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/BC5ssQFlPi/?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

- ½ 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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