



### **Housing & Residence Life Staff Pet Policy (Resident Deans or Resident Heads)**

These guidelines serve as a reference point for responsible pet ownership in a residence hall environment. Residence Life staff who presently own, or are considering an acquisition of a pet, are expected to discuss the matter with the Senior Associate Director for Residence Life. A written request form must be submitted prior to approval. The Senior Associate Director or designee has final approval for both the acquisition of, and selection of a particular type of pet, as outlined in this policy. Pet ownership is decided upon on a case-by-case basis, all requests are subject to approval.

Please make sure you adhere to the following:

1. Registration of a pet shall be for one academic year only and must be renewed each year by September 1. Failure to register a pet will result in the revocation of permission and the removal of the pet within three (3) days will be required.

Please note, only pets who are well controlled and have an appropriate personality, energy level, and sociability will be registered. In general, wild animals, animals not typically kept as pets, and ones that are likely to be too big, too noisy, too fierce, too temperamental, or which are trained for protection will not be allowed. Pit Bulls, Staffordshire Terriers, Doberman Pinchers, Rottweilers, Chows, Presa Canarios, Akitas, Wolf Hybrids, and Huskies are specifically prohibited pets in University owned housing.

2. Notwithstanding other parts of this notice, the following conditions will also pertain:

a. Failure of the University to take action relative to any pet shall not invalidate its right to do so against that or any other pet.

b. Dogs may not be walked in courtyards, greenspaces and walkways of the residence halls. (Please curb your dog). Dog feces must be placed in a plastic bag tightly and securely tied and sealed. The plastic bag must be deposited in an appropriate building garbage receptacle.

c. Staff must use designated entrance/exit path as defined in each unique residence hall.

d. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier while in the Residence Halls and on a leash while outdoors on University property, adjoining sidewalks, and parkways.

e. Cat owners are required to maintain a sanitary container for cat litter, or a similar compound, within the apartment. Used cat litter must be placed in a plastic bag, tightly and securely tied and sealed. The plastic bag must be deposited in an appropriate building garbage receptacle.

f. A maximum of two pets will be allowed in any apartment and each pet may not exceed 50 pounds. If necessary, at the discretion of the Senior Associate Director for Residence Life, the number of pets in a given apartment may be further limited.



3. The Municipal Code of the City of Chicago requires that all cat and dog owners who are tenants of the City for more than fifteen (15) days comply with all annual pet licensing requirements, including the fact that all dogs must be vaccinated for rabies at six (6) months of age and every three years thereafter, or more frequently if deemed necessary by the veterinarian. It is required that all pet owners in University owned housing comply with this and any other state or local regulation regarding pets.

- a. All pets must be must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age. A copy of the vet report must be on file with Housing & Residence Life.

4. Standards of behavior by animal and pet owner:

The following guidelines serve as a reference point for responsible pet ownership in a residence hall environment, are subject to review, and change as deemed appropriate. Pets must not be involved in an incident where a person experiences either the threat of, or an actual injury, because of the animals' behavior. In the event that a pet causes harm, or threatens to cause harm to an individual, i.e.: physically threatening or harming an individual, the pet must be removed from campus immediately and permanently. There will be no written warning. Housing & Residence Life reserves the right to require the removal of a pet or obedience training at any time whether or not prior warnings have occurred.

All liability for the actions of the animal (bites, scratches, etc.) is the responsibility of the owner. Personal renters insurance including liability insurance is required to cover the cost of liability should the pet harm a person. Proof of Insurance must be on file with Housing & Residence Life.

- a. Pets that constitute a nuisance (odor, excessive noise, or other disturbance created by the pet) to residents or others in the residence halls, may be cause for cancellation of the Pet Policy Agreement and require the removal of the pet within seven (7) days. The Executive Director of Housing & Residence Life will make the decision, and the decision is final.
- b. Staff will take all reasonable precautions to protect the property of the University. Examples could include preventing animals being on University owned furniture, eliminating on carpeting and flooring, and/or training against claw related scratching. Staff will be responsible for all damage repair/replacement costs to the apartment space beyond those of normal wear and tear.
- c. Pets are not permitted in common space, or student living areas. Pet owners are responsible for keeping the pet contained when Staff enter the apartment for improvements or repairs.
- d. In an effort to maintain high standards surrounding our pest management program, flea infestation must be attended to promptly. Housing & Residence Life should be notified as soon as a flea infestation known. Pets that travel outside on a regular basis must be on a flea and tick preventative program (such as Frontline, Advantage, etc.).

5. Other rules, or changes made to this policy by the University, may become effective immediately.