

## **Pet Ownership**

Evergreen wishes to allow residents to have dogs, cats, fish and birds as pets in our independent living options. Evergreen reserved the right to ask a resident to remove a pet if it poses a risk to residents, staff or visitors.

## General Guidelines

- Pets may be allowed in the independent living areas at the discretion of Evergreen management staff. Animals are limited to cats, dogs, birds and fish.
- The Independent Housing Coordinator or designee will be the primary contact for independent residents inquiring about bringing a pet in or obtaining a new pet.
- Evergreen reserves the right to ask the resident to remove the pet if it poses a risk to the resident, other residents, staff, volunteers or visitors, or it is assessed that the resident can no longer care appropriately for the pet.
- Risk would include, but not limited to, damage to Evergreen property, deterioration of living conditions, odor, aggressive behaviors such as biting, clawing, jumping, and charging or the resident is unable to care appropriately for the pet.
- All cats and dogs must be licensed within the City of Oshkosh and owner must show proof of licensing.
- All cats and dogs must have appropriate and up to date vaccination records and have a listed area veterinarian.
- Yearly updated records will be requested.
- Cats must be litter trained.
- Dogs must be housebroken.
- Resident is responsible for all care of the pet and must arrange for a surrogate caregiver for the pet if unable to provide care for any length of time.
- Resident is responsible for any supplies for the pet.
- Cats and dogs must be leashed and in control at all times when outside the living accommodation.
- Resident may be asked to isolate the pet in a kennel or another room when staff enters the room to provide needed services such as nursing, housekeeping or maintenance.
- Pets are not allowed on any common area furniture.
- Pets are not allowed in any Evergreen areas where food is prepared or served.
- Pet deposit is required at time of admission or if a pet is newly acquired during a resident stay. Additional fees may be charged for needed carpet cleaning or building repairs.
- Residents are to walk their pets on sidewalks, roads and/or walking trails avoiding Evergreen planted gardens.
- Residents are expected to clean up waste from pets and dispose of appropriately.