

Rowan University - School of Osteopathic Medicine
Environmental Health and Safety

Subject: Pet Waste
Effective Date: September, 2021
Approved by: Thomas Boyle

I. Purpose:

A regulation to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet waste at Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this regulation clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the animal solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any Animal or otherwise have custody of any Animal, whether or not they are the owner of such Animal.
- c. Person – any individual (including but not limited to a University student; visiting faculty member or other visitor; guest; professional member of the University's academic, administrative, or teaching staff; or other University officer, agent, or employee), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- d. Domestic Animal or Pet – a domesticated animal kept for amusement, companionship or utility.
- e. Disability assistance animal: Animals authorized by people with disabilities.
- f. Animal solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the animal; excrement.
- g. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the University or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.
- h. University - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

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- i. University Property – Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Rowan University.

III. Prohibited Conduct

Any person or any owner or keeper of a domesticated animal or pet is required to immediately and properly dispose of a pet's solid waste deposited on University property.

IV. Exceptions

Service animals and emotional support animals (ESAs) are permitted on University property in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. This Policy is adopted to provide guidance to employees and students in order to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, to ensure the protection of persons from animals, and to require the proper care for animals while on campus.

V. Violations

- a. Any University student who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the University's Student Handbook.
- b. Any University officer, staff member, employee, or agent who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.
- c. Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the University to provide equipment, materials, supplies, or services on University property, and who is found to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with the contract or agreement.
- d. Any visitor, guest, or other person who is not identified under V.a, V.b, or V.c above, and who is found to be in violation of this regulation, is subject to ejection from University property and, if the person refuses to leave after being asked to leave, to prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.