PETS IN FAMILY/SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSING POLICY

Policy Statement

Pets, except for harmless aquatic life, are not allowed in family and special interest housing.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding pets in family and special interest housing.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All students of The University of Southern Mississippi community living in family and special interest housing.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-res-057

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

Due to the large number of people living in close proximity to each other and for health reasons, pets are strictly forbidden in the apartments or surrounding areas. Pets are defined as any animal except harmless aquatic life (fish). Dogs, cats, hamsters, mice, snakes, birds or other such animals are not permitted on the premises.
Visitors must be informed to leave their animals and pets elsewhere. Residents or visitors who violate this policy will be fined $100, must bear the cost to steam-clean the apartment, and will be subject to judicial action and possible eviction. The pet must be immediately removed from the premises, or notice will be given to vacate.

**Review**

The Director of Student Housing Administration is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

**Forms/Instructions**

N/A

**Appendices**

N/A

**Related Information**

N/A

**History**

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]
Responsible Officer

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Date

March 25, 2013