

35. PETS

- A. All pets on the premises must be registered with the Meridian Residential Association General Manager on the MRA Pet Registration form for fire safety reasons.
- B. Residents may keep no more than a total of two (2) domestic pets such as dogs, cats, and fish aquariums, in a single Living Unit or combined Living Unit. Exotic pets such as snakes, monkeys, parrots, and similar animals are not allowed in Meridian Living Units. Fish may be kept in not more than two (2) aquariums in a single or combined Living Unit with individual aquariums totaling not more than sixty (60) gallons. All aquarium installations must be inspected and approved by the General Manager or Building Engineer to ensure stability and to prevent spillage in the event of earthquakes.
- C. Residents are liable for any damage or injury to persons or property caused by their pet or a pet visiting Meridian under the sponsorship of an owner. Such owner shall indemnify the MRA, its Board, officers, employees and agents, against any and all such liability.
- D. Residents are responsible to ensure that pets do not disturb other residents including dog barking frequently, continually, or at unreasonable times. Any pet that creates a continuing disturbance or nuisance to residents or which demonstrates aggressive, uncontrolled, or dangerous behavior or threats to the health or safety of residents shall be removed from Meridian if directed by the Board of Directors.
- E. Pets permitted under paragraph B above may not be kept, bred or raised for commercial purposes.
- F. Small pets that can be carried in the arms of a resident or in a pet container must be held in a closely controlled manner in the passenger elevators. These pets may not be placed on the floors of elevators. Small pets must be carried across the main lobby to and from the porte cochere. Small pets are not permitted to be walked or placed on the furniture or floors of the main lobby, the elevator lobby, the mail room or the mail room pedestal table.
- G. Pets that are too large to carry are required to use the service elevator and porter station hallway to enter and exit the building. In situations where these pets are permitted to use passenger elevators because they are directed to do so by Meridian staff, they must use the porter station corridor to exit the building. The conditions specified in paragraph H must be followed.
- H. All pets and owners, including those with Reasonable Accommodations, must follow these guidelines if their pets are not being carried. This includes pets in carriers.
 - Handlers and pets must proceed directly to the building's exterior when exiting and directly to their unit upon returning. Stopping in the lobby, mailroom, and residential corridors is not permitted.
 - Pets must be closely controlled at all times. Pets must be leashed and held securely by the collar and always remain in bodily contact with their handler.

- Pets must not be allowed to approach other people or animals.
 - Handlers must observe proper elevator etiquette by requesting and receiving permission before entering an occupied passenger elevator.
- I. Pets are not permitted in Meridian grocery or luggage carts.
 - J. Pets that exhibit disruptive or aggressive behavior may be restricted from using the passenger elevators and main lobby and directed to use the service elevator and porter hallway at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
 - K. Pets are not permitted in any part of the 4th floor Common Area including Guest Suites, Meridian Room, Conference Room, Health Clubs, Indoor Plaza, or on any part of the Outdoor Plaza.
 - L. Pets are not to be left unattended on or in Exclusive Use Common Area balconies, terraces, courtyards, or patios. These areas are not to be used for feeding or watering pets or for pets to relieve themselves.
 - M. Pets must always be leashed and under close control while in residential corridors. They may not be left unattended or permitted to roam freely in these areas.
 - N. Residents with Assistance Animals or those requesting accommodations for a short- or long-term disability must submit a formal application and receive Board approval for such accommodations. Please refer to MRA's **Policy and Procedure for Reasonable Accommodation and Modification Requests**. Residents with approved accommodations for animals are required to comply with all provisions of this Section, unless specifically exempted in their approved Reasonable Accommodation request.
 - O. Any pet waste deposited by a pet in any Common Areas including the lobby, elevators, residential corridors and porter station hallways, as well as surrounding sidewalks, curbs, and streets, must be removed immediately by the owner.
 - P. Residents are responsible for ensuring their guests with pets and their dog handlers are aware of and follow Meridian's pet policies. Any violations of these rules by owner's guests or pet handlers will be the responsibility of the owner.