



Live-In Professional Pet Policy Guide UW-Whitewater

For the purpose of this proposal, unless otherwise stated, the following is defined as:

Pet-Either a dog or cat, no other pets will be considered under this proposed policy (i.e. birds, reptiles, etc.)

1. The pet must be approved by the Associate Director of Residence Life prior to being allowed in the apartment.
2. The pet must not weigh more than forty-five (45) pounds at any time during its expected life span (aggressive dog breeds will meet extra scrutiny – so those breeds are to be avoided).
3. Cats must have front paws de-clawed (we are looking for the most humane method possible to minimize damage by clawing).
4. All pets must be neutered or spayed at the earliest possible date that is medically safe for the pet. Proof of the operation is required to be on file in the Office of Residence Life. The pet must have all required vaccinations, a current copy of the vaccination record must be on file with the Office of Residence Life prior to the animal taking residence on campus, and updated as required vaccinations are updated. All records will be kept with the Associate Director of Residence Life.
5. The pet must be licensed with the City of Whitewater and a copy of the license must be on file with the Office of Residence Life prior to the animal taking residence on campus. The license cost is \$6.00 if spayed or neutered and (\$11.00 if the animal is not – this would only be acceptable for the short term as all pets are required to be neutered or spayed). You can obtain the license from the City of Whitewater City Hall. You also need to bring proof of a rabies vaccination in order to obtain the license.
7. All cats must be litter box trained and be a house cat.
8. All dogs must be house trained and their feces must be disposed of properly. It must be tied off in a bag and then placed in the trash receptacle, immediately after the dog goes. No piles are to be left at any time, for any reason. Dogs will also be required to take a training/obedience course from a certified trainer either prior to occupancy in the halls or within a short period with the expressed permission of the Associate Director. Documentation of completion of the course must be provided to the Office of Residence Life
9. When the pet is to leave from your residence, it must do so using the exit that is nearest to the director's apartment. The pet should have limited access to the area in the building.



10. When the pet leaves the apartment, and while they are outside on University property, the appropriate restraining devices must be used (i.e. leash, pet caddy). Length of leashes is not to exceed four feet while in, exiting or entering the building. The pet owner is responsible for all clean-up associated with external fecal matter for dogs and the proper maintenance and disposal of cat litter for cats.

11. The pet owner is responsible for taking care of the pet while away. The owner of said pet is responsible for arranging care of the pet while away from home, it is allowable to have another staff member care for the pet in the residence of the pet. Dogs are not allowed to be left overnight unattended, cats are not to be left unattended for more than 2 full days (3 days and 2 nights).

12. Boarding services for cats and dogs are available at:

Kenlyn Kennels in Edgerton: info@KenlynKennels.com (608) 884-8355	\$19.00/day for a dog \$12.00/day for a cat
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La Pooch Pet Styling in Whitewater (920) 674-5009	\$15.00/day/per animal
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Animal Medical Center in Whitewater (262) 472-5800	\$18.90 + tax/day for a dog \$13.65 + tax/day for a cat
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13. There will be an initial apartment condition inventory completed by the Complex Director and checked by his or her supervisor, prior to the pet's arrival. The supervisor of the staff member with a pet will also conduct apartment checks, to ensure no damage has been done to the apartment due to the pet. These apartment checks will take place once per semester, for the entire tenure the pet is living within the apartment. Any and all damages due to the presence of the pet will be the responsibility of the occupant of that apartment.

14. The pet owner must be receptive and sensitive to complaints by residents or University personnel. Any complaints will be investigated by the Office of Residence Life. A complaint or series of complaints may be grounds for the removal of the pet from the University apartment (depending on the situation).

16. All liability for the actions of the pet will be the responsibility of the owner (renters insurance is recommended).

17. The pet must vacate the apartment, for good, at least 15 days prior to the A/CD's scheduled check-out date. The custodial supervisor for whichever complex the apartment with a pet is located will be part of the apartment review process.



18. No new upholstered furniture (i.e. couches and chairs) will be updated while a pet is in an apartment. Exceptions will be at the discretion of the Office of Residence Life (i.e. couch has a spring poking through, chair has a broken leg).

19. Immediately after check-out, the apartment must be professionally cleaned to remove all pet odor and dander. This will be arranged and paid for by the pet owner. Cinderella's Cleaners offers products that are highly effective in removing pet dander. (It is located at 46 E Rockwell Ave in Fort Atkinson and can be reached at 1-800-236-5585. They charge around \$0.24 per square foot and are usually able to take appointments up to two days prior.)

20. Violations of any portion of the above stated stipulations of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Residence Life Pet Policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

21. The Office of Residence Life staff will review this policy at the end of the 2011-12 academic year and then on a continual basis as needed to best meet the needs of all involved parties.

This policy is designed so that staff members that are serious about being pet owners will be allowed to do. Included in the policy are stipulations aimed at promoting responsible pet ownership, as to deter staff from buying a pet on a whim. Being a pet owner is a serious responsibility. For a staff member to take advantage of this policy will entail a certain amount of time and financial obligation. The policy is also designed to ensure that the quality of the apartment and grounds are not sacrificed in any way.

