

## **PETS IN THE UNIVERSITY HOUSE POLICY**

The University Scholars Association recognizes the important role of pets in the lives of its members. This document defines the policies within which pet visits to the Association's facility, the University House, are permitted. The document is based on, and is a selection from, the Pets in the Workplace Policy adopted by Pacific Lutheran University.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply: **Pet Owner** is any member of the Association, guest or visitor who brings a pet to the University House; a **Pet** is any domestic animal that is owned by and is cared for by a member of the Association. Pets include dogs and cats.

### **Areas Where Pets Are Allowed**

- Outdoors, on leash, and accompanied by pet owner
- Other areas when the pet is required for assistance as a designated guide or working pet

### **Areas Where Pets Are Not Allowed**

Pets are generally NOT allowed anywhere inside the University House other than as noted in the previous section. Specifically, pets are not allowed in:

- Any area that is open to the general membership and commonly used, such as the living room, library, meeting and conference rooms, and bathrooms
- Dining and food preparation areas

In the event a member using the University House has a legitimate health problem with a pet's presence, the pet may not be brought to that area unless it is required for disability accommodation.

### **Pet Owner Commitment**

Pet owners who bring pets to the University House will care for their pets in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of the Association members as well as the safety of the pet. Dog owners will keep their pets on a leash at all times. If a pet makes a mess of any kind, the owner will clean it up immediately.