Animal Waste

I. Purpose:

A regulation to establish requirements for the proper disposal of animal solid waste at Ramapo College, 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 College student; visiting faculty member or other visitor; guest; professional member of the College's academic, administrative, or teaching staff; or other College officer, agent, or employee), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on College property is subject to regulation by the College.

d. Animal – 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 College or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

h. College - Ramapo College.

i. College property – Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Ramapo College.

III. Requirement for Waste Disposal and Animal Walking:

a. Students and visitors are not permitted to have animals in residence halls at any time.

b. Animals are not permitted in academic buildings.

c. All animal owners are required to complete the Animal Walking Authorization Form and submit the completed form to Security prior to bringing a Animal on campus.

d. All animal owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their animal's solid waste deposited on College property.

e. Individuals with disabilities who physically cannot clean up after their own disability assistance animal are still responsible for ensuring that waste is disposed of properly.

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IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the Animal Walking Authorization Form while such animal is being used for that purpose. Disability assistance animals are permitted in residence halls and academic buildings.

V. Violations:

a. Any College student who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to official warning, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions in accordance with the College’s Student Conduct Code.

b. Any College 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 College to provide equipment, materials, supplies, or services on College 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 continues to be in violation of this regulation, after being duly notified, is subject to being banned from College property by the Director of Security or prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.
Animal Walking Authorization Form

Name of Owner: ______________________________________________________
(Print)

Name of Animal: ______________________________________________________

Animal Type: Dog _______  Cat _______  Other (specify) _______

Address: ______________________________________________________

Town or City: ________________________ State: __________  Zip: _________

Phone Number: (________) ________-_______________

This form is my authorization to walk my Animal outside on campus during the following period(s) of time:

From ____________________ to __________________
Month/day/year  Month/day/year

While my Animal is on the Ramapo College campus, I agree to the following:

1. The Animal will NOT be brought into the interior of any Ramapo building.
2. The Animal will not be present at any outdoor campus events. The animal may not enter upon any athletics playing surface or in any way interfere with any College activity.
3. The Animal will be restrained by me and will not run freely.
4. I will carry materials with me to ensure that Animal waste is not left on the campus and I will dispose of same in appropriate containers.
5. I will be mindful of the fears, allergies, or other concerns some people have about animals and will not allow my Animal to come close to other persons on the campus or to their Animals without their permission.
6. I understand that if I violate these rules, I may have my Animal immediately banned from further access to the campus.
7. No Animal will be brought onto campus that is not licensed and immunized according to the law’s requirements.

____________________________________ ___________________
Animal Owner’s Signature    Date

____________________________________ ___________________
Authorizing Signature     Date

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