

Animal Addendum

Date: _____
(when this Addendum is filled out)

Please note: We consider animals a serious responsibility and a risk to each resident in the dwelling. If you do not properly control and care for an animal, you'll be held liable if it causes any damage or disturbs other residents.

1. **DWELLING UNIT DESCRIPTION.** Unit No. _____, at _____
(street address)
in _____ (city),
Texas, _____ (zip code).

2. **LEASE CONTRACT DESCRIPTION.**
Lease Contract date: _____
Owner's name: _____
Residents (list all residents): _____

The Lease Contract is referred to in this Addendum as the "Lease Contract."

3. **CONDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR ANIMAL.**
You may keep the animal that is described below in the dwelling until the Lease Contract expires. But we may terminate this authorization sooner if your right of occupancy is lawfully terminated or if in our judgment you and your animal, your guests, or any occupant violate any of the rules in this Addendum.

4. **ANIMAL DEPOSIT.** An animal deposit of \$_____ will be charged. The deposit is due at the time you sign this Addendum. This animal deposit will increase the total security deposit under the Lease Contract. We will consider this additional security deposit a general security deposit for all purposes. Refund of the security deposit will be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Contract. The additional security deposit is not refundable before all residents surrender the premises, even if the animal has been removed.

5. **ADDITIONAL MONTHLY RENT.** Your total monthly rent (as stated in the Lease Contract) will be increased by \$_____.

6. **ADDITIONAL FEE.** You must also pay a one-time non-refundable fee of \$_____ for having the animal in the dwelling unit. The fee is due at the time you sign this Addendum.

7. **LIABILITY NOT LIMITED.** The additional monthly rent and additional security deposit under this Animal Addendum do not limit residents' liability for property damages, cleaning, deodorization, defleaing, replacements, or personal injuries.

8. **DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL.** You may keep only the animal described below. You may not substitute any other animal for this one. Neither you nor your guests or occupants may bring any other animal—mammal, reptile, bird, fish, rodent, or insect—into the dwelling or apartment community.
Animal's name: _____
Type: _____
Breed: _____
Color: _____
Weight: _____ Age: _____
City of license: _____
License no.: _____
Date of last rabies shot: _____
Housebroken? _____
Animal owner's name: _____

9. **SPECIAL PROVISIONS.** The following special provisions control over conflicting provisions of this printed form:

10. **EMERGENCY.** In an emergency involving an accident or injury to your animal, we have the right, but not a duty, to take the animal to the following veterinarian for treatment, at your expense.

Doctor: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: (_____) _____

11. **ANIMAL RULES.** You are responsible for the animal's actions at all times. You agree to abide by these rules:

- The animal at all times must have current rabies shots and licenses required by law. You must show us evidence of the above if requested.
- The animal must not disturb the neighbors or other residents, regardless of whether the animal is inside or outside the dwelling.
- Dogs, cats, and support animals must be housebroken. All other animals must be caged at all times. No animal offspring are allowed.
- Inside, the animal may urinate or defecate only in these designated areas: dogs: nowhere; cats: must have hooded litterbox to be kept only on tile or lenolium - not on carpet or hardwood
- Outside, the animal may urinate or defecate only in these designated areas: backyard, must be picked up weekly and urine spots diluted with water hose
- Animals may not be tied to any fixed object anywhere outside the dwelling units, except in fenced yards (if any) for your exclusive use.
- You must not let an animal other than support animals into swimming-pool areas, laundry rooms, offices, clubrooms, other recreational facilities, or other dwelling units.
- Your animal must be fed and watered inside the dwelling unit. Don't leave animal food or water outside the dwelling unit at any time, except in fenced yards (if any) for your exclusive use.
- You must keep the animal on a leash and under your supervision when outside the dwelling or any private fenced area. We or our representative may pick up unleashed animals and/or report them to the proper authorities. We'll impose reasonable charges for picking up and/or keeping unleashed animals.
- Unless we have designated a particular area in your dwelling unit or on the grounds for animal defecation and urination, you are prohibited from letting an animal defecate or urinate anywhere on our property. You must take the animal off our property for that purpose. If we allow animal defecation inside

the dwelling unit in this Addendum, you must ensure that it's done in a litter box with a kitty litter-type mix. If the animal defecates anywhere on our property (including in a fenced yard for your exclusive use), you'll be responsible for immediately removing the waste and repairing any damage. Despite anything this Addendum says, you must comply with all local ordinances regarding animal defecation.

- 12. ADDITIONAL RULES.** We have the right to make reasonable changes to the animal rules from time to time if we distribute a written copy of any changes to every resident who is allowed to have animals.
- 13. VIOLATION OF RULES.** If you, your guest, or any occupant violates any rule or provision of this Animal Addendum (based upon our judgment) and we give you written notice, you must remove the animal immediately and permanently from the premises. We also have all other rights and remedies set forth in paragraph 27 of the Lease Contract, including damages, eviction, and attorney's fees.
- 14. COMPLAINTS ABOUT ANIMAL.** You must immediately and permanently remove the animal from the premises if we receive a reasonable complaint from a neighbor or other resident or if we, in our sole discretion, determine that the animal has disturbed neighbors or other residents.
- 15. OUR REMOVAL OF ANIMAL.** In some circumstances, we may enter the dwelling unit and remove the animal with one day's notice left in a conspicuous place. We can do this if, in our sole judgment, you have:
- abandoned the animal;
 - left the animal in the dwelling unit for an extended period of time without food or water;
 - failed to care for a sick animal;
 - violated our animal rules; or
 - let the animal defecate or urinate where it's not supposed to.

In doing this, we must follow the procedures of paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Lease Contract, and we may turn the animal over to a humane society or local authority. We'll return the animal to you upon request if we haven't already turned it over to a humane society or local

authority. We don't have a lien on the animal for any purpose, but you must pay for reasonable care and kenneling charges for the animal. If you don't pick up the animal within 5 days after we remove it, it will be considered abandoned.

- 16. LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, INJURIES, CLEANING, ETC.** You and all co-residents will be jointly and severally liable for the entire amount of all damages caused by the animal, including all cleaning, defleaing, and deodorizing. This provision applies to all parts of the dwelling unit, including carpets, doors, walls, drapes, wallpaper, windows, screens, furniture, appliances, as well as landscaping and other outside improvements. If items cannot be satisfactorily cleaned or repaired, you must pay for us to replace them completely. Payment for damages, repairs, cleaning, replacements, etc. are due immediately upon demand.
- As owner of the animal, you're strictly liable for the entire amount of any injury that the animal causes to a person or anyone's property. You'll indemnify us for all costs of litigation and attorney's fees resulting from any such damage.
- 17. MOVE-OUT.** When you move out, you'll pay for defleaing, deodorizing, and shampooing to protect future residents from possible health hazards, regardless of how long the animal was there. We — not you — will arrange for these services.
- 18. MULTIPLE RESIDENTS.** Each resident who signed the Lease Contract must sign this Animal Addendum. You, your guests, and any occupants must follow all animal rules. Each resident is jointly and severally liable for damages and all other obligations set forth in this Animal Addendum, even if the resident does not own the animal.
- 19. GENERAL.** You acknowledge that no other oral or written agreement exists regarding animals. Except for special provisions noted in paragraph 9 above, our representative has no authority to modify this Animal Addendum or the animal rules except in writing, as described under paragraph 12. This Animal Addendum and the animal rules are considered part of the Lease Contract described above. It has been executed in multiple originals, one for you and one or more for us.

TAA Membership

We represent that we, the management company that represents us, or a locator service that procured you as a resident for us is, at the time of signing this Animal Addendum, a member in good standing of both the Texas Apartment Association and the affiliated local apartment association for the area where the dwelling unit is located. The TAA member must be either an owner/management company member or an associate member doing business as a locator service. If not, this Animal Addendum is voidable at your option and (except for property damages) unenforceable by us, including recovery of past or future rents and other charges, and we'll be in violation of the Texas Penal Code and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

You are legally bound by this document. Please read it carefully.

Resident or Residents
(All residents must sign)

Owner or Owner's Representative
(Signs below)

You are entitled to receive an original of this Animal Addendum after it is fully signed. Keep it in a safe place.

