



OWCH POLICY REGARDING ANIMALS IN NEW GROUND

EXCEPTIONS WILL ALWAYS BE MADE FOR ANY RESIDENT OR VISITOR WITH AN ASSISTANCE DOG

PETS

- 1** Residents will keep only common domestic pets, the number and type of which per household will be negotiated and agreed with the other residents.
- 2** Cats and dogs will be neutered, and maintained in a disease and flea free condition by regular and appropriate treatments.
- 3** No pets will be allowed in the communal rooms except by special agreement with the whole group. (N.B. There may be people with animal allergies or phobias amongst us.)
- 4** All dogs will be well trained and exercised and their owners are responsible for clearing up their pet's waste.
- 5** Owners will ensure that their pets do not cause a nuisance to other residents or their pets. "Nuisance" will be defined at the time by the CBM.
- 6** All residents will ensure that pets belonging to their visitors are controlled as above.
- 7** All residents agree that where they see cat or fox faeces they will clear up.

FEEDING WILDLIFE (Foxes, squirrels, pigeons and other garden birds etc)

Residents will not feed pigeons, squirrels or foxes. Pigeons are classed as vermin in London, squirrels are destructive to bulbs and buds in pots and garden beds, and we do not want to encourage foxes to wander into any open doors or windows.

There is a major problem onsite with pigeons, so we will not install bird feeders. Falling food and seed encourages pigeons, rats and mice.

CATS AND BIRDS

The official view of the RSPB regarding cats and curfews is:

"Keep your cat indoors at night when birds are most vulnerable: at least an hour before sunset until an hour after sunrise, especially during March-July and December-January, and after bad weather such as rain or a cold spell, to allow birds time to come out and feed."

Agreed by consensus August 2020