

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

PET POLICY

I. Purpose:

This Pet Policy (the “Policy”) addresses the presence of pets on Springfield College (the “College”) property. It is intended to foster a campus environment that respects and protects the health, safety and well-being of all members of the College community and also to promote responsible and humane treatment of animals at the College.

II. Scope:

This Policy applies to all members of the College community, including employees, students and visitors, and to all property owned by, or under the control of, the College.

III. Defined Terms:

Pet. A “Pet” is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship. A Pet is not a “Service Animal” as such is defined and governed by the College’s Service Animal Policy.

IV. College Policy:

A. Inside Buildings

Pets are not allowed inside College buildings, except that College housing residents may keep fish in College housing in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Department of Housing & Residence Life.

B. Outside of Buildings

Pets are allowed outside of buildings subject to the following:

- Pets are not allowed on any College athletic field/court/playing surface and its immediate surroundings.
- Pets must be leashed (or confined to a carrier) and be accompanied at all times by its owner/handler.
- Pets may not be left unattended (e.g. tied to railings outside of buildings).

C. Responsibilities of all Pet Owners/Handlers

Pet owners/handlers are responsible for:

- Ensuring that the Pet is in compliance with all applicable state and local laws, such as licensure and immunizations/vaccinations;
- Cleaning up and properly disposing of waste left by the Pet; and
- Any damage or injury caused by the Pet.

D. Exceptions

Requests for exceptions to this Policy (e.g. use of a Pet with an indoor theater production) should be directed to the Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration who shall review such request in consultation with other divisional administrators potentially impacted by any exception.

E. Complaints/Violations

Complaints regarding this Policy should be directed to the College's Department of Public Safety. The College reserves the right to have a Pet removed from College property for violation of this Policy or for behavioral, safety or health reasons.

Approved by: President & President's Cabinet
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