

PET OWNERSHIP RULES FOR RESIDENTS OF GAYLORD TOWERS

- Common household pet means a domesticated cat, dog, bird, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, and fish in aquariums (10 gallons or less). Reptiles of any kind, with the exception of small turtles in a terrarium, as well as mice and rates, are prohibited. These definitions do not include any wild animal, bird or fish.
- Each household shall only have one pet (except fish or birds). The limit for birds is two (2). One (1) cat or one (1) small dog. Such limitations do not apply to a service animal used to assist a disabled resident.
- Pets must be registered with Gaylord Tower before they are brought onto the premise.
- Registration includes documentation signed by a licensed veterinarian or state/local authority that the pet has received all inoculations required by state or local law, and that the pet has no communicable disease(s) and is pest-free. This registration must be renewed annually and will be coordinated with the annual reexamination date.
- Pets will not be approved to reside in a unit until completion of the registration requirements.
- Dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered at the time of registration or, in the case of underage animals, within 30 days of the pet reaching 6 months of age. Exceptions may be made upon veterinary certification that subjecting this particular pet to the procedure would be temporarily or permanently medically unsafe or unnecessary.
- Pets must be licensed in accordance with state or local law. Residents must provide proof of licensing at the time of registration and annually, in conjunction with the resident's annual reexamination.
- Basic information about the pet (type, age, description, and name) will be required at Move-In and Annually.
- Proof that inoculations and license of the pet shall be verified at Move-In and Annually.
- A Pet deposit of \$300.00 is required at the time of registering a cat or dog. Gaylord Towers will permit the deposit to be paid in an initial installment of \$50.00 and subsequent installments of \$10.00 until paid in full. The Pet deposit is refundable within 30 days when the pet or family vacates the unit, less any amounts due to damage beyond normal wear and tear.
- Dog owners shall license their dog yearly with the Jefferson County Auditor. The pet owner must show proof of rabies and distemper booster inoculations and licensing annually.
- No pet owner shall keep a pet in violation of State or local health or humane laws or ordinances. Any failure of these pet ownership rules to contain other applicable State or local laws or ordinances does not relieve the pet owner of the responsibility for complying with such requirements.

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- The pet owner shall house the pet inside the pet owner's dwelling unit. The pet owner shall keep a cat or dog on a leash and shall control the animal when it is taken out of the dwelling unit for any purpose. The owner of a bird(s) shall confine them to a cage at all times. No pet owner shall allow his or her pet to be unleashed or loose outside the pet owner's dwelling unit.
- No resident shall keep, raise, train, breed or maintain any pet of any kind at any location, either inside or outside the dwelling unit, for any commercial purpose.
- No pet owner shall keep a vicious or intimidating pet on the premises (i.e. pit bulls or any other vicious or intimidating breeds). Any animal identified in Local or State law or ordinance as dangerous or vicious will be prohibited. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove such pet from the premises, Gaylord Towers shall do so, in order to safeguard the health and welfare of other residents.
- No pet owner shall permit his or her pet to disturb, interfere, or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of the pet owner's neighbors or other residents. The terms disturb, interfere or diminish shall include but are not limited to barking, howling, biting, scratching, chirping and other activities of a disturbing nature. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove the pet from the premises, Gaylord Towers shall do so.
- The owner of a cat shall feed the animal at least once per day, provide a litter box inside the dwelling unit, clean the litter box at least every two (2) days, and dispose of immediately. Animal shall be taken to veterinarian AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. The pet owner shall not permit refuse from the litter box to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a plastic sack in a designated trash container outside the building where the pet owner lives. Litter shall not be disposed of by being flushed through a toilet. The owner of a dog shall feed the animal at least once per day, take the animal for a walk at least once a day, take the precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within and around the dwelling unit, and shall maintain the dwelling unit in a sanitary condition at all times, as determined by Gaylord Towers.
- Each pet owner shall be responsible for clean up after their pet anywhere on Housing Authority property, including carrying a "pooper scooper" and/or disposable plastic bag anytime the pet is outside of the unit. Residents owning a cat shall maintain a waterproof litter box for cat waste. Litter boxes shall not be allowed to become unsightly or unsanitary. All pet waste, including litter shall be double bagged and disposed of in the outside garbage can or dumpster. No pet waste shall be put down a trash chute, or disposed of in the outside garbage can or dumpster. No pet waste shall be put down a trash chute, or disposed of in the toilet. Gaylord Towers Trash Collection Company disposes of our trash ad waste three (3) times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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- The pet owner shall keep the pet, dwelling unit, and surrounding areas free of fleas, ticks and/or other vermin.
- No pet owner shall alter the dwelling unit or the surrounding premises to create a space, hole, container or enclosure for any pet.
- Gaylord Towers staff shall enter a dwelling unit where a pet has been left unattended for twenty-four (24) hours, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper local authorities, subject to any provisions of State or Local law, ordinances in this regard. Gaylord Towers shall accept no responsibility for the pet under such circumstances.
- All residents are prohibited from feeding, housing, or caring for stray animals or birds. Such action shall constitute having a pet without permission of Gaylord Towers.
- Each pet owner shall identify an alternate custodian of his/her pet. If the pet owner is ill or absent from the dwelling unit and unable to care for the pet, the alternate custodian shall assume responsibility for the care and keeping of the pet, including, if necessary, the removal of the pet from Gaylord Towers. If the death or incapacity of the pet owner threatens the health or safety of the pet, or other factors occur that render the owner unable to care for the pet, the situation will be reported to the responsible party designated by the pet owner.
- If the responsible party is unwilling or unable to care for the pet, or if Gaylord Tower after reasonable effort cannot contact the responsible party, Gaylord Tower may contact the appropriate state or local agency and request removal of the pet.
- Should any pet housed at Gaylord Towers facilities give birth to a litter, the resident shall remove from the premises all of said pets except one as soon as the babies are able to survive on their own (a maximum of 6 weeks).
- Gaylord Towers will not be responsible for any pet which gets out of a unit when a maintenance employee enters for the purpose of making repairs. The family is responsible for removing the pet when maintenance is scheduled or assuring that a responsible family member is present to control the pet.
- If a resident, including a pet owner, breaches any of the rules set forth above, Gaylord Towers may revoke the pet permit and evict the resident or pet owner.

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Certificate of Acknowledgement

As a resident of Gaylord Towers, I acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the Pet Ownership Rules of Residents of Gaylord Towers.

I agree without reservation to follow and abide by the policies, procedures and rules set forth within the Pet Ownership Rules for Residents of Gaylord Towers.

Resident Printed Name

Date

Resident Signature

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