

The Q News

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Just the Facts

The Quintet By-Laws and Rules and Regulations state that owners may keep a maximum of two domestic dogs, cats or other household pets weighing less than 15 pounds in an individual unit. When outside their owner's units, the pets must be on a leash or carried. Owners are responsible for removing animal wastes and ensuring that their pets do not cause a disturbance.

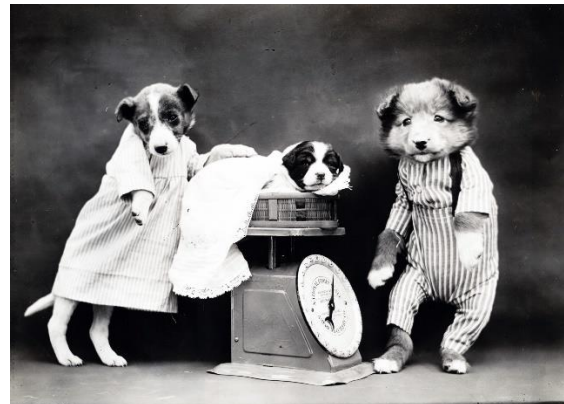
Quintet pets must be registered at the office, listing the pet's name, breed, color, and weight. Washington County also requires all residents to register their dogs.



A review of the Quintet records indicates that there are 32 dogs living at the Quintet in 27 units. Five units have 2 dogs, the other 22 have 1. Building 4 has the most dogs, Building 3 has the least.

How Much Does that Doggie Weigh?

After eavesdropping on conversations around the Quintet, one issue on folks' minds is the size of our dogs. As noted above, the Quintet has a 15 lb. weight limit. Only 9 of the 32 dogs' weights are listed in our files. Seven of these 9 meet the Quintet's weight limit. Missing weight information on the other 23 dogs may be an artful dodge on the part of their owners. A quick review of the breeds listed in our records suggests that a few dogs likely exceed the current weight limit by 10-20 lbs.



Three dogs are registered as emotional support dogs, two of the three list their dogs' weights over the Quintet's 15-pound weight limit and the third is missing weight information. Fair Housing Laws require the Quintet to accept these emotional support dogs on the property as long as prescribed by a licensed physician. The Quintet cannot require that these pets attend any training or be certified as an emotional support dog.

Past Efforts to Change the By-Laws

Three attempts have been made to change the Quintet By-Laws – in 2007, 2014, and 2017. Little information could be found about the first two attempts. The third failed - 100 owners (49.5%) were in favor of eliminating or increasing the weight limit and 69 (33.5%) were opposed to eliminating or increasing the weight limit. Three-fourths of the owners (155) have to agree to change the Quintet By-Laws.

A recent survey by a resident interested in changing the By-Laws reported that about half supported raising the limit to 35 lbs. and about a third opposed any change. This survey was completed by 112 of the 206 owners, over 40 short of the required 75% and not all in favor. These results suggest that changing the By-Laws will be a challenge.

Suggestions, comments, and ideas are welcome. Email us at Quintet.QNews@gmail.com