

## **Pet Policy for Halton Senior Cohousing**

**Adopted May 2022**

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

1 Residents will keep only common domestic pets, the number and type of which per household will be negotiated and agreed with other residents.

2 All pet owners must have an agreed and recorded legacy arrangement in place before taking up residence.

3 Cats and dogs will be expected to be neutered and maintained in a disease and flea free condition by regular and appropriate treatments.

4 No pets will be allowed in the Common House except by special agreement with all residents. (NB there may be people with animal allergies or phobias amongst us)

5 All dogs will be well trained and exercised and their owners responsible for cleaning up their pet's waste.

6 Owners will ensure that their pets do not cause a nuisance to other residents or their pets.

7 All residents will ensure that pets belonging to their visitors are controlled as above.

8 All residents agree that where they see cat or fox faeces, they will clear it up.

**WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT** Residents will be encouraged not to feed wildlife bearing in mind the detritus from bird feeders can encourage rats, foxes, pigeons, squirrels and other domestic undesirables. Current thinking on encouraging wildlife is on appropriate habitat ie wilderness garden areas, which is how we plan our tree boundary area with our CLT neighbours.

**CATS AND BIRDS** The official view of the RSPB is 'to keep your cat indoors at night when birds are most vulnerable; at least an hour before sunset and an hour after sunrise, especially during March to July and December to January, and after bad weather such as rain or a cold spell, to allow birds to come out to feed

