

PETS AND HOUSING PACKAGE

We firmly believe that pets are non-disposable family members, and that housing is a foundational building block in creating equity for pet ownership and keeping families together. All too often, an opportunity to be housed arises but is lost because of pet restrictions. People are forced to give up their beloved companion or decide to keep their pet and risk eviction. Our Pets and Housing Package aims to prevent further displacement of vulnerable families and keep pets and their people together because everyone deserves access to the well-documented benefits of the human-animal bond.



PET-INCLUSIVE HOUSING | SF 371/HF 831

Improve access to rental housing for low-income pet owners and help create more stable affordable housing communities by expanding pet-inclusive policies with reasonable conditions for housing acquired, constructed, or rehabilitated financed through the Housing Finance Agency.

- 1) Authorizes residents of housing developments financed by the Housing Finance Agency to keep one or more household pets within the resident's dwelling unit.
- 2) Defines "reasonable conditions" to include policies on behavior, leashing, insurance, limitations on the number of animals in a unit based on the unit's size, and prohibitions on potentially dangerous or vicious dogs.

EQUITY IN LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PET OWNERS | SF 762/HF 1532

Prohibits insurers from considering the breed of a family's dog for underwriting or determining risk or loss, or when gathering information about an insured.

- 1) Prohibits insurers from refusing to issue, cancel, nonrenewing or increasing a policyholder's premium rates based on the specific breed or mixture of breeds. Additionally prohibits insurers from asking or inquiring about the specific breed or mixture of breeds harbored on an applicable property.
- 2) Allows insurers to use sound underwriting and actuarial principles on the basis that a particular dog known to be on an applicable property is dangerous, according to Sec. 347.50 MN Statutes.



PROHIBITION OF LANDLORDS REQUIRING DECLAWING AND DEVOCALIZATION OF TENANT PETS | SF 556/HF 758

Prohibits landlords from discriminating against potential renters based on their decision to not declaw or devocalize their pet. It also prohibits landlords from requiring current renters to declaw or devocalize their pets once occupying a residence.

- 1) Prohibits landlords from advertising the availability of a property in a manner that discourages potential renters from applying if they haven't declawed or devocalized their pet.
- 2) Prohibits landlords from refusing to allow or negotiate occupancy of a property or deny or make unavailable a property to an applicant based on their refusal to declaw or devocalize their pet.
- 3) Prohibits landlords from requiring tenants of their property to declaw or devocalize their pet.



Find out more information please contact Zack Eichten at zeichten@humanesociety.org

