

Pet Friendly Policy
Lake Superior State University
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University Housing at Lake Superior State University is dedicated to providing a living and learning environment in which all students feel a sense of belonging. Moreover, University Housing is intent on creating an environment in which members of the University community are well and safe. One way in which campus residents maintain wellness is through the presence of their personal pets.

Lake Superior State University is unique in granting residential students the privilege of having their pets live with them on-campus. With this privilege come responsibilities to the University community in addition to the Pets. Expectations of Pet owners are outlined in the policy below.

Each Pet owner is responsible to protect the rights of all students as well as the physical beauty of the campus. The Pet Friendly Policy provides guidelines by which this will 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. Each Pet owner should consider carefully the advantages and disadvantages of the campus environment for one's Pet.

Campus Life and Housing defines approved campus animals to include:

- Fish (permitted in all halls - no larger than 30-gallon size tank)
- Small caged animal (rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, chinchillas, guinea pigs, rats, mice, hedgehogs)
- Ferrets
- Cats
- Dogs (up to 60 lbs)

Brady Hall and Osborn Hall are not designated as Pet Friendly Housing and are limited to Emotional Support Animals. Limited exceptions can be made based on the needs of the student and the proposed animal. The community of Brady Hall and Osborn Hall takes priority.

The following animals will not be eligible for approval:

- Amphibians
- Reptiles
- Birds
- Dogs that do not meet weight and breed restrictions

Students wishing to bring fish to campus do not need to apply for Pet Friendly Housing. However, if we are closed for any length of time, please consider making arrangements for someone to feed you fish if you are not able to take care of them. Note that all fish must be contained within a tank up to 30 gallons.

A Pet up to 60 pounds (once it is full-grown) is permitted to reside in University housing and the Pet must be well behaved and house/litter trained. It is important that there be a relationship between the student and the Pet before arriving to campus so it is important to ensure that the Pet has lived with your family for at least three months prior to moving into University housing.

Owners are not permitted to breed any animal or Pet for food or other purposes.

All Pets must be registered and approved prior to residing on campus. Failure to register the Pet before bringing the Pet to campus will result in an immediate \$500 fine

The registration fee for any animal other than a fish is \$500 for the entire academic year. The registration fee will be charged to the student's account and is not refundable. Students are permitted to have their Pets with them on campus during the summer. The Summer registration fee is \$150.

Lake Superior State University ID tags will be provided to all Pets that must leave the residents assigned unit for regular care, it is required for the Pet to wear the ID tag at all times while on the campus of Lake Superior State University. Approved Pet indicators will also be placed on the door to the students assigned unit that will signify an approved Pet.

Certification of all appropriate vaccinations must be presented when registering. Dogs and cats are required to be spayed or neutered, and certification that this procedure has been performed must be provided when registering. Certification that the animal is pest/parasites and contagious disease free must be presented at time of registering. Animals with pest/parasites and/or contagious diseases will not be permitted in University housing to protect the safety of others. Owners also must present certification from their veterinarian that the dog or cat has been in the family for the appropriate amount of time, as defined in the Pet Friendly Policy.

All Pets must be in good health while residing on campus. Lake Superior State University may consult a veterinarian to make a recommendation regarding any Pet that is unfit to live on campus.

The animal must be well-behaved at all times. A disruptive animal - e.g., an animal that is noisy, behaves aggressively, frightens others, or in other ways calls attention to itself - will not be permitted in University housing. The animal must be well behaved and under the students control at all times, whether in your unit or when being transported to and from your room. The animal cannot pose a risk of health or safety to others or be a nuisance. Animals that are out of control, displaying vicious behavior towards people, creating excessive smell or noise may be asked to leave campus. A decision to remove a Pet will be reviewed on an individual basis through the student conduct process and alternative accommodations may be offered. You must store the Pets food in your Residence Hall unit, in an appropriately sealed container to avoid attracting insects or creating foul odor. Pet food may not be stored or heated in common kitchen areas and live feed is not permitted in University Housing.

The resident Pet owner is responsible for the cost of all damages caused by the Pet, including the cost to remove Pet odors. Inspections of rooms and the assessment of damages will occur twice a year by Campus Life and Facilities staff. Facilities staff reserve the right to move Pet supplies (e.g., scratching posts or cages) to complete necessary work.

Campus Life reserves the right to exclude any Pet from University housing in circumstances including, but not limited to aggressive behavior, disruption to the community, care or hygiene concerns, and/or threat to the health or safety of others. Please note that **University Housing does not place individuals based on one's want for a pet.**

Failure to comply with these guidelines, provide reasonable care for a Pet, or follow all local and state ordinances may result in disciplinary action, including termination of the resident Pet owner's housing contract. Chippewa County Animal Control will be contacted in the case of any neglected, abandoned, mistreated, or abused Pets.

Student Personal Property and Insurance Information

Lake Superior State University recommends that students with animals have insurance covering any damages, incidents, or accidents in which the animal may be involved. Though not required, insurance is strongly recommended. It is highly recommended that students insure their own personal property via their parent's homeowner's insurance or a renter's/tenant's insurance policy.

If you plan to insure under your parent's homeowner's policy, it is important to confirm with their homeowner's insurance carrier that student's property (including computers and other electronics) will be fully covered for loss while housed outside of the family dwelling, and inquire about the deductible and coverage limits.

As stated in the University Housing contract, the University assumes no legal obligation to pay for loss of, or damage, to items of student's personal property occurring on campus, in its buildings, or storage areas. Lake Superior State University has delivered the contracted premises in good condition. Residents accept them in such condition and agree to keep them in such condition during the term of this agreement at their expense and to return them to University in the same condition at the termination of the agreement, normal decay, wear, and tear excepted.

Pet Friendly Code of Conduct

1. Pet Owner assumes all responsibility for Pet actions regardless of circumstances.
2. Pets may not be left on-campus unattended over any breaks or extended periods of time when Owner may be away from campus.
3. Lake Superior State University ID Tags will be issued to all appropriate Pets and must be worn at all times, along with a Vet issued Rabies Tag (if applicable).
4. All Pets must reside with the person to whom they are registered.
5. All Pets must be house/litter trained. The use of training pads is not permitted in the residence halls.
6. Pets, depending on size and type, may be restricted to certain buildings and may change from year-to-year.
7. All animals leaving the unit, unless in a cage, must be on a leash at all times while outside while on the campus of Lake Superior State University. Under no circumstances are Pets allowed to run around outside unsupervised.
8. Under no circumstances are Pets allowed to be unsupervised while outside of the owner's residence room.
9. Pets are not allowed in residence hall bathrooms.
10. Pet Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their respective Pet.
11. All Pets must be crated, caged, stationed, or in terrarium/aquarium when left unattended in room.
12. No Pet may exhibit any aggressive behavior towards humans or other Pets. This is determined on a case-by-case basis by the Campus Life Office. Cases may be referred to Student Conduct for conduct action.
13. Facilities staff may enter a room to make repairs or spray for bugs if a Pet is inside. Staff is able to report concerns of pets, cleanliness, and the following of policy rules to Campus Life and Housing Staff.
14. Facilities staff may not enter a room to spray for bugs if a Pet is inside. Pet owners should work with Campus Life and Housing to make arrangements in this case.
15. Owner negligence or mistreatment of a Pet will not be tolerated.
16. Pets attacking other Pets or humans will not be tolerated.
17. Failure to remove a Pet from campus will result in a fine and/or conduct action.
18. Roommates/suitemates/housemates must all approve pets

Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals

Only animals classified as Service Animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as Amended, the Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, are allowed to live on-campus outside the guidelines established by the Pet Friendly Policy.

Emotional Support Animals (ESA) are approved through the Accessibility Services Office. Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals must adhere to all policies listed with the ESA Expectations Agreement. The registration fee will be waived for an approved Emotional Support Animal.

Students must receive approval for an Emotional Support Animal through Accessibility Services and Campus Life and Housing prior to bringing their ESA to campus. If a student is cited for a violation to the Pet Friendly Policy, they must remedy the violation before requesting ESA designation for their animal. Animals living on-campus in violation of the Pet policy may not remain on-campus pending review and determination of an ESA request.

During any campus break in which the Pet owner will be away from campus it is expected that the Pet owner will remove the Pet from campus. There will be no exception to this rule, and Pet owners found in non-compliance will be subject to fines and/or conduct action and may be placed on Pet Probation. Failure to comply with the Pet Friendly Policy and/or requests of the Campus Life Staff may result in fines, conduct action, and/or additional action deemed necessary by Lake Superior State University.