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Pet Policy

Indoor Pets:

There are no restrictions on pets within private units, provided their noise does not cause a disturbance to others. Should indoor pets accidentally get out, the outdoor rules are then applicable to these pets and their owners.

Outdoor Pets:

1. Cats:

We prefer that all cats be kept indoors or in designated enclosures. At initial move-in, members who already have outdoor cats may continue to keep them outdoors. Members are asked to bring these cats indoors at night as much as possible since nighttime is when cats hunt the most. After initial move-in, all new cats added to the community will be kept indoors. Those who feel strongly about outdoor cats may seek an exception for up to 2 cats.

2. Dogs:

Out of consideration for the safety and comfort of all community members, dogs should either be on a leash, in a fenced-in area, in a community dog run area, or under the direct control and supervision of their owners at all times. Dog owners are expected to "scoop as they go" when walking their dogs.

Members shall not bring in dogs with an aggressive history, or dogs whose breed has an aggressive history. (list: tbd)

3. Other animals held as outdoor pets:

If other outdoor animals (such as pigs, goats, etc.) are allowed by the laws applicable to our site, these pets will either be on a leash or in a fenced-in area at all times.

Members who wish to keep livestock should raise that issue with the community as an exception to this policy.

4. Neutering:

We recognize that there is a pet overpopulation problem in this country due to accidental breeding of pets, particularly cats. Therefore, it is required that outdoor cats be spayed or neutered prior to move-in and strongly recommended that both indoor cats and all dogs be spayed or neutered prior to move-in.

5. Damage and mess:

Outdoor pet owners are jointly responsible for cleaning up after their outdoor pets. The playground sandbox shall be inspected and cleaned for pet excrement at least once daily.

Outdoor pet owners are jointly responsible for repairing or bearing the cost of any damage created by their outdoor pets except in cases where one animal has been clearly identified to have caused the damage.

Common house:

Service animals are welcome to accompany their owners into indoor common areas, such as the common house, but no other animals are permitted. All animals are prohibited from any basement storage areas that have been designated as animal-free.

Notes:

1. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
2. Visiting pets are the responsibility of their hosts.

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