

MUHLENBERG COLLEGE – PET POLICY

In order to address a number of noise complaints and health concerns regarding students and employees with pet allergies, the College has formalized the following policy regarding pets on campus. The College Committee on Campus Life has reviewed this policy, which stands as a complement to but does not supercede the pet policy for students in the Student Policy and Information Guide. To give pet-owners time to make alternate arrangements for their pets, this policy will take effect November 1, 2005.

PETS ON CAMPUS

While pets can be a source of much enjoyment, they can also pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community. Many individuals suffer from allergies related to pet dander and pet hair, and it is important to provide a healthy environment for all our students, employees and visitors to the campus. In addition, pets pose a significant liability risk to the College. This policy establishes the College's rules on pets and other animals on campus.

- 1) Pets are permitted on the grounds of the Muhlenberg College campus only while leashed and under the direct and immediate control of their owners. Having a pet on campus grounds is a privilege, not a right. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets while on College grounds in accordance with Allentown ordinances. Pets (other than fish) are not permitted in restricted outside areas or inside College buildings.
- 2) Trained helping animals (sometimes referred to as service animals) such as guide dogs for the blind, as well as animals being trained as such, are permitted under Pennsylvania law on the College campus and in College buildings.
- 3) Animals used for approved research projects are permitted on the College campus and in College buildings conducting the research.
- 4) Employees who live in private homes owned by the College may petition the Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College for permission to have a pet reside with them. Permission will depend on a number of factors. However, if approval for a pet should be granted, these pets will not be permitted in administrative or classroom buildings unless they are trained service animals assisting individuals with certified disabilities.