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## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 These guidelines outline how KAUST regulates pet ownership to ensure a safe environment for all members of the community and they must be followed by anyone accessing and inside KAUST.

## **2. Pet Ownership**

- 2.1 KAUST residents may keep a maximum of three pets which can be any combination of pets (cats and dogs). Pets are not permitted to live in apartment buildings or shared accommodation.
- 2.2 Birds, hamsters or fish may be kept as pets and do not have to be registered. They must be kept in an appropriately sized cage/tank.
- 2.3 Venomous or non-domesticated animals are not allowed to be kept as pets within KAUST. For the purposes of these guidelines, non-domesticated animals include, but are not limited to, wild and exotic breeds, dangerous dog breeds as determined by the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture, feral cats, reptiles, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks and pigeons.

## **3. Pet Registration**

- 3.1 All cats and dogs must be registered once they arrive at KAUST through this [form](#). Pet owners will need to confirm their pet's Microchip registration number during the registration process.
- 3.2 It is responsibility of the pet owner to confirm any changes to their pet's registration status: rehoming, permanent loss, death and/or relocation to other countries due to final exit. The change in the status should be informed through this [form](#).

## **4. Leaving KAUST**

- 4.1 As part of the final clearance procedure, Pet owners who are leaving KAUST must notify the new status of their pet through this [form](#). Any new owner must re-register the pet in their name upon receipt through this [form](#).

## **5. Shipping Pets to/from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)**

- 5.1 Before moving your pets to/from KAUST, pet owners must obtain the necessary approvals/licenses from the Saudi Arabian Government to import/export a pet. This may require clarifying with the selected pet shipping company all administrative, veterinary and other preconditions of transportation, as well as the physical conditions and caretaking of animals during the journey to/from KSA.
- 5.2 Pet owners must obtain, and bear all costs of, the necessary approvals, permits, transit, or licenses as prescribed by the applicable laws of KSA for the import and/or export of animals.

## **6. Keeping Pets at KAUST**

- 6.1 Pet owners are responsible for the ongoing vaccinations of their pets and for keeping up-to-date vaccination records (including rabies), in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. If a pet is lost/found, the microchip will facilitate reuniting the animal with its owner. It is recommended that pets wear collars/tags to help identify them as pets.
- 6.2 Pet owners must ensure there is sufficient food, water and space for the animal to move about their

living space.

6.3 Pet owners must:

- a) take full responsibility for the care and behavior of pets by keeping them under control at all times especially when outside of their house and own backyard;
- b) ensure their pet is not a risk or nuisance to neighbors and other community members;

6.4 With the exception of the Security K9 unit or Approved Personal Service/Guide Animals, pets are **not allowed** in the following areas:

- a) indoor and outdoor areas of the University Academic Campus (e.g., *Spine*, and academic buildings);
- b) indoor facilities, such as movie theaters, restaurants, retail shops, recreation centers, health centers;
- c) Discovery Square, KAUST South Beach, Mosque grounds, outdoor dine-in restaurants, all swimming pool areas, and public fenced AstroTurf pitches; and
- d) additional areas which may be designated as pet-free areas.

6.5 Pet owners must clean up after their pets.

6.6 Any Vets providing services in KAUST are independent practitioners and KAUST will not be liable for any pet care interactions between the pet owner and the Vet.

6.7 Visitors and non-residents are not allowed to bring animals to KAUST.

## 7. Lost and Trapped Pets

7.1 Lost pets should be reported to 959. Do not contact 911 or 922 for lost pets.

7.2 Registered pets collected by Pest Control will be reunited with their owner. Any cat or dog found will be checked for registration status. If they are not registered, they will be treated as stray animals.

## 8. Vacation, Neglect and Mistreatment

8.1 Pet owners must make appropriate arrangements for the care of pets when they are absent from KAUST.

8.2 Pet owners may lose their right to own pets if they neglect, mistreat, or abandon an animal. Pet cruelty, neglect or mistreatment may lead to fines and further investigation.

8.3 Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle at any time.

8.4 If a community member has a concern regarding the health, well-being or behavior of a pet in the community, they should report it through: <https://kaustforms.formstack.com/forms/reportit>.

If the concern is serious or urgent, 911 may be contacted.

## 9. Breeding and Sales of Pets

9.1 Breeding of animals is not permitted in KAUST.

9.2 Selling pets is prohibited within KAUST.

## 10. Contact information for pet related inquiries

- **Pets in our Community Webpage:** <https://pets.kaust.edu.sa> This website includes information about pet ownership and registration, as well as information about the Vet and dog-run.
- **Contact the Petcare Team:** [petcare@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:petcare@kaust.edu.sa)  
This email address is for pet-related comments, questions, and concerns.
- **Lost Pets:** 012 808 0959  
For any concerns related to lost pets, please contact the 959 Helpdesk for support.
- **Security and Emergency Services:** 012 808 0911  
For any situation that is serious and urgent, please contact the 911 emergency services. Please do not call 911 for missing pets.

## 11. Failure to Comply

Members of KAUST community have a responsibility to understand and follow this guidelines and are expected to comply with it. A violation of this guidelines may result in appropriate disciplinary action, including the possible termination from KAUST.

Please refer to the [Disciplinary Policy and Procedure](#)