Dogs must not cause a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours or their pets. This includes excessive barking or other noise and damage to other people's property.
-  You must make sure that your garden is suitably fenced to prevent your dog going into your neighbours' gardens.
-  You may not run a dog-sitting or kennelling service at your home without our written permission.
-  You may not breed any dogs at your home without our written permission.
-  Your dog must not injure any person.



## What happens if I don't keep to this agreement?

-  We will ask you to improve how you care for your dog.
-  We will work with other agencies to resolve the problems you are allowing your dog to cause.

## Where there is no improvement or there are serious problems, we may

-  Withdraw our permission for you to keep a dog.
-  Ask you to re-home your dog.
-  Take legal action to enforce your tenancy conditions.

## Remember

If your dog injures a person or another dog, the law can require that your dog is put down.

Help and advice on dog care can be received from many sources, including Harrow Animal Services at [www.harrow.gov.uk/environment](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/environment), the Dogs' Trust at [www.dogstrust.org.uk](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk) or the RSPCA at [www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk)



## Dog's details & agreement

Please complete a separate sheet for each dog. This information will help us to provide support for dog owners where needed. We will also use it to take enforcement action if needed.

Dog's name	
Breed of dog	
Description of your dog	
Micro-chip number this can be obtained from your vet	
Do you have any other pets at the property?	
If yes, please give details of type of animal and how many for example: 1 cat and 1 rabbit	
Has the dog been neutered / spayed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If no, please explain how you will prevent breeding from occurring	
Vet's name	
Vet's address	

I agree to the terms of this agreement. I understand that if I breach this Agreement and/or my tenancy conditions, permission to keep a dog may be withdrawn in addition to any other enforcement action that Harrow Council may take.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Tenant) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_