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| <b>Policy Title:</b>            | <b>Pet Policy</b>   |
| <b>Applicability:</b>           | <b>College-wide</b>   |
| <b>Oversight Department:</b>    | <b>Office of Public Safety</b>  |
| <b>Purpose:</b>                 | <b>The purpose of this policy is to maintain animal control to ensure a safe and healthy environment for the College community, its visitors, and guests.</b> |
| <b>Effective Adoption Date:</b> | <b>February 2, 2009</b>   |
| <b>Revision Date:</b>           | <b>June 5, 2023</b>   |

## **I. Purpose & Scope**

This Policy sets forth Providence College's (the "College") rules, guidelines and requirements for all pets on the College's property. This Policy applies equally to pets on the College's property that are owned by the College, its employees, its students and any third party.

## **II. Pets Subject to this Policy**

A "pet" is an animal kept for ordinary use and companionship. A pet is not a Service Animal, Emotional Support Animal (animal approved through Student Affairs for students and limited to residence halls), Research Animal<sup>1</sup> (animal used within the academic setting for instructional and/or research purposes), or a Therapy Animal and are not subject to the College's Service Animal, Emotional Support Animal, Therapy Animal Procedures, and Research Animal policies.

## **III. Requirements**

- (1) All pets on the College's property must be kept on a leash or other appropriate device and must be under the control of the owner/handler at all times.
- (2) All pets on the College's property must be fully inoculated in accordance with state and local regulations.
- (3) The owner/handler must remove any fecal matter deposited by any animal brought onto College property or arrange for prompt removal of fecal matter if they are personally unable to perform the task.
- (4) All pets must have appropriate behavior while on campus. If there is anything about the condition, health, or behavior of any animal on campus that is deemed by the College to

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on Research Animals at the College, please see *Providence College Animal Welfare Assurance Public Health Service in accordance with the PHS Policy for Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*.

be a threat to the health or safety of any member of the College or to any other animal, if the owner/handle cannot control the animal, if the animal is disruptive, or if the animal is not housebroken, then that animal may be removed from College property.

- (5) Pets may not be tethered, unattended, or abandoned. Any pet found unattended on the College's property may be humanely impounded in accordance with state and local regulations.
- (6) The owner/handler is personally responsible for any damage or injuries caused by the Pet on College property.

#### **IV. Areas where Pets are Permitted**

Pets are permitted outdoors on College property. However, pets are prohibited from any athletic fields/courts/playing surface and the immediate surroundings.

The College reserves the right to prohibit Pets from coming onto the College Campus, including outdoor areas, during large scale events (e.g., Accepted Students Day, Commencement Week Events).

#### **V. Areas Off-Limits to Pets**

Pets are not allowed inside any College building or facility.<sup>2</sup>

The College, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to prohibit animals from any campus event and to direct the removal of any animal from campus at any time. Persons who bring animals onto campus in violation of this policy will be required to leave campus with the animal immediately. Stray or unattended animals are subject to impound.

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<sup>2</sup> Fish in small aquariums (less than 10 gallons) are permitted in residence halls in accordance with the Office of Residence Life housing policies.