

Pet Agreement for Live-In Professional/Graduate Staff Members

This agreement is a binding agreement, made and entered into by the Minnesota State University, Mankato Department of Residential Life and the undersigned live-in graduate staff member.

1. A pet, for the purpose of this agreement, is defined as one caged bird, one cat or many fish.
2. In the interest of ensuring that the primary goal of a residence hall is to provide an environment conducive to academic success, a pet cannot make excessive noise or noise that can be heard outside of a closed room.
3. A pet that constitutes a nuisance to other residents, as determined by the Associate Director of Residential Life, or his designee, must be removed within seven (7) days of notification. The Associate Director's, or designee's, decision is final.
4. A pet must be well provided for and taken care of by the owner.
5. A cat or bird must be maintained under a standard measurement of restraint (i.e., leash or carrier) when outside of an apartment. No cat or bird is to roam free in areas surrounding the residence halls or in public areas within the residence halls.
6. A cat or bird must be vaccinated and registered in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota and Blue Earth County. Verification from a veterinarian and/or civil authorities must be on file with the Associate Director of Residential Life.
7. A pet's feces must be disposed of properly and in a timely manner. Proper disposal is defined as in a sealed container and placed directly in a waste receptacle. Neither litter nor feces are to be flushed. Feces on University grounds are to be cleaned up and disposed of immediately.
8. A cat must be neutered or spayed and have its front paws de-clawed. Verification from a veterinarian must be on file with the Associate Director of Residential Life.
9. Any liability for the actions of a pet will be the responsibility of the owner.
10. Reasonable precautions to protect the property of the University will be taken by the owner. If the pet damages the property of the University, then the owner will be financially responsible for said damages.
11. A nonrefundable one-time fee of \$300.00 for a cat or a bird must be paid to the Department of Residential Life prior to the arrival of a pet. The fee will be used to cover cleaning costs and minor damages. Excessive damages, over \$300, will be charged to the owner and payable within 30 days.
12. The Department of Residential Life reserves the right to remove any pet that does not meet any of the aforementioned terms.
13. In the event the department's pet policy is revised, the owner may file a request with the Associate Director of Residential Life to have his or her pet "grandfathered" under the revised policy. The Associate Director's, or his designee's, decision regarding such a request is final.

My signature acknowledges my responsibility to abide by all the terms of this agreement.

Residential Life Staff Member

Date

Associate Director

Date