



Juniata College Pet Policy 2026-27

To offer additional housing options, Juniata College will allow animals (**other than fish**) in a designated section of college housing (East Houses, houses and off campus apartments). This housing option has no connection to the Emotional Support Animal (ESA) process. Students requesting an ESA should reach out to the Office of Student Accessibility Services.

Below are the guidelines for seeking approval for pet-friendly housing in East Houses, houses and off campus apartments ONLY

Specifications and Care Guidelines:

- Each location is permitted to have **one pet**
- The pet options include a dog (**no more than 40 lbs.**) at full growth, an indoor cat, a rabbit, rodent (i.e., mouse, rat, hamster, gerbil, or guinea pig) ferret, or a reptile that is **not poisonous, venomous, or hallucinogenic**.
- Pets must be at least **one year of age** prior to being on campus
- All pets must be spayed or neutered at the appropriate age
- All pets are **required** to have license or registration as issued by the county
- The hygiene, health, and vaccinations of each pet must be well maintained.
 - In addition, pet owners are **required** to regularly bathe their pets, clean litter boxes or containers, and dispose of pet waste in an outdoor container.
- Food and water for each pet must be kept inside the suite
- Solid waste **must be properly managed**.
 - Specifically, the pet owner must bag solid waste and dispose of it in an outside dumpster
- Students must make accommodations for their pets if they are left alone for a significant amount of time (**over 12 hours for a dog / 48 hours for a cat**). Acceptable accommodations include having the pet boarding, kennel, monitored adequately, or kept off campus.
- Dogs cannot be left alone outside. Tying a dog to a fixed object outside will not be permitted.
- **All pets** are not allowed in academic buildings, Ellis Hall or Kennedy Sport & Recreation Center.

Pet Policy Application and Registration Process:

Students may submit an application for their pet for the 2026-27 academic year

The following documents must be submitted to the Campus and Residential Life Office prior to bringing an animal to campus:

- Signed Pet Owner Registration (attached below)
- Vaccination certificate/shot record
- Proof of spraying or neutering (If the student has a puppy or kitten, this documentation can be given once the pet is at an appropriate age for this procedure)

All Materials listed above must be submitted to the Campus and Residential Life Office prior to bringing any animal to campus. Approval is not automatic, and students must wait for confirmation before bringing their pet to campus. **Bringing a pet to campus before approval may result in the pet being confiscated.**

Financial Responsibility

- The student will be billed for a **pet deposit of \$250 (non-refundable)** once the pet is approved.
- Any pet related repairs that are deemed beyond normal wear and tear will be paid for by the pet owner.
 - Decisions regarding what constitutes “normal wear and tear” are up to the Campus and Residential Life Staff)
- If the cost of any repair, replacement, or cleaning exceeds the deposit, the pet owner is responsible for the full amount.

Apartments, Furnishings, Damages, and Cleaning

- Prior to a pet’s arrival to the suite, an inventory and assessment of the space will be taken
- The student must report any damage at the time it occurs. This damage will be paid by the pet owner during the year that the damage was reported.
- At the end of the academic year, the suite will be thoroughly checked and cleaned
 - Any damages noted will be paid for by the student
- The suite will receive customary cleaning treatment by Facilities when the pet owner moves out
 - Anything necessitating additional cleaning (at the sole discretion of the College) will be paid for by the pet owner
- It will never be the job of the facility services staff (Grounds, Maintenance, or Facilities) to clean up any excrement.

Community Guidelines

- Pets must be on a leash or contained in a carrier and accompanied by someone while outside on college property.
- Residents will be made aware of the presence of a pet in the tower.
 - Residents will be informed of their rights to a quiet and healthy environment and will be made aware of the proper complaint process.
- Pet owners will be required to have a pet in residence door sign, signifying to college employees and to other residents that a pet is in the suite.
 - This sign must be at the front entrance to the suite.
- Pets cannot be in other residence halls, even if they are just visiting.
- Visiting other student rooms, hallways and lounges within the tower permitted if the pet is on a leash or in a carrier.

Complaint Process

Residents can email complaints and concerns in regard to noise, odor, pests, threats, or danger to the Campus and Residential Life Office.

The office will respond to the complaint and may issue any one or more of the following sanctions:

- Requiring specific reasonable action on the part of the pet owner to rectify a problem.
- Probation of pet owning privileges
- Suspension of pet owning privileges for one or more semesters
- If the suspension of pet owning privileges is implemented, the pet owner will be given up to 14 days to alternately place the animal.

Required Vaccines & Procedures:

Cats

- Rabies
 - Depends on brand of vaccine – initial shot good for one year with boosters being good for 1-3 years depending on the brand
- Feline Leukemia (yearly after initial series).
- Distemper Series (need 2 vaccinations as a kitten and then follow a set protocol for boosters as they get older.
 - The initial series is likely to be good for many years.
- De-worm/Fecal Exam
 - Felines must be de-wormed or have documentation provided for their most recent fecal exam.

- NOTE: Kittens must be at least 12 weeks of age in order to receive their initial Feline Leukemia shots. Therefore, kittens younger than 12 weeks old are not permitted to enter Pet Friendly Housing for any duration of time without permission from the Office of Residential Life.
- Monthly flea treatments.

Dogs

- Rabies
 - Depends on brand of vaccine – initial shot good for one year with boosters being good for 1-3 years depending on the brand
- Canine vaccines for Lynne Disease
- Distemper vaccine
- Monthly flea treatments

Ferrets

- Rabies
 - First vaccination good for one year and boosters typically good for 3 years, depending on the vaccine used
- Ferret/Canine Distemper Series
 - Need 3 vaccinations at a few months old and then yearly boosters

Hamsters, Mice, Guinea Pigs, Rabbits: No approved vaccines available

- The animals are required to be sprayed/neutered with proof being provided with the applications
 - Absolutely no poisonous, venomous, or hallucinogenic animals are allowed!

2026-27 Pet Owner Registration for Students

Name of Pet Owner: _____ Student ID #: _____

Pet Type:

☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Rabbit ☐ Ferret ☐ Rodent: _____ ☐ Reptile: _____

Breed: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Anticipated adult size and weight: _____

Color: _____ Name of pet: _____

Emergency Contact Information

By providing the following information, I understand that the college has the right (but not the duty) to take my pet to a veterinarian listed below if I cannot be contacted in an emergency.

Veterinarian name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Assumption of Liability and Agreement Statement

I, the undersigned, understand that the College shall not, under any circumstances, be held liable for any personal injury or damage caused by my pet. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold Juniata College harmless from all payments, expenses, costs, attorney's fees, and all claims and liabilities for losses or damage to property or injuries to persons caused wholly or in part by or resulting from my pet which will be living with me in my assigned residence at the college. The College's willingness to allow residency of my pet is not an acknowledgement or accommodation provided in accordance with ADA but rather represents a personal preference and quality of life enhancement. Neither Residential Life nor Juniata College is responsible for supervising the registered pet, nor do they assume liability for the actions of the pet. I have also read Juniata College's Pet Ownership Agreement, and I agree to abide by all of these policies. I also understand that failure to comply with this agreement may result in the revocation of the privilege of pet ownership.

Signature of Pet Owner

Date

