
Pet Policy

1. Commencement

The Pet Policy for Tarrangower Village 4 and 9 Chapel St South, Maldon was reviewed by the Committee of Management at the meeting of 11th May 2026.

This Policy clarifies previous and existing practices.

2. Relevant Legislative Commitments

Retirement Villages Act 1986.

Retirement Villages Amendment Act 2025

Retirement Villages (Records and Notices) Regulations 2025,

Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission,

Consumer Affairs Victoria

3. The Pet Policy availability.

This Policy is available in the Resident Handbook, the community room noticeboard, the Village's Policy and Procedure Manual and on the Tarrangower Village website.

4. Scope

This Pet Policy applies to all residents of Tarrangower Village, 4 and 9 Chapel St South Maldon

5. Statement of Intent

The Committee of Management recognises the importance of pets in people's lives, their health and wellbeing, and that a residential applicant may wish to bring their pet when considering living in the Tarrangower Village. The Committee also recognises the difficulty of managing pets in an unfenced environment.

In this policy a pet refers to a dog or a cat. The keeping of any other animal or pet will be entirely at the discretion of the Committee.

6. Policy

- a. A maximum of one pet per unit.
- b. Application to keep a pet will be considered on a needs basis. Application must be made on the Pet Application Form and submitted to the Committee for approval.
- c. The pet should be of a suitable temperament and behaviour for unit living, must be neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and registered with the Mt Alexander Shire Council¹.

¹ Mt Alexander Shire Council: Your responsibilities as a pet owner. <https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/My-Property/Pets-and-animals/Pets>

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- d. While in the Village, the pet must be always confined inside the unit or within a unit's existing fenced yard. When outside the unit, a cat must be confined in a cat enclosure. The design of the cat enclosure must be approved by the Committee and construction of the enclosure must be paid by the resident.
 - e. When outside the unit or the unit's yard, the pet must be on a leash and under appropriate control as per the Mt Alexander Shire Council Responsible Pet Ownership requirements.
 - f. The resident must clean up after their pet, including disposing of any pet droppings and maintaining the pet's yard or enclosure in a sanitary manner.
 - g. If the resident is to be away for more than one day, they must make appropriate arrangements for the welfare of their pet.
 - h. Any pet issues or complaints are to be directed to the Committee or a complaint may be made through the Mt Alexander Shire Domestic Animal Complaints process².
 - i. The Committee has the right to request removal of a pet if it is found to be dangerous, or disruptive to community life eg aggressive or barking dog, or the owner has failed to comply with their stated obligations.
 - j. If a pet dies, it may be replaced in accordance with this policy. Application must be made on the Pet Application Form and submitted to the Committee for approval.