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If you would like more information about Housing New Zealand, please call our Housing Assistance Service anytime on call free **0800 801 601**, or visit our website www.hnzc.co.nz

Locations and contact details for all 43 Housing New Zealand neighbourhood units are listed in the Blue Pages of the telephone book.

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Housing New Zealand Corporation tenants can keep pets providing you have checked with us and we have given our approval.

We generally discourage people from having cats in high-rise apartment buildings, or large animals – including dogs – or large numbers of animals in any of our homes. If you wish to keep a cat or a dog, check with us first.

We may cancel an agreement to keep pets at any time if a pet is a persistent nuisance or hazard. In extreme circumstances, we can have pets removed from your property at your expense or we may seek to end your tenancy.

Keeping a dog

Apart from certified hearing or sight dogs, you need to apply in writing to keep a dog at your Housing New Zealand home. We consider each application on a case-by-case basis. We will need to know your name, your address, and the breed of dog.

If we approve your request, you will need to sign an agreement that:

- the dog is registered
- the dog is kept within the property
- you take responsibility for controlling the dog at all times and ensure it doesn't disturb neighbours
- you will comply with all the legal obligations of a dog owner
- you will make sure the dog is tied up when we or our contractors visit
- you will have the dog removed if it becomes a nuisance or is dangerous.

Does having a pet affect applications for housing?

No. But you may not be able to keep your pet with you or it may take longer to find you a home as having a pet will reduce the number of properties that are suitable for you.

Find out more

If you have any other questions talk with us. Call anytime on 0800 801 601 or visit your neighbourhood unit. You'll find our details in the Blue Pages of the telephone book or online at www.hnzc.co.nz If you have a hearing impairment, fax us on 0800 201 202.