

Lassie Won't Go Home

Introducing pets into your campus community.

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Regulations Guiding Animals on Campus



- Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) as amended by the Amendments Act of 2008
 - All campus buildings
 - Service animals
 - Initially allowed trained dogs and miniature horses
 - Definition updated in 2010 to only include trained dogs
- Fair Housing Act
 - Housing only
 - Emotional support animals
 - Allows untrained dogs and all other comfort/support animals
- University Animal Control policy

Adopting a Pet-Friendly Hall

- Research other institution's policies
 - Lyon College
 - Lees-McRae College
 - Eckerd College
 - https://www.instagram.com/p/BC5ssQFliPi/?utm_source=ig_embed&utm_campaign=embed_video_watch_again
 - Washington-Jefferson College
 - University of Northern Colorado
 - University of Illinois
 - Lock Haven University

Identifying the Hall

- Myers Hall (constructed 1948)
 - Remodeled in 1989 and 2001
 - Co-ed, suite-style hall with 202 beds
 - 4-person suites (2 bedrooms connected by a bathroom)
 - Wings are separated
 - Access to outside grass areas



Myers Hall

- All student rooms have tile floor
 - <https://semo.edu/residencelife/halls/myers-360.html>
- Hallway flooring upgrade was planned for Summer 2018
 - Elevation Flooring vinyl tile
 - 12 x 12
 - 3/12 thickness
 - Additional soundproofing layer



Southeast Process

- Considered a themed/learning community
 - www.semo.edu/residencelife/livelearn
- Students indicate preference during contract completion or just submit **Animal Registration Request** form
 - \$200 non-refundable registration/cleaning fee
 - Veterinary proof of ownership
 - Vaccination requirements
 - Full photo of animal
 - Insurance (one of the following):
 - Parent's property insurance
 - Personal renter's insurance
 - Animal liability insurance

Southeast Process (cont.)

- Veterinary proof of ownership
 - Domestic dogs (under 50 pounds)
 - 1 year old and have lived with family for 10 months
 - Indoor domestic cats (under 40 pounds)
 - 6 months old and have lived with family for 3 months
 - Small caged animals
 - Live in aquarium 29 gallons or less
 - hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, turtles, hermit crabs, etc.
- Vaccination requirements
 - Rabies, DAPP, distemper, flea/tick prevention and/or maintenance
 - Dogs - records of Bordatella and Heartworm prevention
 - Cats - FIV, Feline Leukemia Virus prevention (FeLV) and Heartworm prevention
- Certification of Altering (spay or neuter)
 - Canine and feline only



Door Placard



- 1/2 sheet
- In color
- Signed
- Laminated
- Must be left on door and visible

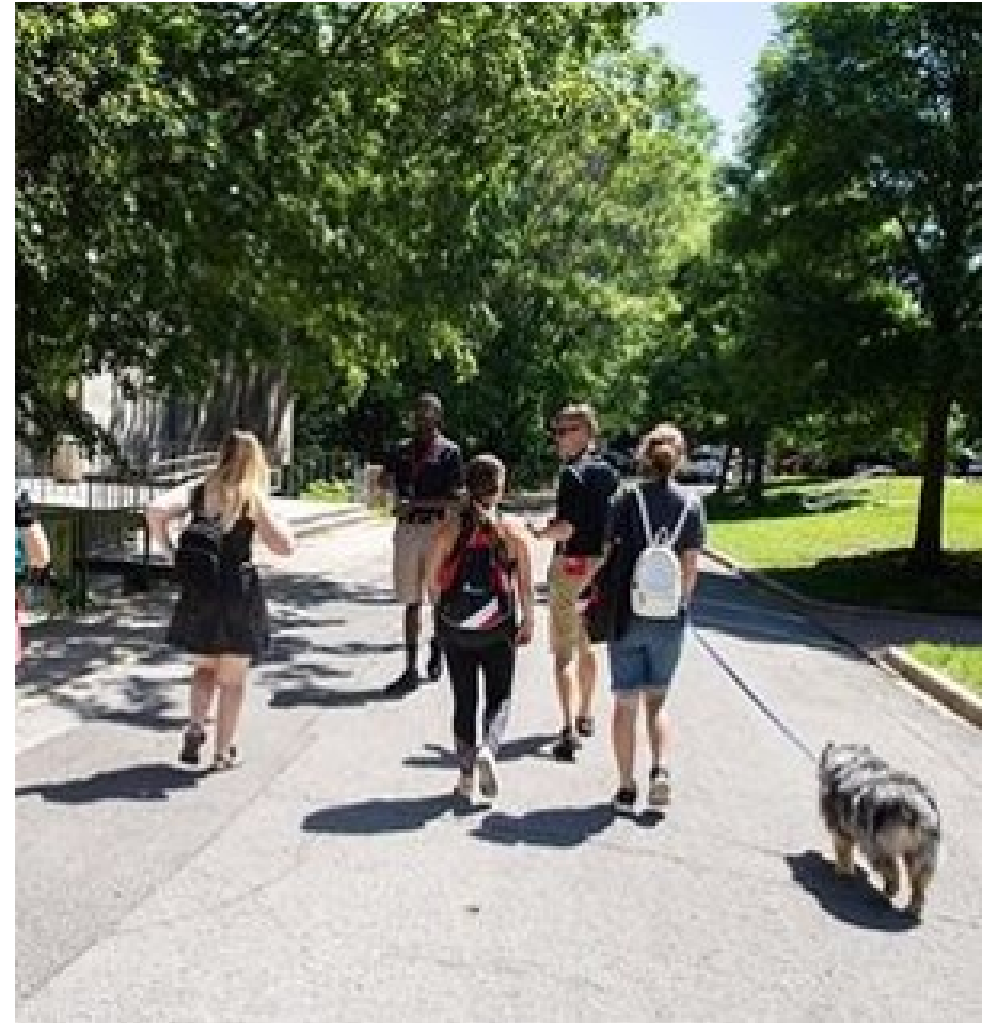
Benefits

- Publicity for University
 - Featured in the following:
 - Southeast Missourian
 - KFVS12
 - St. Louis Post Dispatch
 - KSDK
 - ABC's Good Morning America
 - Washington Post
 - Chicago Tribune
 - On the radio in Detroit & San Francisco
 - ...and as far away as Melbourne, Australia



Benefits (cont.)

- Recruitment
 - Southeast Puppy Tours
- Hall Directors allowed to have pets
- Connection to local businesses
 - Goody bags and information
 - Skyview Animal Clinic
 - Busch Pet Products



Complications

- Getting University staff on board
- Students were already selecting housing
- Educating students and hall staff on expectations
 - <https://vimeo.com/294680506/30b4ddb2fd>
- ESA requests are being submitted to avoid registration fee
 - Fee reductions for Fall 2019
 - \$100 for dogs & cats
 - \$50 for other allowable animals
- 3 Residence Life staff manage the process
 - Registration
 - Housing assignment
 - Roommate/suitemate notification



Future Considerations

- Trash can with dog waste bags
- Enclosed play area outside
- Collars, tags, leashes
- Other halls on campus??



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