



Pets in Multifamily Buildings

What is your policy?

Property Managers are always looking for creative ways to attract tenants. Some properties are now offering pet amenities—think pet concierges, dog runs, pet wash rooms. Seriously, read about more, [10 Buildings with the Best Pet Amenities](#). With about 1.1 million pets in the city, or about 1 in every 3 households (NYCEDC), it may not be a bad idea to offer some of these services. But even if you aren't ready to have a doggy daycare, if you allow tenants to have pets you should have a policy to regulate them.

A good Pet Policy should address a number of items including:

- Registration for all pets (including a photo)
- A list of the types of pets that are allowed and the number of pets allowed per apartment. A weight limit for dogs may be necessary.
- A nuisance provision, to prevent animals from making continuous noise and disturbing other tenants.
- Guidelines on where pets can and can't be in common areas and leash requirements.

Additional information about what should be included in a residential building pet policy can be found at the [Humane Society](#). In order to satisfy both pet and non-pet tenants, building owners need to strike a balance between making our furry friends feel welcome yet regulating them so that they don't become a nuisance. Another challenge for building managers to help everybody, even the furry ones, get along.

DOB NOW:Build

Expansions for DOB Build have been underway and two new areas are now launching.

Boiler Equipment Filings - Effective September 3, 2019

All new boiler, fuel burner and fuel storage filings must be submitted in DOB NOW: Build under the new combined Boiler Equipment (BE) work type.

Limited Alteration Applications (LAA) - Effective September 16, 2019

Deadline for paper applications is September 15, 2019. Starting September 16, 2019, all LAA filings must be submitted in DOB NOW: Build.

Training sessions are available on multiple dates. [Click here](#) to register. Additional information and links to the online portal to register and submit can be [found here](#).



Deadlines for the Second Half

It is hard to believe, but the year is half over. Below are deadlines that many building owners and property managers will face over the next six months.

HPD Building Registration - September 1, 2019

LL 77 Cooling Tower Inspection - November 1, 2019

LL 87 Energy Audits - December 31, 2019



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