ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

By my signature below, I verify that I have read and understand the Residence Life Pet Policy, and I agree to abide by the requirements applicable to pets in campus housing. I understand that if I fail to meet the requirements set forth in the policy, UAF has the right to remove the pet, and I will be nonetheless required to fulfill my housing, academic, and all other obligations for the remainder of the housing contract.

OWNER SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE __________

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE __________
GENERAL ELIGIBILITY
Employee, family and graduate housing
The following facilities are included in this category for the purposes of this policy: Chandalar, Chatanika, Harwood, Garden, Hess Village, Rainey Cabin, Stuart, Tanana, Walsh, and Wickersham Hall (room 103). These policies apply to all units in these facilities.

Residents of employee, family and graduate housing may have one small caged animal or one dog or one cat per household. Residents may also keep fish (aquariums may not exceed 10 gallons). No other animal may be kept as a pet in campus housing.

LIMITATIONS BY FACILITY
• Dogs are not permitted, but cats are permitted in the following facilities: Stuart Hall and Walsh Hall.
• Fish are the only type of pet permitted in Harwood Hall, Garden Apartments, and Wickersham Hall (room 103).

REGISTRATION AND INOCULATION
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 their phone number. Immunization tags must also be worn.

DEPOSITS, PROOFS AND INSPECTIONS
Owners must:
• Pay a $1,000 refundable dog or cat deposit, per household, in addition to existing residence life deposits. Small caged animals incur a $100 refundable deposit. Fish are exempt from this fee. The return of deposit will occur only after an inspection of the apartment is completed. This is conducted three to five days after the unit is vacated or after the animal is permanently removed from the unit. Damages will be assessed, and, if applicable, additional charges will be applied to the account.
• Provide proof of a current rabies vaccination for the cat or dog.
• Provide current photo of pet.
• Provide proof that the cat 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 pay the deposit will have the deposit 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.

GENERAL POLICIES
• Dogs that bark or make any other noise, or present a threat or nuisance and cannot be controlled, will be removed from campus.
• Dogs breeds noted for their aggressive behavior cannot be kept as pets without a waiver from the Associate Director of the Department 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 eight consecutive hours.
• 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. Voice-only control is unacceptable.
• No outdoor kenneling is permitted.
• Animals may not be tethered to university buildings, motor vehicles, trees, railings, light poles, benches, posts or other structures.
• Animals may not be kept on permanent or semipermanent runs outside of units. University staff will remove runs or other installations.
• Owners must pick up and properly dispose of waste left by their animals. If waste is found, the Department of Residence Life may clean the waste and bill pet owners in the area of the cleanup.
• People staying on campus in a guest status may not have a pet of any sort in campus housing.

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

EXTENDED OVERNIGHT ABSENCE
When an owner is on vacation or will not be in their residence for an extended period of time, they must find alternate accommodations for their pet. Owners may not leave their pet in another unit while the owner is away overnight. The animal should travel with the owner or be boarded off campus when the owner is away.

ANIMAL CLEANLINESS AND 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 and/or removal of the animal.

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 Alaska Statute 03.55.100 regarding the minimum care for animals.
POLICIES AND TERMINOLOGY

(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 prescheduled with the owner. Compliance with all inspections is expected.

(a) If the inspection results in the owner needing to complete certain tasks (space is unclean, animal care is in question, etc.) then the owner and Residence Life staff will review expectations, determine actions required by the owner and set a 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 university housing.

Failure to comply with residential policies and the Pet Policy may result in a fee assessment for damages or loss, conduct action, or additional action deemed necessary by the university. The Associate Director has the final authority to decide which pets are permitted to reside on campus. The Director of Residence Life will serve as an appellate officer for any appeal of a decision.

REMOVAL OF ANIMAL

University personnel may only ask animal handlers or owners to remove their animal from university premises or from the immediate area as follows:

- If the animal is not under the owner's direct control, or if the animal is disturbing or disrupting the normal administrative, academic or programmatic routine, then the handler or owner must first be given an opportunity to get the animal under control. If the disruption or disturbance continues, then the handler or owner may be asked to remove the animal; or

  - If the presence, behavior, or actions of the animal constitutes an immediate risk or danger to people or property, the owner can be asked to immediately remove the animal, and university police may be contacted.

  - If the animal is not housebroken (trained to urinate and defecate outside or in a designated area).

If an animal is removed from the premises for any reason, the owner is expected to fulfill the owner's housing obligations for the remainder of the housing contract.