



## **Housing and Residence Life Pet Policy**

### **Purpose**

The UNC Charlotte Housing and Residence Life (HRL) Pet Policy allows resident students the privilege of bringing their family pet (a cat, dog or fish) to live on campus while the student is enrolled in classes. It is the purpose of the UNC Charlotte Housing Pet Council to provide a safe environment for members of the UNC Charlotte Housing community, and to protect, maintain, and regulate the pet ownership privilege enjoyed by members of the HRL community. It is the responsibility of the pet owner to protect the rights of all students as well as the physical beauty of the campus. The HRL Pet Policy provides the guidelines by which this can be accomplished. By bringing a pet to campus, the student has indicated an understanding of the policy and has agreed to the conditions and penalties therein. Every pet owner is encouraged to consider carefully the advantages and disadvantages of the campus environment for his/her individual pet. Note: This policy does not cover Service Animals or Emotional Support Animals. Please see Policy 704 for guidance for these animals. Please remember, pets are a privilege and not a right.

### **HRL Pet Violations**

Pet violations will be heard by the Residence Education Coordinator of the building in which the pet resides. The Residence Education Coordinator will determine the appropriate penalty for the pet infraction. Appeals of these decisions will be made to an appeal board. The appeal board is a three member team composed of a Resident Advisors and a Residence Education Coordinators and an Assistant Director from Housing and Residence Life. The appeal board will not be made up of members from the building in which the pet resides.

Appeals to the board must occur within five business days of the original penalty being assigned. If the original penalty includes removal of the pet, then the pet must be removed until the appeal board hears the case and overturns the removal decision.

All fines for improper conduct of the pet or owner will be charged to the student account of the pet owner.

### **Permitted HRL Pets**

Cats, dogs and fish are the only pets allowed in approved campus housing. A fish aquarium should not exceed ten gallons, can be in any residential area, and does not require a pet deposit. A student can have no more than one aquarium.

Under this HRL Pet policy (cats and dogs) are permitted only in Greek Village and Martin Hall . Pets are not allowed free reign within these designated buildings. They are approved to be in the room/unit of the student approved to have the pet and the most direct path to the exterior of the building. Pets are not allowed in public lounges, kitchens, dining facilities, other campus buildings, or non-designated pet residence halls. All students are eligible to apply for a pet-approved housing assignment pending the availability of a pet approved space provided the animal meets the pet requirements.

Dogs may not exceed forty pounds in weight when fully grown. The following breeds or mix of breeds are not permitted in campus housing: Akita, American Pit Bull/Staffordshire Terrier, Alaskan Husky/Alaskan, Malamute, Bullmastiff, Chow, Doberman Pinscher, German Shepherd, Great Dane, Huskies (all breeds), Presa Canario (Canary Dog), Rottweiler, St. Bernard, Wolf Hybrid.



Wildlife Rehabilitation animals are not covered under this policy and are not permitted in the residence halls

Only one pet is permitted per student pet unit unless prior approval is given by the Housing and Residence Life Director of Facilities and Planning.

If owners are leaving campus during a break, they must take their pet home or make arrangements for the pet to stay off campus. Pets are not allowed to be left alone in a residence hall room/suite unattended during any break (excluding fish) or any period of time exceeding 12 hours.

Housing and Residence Life strongly encourages that all pets be crated when on campus.

## Registration and Inoculation

All dogs and cats residing on campus under this HRL Pet Policy must be registered with HRL. The pet registration and cleaning fee will be \$250 per year. The pet registration and cleaning fee and all supporting documentation must be processed prior to the approved pets arrival on campus. This pet registration and cleaning fee is charged for every approved pet and will be used to perform special post occupancy cleaning of the HRL unit following the owner and pet's departure. The pet registration and cleaning fee does not cover the repair of any damages to the HRL unit that might be caused by the pet. Any damages to the room will be charged separately to the pet owner on their student account at the end of their residency based on their room inspection. **Pet registration and cleaning fees must be paid in advance and are due by July 1 for Fall occupancy.**

All pets must be registered prior to residing on campus. All pet registrations are valid for one academic year (August to May). UNC Charlotte ID tags will be provided to the pet during the pet registration process, and it is expected that the pet will wear this ID tag at all times. Certification of all appropriate vaccinations, and a photograph of the pet must be submitted when registering the pet. We strongly encourage that you obtain personal liability insurance for your pet while residing on campus. The pet owner is liable for the pets behavior.

Dogs and cats are required to be treated for fleas and ticks prior to arriving on campus. If the owners HRL unit develops fleas or ticks during their residency, the owner is required to contact the Housing Facilities office for treatment. The use of any flea bombs/aerosols in the unit is **prohibited** due to the fire alarm and sprinkler systems. All pets must be spayed or neutered, and certification that this procedure has been performed must be provided with the registration documents. All pets must be in good health while residing on campus.



## Rules of Conduct

1. Regardless of the circumstances, the pet owner is ultimately responsible for the actions of the pet.
2. The HRL pet must be at least 1 year old prior to its arrival on campus. No puppies or kittens are allowed.
3. All residential dogs and cats must wear their UNC Charlotte Housing identification tag and a current rabies vaccination tag at all times.
4. All pets must live with their owners and reside in the owner's bedrooms.
5. All dogs and cats must be housebroken before arriving on campus.
6. Pets are not permitted inside academic, food service and administration buildings. Pets are only permitted in Martin Hall and Greek Village designated units.
7. All pets must be on a leash at all times and must be under vocal command. Under no circumstances are pets allowed to run around outside unsupervised. Pets are not permitted in residence hall public bathrooms or lounges.
8. Pets cannot be tied up, leashed to an object or building when outside or in a hallway/area while owner is not present.
9. Owners must clean up after their pets. Stations are located outside each building with bags and waste receptacles to properly dispose of a pet's waste.
10. Facilities staff may not enter a room to make repairs or spray for bugs if a pet is inside and loose. If the owner does not crate their animal, then they must be present for repairs. The owner must schedule a time for Housing to respond when they submit their work order request if they are not crating their animal.
11. Owner negligence or mistreatment of a pet will not be tolerated. The Residence Education Coordinator or appeal board may refer the case to Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution for disciplinary action. In addition to disciplinary action the privilege of having a pet will be revoked.
12. Pets attacking, biting or harming other animals or humans will not be tolerated. The Residence Education Coordinator may refer the case to Student Accountability and Conflict Resolution for disciplinary action and the pet must be removed immediately until the case is heard by the Pet Council.
13. Failure to remove a pet from campus when instructed may result in a \$500 fine and/or conduct action. If an instruction to remove an HRL pet is not complied with promptly, HRL officials may involve animal control for assistance with the pet's removal.
14. The following behaviors may result in the removal of a pet from campus pursuant to the HRL policy, as well as the loss of a student's right to have a pet on campus. Prohibited behaviors under this HRL policy include, but are not limited to: aggressive pet behavior, pets in non-authorized areas, excessive barking, damage to property, general disruption to the building community, not maintaining vaccinations, abuse and neglect of the pet, repeatedly not leashed in public areas, multiple policy violations and failing to reasonably comply with an HRL directive under this policy.

HRL reserves the right to edit, change and make immediate changes to this policy as needed.