

Campus Human-Animal Interaction Management Committee, IIT Bombay

Policy for Pet Animals in the Campus

A “pet animal” means any domesticated or tamed animal that is owned, kept, harboured, or otherwise under the care, custody, or control of any person within the allocated campus residential accommodation, and is maintained primarily for companionship, enjoyment, or non-commercial purposes rather than for utility, and is subject to applicable municipal registration and regulatory requirements.

Any animal owned, kept, or harboured by a resident within campus accommodation shall be deemed a pet animal and must be registered in accordance with applicable municipal laws.

General Guidelines

1. Pet owners shall strictly comply with all applicable municipal laws, regulations, and guidelines, as amended from time to time. At present, residents can complete pet dog registration through the official portal of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), accessible at:
<https://portal.mcgm.gov.in/irj/portal/anonymous/qlDogLicARAC>
And FAQ and other details are available at:
<https://www.mcgm.gov.in/irj/portal/anonymous/qldoghowapply>
2. No non-resident of IIT Bombay shall be permitted to bring any pet animal into the campus.
3. It shall not be permitted to keep, harbour, or maintain any pet animal within the hostel premises.
4. All pet animals to be fed only within the pet owner's allotted residential premises.
5. All pet animals should be duly registered & vaccinated by the concerned pet owner(s) in accordance with the applicable laws before being brought inside the campus. A copy of these documents (registration, vaccination, sterilization, etc) should be submitted to the Public Health Office well in advance.

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6. The committee strongly recommends that the initial house allotment letter should be suitably modified to have a clause/declaration by the campus resident(s) on the ownership of any pet animal. The concerned section of the institute (Dean, IPS office) would be notified about the same to make suitable changes in the form.
7. All pet licences should be renewed prior to their expiry by the pet owner.
8. Every licensed pet animal shall, at all times, wear the prescribed registration tag or licence token affixed to its collar. In the absence of such identification, the pet animal shall be presumed to be unlicensed & appropriate action will be taken (including removal of the animal from the campus).
9. Pet owners shall furnish complete and updated details of their pets to the PHO Office, including registration, licence renewal, vaccination & sterilization status, and any relevant incidents against rabies and other diseases.
10. It is recommended to the Institute to restrict the maximum number of pet animals per allotment to be two (02 Nos).
11. Any missing pet animal shall be reported promptly to the appropriate municipal authorities & Public Health Office.
12. No commercial activity, including unauthorised breeding or sale of pet animals, shall be permitted within the campus premises.
13. Any negligence, including failure to use a leash or muzzle, particularly in the public places, shall attract appropriate action.
14. Pet owners shall be fully responsible for any injury, harm, damage or nuisance caused by their pet animals.
15. In order to promote Cleanliness and control, pet owners shall ensure that their pets, particularly male dogs, do not urinate on vehicles (including car tyres) or any private or Institute property, and shall take appropriate preventive and corrective measures to avoid such instances.
16. In order to ensure safety, hygiene and order, pet animals shall not be permitted, even if leashed or muzzled, within or in the immediate vicinity of academic and other sensitive areas, including but not limited to hospitals, eateries, administrative offices, indoor and outdoor sports facilities (including Gymkhana and grounds), Student Activity Centre (SAC), hostels, and key access corridors (such as inter-departmental connecting corridors).

17. Formal adoption of campus stray animals (including dogs, cats, puppies, or kittens) is permitted and encouraged; however, such adoption shall be strictly in accordance with applicable municipal laws and guidelines. All adopted animals shall be duly registered, vaccinated, and regulated as pet animals, and the adopter shall assume full legal responsibility.

Additional guidelines for Pet dogs:

- Pet dogs shall be kept on a leash at all times in public and common areas to prevent nuisance, disturbance, or risk to others.
- The use of a muzzle shall be mandatory for all pet dogs particularly in public and common areas, including but not limited to elevators, corridors, and walkways.
- While taking their pets into public places for activities including walk etc., the pet owners shall carry appropriate waste disposal materials (such as poop bags) and shall immediately clean and properly dispose of pet waste from all public places, open areas, and campus roads.
- Minors (below 18 years of age) shall not be permitted to walk or handle pet dogs.
- Any act of cruelty towards animals—including beating, poisoning, or starving—shall constitute a punishable offence under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and may attract appropriate legal and disciplinary action.

These guidelines are issued to ensure safety, hygiene, accessibility, and orderly functioning of the campus. All residents are expected to adhere strictly to these provisions in the interest of public safety, animal welfare, and harmonious coexistence within the campus. Any violation shall attract appropriate action as per the Institute rules. Nothing contained in these guidelines shall be construed as abrogating or overriding any rights available under applicable law. The Institute reserves the right to interpret, implement, modify, or enforce these guidelines, and any action taken in good faith pursuant to these provisions shall be deemed to be valid and binding. No claim or dispute shall lie against the Institute or its authorised personnel for actions taken in good faith in furtherance of these guidelines, except in accordance with applicable law.

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Violations and penalties:

Violation	Penalty or fine
1. Public feeding of pet animals; 2. Dog without a registration tag; 3. Pet urinating/ defecating on vehicles/property; 4. Pet in academic/sensitive areas; 5. Failure to clean pet defecation; or 6. Pet not on leash in public/common areas	<u>First Instance:</u> Rs. 10,000/- <u>Second Instance:</u> Rs. 25,000/- <u>Repeated and/or Intentional Violations:</u> Institute shall initiate disciplinary action, including but not limited to: Debarment from hostel or residential allotment.
1. Non-compliance with municipal laws / non-registration; 2. Keeping unregistered/ unvaccinated pet; 3. Non-vaccination / invalid vaccination certificate; 4. Unauthorised commercial activity (breeding/sale of pets) in the campus allotted accommodation; or 5. Minor handling dog.	Immediate withdrawal of campus accommodation.
Failure to renew licence / maintain records	Withdrawal of campus accommodation after a lapse of 30 days.
Keeping a pet animal in hostel premises	Complete Hostel suspension.
Injury, pet dog bite, or damage caused by pet	Immediate withdrawal of campus accommodation & full expenses will be paid by the pet owner.
Failure to submit/update details to PHO	Rs. 5,000/-

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