Clemson University Nuisance Domestic Animal (pets) Policy

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Rationale
For reasons of Public Health and sanitation, the control of domestic animals on Clemson University property or within any Clemson building is necessary.

Definitions
Domestic animal (pet) – any animal maintained on or brought to Clemson University property other than those approved for education, research, or agricultural purposes as provided below.

Owner - For the purposes of this policy the owner is deemed to be the individual or group bringing an animal to campus, or maintaining (feeding, etc.) a non-exceptioned animal on University property.

CU Personnel – Faculty, Staff, or others employed by Clemson University.

Student – any individual enrolled at Clemson University. An individual may have more than one status (e.g., be both staff and student).

Policy
Except for bona fide assistance animals and tropical fish, animals are not permitted in the interior of any University building, nor are Faculty, Staff, or Students allowed to bring or maintain any animal on University property.

Exceptions are made for animals used in education, research, and agriculture (cows, sheep, pigs, horses, poultry) housed on farms. These animals must be under the care of CU personnel, and be approved by the Clemson University Veterinarian.

Any individual desiring to bring or maintain a non-exempted domestic animal on Clemson property must have prior approval of the University Veterinarian and Clemson EHS.

Permissions and Tagging
Any application to maintain a domestic (non-assistance/non-agricultural animals) animal on campus must be made in writing to both the University Veterinarian and EHS. The domestic (non-assistance/non-agricultural animals) must be issued a CU animal tag denoting that the animal is permitted to be on CU property.

Tags are issued by the University for an annual non-refundable fee of $1,000.00 per animal.

The University Veterinarian will verify the animal’s health and immunization status annually; sick and/or non-immunized animals will not be permitted. There will be a non-refundable fee of $250 for this service. Alternately, the University Veterinarian may accept a “clean bill of health” notice from select non-CU veterinarians with prior approval of the University Veterinarian.

The animal must be bathed routinely (no less than once per week) and be kept free of fleas and other vermin.

The owner will clean any and all messes created by the pet; any instances where University personnel are required to clean up after a non-CU animal will result in a cleaning fee of $250 for labor and materials.

Any damage to University property will result in the owner being billed the full cost of replacement, plus labor and materials.
Violations

Owners of domestic animal(s) found on University property in *violation of this policy* are subject to ticketing and substantial fines. Fines start at $1,000 per violation, per animal.

Repeat violations by Faculty, Staff, or Students are subject to the University’s Progressive Discipline Policy.

Violations by non-CU personnel/students will result of the animal’s removal and possible euthanasia. Repeat violations will result in a “no trespass order” being placed on the Owner, with enforcement by Clemson University Police.