DOGS ON CAMPUS

I. General Policy

The City of Houston and Rice University are required to enforce dog leash ordinances. Among the ordinances and rules Rice enforces are the following:

- DOGS MUST BE LEASHED WHILE ON CAMPUS.
- THE LEASH CANNOT BE LONGER THAN 8 FEET IN LENGTH.

For community health reasons Rice asks those who are extended the privilege of walking their dogs on campus to also observe the following Rice rules:

- DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY PLAYING FIELD AT ANY TIME.
- OWNERS MUST ARRANGE TO PICK UP AFTER THEIR DOGS.
  Exterior waste receptacles may be used to deposit pooper-scooper bags.

Rice intends to be a good neighbor and encourages people to enjoy our campus; however, the increased number of visitors and dogs on campus makes it necessary to bring these matters to the attention of dog owners.

Persons refusing to comply may be given City of Houston citations by Rice peace officers or asked to leave the campus and not return with their dog.

This policy does not apply to service animals. A service animal, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations, is trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability. In compliance with the ADA, service animals are welcome on campus, and in most buildings on campus including dining halls, classes, meetings or other events which its handler is permitted to attend. Service animals may be prohibited in certain designated areas when necessary for health or safety (e.g. a controlled laboratory environment, or the Rice Animal Use Facility), in accordance with law and Rice University Policy 402, Access and Accommodation for Individuals with Disabilities.

II. Responsible Official and Key Offices to Contact Regarding the Policy and its Implementation

Responsible Official:  Vice President for Administration
Rice University Policy Department
Disability Support Services

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