Pet and Service Animal Policies

- The only pets permitted in apartments designated as pet friendly are:
  - Fish in an aquarium, not to exceed 50 gallons in size.
  - A maximum of two domesticated pet birds.
  - One cat or one dog, not to exceed 40 pounds when full grown (breed restrictions apply). Additional dogs or cats are not permitted. In cases of service animals, reasonable modifications to this rule will be explored.

- The following breeds of dog are not permitted: Pit Bull, Tosa Inus, German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Presa Canario, Fila Brasileiro, Argentine Dogo, Akita, Chow Chow, Shar Pei, Dalmatian, and Doberman Pinscher. Additionally, mixed breeds of these types of dogs (i.e., a Pit Bull cross) are not permitted. In cases of service animals, reasonable modifications to this rule will be explored.

- Reptiles, rodents, and all other types of pets are not permitted.

- Overnight pet “guests” and pet-sitting are not permitted.

- A cat or dog that is permitted by Harvard University Housing (Landlord) must be registered annually with the HUH Leasing Office, and the following documents must be included with your Pet Registration Form:
  - Veterinary records including proof of required vaccinations (dogs and cats must be vaccinated for rabies) and verification of pet’s weight.
  - A photograph of your pet.

- The keeping of an unregistered pet in the Premises shall be considered a violation of the lease and is grounds for lease termination.

- Landlord requires full compliance with any and all laws and municipal regulations regarding pet ownership. If pet is a dog, resident is responsible for maintaining up-to-date licensing of the dog with the city in which his/her Harvard University Housing (the Premises) is located. Contact the appropriate office: The City of Cambridge at http://www.cambridgema.gov/animal/contactus.aspx; the City of Somerville at http://www.somervillema.gov/FormsLibrary.cfm; or the City of Boston at http://www.cityofboston.gov/Images_Documents/doglicense_tcm3-3380.pdf.

- Dogs must wear a valid dog license. Cats must wear a valid rabies tag. Both dogs and cats must also wear a tag bearing the owner’s name, address, and telephone number.

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• Tenant must monitor pet’s behavior and noise levels and prevent frequent howling, yelping, barking, or other disturbances to neighbors.

• Tenant must confine, restrain, or maintain control over the pet to prevent an attack or injury to any person, domesticated animal, or property.

• Tenant must restrain pet in a pet carrier, cage, crate, or pen during apartment inspections and maintenance visits.

• When outside of the Premises, Tenant must restrain the dog or cat on a leash. Tenant must not leave pets unattended outdoors or in common areas.

• Tenant must take adequate precautions to eliminate any pet odors within or around the Premises and to maintain the Premises in a sanitary condition at all times. Tenant is responsible for prompt clean-up of all pet waste, if any, inside the Premises and outside on the property, and for proper disposal of waste directly in an outside dumpster.

• The condition of the Premises will be assessed periodically throughout the year and during annual inspections. If an inspection reveals pet damage, Tenant is financially responsible and will be charged for the full cost of materials, repairs, and labor.

• Landlord is not responsible for any pet on the property, including any injury that may occur to or be caused by the pet.

• If Landlord, in its sole discretion, determines that the pet is causing damage or is a nuisance or is a threat to the safety or security of any person or property, or is otherwise in violation of these Policies, Landlord may require the Tenant to remove the pet from the Premises. Failure to remove the pet after Landlord’s request for removal shall be considered a violation of the lease and is grounds for lease termination. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit Landlord to the foregoing remedy if the pet is in violation of these Policies.

*Exceptions to these housing policies are granted only on the basis of approved requests for disability-related accommodations. Such requests should be directed your School’s Local Disability Coordinator (if you are a student) or University Disability Services (if you are a faculty or staff member). Please contact the HUH Disability Housing Coordinator, Cori Boudreau, at cori_boudreau@harvard.edu for preliminary information.*