



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

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Pet Waste Policy

I. Purpose:

A regulation to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in Ramapo College of New Jersey to protect the environment, 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 Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent 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.

"Owner/Keeper" means any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether the owner of such pet.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State that is subject to the Public Complex's jurisdiction.

"Pet" means any domesticated animal kept for companionship. This also includes emotional support animals.

"Pet solid waste" means feces from any domesticated animal.

"Proper disposal" means placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

III. Regulated Activities:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

IV. Exemptions: None

I. 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 Public Safety or prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.