



Official Pet Policy

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I. Purpose

This Pet Policy outlines the conditions and responsibilities under which residents may keep animals in university-operated housing. It is designed to protect the health, safety, and comfort of all residents while supporting the appropriate care and welfare of approved animals.

II. Permitted Animals

1. **Fish:**
Only fish are permitted in university residences without prior SHRL registration approval. Fish tanks must not exceed 10 gallons in capacity.
2. **Emotional Support and Service Animals:**
Residents seeking to bring an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) or a service animal must apply for accommodation through the Student Disability and Accessibility Center (SDAC) and SHRL before bringing the animal to campus. Approved owners assume full responsibility for the animal's care, upkeep, and any associated damage or cleaning fees.

III. Deposits and Damages

3. **Pet Deposit – East Campus:**
Residents in East Campus must pay a refundable pet deposit of \$250 before bringing an approved pet to campus. This deposit is not required for SDAC-approved animals. The deposit is refundable following a full inspection of the apartment at move-out and verification of its condition.
4. **Damage Responsibility:**
SHRL reserves the right to offset costs for pet-related damages from the pet deposit during the term of the housing license. If the pet deposit is depleted, the licensee must replenish it. If the licensee fails to comply with pet policy

terms, SHRL may issue written notice requiring resolution within three (3) days or removal of the pet. Permission to keep a pet may be revoked with three (3) days' notice. Removal of a pet does not entitle the licensee to early return of the security deposit.

IV. Unapproved Animals

5. Prohibited Animals:

Possession of unapproved animals is prohibited, including visiting animals, training animals, pet-sitting, or any other situation resulting in an unapproved animal in student housing. If an unapproved animal is found on campus, the SPCA and University Police Department (UPD) may be contacted for removal.

6. Conduct Actions for Unapproved Animals:

- **First Occurrence:** \$250 fine, written warning, and/or educational sanctions.
- **Second Occurrence:** \$250 fine plus housing probation.
- **Third Occurrence:** Housing license termination.

7. Roommate Responsibility:

Roommates who knowingly allow unapproved animals may be held accountable under this policy. Residents must communicate to ensure that only approved animals (or fish) are present.

V. Care and Welfare

8. Animal Welfare:

Pet owners must ensure that pets are healthy, well-nourished, safe, and able to express normal behaviors. SHRL may revoke permission if an animal's welfare is neglected.

9. Outdoor Presence:

Pets must be restrained by a leash when outside the unit and may not be tied, staked, or left unattended on balconies, porches, or patios. Residents should use caution when walking pets due to landscaping chemicals.

10. Pet Cleanliness:

Residents must promptly clean up pet droppings and maintain patios and backyards free of waste. Burying waste or disposing of it in undeveloped areas is prohibited. Pet food should not be left outdoors for extended periods. Residents must prevent pest infestations caused by their pet(s); treatment costs for infestations may be charged to the resident.

11. Disturbance:

Pets must not cause damage, discomfort, nuisance, or complaints. SHRL may require removal of any disruptive pet. Failure to comply may result in license

termination.

VI. Animal Health Requirements

12. **Vaccinations:**

Proof of vaccination must be provided to SHRL when registering pets.

13. **Identification:**

All pets should wear an identification tag with the owner's address and phone number. Dogs must have a current license and wear identification at all times.

14. **Spaying and Breeding:**

Residents with unspayed pets must supervise and confine females during estrus to prevent breeding. Offspring may not remain on the premises.

VII. Restrictions and Limitations

15. **Number of Pets – East Campus:**

A maximum of two (2) pets per apartment is allowed. Acceptable combinations include two small dogs, two cats, or one small dog and one cat. Dogs are permitted only in downstairs units; cats may reside in any unit. Dogs over 50 pounds are limited to one per unit. All pets must be approved and registered with SHRL.

16. **Restricted Animals:**

Amphibians, reptiles, exotic, dangerous, illegal, or poisonous animals are prohibited. No live food (e.g., rodents, crickets) for pets is permitted. Wildlife on the property, including feral cats, must not be harassed, fed, or taken.

17. **Campus Compliance:**

All residents must comply with applicable ordinances, laws, and the Cal State Monterey Bay Animals on Campus Policy.

VIII. Agreement

By residing in Student Housing and Residential Life facilities, all licensees agree to comply with this Pet Policy. Non-compliance may result in fines, removal of animals, and/or termination of the housing license.