

SUBJECT: PETS IN ACCOMMODATIONS OWNED OR PAID BY L-G HEALTH

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Purpose:

Since not all communities within our Region have guidelines and regulations in place for pet owners, Labrador-Grenfell Health has developed this policy to define the responsibilities of Pet Owners within accommodations owned/rented by L-G Health.

Policy/Standard:

Pets are not permitted in Community Clinics or Accommodations attached to the Clinics operated by Labrador-Grenfell Health.

Pets are not permitted in any shared and transient accommodations owned or paid for by L-G Health.

In private accommodations pets may be allowed if the accommodation is occupied by only one person or family. The approval of the pets must be obtained through the Regional Director of Community Clinics or the Regional Director of Child Youth & Family Services office.

If a pet is kept in a private accommodation, any damages caused by the pet will be paid for by the occupant.

The Regional director of Community Clinics or Child Youth & Family Services, depending on the circumstances has the right to reject a pet when deemed necessary.

Pet Owner responsibilities:

- Dogs and cats should not be permitted to be at large except in designated areas, to ensure the safety of the public, the animal itself, and other animals.
- Pet owners are required to clean up their pets feces from any public or private property.

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- Pet owners must prevent their pets from chasing, biting, harassing or attacking a person or other animals and from damaging public or private property.
- Pet must be spayed or neutered.
- When walking dogs they must be kept on a leash, for the safety of the public and the dog.
- Dogs must have rabies vaccine yearly.
- The owner of the dog is liable for any damages or injuries caused by that dog.
- An owner of a dog shall keep it safely tethered or penned up at all times.

Reference:

Newfoundland and Labrador Dog Act RSNL 1990 Chapter D - 26