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THE EVERGREEN STATE PRESIDENT

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Animals on Campus

at

The Evergreen State College

The rules recommended here are intended to govern the control and treatment of all pets and animals at The Evergreen State College. If they are fully met, then pets, under these regulations, may be brought on campus and admitted to the academic buildings. Failures of compliance will result in the loss of the privilege to pet owners of having their animals on College property.

Section I

Definitions

Within the provisions of these rules, which apply to the Evergreen campus and academic buildings but not to the residence halls, where separate regulations obtain, the following definitions are in force:

- a. <u>Pets</u> shall mean any animal other than a human being that may for for any reason and at any time be present on the College campus.
- b. <u>Physical control</u> shall mean a leash, cage, or any other restraining device that subjects the pet to the direct muscular control of the owner. Voice control does not constitute physical control.
- c. Owner shall mean the person who has registered a given animal or pet. Owners must be members of the Pet Owners Association.
- d. <u>Duly appointed representative</u> shall mean any person or persons who have been appointed by the Pet Owners Association and

approved by the Evergreen Director of Security as responsible for the enforcement, with appropriate officers of the College, of these rules.

Section II

County Ordinances

All pet owners at The Evergreen State College must comply with Thurston County ordinances Nos. 3641, 3642, and 3643 concerning pets and pet ownership.

Section III

Physical Control

All pets must be under the physical control of their owners at all times when on the College campus or in the buildings.

- a. Any animal or pet on College property that is not under the physical control of its owner shall be subject to impounding through the Thurston County Humane Society or the Office of the Thurston County Sheriff.
- b. The Director of Security or his designees at The Evergreen State College and/or the duly appointed representatives of the Pet Owners Association have the authority and the responsibility to act in the absence of the Humane Society or the Sheriff.

Section IV

Registration

a. All pets shall be registered with the College and shall be issued a numbered tag. All pet owners, who must carry suitable identification as members of the Pet Owners Association, are required on the Evergreen campus. When they register their animals, all pet owners must sign a statement relieving the College of any legal responsibility that may arise as a result of damage to persons or to property or through suits incurred by actions of the pet. This relief of the College entails acceptance of legal liability by the pet owners themselves.

b. Any person who registers a pet but who is under 18 years of age must obtain the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian.

Section V

Pet Owners Association

- a. There shall be a formal Pet Owners Association in which all persons at The Evergreen State College who own pets must hold membership.
- b. The Pet Owners Association shall be responsible collectively and corporately for any and all damages done to the College or its properties by pets. Damages incurred by the College because of pets shall be assessed quarterly and billed to the Pet Owners Association. The determination of damages shall be made by a Board of Damages by Pets. The members of that Board shall be appointed by the College's Vice President for Business in consultation with the President of the Pet Owners Association and shall include three members from the Pet Owners Association, two members from the staff of the Division of Plant Maintenance of the College, and one member from the Division of Developmental Services. Additional members, not to exceed three in total, may be appointed at the joint discretion of the Vice President for Business and the President of the Pet Owners Association.

c. Because separate regulations hold in the Residence Halls of the College, no part of this Section applies there.

Section VI

Special Restrictions

- a. No pet shall be allowed on the fourth floor of the Evans Library.
- b. No pet shall be allowed in any area where food or drink may be served.
- c. No pet shall be permitted to occupy chairs, benches, tables, stools, or any other furniture in any of the academic buildings of the College.
- d. No pet shall be allowed to remain in any office, room, meeting place, or lounge if any member of the Evergreen community or any guest of the College objects to the presence of pets.

Section VII

Enforcement

Any pet in violation of any of the rules stated in this document is subject to impounding through the Thurston County Humane Society or the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. The responsibility and obligation to initiate the impounding procedure rest with Evergreen's Director of Security, with his staff and designees, and with duly appointed representatives of the Pet Owners Association. All members of the Evergreen community, however, share the responsibility for enforcing these regulations for the general good of the College.