



Pet Policies for Live-In Faculty and Professional Staff Apartments

The University of Miami Department of Housing and Residential Life allows live-in residential faculty and professional staff the opportunity to have up to four pets including cats, dogs, and aquarium fish in university-provided staff apartments. Other pets will need to be reviewed for approval on a case-by-case basis.

- Requirements for Approval:
 - Complete Pet Approval Form
 - Proof of vaccinations
 - Proof of microchip (if obtained)
 - Any other documents as required by law such as the most recent pet license
- Expectations:
 - Aquarium tanks will be limited to 30-gallon in size and may be inspected by HRL & Facilities staff.
 - Pets are to be kept in staff apartments only. Pets should never be in offices or other residential areas like lobbies, study rooms, classrooms, etc.
 - Pets should be restrained on a leash when outside the apartment.
 - While inside the apartment unsupervised, pets should be contained to a single room or indoor kennel/crate, especially if a facilities or housekeeping staff member is expected.
 - If students, fellow staff, or other members of the University community are utilized to care for the pet, it is expected that the pet is not cared for in a residential building outside of the apartment. These individuals should be compensated fairly for their services.
- Cleanliness:
 - The pet owner is expected to maintain cleanliness of the apartment and pet.
 - Housekeeping staff are not responsible for cleaning up after pets.
 - Upon moving out of the apartment, staff members are expected to thoroughly clean the space. Charges will be assessed for any damages or additional cleaning needed.
- Acknowledgments:
 - The Housing and Residential Life member housing a pet shall assume all responsibility for the animal, including but not limited to, care & well-being of the animal, bodily injury caused by the animal, and damages to any university facilities or property caused by the animal.
 - Pets will not be accommodated in the event of a hurricane that requires Housing and Residential Life staff to operate an off-campus shelter. Pets will not be allowed in the shelter unless permitted by Red Cross personnel. Staff are encouraged to have a plan ahead of time in the event that this does occur.
 - Housing and Residential Life reserves the right to order removal of pets from a staff apartment due to liability or disruption of the community. Staff will be given a minimum of 72 hours of notice to provide appropriate accommodation for pets.

I, _____, agree to the terms of the policies outlined above.

Signature of Resident Faculty / HRL Staff

Date Signed