

CONVERSE COLLEGE PET POLICY FOR THIRD WILLIAMS

NUMBER OF PETS

In regards to residency in the third floor of Williams, students will be permitted to have fish in a 10 gallon size aquarium or smaller. In addition, there is a limit of one (1) dog per room.

Dogs

- Must be collared and on a leash outside room.
- Routine maintenance of the animal is expected and includes flea and tick prevention, de-worming, and annual examinations. The animal must be in good health, displaying no skin, eye, ear, or nose irritation, infection, or discharge, unless the animal has a release from a veterinarian showing the animal free of any health risk to the public. Residential Life has the right to request updated veterinary verification at any time during the animal's residency.
- Must be licensed and a copy of the license must be on file with the Director of Residential Life.
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age. A copy of the vet report must be on file with the Director of Residential Life.
- Must possess friendly and sociable characteristics.
- Must weigh 30 pounds or less.
- Aggressive breeds or animals that exhibit aggressive behavior are not allowed.
- A full picture of the dog from the front and side must be sent to the Director of Residential Life before an approval will be made.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR BY ANIMAL AND PET OWNER

Health, sanitary, safety, and disruptive standards must be maintained as follows:

- Pets must not be left unattended for inordinate amounts of time.
- Pets must not be taken into the residential hall common spaces, offices or student living areas. Pets are only permitted in the hallways if: a) they are being transported to the owner's apartment, b) they are being transported outside from the owner's apartment, and c) the shortest route from outside to the apartment is utilized.
- Pets must not be taken into any administrative, academic, or athletic facilities.
- Pets may be leashed outside an apartment only when the owner accompanying the pet.
- Pet feces must be disposed of properly. It is the owner's responsibility to shovel feces from college grounds, dispose of it in a plastic bag, and then place that bag in the garbage dumpsters outside. Clean up must occur IMMEDIATELY.
- Pet accidents within the apartment must be promptly cleaned up using appropriate cleaning products.
- Regular and routine cleaning of floors, kennels, and cages, and must occur. The strong odor of a pet emanating from the apartment is not acceptable.
- Pets must not be allowed to disrupt others (e.g. barking continuously, yowling, howling, etc.). Pets which constitute a nuisance to other residents, as determined by the Director of Residential Life, must be removed within seven (7) days of notification by the Director of Residential Life.
- Pets must not be involved in an incident where a person experiences either the threat of or an actual injury as a result of the animal's behavior.
- All liability for the actions of the animal (bites, scratches, etc.) is the responsibility of the owner. Personal renter's insurance of the owner may be necessary.
- The owner will take all reasonable precautions to protect the property of the college and the residents.
- The owner will notify the Director of Residential Life if the pet has escaped its confines and is unable to be located within five (5) hours.
- The owner will provide \$300 non-refundable pet deposit payable to Converse College. The deposit will be submitted with the completed pet agreement.

Violations concerning any of the aforementioned may result in the student having to find alternative housing off-campus for the pet. The Director of Residential Life also reserves the right to contact the emergency contact listed in this agreement and give the animal in question to that contact in emergency situations.

VACATING THE APARTMENT

At the time the staff member moves out of his/her apartment, or no longer owns the pet(s), the Director of

Modified from Colorado State University's Pet Policy: http://www.reslife.net/assets/pdf/CSU_pet_policy.pdf

Residential Life and Director of Facilities will again assess the apartment and determine if damage to Converse College's property can be attributed to the pet(s). The Director of Residential Life maintains the right to conduct apartment inspections annually to assess for pet damage and make decisions regarding pet ownership. Vacate dates may be influenced by repair/replacement schedule as necessary based on any damages caused by the pet. Discussions need to occur when the student gives notice to the Director of Residential Life.

CLEANING AND DAMAGES

Apartment cleanliness both during occupancy and post occupancy may be a concern for custodial staff members. It is expected that college apartments and college owned contents will be kept clean and maintained by the student in residence.

The student is financially responsible for the actions of the animal including bodily injury, property damage, replacement of furniture, carpet, blinds, etc. The staff member is expected to cover all costs of returning the unit to the same condition of move-in. This may include cleaning all carpets and furniture to remove pet odors, dander, hair, etc.

Residential Life will inspect the residential unit on a regular basis. If fleas, ticks, or other pests are detected through inspection, the unit will be treated using fumigation methods by the college-approved pest control services. The student will be responsible for treatments beyond routine maintenance.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

If there are any damages, cleaning fees, or replacements of college owned items due to the actions of the animal or failure to take care of the animal, either during the time that the animal is in residence or after the removal of the animal, the student will be asked to write a check to the College for the total cost or the cost will be taken from the last paycheck due to the Resident Director/Assistant Director.

The college reserves the right have a pet removed from college property that is in violation of college policy or creates a disruption to the campus community or residence hall environment.

CONVERSE COLLEGE PET AGREEMENT/ REGISTRATION FORM

Having read the aforementioned guidelines, I acknowledge that I understand them, accept them, and agree to abide by them.

Student

Date

Director of Residential Life

Date

Dean of Community Life

Date

Emergency Contact Information

(To be used in case of the inability of the student to care for the animal)

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Secondary Phone: _____