

Birch Bay Village Retirement Community

PET POLICY

The management and staff of Birch Bay Village and the Mount Desert Management Company assume no responsibility for pets of Residents. Dogs and cats as outlined below are the only pets permitted. Other pets may be acceptable with permission from management.

1. Cottages-

Up to two (2) pets per unit in all cottages.

Independent Apartments

Up to two (2) pets per apartment, 1 cat, one (1) dog –less than 35 pounds or 2 cats.

Dogs may only be introduced, when residency is established and may not be replaced.

Pleasant Cove Apartments

One cat .

2. **Pet deposit:** \$500 per pet (non-refundable). Repairs for damages that exceed this amount shall be charged to the Resident, Representative, or their Estate.
3. Owners must be able to independently manage the care and maintenance of their pet(s).
4. Dogs and cats must have current immunization certificates upon admittance. Immunizations must be kept current and on file with the management.
5. Dogs and cats must be on a flea/parasite veterinarian approved product.
6. Residents with pets are required to have a pet care contingency plan on file with the management for emergency situations i.e., incapacitation of the owner). The resident is responsible to file with management any changes and updates to the contingency plan for pet care during emergency situations.
7. Pets must be on a leash at all times when not inside a Cottage or Apartment. Pets may not run loose anywhere on the property. Feces must be removed immediately and disposed of in an appropriate place, not on the grounds. Pets are not allowed in the dining areas of the Inn.
9. If a problem arises with a pet(s), E.G., excess noise, odor, confinement, residents' ability to care for pet, etc. the following procedures shall be implemented:
 - a. A facility representative shall discuss the problem with the Resident or family member, and a timeframe shall be determined and documented for rectifying the situation.
 - b. If the problem persists, the facility representative shall give a written warning to the Resident. Together they shall establish a plan of action and a target date for the resolution of the problem, to be signed by both parties and kept on file.
 - c. If the problem remains unsolved by the target date, the Resident shall be required to remove the pet(s) from the Birch Bay Village Retirement Community.

Note: This policy does not apply to Certified Guide Dogs, therapy or visiting pets.