



Animal Agreement for Residents of RISD On-Campus Housing

Allowable Animals

Unrestricted animals (animals that all residents are welcome to have) are limited to fish in an aquarium no larger than 10 gallons.

Restricted animals (animals which must be registered with and approved by Residence Life) include dogs, cats, caged rabbits, caged rodents, caged birds, and terrarium reptiles. Other animals may be considered on a case by case basis. All animals must meet standard veterinary health and immunization requirements and must be in compliance with local laws and ordinances. In general, restricted animals are only permitted in suite and apartment style housing.

Number of Animals

Residents are permitted to own and have fish occupying one aquarium not exceeding 10 gallons. Residents may have no more than one restricted class of animal. When approved, a resident may have a limit of one (1) cat, OR one (1) dog, OR one (1) rabbit, OR one (1) rodent cage, OR one (1) aquarium/terrarium. Among restricted class animals, rodents must be kept in no more than one secure enclosure, reptiles must be kept in no more than one 10 gallon aquarium/terrarium. The number of fish, reptiles, or rodents should not exceed recommended capacities for the enclosure used.

Common Animals

Fish - Permitted anywhere on campus

- Only non-carnivorous fish are allowed.
- Tanks must be 10 gallons or less.
- Tanks must be emptied or transported out of the residence halls during break periods. Abandoning of fish will result in the revocation of animal permissions.

Cats - Permitted in suite and apartment housing with prior approval

- Must have all required immunizations up-to-date and a copy must be on file with the Residence Life Office.
- Cats must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age.
- Must be micro-chipped.

Dogs - Permitted in suite and apartment housing with prior approval

- Must be 30 lbs. or less.
- Must have all required immunizations up-to-date and a copy must be on file with the Residence Life Office.
- No aggressive or fighting dogs allowed. All dogs must possess friendly and sociable characteristics towards others.

- Must be licensed.
- Must be collared and on a leash at all times outside of the apartment.
- Must have owner contact information on its collar or tags.
- Dogs must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age.
- Must use a flea/tick control system.
- We strongly encourage residents to seek obedience and other forms of training for their dog.

Service Animals:

A Service Animal is defined as any animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual, including, but not limited to, a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Examples might include pulling a wheelchair, assisting during a seizure, alerting to the presence of allergens, retrieving items such as medicine or the telephone, providing physical support and assistance with balance and stability, and preventing or interrupting impulsive or destructive behaviors.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, working Service Animals are permitted in any public area unless their presence would pose a danger to the health or safety of others or cause undue burden. Individuals who use a Service Animal on campus are not required to register with the office of Disability Support Services, but individuals who wish to have a Service Animal in RISD Housing must submit a formal request for this accommodation.

Emotional Support Animals

An Emotional Support Animal is defined as any animal with a primary role of providing a person with emotional comfort. These animals are not required to undergo specialized training. Emotional Support Animals are not the same as Service Animals in that they are not required to be individually trained to do work or perform specific tasks.

A request to have an Emotional Support Animal in campus housing is considered a request for accommodation and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Registration of Animals

Prior to bringing any animal to campus, residents must register their animal with the Office of Residence Life. Generally, animal owners should complete the animal registration form more than two weeks in advance. Failure to complete the registration form may result in denial or loss of permission to have an animal. Animal owners will have a 2 week grace period to complete the supplemental registration forms and submit any supporting documentation (veterinary records, licenses, etc.). If forms are not submitted in time for move in, animals may be turned away or a fee may appl.

Standards of Behavior for Animal Ownership

Health, sanitary, safety, and behavioral standards must be maintained as outlined below. Above all else, you are expected to appropriately and humanely care for your animal. Failure to maintain these standards may result in the loss of permission to have an animal, or the immediate removal of the animal by Animal Control.

- Animals must not be left unattended for periods of time that negatively impact the welfare of the animal.
- All animals must be kept out of commonly utilized student areas, including lounges, study areas, work rooms, fitness room, etc., unless explicit permission is granted by

those utilizing the space. Animals are only allowed in hallways and stairwells if they are being transported to and from the owner's apartment.

- Animal feces must be disposed of properly and in a timely manner. It is the owner's responsibility to shovel feces from RISD grounds, dispose of it in a plastic bag, and then place that bag in the garbage dumpsters outside. Clean-up must occur immediately.
- Animal accidents within an apartment must be promptly cleaned up using appropriate cleaning products.
- Regular and routine cleaning of floors, kennels, and litter boxes must occur. The strong odor of animal emanating from the apartment is not acceptable.
- Flea infestation must be attended to promptly and consultation with appropriate personnel is expected beforehand.
- Animals must not be allowed to disrupt others (e.g. barking continuously, mewing, yowling, howling, etc.). Animals that are a nuisance to other residents, as determined by the Residence Life Office, Public Safety or Facilities must be removed within seven (7) days of notification.
- Animals must not be involved in an incident where a reasonable person experiences either the threat of or an actual injury as a result of the animal's behavior.
- All liability for the actions of the animal is the responsibility of the owner.
- The owner will take all reasonable precautions to protect the property of RISD and its residents.
- The owner will immediately notify Residence Life and/or Public Safety if the animal has escaped its confines and is unable to be located.
- Violations concerning any of the aforementioned may result in the resident having to find alternative housing off-campus for the animal. It should be noted that having a animal is a privilege, not a right. The Residence Life Office will make the final decisions in these matters.

Cleaning

Apartment cleanliness both during occupancy and post occupancy may be a concern. Continued standards of cleanliness, as it relates to health issues, are expected. The resident has an obligation to make sure that the apartment is as clean as the original standard. Continual steam cleaning throughout the resident's occupancy is expected. This also includes thorough cleaning and vacuuming of carpets (HEPA vacuuming), fabric window coverings, and RISD furniture. Damages to the apartment and any replacements for furniture due to animals will result in the resident being charged post occupancy.

For the protection of future residents, in rooms where free-roaming animals (dogs and cats) have resided, a professional furniture and floor cleaning will be performed after the animal moves out at the expense of the owner.

Prior to moving in, staff of the Residence Life Office will complete a Room Condition Report (RCR) of your apartment. This initial report will be used to assess any damage to the apartment post occupancy. We encourage you to ensure that the original RCR is accurate when you sign it upon occupancy.

Service Animal / Emotional Support Animal Registration Form

Resident Name: _____

Apartment Number: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Animal (circle one): Dog Cat Bunny/Rabbit Other

Animal Type/Breed: _____

Animal Name: _____

Denote each of the following that applies to your animal:

___ Up-to-date immunizations (on record with the Residence Life Office)

___ Spayed/Neutered

___ Micro-chipped (cat)/Licensed (dog)

___ Collar or tag with contact information

Agreement

My signature below indicates that I have read the aforementioned guidelines and acknowledge that I understand, accept, and agree to abide by them. My signature also denotes that I have completed the animal registration form the best of my ability and that all information is accurate and up-to-date. I acknowledge that failure to complete the registration form accurately and failure to comply by the guidelines outlined above may result in the loss of permission to have an animal.

Signature of Resident

Date

Resident's Printed Name

Signature of Residence Life Staff

Date