RESIDENCE LIFE PET POLICY

**PET POLICY**

The Department reserves the right to end the policy at any time without notice. The continuance of the policy will require pet owners to comply with the policies provided below and to control their pets in a mature manner. The Department also reserves the right to limit the total number of pets on campus or the number of pets in a specific housing area. The Pet Fee and Pet Deposit that is due upon Occupant’s entrance into the Premises is the same amount regardless of whether there are one or two pets.

SINGLE STUDENT HOUSING: The following facilities are included in this category for the purposes of this policy: Cutler Apartment Complex, Moore Hall, Bartlett Hall, Skarland Hall, Wickersham Hall, McIntosh Hall, Nerland Hall, Stevens Hall, Lathrop Hall, Garden Apartments and Harwood Hall). These policies apply to all units in these facilities.

Fish are the only type of pet permitted in single student housing. Aquariums may not exceed ten gallons. All residents of the unit must agree to the presence of an aquarium in the unit and all will be held financially responsible for damage and/or cleaning costs associated with aquarium use. If other (non-fish) pets are found in any single student residence facility the following actions will take place:

1. Animal(s) must be removed from the unit.
2. Residents of the unit are financially responsible for damage and/or cleaning costs associated with the pet(s); these costs are above and beyond initial room deposit or non-pet related damages.
3. Residents of the unit will be liable to judicial action and it may result in loss of campus housing privileges.

FAMILY AND FACULTY HOUSING: In addition to fish, residents of family, faculty, and staff housing may have: small caged animals (limit of two small caged animals per household); and dogs and cats; no other animal may be kept as a pet in campus housing. The following conditions apply:

REGISTRATION: All pets must be registered with the Department of Residence Life. Dogs and cats must wear an owner provided tag that identifies the animal, the owner and address; immunization tags must also be worn. In addition owners must:

- Pay a $300 non-refundable fee, per household to register dogs and/or cats on campus (small caged animals require a $100 refundable deposit; fish are exempt from this fee). This fee will cover the administrative costs of the pet program including staff time to conduct inspections, investigate complaints, verify health information, and implement the registration process.
- Pay a $1000 refundable dog and/or cat deposit, per household, in addition to existing residence life deposits (small caged animals pay a $100 refundable deposit, fish are exempt from this fee). This deposit will not be returned until an inspection of the apartment is completed. The return of deposit will occur only after an inspection that is conducted 3-5 days after the unit is vacated. Damages will be assessed and if applicable, additional charges applied to the account.
- Provide proof of a current rabies vaccination for their cat and/or dog.
- Provide proof that their cat and/or dog has been spayed or neutered.
- Submit to periodic short-notice inspections of their units to check for pet related damage.

FAILURE TO COMPLY: Owners who fail to register and/or pay the pet fee and deposit will have both added to their university account. In addition an immediate inspection will be conducted of the housing unit. Additional sanctions up to and including the possible loss of housing privileges, will be imposed.

LIMITATIONS BY FACILITY:
- Dogs are not permitted but cats are permitted in the following facilities: Stuart Hall, Walsh Hall.
- Hess Village units are limited to only one dog or one cat per unit.
- In all family/faculty facilities pets are limited to two pets total.

GENERAL POLICIES:
- No pet may exceed 50 pounds in weight.
- Dogs that bark or make any other noise and cannot be controlled will be removed from campus.
- Dog breeds noted for their aggressive behavior cannot be kept as pets without a waiver from the Director of Residence Life. These include Pit Bull, Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher and German Shepherd. Owners of these breeds must provide proof of obedience training and demonstrate the dog is not aggressive.
- Dogs cannot be left unattended in a housing unit for more than six consecutive hours.
- Pets must be on a leash when not in the home or vehicle; voice only control is unacceptable.
- No outdoor kenneling is permitted.
- Owners must pick-up and properly dispose of droppings left by their animals. If droppings are found, then the Department of Residence Life may have them cleaned-up and may bill dog owners in the area of the clean-up.
- People staying on campus in a guest status may not have a pet of any sort in campus housing.
- Pets that present a threat or nuisance will be removed from campus.

### General Information

**Cat**

- HARWOOD
- GARDEN
- STUART
- WALSH
- TANANA*
- CHANDALAR*
- HESS VILLAGE**
- CHATANIKI
- WICKERSHAM 103

**Dog**

- HARWOOD
- GARDEN
- STUART
- WALSH
- TANANA*
- CHANDALAR*
- HESS VILLAGE**
- CHATANIKI
- WICKERSHAM 103

**Small Caged Animal**

- HARWOOD
- GARDEN
- STUART
- WALSH
- TANANA*
- CHANDALAR*
- HESS VILLAGE**
- CHATANIKI
- WICKERSHAM 103

**Fish**

- HARWOOD
- GARDEN
- STUART
- WALSH
- TANANA*
- CHANDALAR*
- HESS VILLAGE**
- CHATANIKI
- WICKERSHAM 103

*Tanana, Chandalar, Stuart, Walsh and Copper are limited to two pets total

**Hess Village limited to 1 cat or 1 dog per unit
VACCINATION/LICENSESING
All Service and Assistive animals must be properly vaccinated. If required by the municipality, animals must be licensed. Appropriate dog tags must be present on a Service and/or Assistive dog at all times. The owner must submit proof of vaccination and license to the Department of Residence Life. The University reserves the right to request current records at any time during the animal’s residency.

RESTRICTIONS
The animal must be contained in the owner’s individual unit at all times, except when transported outside the unit via animal carrier, leash, or harness, as follows:

(a) Service animals are allowed in all buildings on campus in order to perform their work.

(b) Assistance animals are not allowed in campus buildings except for the owner’s private bedroom and, in the owner’s presence, in the common areas of an individual unit. (Example: If you live in Bartlett Hall the animal cannot be in the lobby area except when using space as a thoroughfare).

(c) The owner must keep the animal under restraint or on a leash at all times while it is outside of the owner’s individual unit.

(d) Animals may not be tethered to University buildings, structures, motor vehicles, trees, railings, light poles, benches, posts, or other structures.

(e) Animals may not be kept on permanent or semi-permanent “runs” outside of units. University staff will remove “Runs” or other installations.

CHANGES
A resident who no longer has a Service or Assistive animal living with them must notify Disability Support Services in writing when the animal is no longer needed. To replace an approved animal, the owner must submit current vaccination and license information to the Department of Residence Life and may be required to submit additional information to Disability Support Services.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
The owner is financially responsible for any damage to property or injury to individuals caused by the animal.

EXTENDED/OVERNIGHT ABSENCE
Owners are expected to be with their Service and/or Assistance animals regularly. Leaving a service or assistance animal in housing overnight, or for any extended periods of time, without the owner present, is not appropriate. When an owner is on vacation or will not be in their residence for more than 6 consecutive hours, they must find alternate accommodations for the animal. Owners may not leave their animals with another roommate or have the animal in another unit while the owner is away overnight. The animal should travel with the owner or boarded off campus when the owner is away.

ANIMAL CLEANLINESS & CARE
Owners are responsible for the cleanliness of their animals. This includes the personal hygiene of the animal (being bathed regularly) as well as the cleanliness of the housing facility, including the individual unit and the exterior walkways, lawn areas, etc. Please note that animal grooming is not allowed in residential facilities (bathing, clipping, etc.). Animal waste (indoor and outdoor) must be removed and properly disposed of immediately – failure to do so will result in cleaning charges or removal of the animal. An owner must arrange for an appropriate cleaning service if the owner is physically unable to remove and dispose of animal waste.

ROOMMATE PERMISSION
By signing this agreement, the resident acknowledges that the Department of Residence Life will contact roommates who will be placed within the same residential unit in order to obtain their approval to live with a service or assistance animal. Confidential information (such as the resident’s specific diagnosis, etc.) will not be shared. If a roommate does not agree to live with an animal, either the owner and animal or the roommate will be relocated to a different unit.
The Owner is responsible for assuring that the Approved Animal does not unduly interfere with the routine activities of the residence or cause difficulties for students who reside there in.

RESIDENT SIGNATURE
DATE

RESIDENCE LIFE PROFESSIONAL STAFF SIGNATURE
DATE

UNIVERSITY COMPLIANCE
The owner agrees to follow all other Residence Life and campus policies. Reasonable accommodation, which may constitute an exception to the pet policy, does not constitute an exception to any other policy.

ALASKA STATUTE CARE OF ANIMALS COMPLIANCE
It is expected that the owner will comply with statue 03.55.100 regarding the minimum care for animals:

(a) The minimum standards of care for animals include:

(1) Food and water sufficient to maintain each animal in good health;

(2) An environment compatible with protecting and maintaining the good health and safety of the animal; and

(3) Reasonable medical care at times and to the extent available and necessary to maintain the animal in good health.

(b) Any determination as to whether or not the standards of this chapter are met shall be based on the professional opinion of a veterinarian licensed under AS 08.98.

(c) The department may adopt regulations to implement this section.

INSPECTIONS
The Owner’s residence as well as the animal’s home will be inspected to ensure that resident and animal are in compliance and following the agreement. Inspections are not always pre-scheduled with the owner. Compliance with all inspections is expected.

(a) If the inspection results in the owner completing certain tasks (space is unclean, animals care is in question, etc… then the owner and RL staff will review expectations, determine actions required by owner and deadline for completion. A follow-up inspection will occur to ensure compliance.

(b) If the inspection results in fumigation due to fleas, ticks or other pests, the residence will be treated using approved fumigation methods by a university-approved pest control service. The owner will be billed for the expense of any pest treatment above and beyond standard pest management in the residence halls.

REMOVAL OF ANIMAL
The University may remove a service or companion animal when:

1) the animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others

2) when the owner does not comply with university and department policies

3) the animal or its presence creates an unmanageable disturbance or interference with the campus community

4) its presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program or activity. If this should occur, the owner is expected to fulfill his/her housing obligations for the remainder of the housing contract without the service or assistance animal.

SERVICE ANIMALS
May travel with their owner throughout University Housing. Assistive Animals must be contained within the privately assigned residential area (room, suite, apartment) at all times, except when transported outside the private residential area in an animal carrier or controlled by leash or harness.