

**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY PET POLICY
OFFICES OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AND FRATERNITY &
SORORITY AFFAIRS**

A maximum of one cat **or** one dog is permitted in a fraternity or sorority. The following guidelines and expectations must be adhered to:

Registration

The person wishing to have a cat or dog in the house must submit a request in writing to the Assistant Dean of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs prior to purchasing/obtaining the pet.

Upon approval from the Assistant Dean of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs and the Associate Dean of Students, the person must register their cat or dog with the Offices of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, Residential Services, and University Police through completion of this Pet Policy Agreement as well as the appropriate Registration Forms.

Requirements

Cats must be domesticated for indoor living. Proof of current rabies vaccination and appropriate license of cat must be provided at the time of registration before the cat moves into the house. Cats must wear identification tags with home address and vaccination information at all times.

Dogs must be housebroken and of a temperament suitable to college life. *Breed and size of dog must be discussed in length and approved by the Assistant Dean of Residence Life, Associate Dean of Students and Director/Associate Directors of Residential Services.* Proof of current rabies vaccination and appropriate license of dog must be provided at the time of registration before the dog moves into the Chapter House. Dogs must wear identification tags with home address and vaccination information at all times. Any litter waste on campus must be removed by the owner and disposed of in an appropriate campus dumpster.

Policies

The owner must take full responsibility to ensure that there is no persistent noise or disturbance created by the pet. Should anyone express complaints/concerns regarding the pet, the Assistant Dean of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs or the Assistant Director of Residential Services will address and discuss complaints/concerns with the owner and take necessary action (see closing paragraph below).

Students who own a cat or dog must ensure that their animal does not interfere with the normal activities of the house or cause difficulties for staff who work in the house, or other students who reside there. Sensitivity to students and others with allergies and to those who fear dogs, cats, or other animals is imperative.

A cat or dog must reside and be contained *within the house at all times*, except when transported to the outside of the building in a pet carrier or secured on a leash. When in the house common areas, the dog or cat must be accompanied by a member of the house.

If no one is in the common area of the house, the animal should be kept in the owners' bedroom.

The owner is financially responsible for the actions of their pet including, but not limited to: bodily injury, house damages, and campus property damages.

The house will be inspected for fleas and ticks at least once per semester. If fleas, ticks, etc. are detected upon inspection, the house will be treated using approved fumigation method by a university approved pest control service. The owner will be billed for the all pest treatment expenses.

If any violations of the above rules occur, the owner will receive a letter of warning from the Offices of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs and Residential Services. A second violation will result in the removal of the pet from the house. *If a cat or dog attacks, bites, or threatens anyone on University property, the animal is subject to immediate removal.

If a pet is removed from a house for any reason, the house will lose the privilege to have a pet for a minimum of four years.

Upon approval, the owner must sign this **Pet Policy Agreement** acknowledging an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations.

I, _____, understand that owning a pet is a privilege. I agree to abide by all guidelines, policies and regulations explained above regarding pet ownership. This agreement pertains to the duration of my employment as a Residence Life Coordinator living in a campus apartment at Lehigh University.

Owner Signature

Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs Signature

Office of Residential Services Signature

Date