



**Guide to Pet & Animal Friendly (PAF)
Community Living**

East Hall (first floor)

Harborside Village Building E

Harborside Village Building F

Harborside Village Building L

Harbor View (ground floor)

McNulty Hall (first floor)

Snowden Hall (first floor)

South Hall (first floor)

Xavier Hall (fourth 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. Harborside Village Building E, F and L, the first floor of Snowden Hall, the first floor of McNulty Hall, the ground floor of Harbor View, a designated area in South Hall, and the fourth floor of Xavier Hall are PAF communities. (Note: A student does not have to have a pet in order to live in a PAF 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 guidelines, policies, and rules governing PAF communities set forth by this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet Friendly Community Owner 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.**

Permitted Pets

Students in PAF communities are permitted to have **one** pet only. (Note: One pet per person in a room is allowed. If you have roommates, there may be multiple pets in the room, one per roommate.) 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 pounds fully grown (non-aggressive and state/city-approved breeds)
- Cats over the age of 1 year old
- Small caged mammals (e.g., hamster or rabbit)
- Turtles that can comfortably live in a 5 gallon tank or smaller
- Lizards that can comfortably live in a 5 gallon tank or smaller

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 in 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 PAF 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**:

- Completed and signed Pet Friendly Community Owner Agreement.
- Clear, full-bodied picture of the pet requested to be brought on-campus.
- Complete the pet-friendly workshop available on the Wildcat Housing system.

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- \$250 deposit. To make the deposit, visit or call SAFS: 401-598-1468 (1-800-343-2565, x1468). Please indicate you are submitting your pet deposit for PAF housing. The deposit shall be refundable only if the pet is not approved by Residential Life to live in PAF housing.

Owners of dogs must also submit the following **before bringing the pet to campus**:

- Proof of flea prevention
- Proof of spay/neuter
- Proof of pet license
- Proof of vaccinations for:
 - Bordetella
 - Distemper
 - Leptospirosis
 - Rabies
 - Fecal OVA and parasite screening with negative result
- Owners of cats must also submit the following **prior to bringing the pet to campus**:
- Proof of spay/neuter
- Proof of flea prevention
- Proof of vaccinations for:
 - Distemper
 - Rabies
 - Fecal OVA and parasite screening with negative result
 - Felv/FIV (feline AIDS and Leukemia)

Owners of ferrets must also submit the following **before bringing the pet to campus**:

- Proof of flea prevention
- Proof of spay/neuter
- Proof of vaccinations for:
 - Distemper
 - Rabies
 - Fecal OVA and parasite screening with negative result

All completed documents must be submitted to Residential Life through the Pet and Animal application on the Wildcat Housing System. Please include your full name and J number with each document/item you submit.

Approval for a pet is only valid for the academic year for which the documentation is submitted. For each academic year that a student wishes to bring a pet, they must submit new documentation and the \$250 deposit.

Pet owners are required to keep a sticker on their student identification (ID) indicating they have a pet. Residential Life will also provide a label for the exterior entrance of the student's room/apartment, which will display a picture of the pet living in the space. Pet owners are responsible for ensuring it is always displayed.

When all documentation has been submitted, reviewed, and found to be satisfactory—and subject to availability—a student will be conditionally approved to bring their pet. Final approval is granted upon the student retrieving their animal sticker and label from the hall supervisor.

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 pets, including any and all damage or injury to persons or property caused by the pets. 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 animal waste, pests, and trash. If at any time a Residential Life staff member determines that the room/apartment is not meeting cleanliness standards, the residents will be given 24 hours to rectify the situation to the satisfaction of Residential Life. If, after 24 hours, the room still does not meet cleanliness standards, conduct sanctions, including charges, may apply.

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); and seeking veterinary treatment if the pet becomes ill.
3. Ensure the pet's bedding, toys, or other items are not washed in community laundry facilities.
4. Ensure caged pets remain in their cage when the owner is not present in the room/apartment.
5. Have a pet carrier in their possession and accessible in the event of an evacuation, emergency, or staff request.
6. Arrange alternative care for their pet outside of the university (i.e., not on campus) in case of an emergency, travel, or if required to remove the animal due to disruption, damage, or safety reasons. Examples include a shelter, a friend who lives off campus, or a family member.
 - Roommates, other students, and/or room/apartment guests cannot assume responsibility for the care of a student's pet. This includes, but is not limited to, walking the pet, cleaning the pet, feeding the pet, cleaning the room, etc.
 - Pets cannot be left alone overnight in the room/apartment or in another resident's room/ apartment.

Consideration for Roommates

Before bringing a pet on campus, it is important to discuss expectations around pets with your 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. Students living in the same room/apartment will also be required to complete a Roommate Agreement.

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 the health, safety, and comfort of the roommate(s) directly related to the presence of the pet in the room/apartment.

Consideration for Community

While pets are permitted 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 pet owner. Pets are not permitted to roam outside of the room/apartment in common areas, common bathrooms, in other student rooms/apartments, or in any other campus building. Pets are also not permitted to ride on university transportation.

It is the responsibility of the pet owner to carry out all reasonable requests made by residents and all requests by 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 adherence to the 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, causing unreasonable odor, etc.), the pet owner may face sanctions, which may lead to the removal of the pet and possible additional charges. Violations/disturbances will be documented through the student conduct system as set forth in the Student Conduct policies.

Health & Safety Inspections

Health and 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 it deems necessary.

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

If violations of the rules and policies set forth by this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet-Friendly Community Owner 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 deposit of \$250.00 in advance of the pet's arrival. The deposit shall be refundable only if the pet is not approved by Residential Life to live in PAF housing.

The pet owner also 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 and will not be covered by the deposit.

Pet owners must report damages caused by a pet (e.g., stained carpet, worn/ripped furniture, pests, etc.) so 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. 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; details about appealing damage charges will be provided to the student via email once the student's account is charged.

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 maintain 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 via [JWU Link](#).

Animal Food & Supplies

Animal food must be stored tidily in closed 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 walk pets on university grounds only in designated pet areas outside of the pet and animal-friendly hall (most are designated by waste bag dispensers):

- Harborside Village: outside of building F
- Snowden and McNulty: area to the left of McNulty
- 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 when being walked on university grounds.

If waste bag dispensers are empty, please submit a maintenance request via jwuLink.

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. Residential Life and/or Student Conduct will investigate such complaints, 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 required to remove their pet from residential housing.

Violations

Violations of the rules and policies governing PAF communities set forth in this guide, the [Guide to On-Campus Living](#), the Pet Friendly Community Owner Agreement, and 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 PAF community. Failure or refusal to remove a pet from campus will subject the student to the university's conduct process, which could lead to the removal of the student from university housing as a result of that failure or refusal to remove the pet.

Abandonment, neglect, or mistreatment of a pet by a pet owner or any member of the university community 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 building supervisor within 48 hours so that Residential Life 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. (Except where a pet is removed by the university because the pet owner fails or refuses to do so, the pet owner will not be required to leave PAF housing if their pet is no longer living there; however, if they would like to relocate, they should speak with their building supervisor.)

Other Resources

We encourage students to check for information on where to find groomers, laundry services, pet supplies, and veterinary services.

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

The university is not endorsing any of the below and in no way implies, by identifying these, that it has investigated any of the below or that it is recommending these.

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)
- 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