



# CAL MARITIME

Housing and Residential Life Professional Live – In Staff

Pet Policy.

**Policy Title:** Housing and Residential Life Professional Live – In Staff Pet Policy

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**Authority:** Director of Housing and Residential Life

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**Approved:**

**Revised:**

**Purpose:** This policy establishes the criteria for Full-time Professional Residence Life Staff who live in Con-

Course assignments to have pets.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all full-time professional Residence Life staff living in apartments at The California Maritime Academy.

**Accountability:** The Director of Housing and Residential Life is responsible for administering this policy and ensuring compliance.

## Rationale:

The professional life-in position will typically attract a national pool of candidates. As the field of residence life becomes more professional and graduate degrees are more often required, candidates will have had significant experience as well as range greater in age and backgrounds. Due to the requirement of a graduate degree, the typical age of incoming residential staff will likely be between twenty-five and thirty-five years old. Given the ages of these incoming professionals, many will have had significant periods in which to develop their independent, personal lives.

Included in developing this life-in position is the acquisition of a pet. Due to the unique format of the Professional Residential Life-in position, it is important to understand the requirements of the position. The individuality of the residence requires room for personal growth and development. This includes the opportunity to live independently from the dormitory, not only physically, but also mentally. This will allow for individuals to live elsewhere and the student guidance in each building. Apartments set professional staff apart from students, and the staff will be able to establish a relationship with the students apart from the dormitory. This difference is established by the difference between the residence hall living and the professional life-in residence life positions require mature, responsible adults who have committed their lives to professional residence life positions.

Professional residence life positions require mature, responsible adults who have committed their lives to professional residence life positions. Doing away immersed within the world of college students requires significant sacrifices in lifestyle. Pet policy asserts that a pet can be a significant family member, and would make for a better professional environment. Professional Residence Life Staff are year-round independent residents who are invested in their homes. These professionals call the campus home for the duration of their employment. Residential staff are permanent residents living in apartments, not temporary dwellers of their employment, residence halls, or dormitories. Allowing for Professional Residence Life Staff have animal companions expands personnel

and enhances retention rate. Providing compensation for our professional residential staff while some residential staff are fortunate enough to have family and friends living close by, many do not. Pets could provide much-needed companionship for our residential staff. Residential staff have stressful, demanding jobs presence of an animal companion contributes to a general feeling of well-being and reduction of stress. Even the regulations force qualified and talented job candidates to disfavor or even eliminate Cal Maritime Residence to exceed the living condition packages offered by other universities, making Cal Maritime a possible preferred employer for life-in professionals.

## **Procedures:**

### **Employee Pet Deposit and Protocol**

Full-time, Professional Life, Life Staff are eligible to become pet owners under the guidelines detailed below.

#### **1. Pet specifications**

The following are approved household pets. Approved pets are non-flesh-eating fish, turtles, frogs, toads, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds, domestic cats, small dogs up to 35 lbs.

Cats and dogs (including mice and hamsters), and exotic animals (including exotic

insects, arachnids, and bugs) are prohibited.

- Water-filled aquariums will be no more than 20 gallons.
  - Pets will be considered "indoor" pets and can't be penned/leashed outside or let out to roam free.
  - Cats and turtles may be no more than 20 pounds and 18 inches at the shoulder at maturity. Projections can be based on breed standards, and verification from a veterinarian.
- Each staff member will be allowed only two pets at any given time. Each pet must be approved.
- All pets (where medically applicable) must be spayed or neutered at the earliest veterinarian-approved time.
- Offspring are allowed in the residence hall.
- All pets must be up-to-date on vaccinations, as applicable. This is to be verified by a veterinarian and written proof of vaccinations, as well as updates, provided to the RLP's Supervisor.

Pet Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Residence Life Professional (referred hereinafter as RLP) must pay a \$250.00 (per pet) refundable pet deposit.

3. The refundable deposit shall be subject to full inspection of the RLP apartment upon the RLP's move-out.

Any damage to the apartment or unit caused by an animal in connection with pet, and shall hold the

Office of Housing and Residential Life (referred hereinafter as HRL) harmless and indemnify HRL for any

and all damages or costs in connection with pet. HRL reserves the right to offset the cost of Pet damages to

the community against RLP's pet deposit during the term of RLP's employment. Cleaning charges may also

be applied to the deposit upon departure. A copy of the deposit receipt must be attached. Examples of pet

damage may include chewing, tearing, scratching, destruction of furniture and any other items which result

from a pet residing in a residence unit.

R.P.P. shall ensure that pet(s) will not cause any damage, discomfort, annoyance, nuisance or in any way inconvenience, or cause complaints, from any other building inhabitant.

RPL shall ensure that pet is in compliance with the Housing and Residential Life mice policy.

DJ P shall prevent any fleas or other infestation of California Maritime Academy property.

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~~...B.I.D. shall not be permitted outside the B.I.D.'s corporate premises unless restrained by a leash or~~

**Proof of vaccinations**: PTD must provide proof of vaccinations within two weeks of pet's arrival.

7. *Indicate the name, address and telephone number on their collar.*

Soil is sterilized by thorough digging and underplanted areas.

Any "mess" created by pet shall immediately be cleaned up by RLP. If RLP does not clean up after

residents and requests from HRL, Human Resource action may be taken.

~~No vicious, illegal, or poisonous animals will not be permitted on the property. Members of the housing~~

and on the property.

It cannot be left inside the RLP's unit unattended for a period greater than 24 hours. In such a case

through placement at the animal shelter or other means

1. The net is assigned to the P.D.P. apartment in \_\_\_\_\_ (name of  
this agreement the per is assigned to my \_\_\_\_\_).  
2. The net may not reside in an aside or any other residence unit for the duration of the net's presence  
in the housing complex.

Recruit # \_\_\_\_\_ (attach conv)

Residential HVAC Professional's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Residential Life Professional's Name Signature

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Date

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Supervisor's Name

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Date

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**Supervisor's Signature**

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Date