

Pet Friendly Housing – Housing Agreement

* Please note: Pet Friendly Housing is likely to be a desirable option for many students, therefore each floor will only allow for limited singles to allow for as many students as possible to enjoy pet friendly housing.

As a resident of Pet Friendly Housing, I agree to the following terms:

❖ **Removal of Pet:**

_____ I understand that while I am allowed to have a pet on the floor, it must first be cleared through the Assistant Director of Residence Life for Housing and Operations. I understand that if, at any time, my roommate or neighbors become bothered by my pet I may be asked to remove it from campus at the request of the Assistant Director. I will not take my pet to other areas of Draime Hall or other buildings on campus. I will keep my pet supervised at all times, especially in the lounge. I agree to provide all required veterinary records for my pet (rabies, distemper, feline leukemia, spayed/neutered, etc...) and understand that only animals that have been spayed/neutered (if this procedure is available for my animal) may be permitted to live in Pet Friendly Housing. A complete list of required records is listed in this agreement.

_____ I understand that a three-strike policy exists in Pet Friendly Housing, and I may receive a strike for any of the following reasons: not being with my pet while it is outside of my room, locking the animal out of the room, not reporting that an animal is sick or has fleas/parasites, not reporting the death of an animal, animal neglect, lack of cleanliness, not reporting animal aggression, or at the discretion of my RA or RD. I understand that if I reach three strikes, my animal will be removed from campus and I will be removed from pet friendly housing to live elsewhere on campus.

_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to report animal sickness, death, and aggression even if the animal is not my own. I understand that if my animal is sick, it can only remain in pet friendly housing for three days, and if it is not better by then it will be removed from campus. I also understand that documentation from a veterinarian is required when my animal is sick to prove it is being treated.

_____ I understand that having a pet on campus is a special privilege that may be revoked by the Assistant Director. I also understand that all decisions regarding the status of “at risk” animals are final and there is no appeals process for such judgments.

_____ All pets must be removed from campus at the end of the school year. Pet Friendly Housing will not be available during the summer months.

_____ I understand that at least 1 resident per room in Pet Friendly Housing must have a by the end of the 6th full week of classes or both residents may be removed from Pet Friendly Housing.

❖ **Pet Maintenance/Up Keep:**

_____ No live food of any kind will be permitted in Pet Friendly Housing (crickets, maggots, etc...).

_____ I understand that all pet-related materials and waste must be properly bagged and disposed of in the blue dumpster outside of the building. If any pet related materials are located in the floor/bathroom trash receptacles, community billing charges will be shared amongst the entire Pet Friendly Housing area.

_____ The college will not provide any materials/products to be used for animals in Pet Friendly Housing. Any student found using college materials/products will receive a strike.

_____ All pets must have a pet carrier or cage that can be used to transport the animal to and from the Pet Friendly housing location.

❖ **Quality of Life:**

_____ I understand that room checks will be conducted regularly and un-announced throughout the semester to ensure animals are being properly cared for and litter boxes are being emptied regularly.

_____ I understand that if I leave campus for an extended period of time (greater than 24 hours) I need to fill out a pet sitting agreement with my RA, RD or AD to ensure that my pet is cared for in my absence.

_____ Students must provide information on the application for a “Secondary Housing Location in case of emergency or abandonment.

❖ **Additional Guidelines for All Pet Owners:**

_____ I understand that the lounge is a common area that I need to respect. I will not be disruptive or break courtesy/quiet hours in the lounge, and will always pick up my pet’s toys from the lounge upon returning to my room.

_____ I understand that I am limited to one (1) total pet, no matter what animal I choose to bring

_____ I will ask other pet-owner’s permission before picking up their pet even if the animal is in a common area like the lounge. I will be cognizant of how I treat other’s animals and approach animals with caution. If I am attacked by an animal (even if there is no sever physical trauma) I will report it to the Resident Assistant, Residence Hall Director or Assistant Director.

_____ I understand that harboring animals that do not belong to me is not permitted and may result in disciplinary action. This includes allowing a friend or faculty member’s animal to live in my room. Any such requests must receive prior approval from the Assistant Director.

_____ I understand that under no circumstances are dogs, snakes, birds, or spiders allowed in Pet Friendly Housing, even for a brief visit. Absolutely no poisonous, venomous, or hallucinogenic animals are allowed in Pet Friendly Housing. I accept that harboring a dog, snake, bird, spider, poisonous animal or venomous animal will result in immediate removal from Pet Friendly Housing.

Additional Guidelines for Cat Owners:

As a cat owner in Pet Friendly Housing, I agree to the following rules and responsibilities regarding my pet:

1. I understand that I may only bring one cat to reside with me on the floor. I accept that harboring any additional animals will result in disciplinary action and I may be asked to send all of my pets home.
2. I understand that I must sift my litter box at least once daily. In addition, I agree to completely clean/change my litter box at least once every week.
3. I understand that I am responsible for cleaning/changing my own litter box regardless of which animal uses it. In addition, I understand that if my pet defecates in an improper place (any area outside of a litter box, such as carpet, bet, hallway, etc...), I agree to clean it up immediately and understand that I will be held responsible for any property damage that may have occurred due to my pet. This may include the cost of cleaning supplies to remove any lingering smells or stains. I also understand that all monetary issues regarding reimbursement for cleaning, will be brought upon by the Assistant Director.

Additional Guidelines for Amphibian/Reptile Owners:

As an amphibian or reptile owner in Pet Friendly Housing, I agree to the following rules and responsibilities regarding my pet:

1. Animals must be kept in a safe and secure tank, not to exceed 10 gallons in volume.
2. Animals must not exceed 8-10 inches in diameter or length.
3. No live food of any kind will be permitted in Pet Friendly Housing (crickets, maggots, etc...).
4. These animals are not allowed in the public areas of Pet Friendly Housing unless they are in a cage or tank.

Required Vaccines:

Cats:

- **Rabies** (depends on brand of vaccine – initial shot good for one year with boosters being good for 1-3 years depending on the brand).
- **Feline Leukemia** (yearly after initial series).
- **Distemper Series** (need 2 vaccinations as a kitten and then follow a set protocol for boosters as they get older. Initial series likely to be good for many years).
- **De-worm/Fecal Exam** (felines must be de-wormed or have documentation provided for their most recent fecal exam).
 * NOTE: Kittens must be at least 12 weeks of age in order to receive their initial Feline Leukemia shots. Therefore, kittens younger than 12 weeks old are not permitted to enter Pet Friendly Housing for any duration of time without permission from the Assistant Director.

Ferrets:

- **Rabies** (first vaccination good for one year and boosters typically good for 3 years, depending on the vaccine used).
- **Ferret/Canine Distemper Series** (need 3 vaccinations at a few months old and then yearly boosters).

Hamsters, Mice, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits:

- No approved vaccines available.

As a resident in Pet Friendly Housing I agree to the above terms, and understand that a violation of this agreement may result in my removal from Pet Friendly Housing.

Resident Name (print)	Resident Signature	Date
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Assistant Director (print)	Signature	Date
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