



Warren Wilson College Pet Policy (Visiting Pet)

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Glossary of Terms:

- Dogs?
 - Dogs (Less than 40 pounds), are considered Dogs and must be properly registered with Pet Life before residing on campus. Dogs must be at least one year old and have lived with the student or the student's family for at least 10 months prior to living on-campus. A dog must be registered with Pet Life. Dogs are only allowed in the residence halls that are designated for dogs. The acquisition of a dog, purchased, fostered, adopted, or stray, while a residential student at WWC is prohibited. There is a \$250 registration fee for a dog. A resident can only have one dog.
- What is a medium sized pet?
 - Cats, rabbits, large birds, ferrets, iguanas, non-venomous snakes. and chinchillas are considered medium sized pets and must be properly registered with Pet Life before residing on campus. Cats must be at least six months old and have lived with the student or the student's family for at least three months prior to living on campus. Medium Pets are only allowed in the residence halls that are designated for medium pets. The acquisition of a pet, purchased, fostered, adopted, or stray, while a residential student at WWC is prohibited. There is a \$150 registration fee for a medium pet. A resident can only have one medium pet.
- What is a small pet?
 - Fish, small birds, rats, hedgehogs, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, and small reptiles. Small Pets must be properly registered with Pet Life before residing on campus. Small pets are permitted in all residence halls. There is a \$50 registration fee for all small pets. A resident can have up to two small pets.
- What is a visiting pet?

- Pets that fit within the Pet Policy may be brought onto campus by parents, siblings, guardians, partners/significant others, etc. for any period of time. Visiting pets are not allowed to reside on campus overnight without prior approval. All Visiting Pets must be registered with Pet Life before being brought on campus. A visiting pet cannot stay more than 3 consecutive nights in the residence halls.
- What does the pet fee cover each year?
 - The pet fee covers building a pet park, the pet park's upkeep and renewal, the identification tag given to each dog or medium pet owner, the bio-degradable poop bags that will be available for students, the disposal of the used poop bags and the funds to plan pet events concerning the well being and care of campus pets.
- Pet Enclosures
 - One small tank or cage is permitted per resident. Enclosures/tanks must be no larger than a 10-gallon size or 3 1/2 ft. long X 2 1/2 ft. width X 2 1/2 ft. high
 - Tanks and cages must be kept clean and provide enough living space for the animal(s) they house.

Service Animals:

Warren Wilson College will not require any surcharges or fees for service or assistance animals. However, the student will be held responsible for all damage caused by a service or assistance animal. The owner of the animal will also take responsibility for state and local requirements regarding vaccination, licensure, lease control, cleanup, owner identification, and animal health.

Conflicts that may arise due to the presence of service or assistance animals in College housing should be reported to the Office of Residence Life and Housing immediately. Warren Wilson College is committed to ensuring that the needs of all community members are met and will determine how to resolve any conflicts or problems as expeditiously as possible.

Emotional Support Animals (ESA) and Service Animals are not held to weight and breed restrictions.

ESAs must be approved yearly by the Disability Access Office. The forms can be found on myWWC, on the Residence Life page, on the Housing Accommodations page. We update that so that the deadlines and additional information are there for students to access.

Dogs, Medium, and Small Pets Permitted on Campus

Small pets are permitted in all residence halls as long as they are secured in a cage with a lid. Snakes must be less than 4 feet long and non-venomous. A wet aquarium should not exceed 10 gallons. A terrarium may not exceed 20 gallons. Cage size cannot exceed four foot on any side. Each student may have an aquarium or a terrarium or a four feet cage. Students may not have more than two of these three options. These are permitted per student, not per room.

Dogs may not exceed 40 pounds in weight when fully grown. Dogs may not exhibit aggressive behavior. Owners are not permitted to breed any animal or pet for food or other purposes.

The acquisition of a pet, purchased, fostered, adopted, or stray, while a residential student at WWC is prohibited.

Exotic animals are not allowed on-campus and those animals requiring a permit under North Carolina Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission are not allowed on campus.

Number of Dogs and Small Pets:

On campus residents are permitted ONE Dog or Medium Pet OR TWO Small Pets per residence hall room.

Animals that need a heat lamp are not allowed, because heat lamps are a fire hazard in the residence halls.

Registration and Inoculation

ALL PETS must be registered and registration approved prior to residing on campus. Failure to register the pet prior to bringing the pet to campus will result in an immediate \$150 fine and removal of the pet.

All Pet registrations are valid for one academic year. The registration fee for a dog, medium pet or a small pet will be charged to the student's account.

Students are allowed to have their pets with them on campus during the summer. The summer registration fee for dogs is \$100, medium pets is \$75 and for small pets is \$25.

WWC ID tags will be provided to dogs and cats during registration and it is required for the dog and cat to wear the ID tag at all times. For other medium sized pets, the ID tag should be affixed to their enclosure.

Required to provide and include on the registration form:

- Certification of all appropriate vaccinations
- Proof that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered (All dogs & cats are required to be spayed or neutered)
- Proof of flea and tick prevention

Day Students bringing a pet on campus

Day students (students attending WWC but living off campus) are to follow the same regulations as residential students when registering their dog with Pet Life. The Day Student should notify Pet Life where the pet will be on campus and what provisions will be made for the pet while the student is on campus or in class. Day Student dog registration fee is \$100. Day students should not bring medium pets on campus with them.

All pets must be in good health while residing on campus. WWC may consult a veterinarian to make a recommendation to Pet Life regarding any pet that is unfit to live on campus.

Rules of Conduct:

1. Pet Owner assumes all responsibility for pet actions regardless of circumstances.
2. Pets must not be left on campus unattended over any breaks.
3. WWC ID Tags will be issued to dog (except visiting pets) and must be worn at all times, along with a Vet issued rabies tag.
4. All pets must be with the person they are registered to.
5. All pets must be housebroken. The use of training pads is not permitted in the residence halls.
6. Dogs or medium pets are only allowed in residence halls that are designated for Dogs or Medium Pets.
7. ALL dogs must be on a leash at all times while outside of the resident owner's room. This includes hallways, laundry rooms and common areas in the residence halls.
8. Under no circumstances are pets allowed to be unsupervised while outside of the resident owner's room.
9. Pets are not allowed in residence hall bathrooms.
10. Pet owners are responsible for ensuring pets are cleaned up after.
11. All pets must be crated, caged, stationed, or in a terrarium when left unattended.

12. No pet may exhibit any aggressive behavior towards humans or other pets. This is determined on a case by case basis by Pet Life Staff. The Pet Life Staff may refer the case to the Director of Residence Life and/or the Dean of Students for conduct action.
13. Maintenance Staff may not enter the room to spray for bugs if the pet is inside the room.
14. Owner negligence or mistreatment of a pet will not be tolerated.
15. Pets attacking other pets or humans will not be tolerated.
16. Failure to remove a pet from campus will result in a fine and/or conduct action.
17. Students shall not capture any of the barn cats in an attempt to make them pets.
18. If your partner has a pet and will be visiting regularly, you must register the pet.
19. Pet feces must be disposed of in the bear bins around campus. Pet feces cannot be disposed of in the residence halls or academic buildings.

All incidents will be deferred to the Director of Housing and Residence Life and/or the Dean of Students for conduct review.

Housing Policy Summary & Care Guidelines:

- Animals are not allowed to be taken into campus housing until the owner has been approved through the Office of Pet Life that the Registration requirements are complete for approval of the animal.
- A request for a pet cannot be processed until an unauthorized animal is removed.
- Pets are only approved for the student's specific residence and are not allowed in other campus venues (i.e. classrooms, library, dining services, athletic facilities, friend's campus residence, etc.). The same rules apply to visiting pets. If outside of the resident's room, the pet must be on a leash at all times.
- Owners must ensure prompt cleanup and hygienic disposal of the pet's waste.
- Pets may not be left in the residence overnight or left in the care of other students on campus during the owner's absence.
- Pets are not authorized to travel with athletic teams or with groups attending other school sponsored activities. The student who participates on an athletic team or other school-related travel functions must make arrangements in advance for a reliable off-campus caregiver for a pet for any overnight and/or extended hours care.
- Dogs must be completely housebroken. Use of training pads is not an acceptable substitute for waste management.
- Dogs must be crate trained. Pets must be crated or contained while the owner is away from the room. Owners should not be away from their room for extended periods of time that will not allow for proper care and treatment of the animal.
- The pet must have documentation of current state and county required immunizations.
- Owners of dogs need to follow a routine tick/flea treatment and heartworm prevention plan.
- Students bringing pets to campus are fully responsible for the animal's behavior, and for any damage done. If the pet is disruptive to the living environment for others (for example, barking or other loud noises, or significant odor from litter boxes or cages), or if there is damage done to college facilities, the pet will need to be removed from the premises within 48 hours of notice being given. The student will be responsible for paying for property damage. If damage happens in a residence hall room, only the owner of the pet will be charged.
- Any display of aggression can result in a requirement for the animal to be removed from campus.

●Violations of these expectations and others listed in the Pet Policy will result in the owner having to remove the animal from campus.

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Cleaning your tank properly: Properly cleaning your tank is essential to maintaining a healthy environment for your pet as well as preventing the accidental spread of disease from pets to wildlife. Various deadly pathogens and parasites are inadvertently spread from pets to wildlife and they are a serious conservation threat. It is your responsibility as an ethical pet owner to use best practices in cleaning your tank to keep both your pet and our wildlife safe. This includes, but is not limited to: (1) Decontaminate your tank before bringing it to WWC. (2) While here, maintain a clean tank and correctly dispose of the tank and cleaning water. As a bare minimum, water that comes into contact with the inside of the tank or directly with your pet must be disposed of down a sink or toilet. Never dump this water outside. Never clean your tank outside.

Why can't we have amphibian pets? Amphibians include frogs, caecilians, and salamanders (including newts and axolotls). These can be wonderful pets, but they pose a uniquely dangerous threat to the conservation of local salamanders and are therefore not allowed at WWC. We are privileged to live in the Southern Appalachian Mountains which is one of the world's most biodiverse places for salamanders. But these species are at risk from a non-native and invasive fungal pathogen called Bsal (*Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*). This deadly pathogen will likely reach North America through the amphibian pet trade. Any amphibian can carry this pathogen and spread it to others, even if they are individually asymptomatic (through direct contact, but also through contaminated water and soil). To prevent the accidental introduction of Bsal to our campus, no amphibian pets are allowed. For more information about Bsal, visit salamanderfungus.org.

Prohibited Breeds of Dogs:

- Akita
- America Pit Bull
- Staffordshire Terrier
- Alaskan Husky / Alaskan Malamute
- Bullmastiff
- Chow
- Doberman Pinscher
- German Shepherd
- Great Dane
- Huskies (all breeds)
- Presa Canario (Canary Dog)
- Rottweiler
- St. Bernard
- Wolf or Coyote Breeds / Hybrids
- Dalmatians
- a dog that is mixed of any of these above listed breeds

Owner Responsibility

- Dogs and cats must be on a leash or tether when outside of the owner's residence hall room. On a leash is defined as a physical tether between the owner and the pet. Pets are not allowed in athletic facilities, athletic fields, classrooms, library, dining services or another resident's room. You also may not tie up a pet outside of a building or facility while the owner is inside.

- Abandonment, neglect and mistreatment of any pet by any member of the WWC community will not be tolerated. No warnings will be issued. In the case of abuse, the pet will be removed from the situation in order to prevent contact with the person(s) responsible for the abuse. These actions will be subject to the discretion of the Pet Life Staff and possible referral to the Director of Housing and/or the Dean of Students for conduct action.
- No pet is allowed to become a nuisance to the members of the WWC Community. A nuisance is defined as, but not limited to, excessive noise, physical harm to humans or other pets, and destruction of property. The Pet Life Staff reserves the right to deem any other act as a nuisance.
- Pet owners are responsible for any damages to College property that their pet may cause. Thus may include any flea treatment that may be needed in a resident's room or residence hall.
- Pet feces must be disposed of in the bear bins around campus. Pet feces cannot be disposed of in the residence halls or academic buildings.

Visitors:

A visiting pet may not stay on campus overnight without prior approval of the Pet Life Staff. Visiting pets must be registered with Pet Life at least one week prior to their intended arrival. Students are responsible for the actions of the visitor's pet. Visitors and visiting pets cannot stay more than 3 consecutive nights in the residence hall.

Professional staff members/faculty members, who maintain a permanent residence on campus may own a registered pet in any residential apartment/house. These individuals are not exempt from the Pet Policy regulations and are expected to follow the intent of these standards, specifically regarding pet ownership and supervision. Professional staff members/faculty members are not required to pay the registration fee or register their pet with Pet Life Staff. Faculty and Staff have a separate policy in the Employee's Handbook.

Complaints

The WWC Pet Life Staff will meet as necessary to consider complaints. Any member of the WWC community may file a complaint with the Pet Life Staff regarding any pet. The complaint may address any form of misconduct or rule violation on the part of the pet or owner.

Each complaint will be forwarded to the Director of Housing & Residence Life and/or the Dean of Students for review. Actions may include, but are not limited to, warnings, fines, removal of the pet from campus, conduct action, and/or other acts deemed necessary. Non-compliance with any decision may result in the loss of the privilege to reside in campus friendly housing.

Only animals classified as Service Animals, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973, are allowed to live on campus outside the guidelines established by the Pet Policy.

Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are approved by the Disability Access Committee, ESAs must adhere to all conduct policies as listed in the Pet Policy. Owners of ESAs and Service Animals are required to register their pet with Pet Life. The registration fee is waived for Service Animals and ESAs.

Students must receive an ESA designation from the Disability Access Committee prior to bringing their ESA to campus. If students are cited for a violation to the Pet Policy, they must remedy the violation before requesting the ESA designation for their pet. Pets living on campus in violation of the pet policy may not remain on campus pending a review and determination of an ESA request. Accommodations are made on a case by case basis.

Questions regarding policies and applying for ESA status should be directed to the Office of Disability Access at disabilityaccess@warren-wilson.edu.

Campus Breaks

During any campus breaks in which the pet owner will be away from campus (Fall Break, Thanksgiving, Winter Break, Spring Break or Summer Break, etc.), it is expected that the pet owner will remove the pet from campus. There will be no exception to this rule, and pet owners found in non-compliance will be subjected to fines and/or conduct action and may be placed on Pet Probation (during which the student may not have a pet on campus). Failure to comply with the pet policy and/or requests of the Pet Life Staff may result in fines, conduct action and/or additional action deemed necessary by the College.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Dog Information?**
 - Dogs (under 40 pounds) must be properly registered with the Pet Life Staff before residing on campus. The acquisition of a pet, purchased, fostered, adopted or stray, while a student at Warren Wilson College is prohibited. Dogs are only allowed in designated dog residence halls on campus. A resident may have no more than one dog or medium pet.
- **What is a medium pet?**
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- **What is a small pet?**
 - Fish, small birds, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rats, and small non-venomous reptiles are considered small pets and must be properly registered. Small pets are permitted in all residence halls. A student may have no more than two small pets. No heat lamps are allowed on campus due to fire code.
- **What does the pet fee cover each year?**
 - The pet fee covers building a pet park, the pet park's upkeep and renewal, the identification tag given to each dog or medium pet owner, the bio-degradable poop bags that will be available for students, the disposal of the used poop bags and the funds to plan pet events concerning the well being and care of campus pets.
- **How old must my cat or dog be to live on campus?**
 - Your dog must be at least one year old and have lived with the students or student's family for at least 10 months prior to being registered. Your cat must be at least six months old and have lived with the student or student's family for at least three months prior to being registered.
- **What is the weight limit of my cat or dog living on campus?**
 - Forty pounds is the maximum weight allowed for a cat or dog on campus.
- **Does my cat or dog need to be on a leash?**
 - Cats and dogs must be on a leash connected to a human handler at all times while on campus.
- **Are all the residence halls Pet Friendly?**
 - No, every year before Housing Selection, the Residence Life will determine which halls are Pet Friendly and Pet Free.
- **Can I bring a pet as a first year/transfer student to campus?**
 - Yes, but the animal must be registered and approved before arriving to campus. The acquisition of a dog or cat, purchased, fostered, adopted or stray, while a student at Warren Wilson College is prohibited.
- **Does my cat, dog, or rabbit have to be spayed/neutered?**
 - Your cat, dog or rabbit must be spayed or neutered at the time that you register and a veterinarian certificate is required.
- **Are there any dog breeds not allowed on campus?**

- Yes, some breeds are not allowed on campus, however, the dog must meet the requirements outlined in the Pet Policy in order to reside on campus. No animal may exhibit any aggressive behavior towards humans or other pets.
- Our insurance company has provided the list of breeds not allowed on campus.
- Breeds not allowed on campus are:
 - Akita
 - America Pit Bull
 - Staffordshire Terrier
 - Alaskan Husky / Alaskan Malamute
 - Bullmastiff
 - Chow
 - Doberman Pinscher
 - German Shepherd
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 - Pres Canario (Canary Dog)
 - Rottweiler
 - St. Bernard
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- **How much does it cost to bring a pet on campus?**
 - Dogs - \$250 for the academic year
 - Medium Pets - \$150 for the academic year
 - Small Pets - \$50 for the academic year
 - Summer Housing - Dogs \$100, Medium Pets \$75 & Small Pets \$25
- **Can a friend bring their pet to campus to visit?**
 - Yes, a [Visiting Pet Registration Form](#) must be completed one week prior to the pet's arrival and confirmation must be received from Pet Life before the pet arrives to campus.
- **When I bring my pet to campus how long do I have to register the pet & pay the fee?**
 - You must register the pet prior to your arrival to campus. After registering, Pet Life Staff will review your registration and documentation and will inform you whether or not your registration has been approved.
- **How many dogs or small pets can I have on campus?**
 - One dog or medium pet OR two small pets per resident are permitted on campus.
- **Does my pet have to be on a leash at all times?**
 - Dogs and cats must be on a leash or tether when outside of the owner's residence hall room. On a leash is defined as a physical tether between the owner and the pet.
- **Where can my pet go on campus?**
 - Pets are not allowed in athletic facilities, athletic fields, classrooms, library, dining services or another resident's room. You also may not tie up a pet outside of a building or facility while the owner is inside.
- **WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS**
 - Bringing a pet to campus comes with inherent risks due to interaction with wildlife, such as bears, coyotes, and many others who call our campus home. Following the guidelines laid out in this document, particularly those requiring leashing of all pets when outdoors, is imperative for your pet's safety and our native wildlife community. Any harm that comes to a pet or owner due to a lack of compliance with these rules is the sole responsibility of the pet's owner.



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Please have your veterinary vaccination records, proof of neutering/spaying, and proof of flea & tick prevention ready before starting the form. You will need to upload all of this information at the end of the application.

The registration form below can be completed by residential students, students living off campus, live on professional staff and live on faculty staff.

A valid Photo of the pet must be submitted to Pet Life with registration.

All pets must have appropriate vaccinations and a letter from your veterinarian of good health.

Cats and dogs require vet verification of Spay/Neuter procedure, weight (dogs must be under 40 pounds), age and length of ownership.

Please note that small pets are not allowed in classrooms or offices.

Only Service Animals are allowed in the cafeteria and Owls Nest.

Warren Wilson College Pet Application

Visitor's Name

Visitor's Cell Number

Visitor's Email Address

Name of WWC Host Student

Host Student's WWC Student ID Number

Host Student's WWC Email Address

Host Student's Housing Assignment (Building & Room Number)

Host Student's Cell Phone Number

Date for Pet to be on campus

Name of the Pet

Species of the Pet

Breed of the Pet

Will the pet be staying overnight on campus?

You will need to submit:

- Veterinary Records for the pet providing proof of vaccinations,
- A current photo of the pet.

All of this information must be submitted with the application.

I have read and understand the Pet Policy. I agree to abide by the policy in every aspect.

Signature

Date