

# Kendall Hall Pet Policy

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## **Principles**

It is understood that Veterinary students have an affinity with animals and having a pet enhances the quality of their experience in a Hall of Residence. However, it is a communal facility and respect for other students and its maintenance must not be compromised.

## **Approval**

Approval must be given by the Residential Supervisors prior to any animals entering Kendall Hall. Failure to get approval for a pet will result in banning of the pet from the college once discovered.

To get approval for your pet, simply supply the following information with an acknowledgement that you agree to the provisions of this policy in an email to Kendall-hall@unimelb.edu.au:

Room number/student name

Animal species, breed, sex and neuter status.

Expected dates/duration of stay

## **Boundaries**

Animals must NEVER be allowed outside the responsible student's room (within communal areas of Kendall Hall) when not under direct supervision by the student.

Students must not block off access to communal corridors to allow free ranging of their pet by erecting walls within the corridor as this blocks emergency exits.

## **Hygiene**

Animals must not produce any smell that can be detected outside the student's room.

Animals must be kept clean and disease free (including fleas and other parasites).

No animal can be kept in a manner that allows any of their excrement or toileting litter to directly touch any part of Kendall Hall.

Animal cages must be cleaned outdoors only.

All pet food must be kept in rodent-proof containers apart from meal times. This means that pets cannot be fed ad libitum unless they live in a rodent-proof cage. Any animal bedding or food stored in the box room MUST be sealed completely in a rodent proof container. This includes hay and straw.

Use of communal washing machines for soiled bedding is not allowed unless all organic material (fur, straw, faeces) is removed beforehand. Soiled bedding must also be PRE-RINSED in the laundry sink prior to using the communal washing machines.

## **Welfare**

All animals must be kept in an acceptable state of welfare. This is primarily achieved by proper husbandry (including regular cleaning of enclosures) and environmental enrichment.

## **Property**

Animals must not damage any Kendall Hall property and any damage that is caused must be paid for in full by the responsible student.

## **Noise**

All animals must not produce any noise that can be heard outside the student's room. This rule will likely exclude many animals (e.g. birds) and will be strictly enforced. This is necessary to maintain an environment conducive to sleep and study.

## **Species**

Cats and dogs are not allowed. Standard species that are likely to be approved include all reptiles (non-venomous), fish, insects, rodents, rabbits and guinea pigs. Other species may be allowed upon request.

## **Complaints and Consequences for Non-Compliance**

Any student may post a formal anonymous complaint about a pet at any time to the Residential Supervisors. Multiple complaints about a pet may result in banning of the pet from Kendall Hall regardless of compliance with the rules above, subject to the decision of management.

Any student keeping an animal in their room may be requested to have their room inspected by Residential Supervisors without notice.

If at any time the rules above are not followed, the responsible student will be given a warning (minor first-time offences) or the pet will be banned.

Decisions of Management or Residential Supervisors are final.