



What Dimensions does about pets



## Pet Policy



This policy is a set of rules to help you keep a pet safely.



All Dimensions staff have to follow these rules to make sure they can help you think about important issues when you want to keep an animal in your home.



Your staff will also check with their manager to make sure they are giving you the right advice.



Dimensions knows that keeping a pet can be great for your health and happiness.



Keeping a pet is a big responsibility so your support staff will help you decide whether having a pet will be a good idea.



## The problems of not following this policy



If you and staff do not follow the rules in this policy someone you live with or visitors to your home may get hurt or become ill.



You might not have enough money to feed your pet or take them to the vet.



You might lose your home if you get a pet but your landlord says this is not allowed.



Your pet may not be looked after properly which is not fair to your pet.



## How your support worker will help you decide if a pet is a good idea for you



You and your support worker will help you find out if you are allowed to keep a pet at your home.



You and your support worker will ask other people who live in the house if they would like a pet and how you will all look after it.



You and your support worker will talk about how much money you need to buy and care for your pet.



Your support worker will not be able to help you get a pet if your landlord or the people living in your house say no.



Your support worker will not be able to help you get a pet if it will not be looked after or if it will damage the house or hurt anyone.



## Keeping you and your pet safe



Your support worker and locality manager need to know that the pet can be kept safely and it will be well cared for.



They need to make sure that everyone in the house and visitors are safe.

For example a pet will not bite someone or cause an allergy.



Your food and dishes need to be kept away from pet food and bowls.



You need to be able to keep the house clean and kill any fleas or germs.



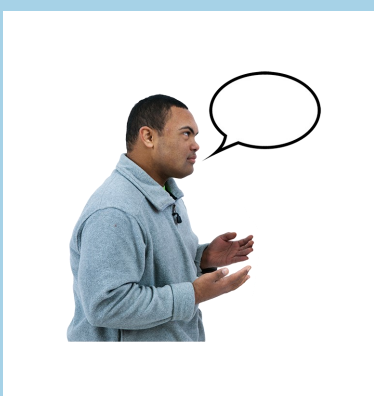
## Sharing a pet



If you all want to share a pet in your house your support worker will help you decide how you will all pay for food and vet care.

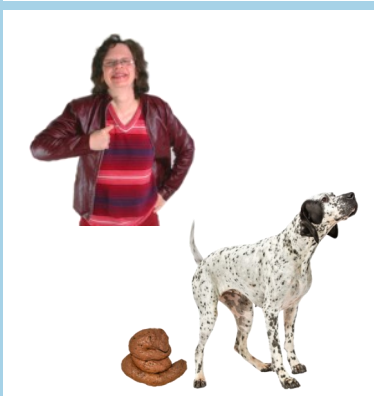


If someone moves to a new home you all need to decide who keeps the pet.



If you do not agree about these things you can ask

- Your family or advocate
- Your support staff
- Your landlord



Remember your support staff will help you make decisions but you must look after your pet not your support staff.





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