



Guide to Pet & Animal Friendly (PAF) Community Living

Harborside Village (Building F)

Renaissance Hall (3rd floor)

Snowden Hall (first floor)

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Welcome to Pet and Animal Friendly (PAF) Housing!

Residential Life is pleased to offer pet and animal friendly (PAF) communities, a unique housing option where residents can live with their pet*, as part of an ongoing commitment to enhance the on-campus experience. Village Building F, the 1st floor of Snowden Hall, and 3rd floor of Renaissance Hall are pet and animal friendly communities. (Note: A student does not have to have a pet in order to live in a pet and animal friendly community. For example, a student may want to live with a roommate who has a pet.)

In order to maintain a standard of living that is fair and consistent, Residential Life requires all residents to adhere to the rules, guidelines, and policies governing pet and animal friendly communities set forth by this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet and Animal Friendly Community Owner Responsibility Agreement, as well as the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Violations could result in [sanctions](#). Please review all information carefully and contact Residential Life if you have any questions: 401-598-1141 or reslife.pvd@jwu.edu.

***Restrictions apply. See Permitted Pets.**

Permitted Pets

Students in PAF communities are permitted to have **one** pet only (Note: One pet per person in a room. If you have roommates, there may be multiple pets in the room.) JWU PAF communities permit a student to have an animal in the following categories:

- Dogs over the age of 1 year old and no larger than 40 lbs fully grown (non-aggressive and state/city approved breeds)
- Cats over the age of 1 year old
- Small caged mammals (e.g. hamster)
- Turtles that can comfortably live in a 5 gallon-tank or smaller
- Lizards that can comfortably live in a 5 gallon-tank or smaller.
- Dead animals are not allowed in university housing.

Animals that are not permitted include, but are not limited to: wildlife; poisonous or endangered species; snakes; farm, lab, or production animals; or animals that have to be fed a live animal for survival.

All pets and animals must be pre-approved by Residential Life prior to the animal arriving to the campus.

No other pet or animal is allowed in University housing, including pets that live at home. (Pets from home are not permitted to visit.)

Application & Room Selection Process

Students wanting to live in a PAF community can indicate their interest on the online housing application during the Wildcat Room Selection Process. To access the online application a student must pay a housing deposit and then go to [jwuLink](#) > Services > On-Campus Housing > Wildcat Housing > Housing application & room selection. During the student's room selection timeslot, they can search for a pet and animal friendly space. Space in these communities is limited and placement is not guaranteed.

Students are welcome to apply to live in a PAF community once the academic year is underway; however, space is not guaranteed to be available.

Requirements

All students who 1) selected a PAF room and 2) intend on bringing a pet must submit the following **prior to bringing the pet to campus:**

For ALL pets:

- Completed and signed pet and animal friendly agreement
- Clear, full-bodied picture of pet
- \$250 cleaning fee (non-refundable); visit or call SAFS: 401-598-1468 (1-800-343-2565, x1468). Please indicate you are submitting your cleaning fee for pet and animal friendly housing.

In addition, owners of dogs and cats must submit the following.

For DOGS only:

- Proof of flea prevention
- Proof of spayed/neutered
- Proof of pet license
- Proof of vaccinations for:
 - Rabies
 - Distemper
 - Leptospirosis
 - Bordetella
 - Fecal OVA and parasite screening with negative result

For CATS only:

- Proof of spayed/neutered
- Proof of vaccinations for:
 - Rabies
 - Distemper
 - Felv/FIV (feline AIDS and Leukemia)
 - Fecal OVA and parasite screening with negative result

All completed documents must be submitted to Residential Life at reslife.pvd@jwu.edu or faxed to 401-598-2263. Please be sure to include your full name and J number with each document/item you submit.

When all documentation has been submitted and reviewed, a student will be conditionally approved to bring their pet. Final approval will be granted upon the successful completion of the pet and animal friendly workshop with their Area Coordinator. This workshop must be scheduled within 7 days of their conditional approval. Please contact your Area Coordinator to schedule a workshop. Every student bringing a pet to campus is required to complete this workshop.

Approval for a pet is only valid for the academic year in which the documentation is submitted. New documentation and the \$250 pet fee is required for each academic year.

Pet owners are required to keep a sticker on their student ID indicating they have a pet. This will be supplied by Residential Life after completing the pet and animal friendly workshop. A label for the room/apartment exterior entrance will also be provided indicating what type of pet(s) and how many live in the space. The pet owner(s) is responsible for ensuring it is displayed at all times.

If loss or damage occurs to a pet and animal friendly sticker or door label, please notify Residential Life staff to obtain a new one.

Pet Owner (Student) Responsibilities

Pet owners are solely responsible for the actions of their pet, including any and all damage or injury to persons or property caused by the pet. In conjunction with the expectations outlined in the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#) and [Student Code of Conduct](#), pet owners are responsible for the following:

Care for Room/Apartment

All rooms and apartments with pets must be kept clean, and free of trash, animal waste, and pests. If at any time a Residential Life staff member determines that the room/apartment is not meeting cleanliness standards, 24 hours will be given to rectify the situation. If, after 24 hours, the room still does not meet cleanliness standards, conduct sanctions may apply. Charges can occur due to cleanliness.

Care for Pet

Pet owners must:

1. Ensure their pet wears proper identification at all times (unless the pet permanently resides in a cage).
2. Maintain the health and hygiene of the pet, including but not limited to: regular bathing/grooming, regular use of proper treatments to prevent pests of any kind (e.g., fleas, ticks); seeking veterinary treatment if the pet becomes ill. *Note: Please wash pet's bedding, toys, clothing or other items in designated facilities and in specially approved washers and dryers.*
3. Ensure caged pets remain in their cage when the owner is not present in the room/apartment.
4. Have a pet carrier in their possession and accessible in the event of an evacuation, emergency, or staff request.
5. Arrange alternative care for their pet outside of the University (not on campus) in case of an emergency or if required to remove the animal due to disruption, damage, etc. Examples include a shelter, a friend who lives off campus, family, etc.

Pet owners may not:

- Have roommates, other students, and/or guests assume responsibility for the care of their pet. This includes, but is not limited to, walking the pet, cleaning the pet, feeding the pet, cleaning the room, etc.
- Have pets be left alone overnight in the room/suite/apartment, or in another resident's room/suite/apartment.

Consideration for Roommates

It is highly encouraged, out of courtesy that pet owners notify roommate(s) of what type of pet will be residing in the room/apartment, prior to the pet coming to campus. Before bringing a pet on campus, it is important to discuss expectations around pets with your roommates. Students living in the same room/apartment will also be required to complete a Roommate Agreement so that they can discuss and create expectations.

It is the responsibility of the pet owner to carry out all reasonable requests made by roommates—including but not limited to the terms of the roommate agreement—regarding health, safety, and comfort of the roommate(s) directly related to the presence of their pet in the room/apartment.

Consideration for Community

While we do allow pets in certain buildings, they may not cause a disruption to the residential community. Approved pets are only permitted in the pet friendly residence hall room of the owner. Pets are not permitted to roam outside of the room/apartment in common areas, common bathrooms, in other student rooms/suites/apartments, or in any other campus building. Pets are also not permitted to ride on University transportation (Note: Pets registered as service animals with the Center for Academic Support, not emotional support animals, are allowed on University transportation.)

It is the responsibility of the pet owner to carry out all reasonable requests made by residents and University staff regarding health, safety, and comfort of the community directly related to the presence of their pet in the residence hall.

Pet owners are responsible for their pet's behavior and community standards. If a pet is found to be violating community standards or is a continued disruption to the community (e.g. barking at all hours, odor, etc.), the pet owner may face sanctioning, which may lead to the removal of the pet and possible additional charges. Violations/disturbances will be documented through the student conduct system – please refer to the Student Conduct policies.

Health & Safety Inspections

Health & Safety Inspections in room/apartments where animals reside are conducted once a semester by Residential Life staff members to ensure the space is sanitary and that the health and wellness of all occupants, including pets, are being maintained. Residential Life retains the right to conduct additional inspections as necessary.

If at any other time during the year there is a concern within the room, please report it to your Area Coordinator.

If violations of the rules and policies set forth by this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet and Animal Friendly Community Owner Responsibility Agreement, or the [Student Code of Conduct](#) are discovered during the course of an inspection, residents may be subject to [student conduct review](#) and disciplinary action.

Cleaning & Damages Due to Pet

Pet owners are required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$250 to the University in advance of the pet's arrival.

Notwithstanding the fee, the pet owner will be responsible for all additional costs and expenses that result from damage caused by the pet, including pest issues. Damage and expenses are determined by Facilities upon the student and pet vacating the room.

Damages caused by a pet (e.g. stained carpet, worn/ripped furniture, pests, etc.) should be reported promptly so that they can be addressed by Maintenance. To report damages, go to [jwuLink](#) > Services > Maintenance Requests. For serious or emergency maintenance situations, inform a Residential Life staff member immediately. **Do note that there may be a charge to repair the damage caused by the pet.**

When a room/apartment is vacated, either during the academic year or at the end of it, the room/apartment will be inspected and any damages determined to be as the result of a pet will be charged to the pet owner(s) who resided in the room. Damage charges are assessed to the student's account. Students have 90 days to contest any charges.

Animal Waste

Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animal and disposing of animal waste properly. Failure to clean up animal waste may result in disciplinary sanctions.

All cage and litter box waste must be removed at least **twice a week**, but should be removed as often as necessary to main an odor-free, clean living environment for the pet and residents. Solid waste must be double-bagged, tied securely, and brought to the trash room or dumpster immediately.

The University has provided dog waste bags and receptacles in these locations to ensure the proper disposal of animal waste. If they are empty, please submit a maintenance request at [JWU Link](#).

Animal Food & Supplies

Animal food must be stored tidily in plastic containers to discourage pests. Pet bedding, toys, litter/litterboxes, and other supplies must be kept neat, organized, and stored appropriately.

Walking Pets Outside

For pets that need to be walked to go to the bathroom, pet owners may only use University grounds in designated pet areas outside of the pet friendly hall (most are designated by waste bag dispensers):

- Harborside Village: outside of building F
- Snowden: area to the left of McNulty
- Renaissance: to the side of the building
- Harbor View: behind the building near the water

Please refrain from using spaces directly in front of the building or on the sidewalk. Pet owners must pick up and properly dispose of animal waste. Pets must be on a leash, harness, or other tether at all times on University grounds.

If waste bag dispensers are empty, please submit a maintenance request for them to be refilled.

Fire Alarms/Emergencies/Evacuations

In the event of an evacuation of the residence hall, the pet owner must vacate with the pet. If the pet owner is not present, a roommate can assist. The pet must be on a leash or in a portable cage or pet carrier during an evacuation.

Animal Nuisance/Threats

A pet cannot be a nuisance or a threat to anyone living in the community, including other pets. Pets must not show aggression towards other pets, individuals, or staff assisting in the community. Aggressive or repeatedly disruptive pets, which will be documented through the conduct process, will be required to be removed from University housing.

Examples of disruptive behavior include, but are not limited to: excessive barking or continuous noise, destruction of property, roaming hallways/common areas, biting or scratching others, etc.

If two or more pets in a pet friendly room are aggressive towards each other, both pets may be asked to be removed from the room.

Students who have complaints should report them to a Residential Life staff member or through the [Animal Complaint Form](#). All complaints about pets will be investigated by Residential Life and/or Student Conduct with possible sanctions imposed if violations are found. In addition, the University may relocate pet owners and their pets in residential housing in accordance with the Room Terms Agreement and applicable Residential Life policies, procedures, and rules. In some instances, students may be asked to remove their pet from residential housing.

Violations

Violations of the rules and policies governing pet and animal friendly communities set forth by this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet and Animal Friendly Community Owner Responsibility Agreement, as well as the [Student Code of Conduct](#) may result in sanctions, including the owner being asked to remove the pet permanently from residential housing within 24 hours of being notified. If a pet is removed, the student is still bound to their housing contract (Room Terms Agreement) and may be required to relocate from the pet and animal friendly community. Failure or refusal to remove a pet from campus will result in the University doing so on the student's behalf and could include removing the student (pet owner) from housing.

Abandonment, neglect, or mistreatment of a pet by a pet owner or any member of Johnson & Wales University will not be tolerated. No warnings will be issued; if there is abuse it will result in the pet being removed from the owner or measures taken to prevent contact with the person responsible for the abuse. In the event a removal of the pet is necessary, Campus Safety & Security will work with Animal Control to remove the pet.

Pets Leaving Housing

If a pet owner decides to no longer have their pet live with them or if the pet is no longer living, they are required to notify the Area Coordinator within 48 hours so that we can document those pets that are no longer on campus. If the student wants to bring a different/new pet to campus, they must re-apply with Residential Life. (The pet owner is not required to leave pet and animal friendly housing if their pet is no longer living there; however, if they would like to relocate, they can speak with their Area Coordinator.)

Resources/Recommendations

Check [local listings](#) for information on where to find pet supplies, groomers, laundry services, and veterinary services.

Although not required, the University recommends that pet owners consider pet insurance. JWU also strongly encourages residents to seek obedience and other forms of training if they have a dog.

Local Veterinarians

- Providence River Animal Hospital (Providence, RI; 401-274-7724)
- VCA Povar Animal Hospital (East Providence, RI; 401-434-0106)
- Eastside Veterinary Clinic (Providence, RI; 401-272-2345)
- Hoffman Animal Hospital (Providence, RI; 401-941-7345)
- Bristol County Veterinary Hospital (Seekonk, MA; 508-336-3381)

Local Pet Supply Stores

- Petco (585 North Main St, Providence, RI)
- Petco (75 Highland Ave, Seekonk, MA)
- PetSmart (1386 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI)
- Plaid & Stripe (17 South Angell St, Providence, RI)
- The Cheeky Hound (**595 Charles St, Providence, RI 02904**)
- Rumford Pet Center (865 Warren Ave, East Providence, RI)

Local Parks & Walking Trails

Check local websites for rules and regulations.

- India Point Park (201 India St, Providence, RI)
- Roger Williams National Memorial Park (282 North Main St, Providence, RI)
- Blackstone Boulevard (Blackstone Blvd, Providence, RI)
- Roger Williams Park (Cladrastis Ave, Providence, RI)
- East Bay Bike Path