



## Renter and her Pekingese appreciate the pet-friendly policy of Great Northern Village Apartments

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Renter Nora Redway knows the names of all of the dogs and their owners in her apartment building. Redway has lived in Great Northern Village Apartments in North Olmsted since 2009 and considers it "a little community with friendly people." She sometimes walks a beagle when another tenant can't. Redway also takes her white Pekingese named Becky, who was adopted from the Animal Protective League, on "play dates" to see "her boyfriend," a papillon.

"The dogs run around while my friend and I have coffee," said Redway.

The tenant appreciates the pet-friendly policy of her apartment complex, as well as the "beautiful, wooded setting off of the main drag." It is "not one of those apartment buildings where all you see when you look out the window is the parking lot," said Redway, who likes to sew, especially dog coats, and make jewelry, paint, and go to flea markets.

Redway praised the complex's "well-kept" swimming pool and grounds. First-floor tenants in garden apartments often plant flowers and vegetables of their choice. Redway calls it "a beautiful flower display each summer because every one is different."

Great Northern Village also has a fitness center, extra storage, party room, and available garages.

But the maintenance staff gets Redway's biggest praise.

Once when the blinds in her apartment needed to be fixed, she didn't even get to the phone to report the

problem when property management called and asked if they could do the repair. Another time, the shelf in Redway's closet gave way under the weight of her 80 pairs of jeans. Instead of criticizing her or making her feel bad, Redman said that maintenance reinforced her shelf so it wouldn't happen again.

"I have lived in apartments all of my life, and nowhere has compared to the quality of this maintenance," said Redway, who worked for 23 years for Cuyahoga County Employment and Family Services before a severe fall on ice curtailed her career. Redway considers the amount of rent she pays to be "an exceptional value, especially because of the apartment's location."



Nora Redway and her Pekingese Becky.

Great Northern Village is close to shopping, restaurants and highways. The complex, a 2010 Northeast Ohio Apartment Association Key Award winning community, offers one bedroom/one bath units and two bedroom/one bath units. Furnished apartments are available as are senior programs.

"They have Christmas parties and summer parties here for us, but everyone just mainly likes to visit each other and sit outside enjoying each other's company," said Redway.

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