

# GARDEN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Subject:** Pet Waste Control

**Effective Date:** \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## I. Purpose:

A regulation to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste at Garden State University, 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 pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual (including but not limited to a University student; visiting faculty member or other visitor; guest; professional member of the University's academic, administrative, or teaching staff; or other University officer, agent, or employee), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- d. Pet – a domesticated animal kept for amusement or companionship rather than utility.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement.

- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the University or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.
- g. University - Garden State University.
- h. University property – Lands and buildings owned or controlled by Garden State University.

### **III. Requirement for Disposal:**

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

### **IV. Exemptions:**

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation while such animal is being used for that purpose.

### **V. Violations:**

- a. Any University 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 University's Student Conduct Code.
- b. Any University 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 University to provide equipment, materials, supplies, or services on University 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 is found to be in violation of this regulation, is subject to ejection from University property and, if the person refuses to leave after being asked to leave, to prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.