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PETS POLICY

Lock Haven University permits tropical freshwater fish in a ten-gallon tank or less within all residence halls/apartments. The Lock Haven University Pet Friendly Residence Hall Policy allows Smith Hall and Campus Village Apartment residents the privilege of bringing their long-term pet to campus. The Student and Residence Life office defines “long-term pet” as a pet under the primary care of the resident or their family for at least three (3) months and being of at least six (6) months of age (for cats and dogs). Under the Pet Friendly Residence Hall Policy, approved students may have one (1) cat, one (1) dog (under 40 lbs. with breed restrictions explained in the full Pet Friendly Residence Hall Policy), or two (2) rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs. No other pet types will be considered at this time. Pets cannot reside on University property, with the exception of designated pet friendly residence halls, and are not permitted inside other University buildings. For registration information, please contact the Student and Residence Life office at housing@lockhaven.edu. All pets (excluding fish) must be registered and approved through the Student and Residence Life Office prior to bringing pets to campus.

Aquariums (and approved pets in the pet friendly residence hall) are only permitted if proper care and maintenance is performed. Should proper care and maintenance not be performed, the residents will be asked to remove the aquarium (or approved pet in the pet friendly residence hall), and this privilege will be revoked. This will be done at the discretion of the Student & Residence Life Staff.

Costs associated with harboring any unapproved pet for any length of time in a residence hall room/apartment will result in a \$300 charge. During breaks, electricity is turned off in the residence halls as a cost and energy saving practice. In these instances, the University will assume no responsibility for feeding or care of the fish (or approved pets from pet friendly halls) at any time.

**This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2010 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.*