

## **KEEPING A PET**

We recognise that pets can be important to tenants, and we support tenants wishing to have pets, where the property is suitable.

Please discuss any request for a pet with your Tenant Services Officer. The next step would be to complete a pet application.

Pets can disturb other tenants and cause property damage, so we maintain strict rules around pets in Bric properties.

Tenants with pets need to manage their pets behaviour. Pet approval may be withdrawn if your Tenancy Agreement or local government laws are breached. Any pet complaints will be investigated by Bric.

## Bric will take into account the following when considering a request to keep a pet:

- Is the property is suitable for having a pet?
- The pet should not interfere with the peace and comfort of neighbours
- You comply with local government laws and Bric common area rules
- You are meeting your obligations as a tenant.

Note that for some properties, Bric will not be able to make a decision, but will refer the application on. This is where:

- The property is privately owned the owner will need to agree to keeping a pet
- The property has a private body corporate different rules may apply

Depending on the type of pet you have, you may be required to organise fumigation of the property at the end of the tenancy.

## **Guide dogs and assistance animals**

Tenants and household members can keep a guide dog, a hearing dog or an assistance animal.

If you have an animal like this, talk to your Housing & Communities Officer about your needs. We may ask for evidence such as a letter from a medical practitioner, psychologist or support worker.