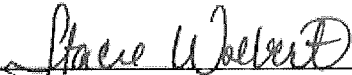



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Policy: PET FRIENDLY RESIDENCE HALLS

Policy No.: A080

Recommended for Approval by 
Dr. Stacie Wolbert, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs

Approved by  on 1/29/19
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INTENT:

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania is engaging in a program to allow resident students the privilege of having pets live with them in selected residence halls on campus. It is the intent of this Policy to clarify the limitations of this special arrangement and to assist the student and University in working together for the benefit of students without creating a situation of unprotected liability.

DEFINITIONS:

Pet – A dog or cat (under restrictions explained later in this policy) that is at least six (6) months old that has lived with the student or the student’s family for at least three (3) months prior to campus residency. This is to ensure proper acclimation. Pets acquired, either purchased, adopted, or as a stray, during the period of student enrollment must meet those same criteria. Other pets are rabbits, hamsters, chinchillas, gerbils, rats, or guinea pigs. Reptiles and fowl are not permitted. Other types of animals not listed may be approved on a case by case basis by the Office of Residence Life and Housing or their designee.

Student-Owner – The student that claims responsibility for the pet. The person that has completed and signed the Pet Friendly Housing – Housing Application/Agreement.

POLICY:

All Pets:

The student-owner must abide by all rules and restrictions relating to Pet Friendly Housing, including all of those listed in this Policy and the Pet Friendly Housing – Application/Agreement, as well as all city, state and federal laws.

The student-owner is financially responsible for the actions of their pet including, but not limited to: bodily injury, housing damages, and campus damages. All residents within this community will not hold Edinboro University liable for any personal or property damages as a result of the actions of any pet.

Student-owner must monitor pet's behavior and noise levels and prevent frequent howling, yelping, barking, or other disturbances to neighbors. The animal must be well behaved at all times, whether in your private quarters or on the campus grounds. It may not display vicious behavior, make excessive noise, pose a risk of health or safety, or be a nuisance to others. Student-owner must confine, restrain, or maintain control over the pet to prevent an attack or injury to any person, domesticated animal, or property. Student-owner must restrain pet in a pet carrier, cage, crate, or pen if access to the residence hall room is requested for maintenance.

The condition of the residence hall rooms will be assessed periodically, typically during winter break, spring break, and the end of the semester. If an inspection reveals pet damage or an unsanitary condition, the student-owner is financially responsible and will be charged for the full cost of cleaning, materials, repairs, and labor, and the student-owner may be removed from Pet Friendly Housing

Restrictions

Dogs:

- Dogs must be 40 pounds or less when fully grown.
- Restricted breeds include protective breeds such as: Pit Bull, Tosa Inus, German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Presa Canario, Fila Brasileiro, Argentine Dogo, Akita, Chow Chow, Shar Pei, Dalmatian, Doberman Pincher, Wolf, or a dog that is a mix of any of these breeds or one that displays aggression.
- Dogs must wear a valid dog license. Both dogs and cats must also wear a tag bearing the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- Dogs must be house broken.

Cats:

- Cats need to be indoor domestic pets.
- Bengal Cats are not permitted.
- We encourage cats to be either declawed or have protective nail caps. You will be responsible for any repairs/damages your pet causes.
- Cats must wear a valid rabies tag. Both dogs and cats must also wear a tag bearing the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- Cats must be trained to use a litter box.

PROCEDURES:

- Student-owner must complete a housing application in myHousing.
- Student-owner reviews Pet Friendly Housing Policy and completes the Application/Agreement for Pet Friendly Housing in myHousing and uploads required documents.
- Upon receipt of the application and all required documents, Residence Life and Housing will notify the applicant of approval or denial.

Policy issues or concerns that may arise will be addressed by University personnel. The University ultimately has the authority to terminate your pet contract.

RELATED POLICIES AND CODES:

A026 Campus Residency Requirements
A058 Housing and Food Service Agreement Release Request
C059 Use of Assistance Animals in On-Campus Housing

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