



## RUTGERS POLICY

**Section:** 30.1.5

**Section Title:** Public Safety

**Policy Name:** Pets at the University

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**Approval Authority:** Senior Vice President for Administration

**Responsible Executive:** Senior Vice President for Administration

**Responsible Office:** Division of Administration and Public Safety

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1. **Policy Statement**  
The policy regulates the keeping of pets in university buildings and on university owned or controlled grounds.
2. **Reason for Policy**  
To codify the rules regulating pets and animals in university buildings and on university owned or controlled grounds
3. **Who Should Read This Policy**  
All members of the Rutgers University community.
4. **Related Documents**
  - a. University Code of Student Conduct: <http://studentconduct.rutgers.edu/university-code-of-student-conduct>
  - b. Undergraduate Residents' Guide: <http://housing.rutgers.edu/ie/files/undergradguide.pdf>
  - c. Graduate Residents' Resources: <http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/on-campus-life/graduate-students/resources>
5. **Contacts**

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## 6. The Policy

### 30.1.5 PETS AT THE UNIVERSITY

#### I. Policy Statement

This policy shall regulate the keeping of pets in university buildings and on university owned and controlled grounds. This policy shall include all animals kept as pets except those animals which cannot survive outside of their cage or confinement (i.e., fish, snails, or other aquarium life). Service dogs and other service animals, service animals in training, animals on university farm property, and any animals used for research as recognized by the University Animal Care Committee shall be excluded from these requirements.

#### II. Rules

The following rules apply to all animals except as excluded above:

1. No pet shall be allowed inside any university owned or controlled buildings at any time.
2. No pet shall be allowed on university owned or controlled grounds at any time except when accompanied by a responsible person over the age of twelve years.
3. When such pet is on university owned or controlled property, the owner shall be solely responsible for the actions of and any damage or injury caused by the pet.
4. The pet should be confined by some leash, cage, confining equipment, or other suitable control mechanism at all times.
5. The pet owner shall ensure that the pet is, at all times, in compliance with the ordinances of the local municipality.
6. Upon complaint by a member of the university community or other interested person, the university police shall be authorized to investigate and, if a pet owner has violated any portion of this policy, impound or have impounded the pet without obligation to the pet owner.
7. If any animal is or appears to be a stray, or if the owner cannot be found or determined upon investigation by the university police, the university police shall be authorized to impound or have impounded the animal without obligation.

#### III. Responsibility for Interpretation and Enforcement of Policy

The Senior Vice President for Administration in New Brunswick and the Chancellors at the Newark and Camden campuses, or their designees, shall interpret and apply this policy.