



## Guidelines for the Ownership of Pets in the KAUST Community

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 These guidelines outline how KAUST regulates pet ownership to ensure a safe environment for all members of the community.

### 2. Pet Ownership

- 2.1 KAUST residents may keep a maximum of two cats or dogs (2 cats, 2 dogs, or one of each). Cats and dogs are not permitted to live in apartment buildings or shared accommodation.
- 2.2 Residents may also keep a maximum of two small indoor birds or hamsters in an appropriately sized cage and/or fish in an appropriately sized tank.
- 2.3 Venomous or non-domesticated animals are not allowed to be kept as pets within KAUST. For the purposes of these guidelines, non-domesticated animals include, but are not limited to, wild and exotic breeds, dangerous dog breeds as determined by the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture (see Appendix 2), feral cats, reptiles, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks and pigeons.
- 2.4 If in doubt as to whether a particular animal species is permitted to be kept within KAUST, guidance must be sought from the Petcare Team (see Appendix 1).

### 3. Shipping Pets to/from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)

- 3.1 Before moving your pets to KAUST, pet owners should:
  - a) Consider carefully the transit process of shipping animals to/from KSA. The process can be traumatic for pets and KSA has climate conditions which might not suit all animals.
  - b) Be clear on Government laws and regulations appertaining to the types of animal that are not allowed to enter the Kingdom and KAUST.
  - c) Obtain the necessary approvals/licenses from the Saudi Arabian Government to import/export a pet. Requests for import licenses can only be made once the individual is in possession of an iqama.
  - d) Clarify with the selected pet shipping company all administrative, veterinary and other preconditions of transportation, as well as the physical conditions and caretaking of animals during the journey to/from KSA.
- 3.2 Pet owners shall obtain, and bear all costs of, the necessary approvals, permits, transit, or licenses as prescribed by the applicable laws of KSA for the import and/or export of animals.

### 4. Pet Registration

- 4.1 To register or re-register a pet, follow the instructions on the Pets in our Community Webpage (see Appendix 1).
- 4.2 **Initial Registration:** All pets (excluding fish) must be registered within a maximum of 5 (five) working days of arrival to KAUST, to receive a KAUST Pet ID card. Only pets deemed physically fit and with up-to-date vaccination records will be registered by the Vet. Dogs and cats will also need to be microchipped. The cost of initial registration is SAR150 per cat or dog. All other approved animals are registered for free.



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- 4.3 **Annual re-registration:** Registration is valid for one year and annual re-registration is mandatory. To re-register, each pet will require proof of updated annual vaccinations. The cost of annual re-registration is SAR150 per cat or dog. All other approved animals are re-registered for free.
- 4.4 Failure to register a pet within the stipulated timeframe will result in a fine of SAR250, and the pet owner will be required to register and pay associated registration fees for the pet within a maximum of 5 (five) working days from the receipt of notice of the fine. Failure to register after 5 (five) days will result in a notification to remove the pet from KAUST.
- 4.5 All pets seen by the KAUST Vet must be registered.
- 4.6 Please contact the Pet Care team (see Appendix 1) to notify them of any changes to your pets registration status (e.g. rehoming or death). The Vet can assist/advise in the case of deceased pets.
- 4.7 If a pet is to be rehomed, please contact the Petcare Team to update the registration status.

### 5. Keeping Pets at KAUST

- 5.1 During initial registration cats and dogs will receive a medical check and be micro-chipped. It is strongly recommended that dogs are neutered and male cats must be neutered.
- 5.2 Cats and dogs will receive a KAUST Pet ID card (valid for one year). If a pet is lost/found, the micro-chip will facilitate reuniting the animal with its owner. It is recommended that pets wear collars to help identify them as pets.
- 5.3 Pet owners are responsible for the ongoing vaccination of their pets and for keeping up-to-date vaccination records (including rabies), in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 5.4 Pet owners must ensure there is sufficient food, water and space for the animal to move about their living space.
- 5.5 Pet owners must:
  - a) take full responsibility for the care and behavior of pets by keeping them under control at all times;
  - b) ensure their pet is not a risk or nuisance to neighbors and other community members;
  - c) produce the KAUST Pet ID Card when requested, e.g. at the KAUST security gates or at the Vet Clinic.
- 5.6 When outside of the house and own backyard, dogs must be kept on a lead (except in designated dog-run areas) and kept under control at all times.
- 5.7 With the exception of the Security K9 unit or Approved Personal Service/Guide Animals, pets are **not allowed** in the following areas:
  - a) indoor and outdoor areas of the University Academic Campus (e.g., *Spine*, and academic buildings);
  - b) indoor facilities, such as movie theaters, restaurants, retail shops, recreation centers, health centers;
  - c) KAUST South Beach, Mosque grounds, outdoor dine-in restaurants, all swimming pool areas, and public fenced astroturf pitches; and
  - d) additional areas which may be designated as pet-free areas.



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- 5.8 Dog owners must clean up after their dogs. Disposal bins are provided throughout the community. The fine for not cleaning up after a dog is SAR250 per incident.
- 5.9 If a pet bites an individual or another animal in an unprovoked attack, (as determined by the investigating authority), the pet shall be deemed dangerous and removed from KAUST at the owner's expense.
- 5.10 The Vet is an independent practitioner and KAUST will not be liable for any pet care interactions between the pet owner and the Vet.
- 5.11 Visitors are not allowed to bring animals to KAUST.

### 6. Lost and Trapped Pets

- 6.1 Lost pets should be reported to 959 (see Appendix 1). Do not contact 911 or 922 for lost pets.
- 6.2 If a cat is caught in a trap, its registration status will be checked.
  - a) **Unregistered cats** will be collected by Pest Control and will be treated as stray animals. They will receive Veterinary care if needed, and/or may be relocated from KAUST.
  - b) **Registered cats** collected in Pest Control traps will be released in the community, unless the animal has been reported missing or needs Veterinary assistance, in which case Pest Control will contact the owner.
- 6.3 All other animals found without an owner will be checked by the Vet for registration status. Unregistered animals will be treated as strays. They will receive Veterinary care if needed, and/or may be relocated from KAUST.
- 6.4 If a registered dog is found without (or not controlled by) its owner, the owner may, subject to investigation by the Pets in the Community Committee, be liable to pay a fine of SAR250. Repeated incidents by the same dog may lead to its removal from KAUST at the owner's expense.

### 7. Vacation, Neglect and Mistreatment

- 7.1 Pet owners must make appropriate arrangements for the care of pets when they are absent from KAUST.
- 7.2 Pet owners may lose their right to own pets if they neglect, mistreat or abandon an animal. Pet cruelty may also lead to fines and further investigation.
- 7.3 Pets must not be left unattended in a vehicle at any time.
- 7.4 Dogs should not be left outside in personal gardens for extended periods unless suitable shelter is available, and they must not be left to bark for extended periods of time.
- 7.5 If a community member has a concern regarding the health, well-being or behavior of a pet in the community, they should contact the Petcare Team (see Appendix 1). If the concern is serious or urgent 911 may be contacted.



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### 8. Breeding, Sales and Rehoming of Pets

- 8.1 Breeding of animals is not permitted in KAUST.
- 8.2 Selling of pets is prohibited within KAUST. However, when the circumstances justify, pets may be rehomed within the community.

### 9. Appeals

- 9.1 To appeal any pet related-fine or to request further information, please contact the Petcare Team (see Appendix 1).

### 10. Leaving KAUST

- 10.1 Pet owners who are leaving KAUST must notify the Petcare Team (see Appendix 1) before the planned date of departure and provide evidence that the pet is leaving/being shipped out of KAUST and/or KSA; or that someone else in the KAUST community will be taking over the ownership of the pet (in which case, Paragraph 8.2 will apply).

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### APPENDIX 1

#### Contact information for pet-related inquiries:

- Pets in our Community Webpage:** <https://communitylife.kaust.edu.sa/Services/Pages/Pets-in-our-Community.aspx>  
 This website includes information about pet ownership and registration, as well as information about the Vet and dog-run.
- Contact the Petcare Team:** [petcare@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:petcare@kaust.edu.sa)  
 This email address is for pet-related comments, questions, and concerns.
- Lost Pets:** 012 808 0959  
 For any concerns related to lost pets, please contact the 959 Helpdesk for support.
- Security and Emergency Services:** 012 808 0911  
 For any situation that is serious and urgent, please contact the 911 emergency services. Please do not call 911 for missing pets.

### APPENDIX 2

#### Breeds not permitted for import

According to the Requirements of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture Relating to Importing Dogs, the following breeds are not allowed to be imported:

Japanese Akita/Akita imu	Japanese Spitz
Hovawart	Affenpinscher
Griffon Bruxellois/Brussels Griffon/Brabancon/Belgian Griffon	Bull Dog/English Bull Dog
Boxer	Bull Terrier
Rottweiler	Dandie Dinmont Terrier
Stafford Shire Bull Terrier	Mastiff/Old English Mastiff
Lanchashire Heele	Swedish Vallhund/Swedish Cattel Dog/Vasgotspets
Newfound Land	Neapolitan Mastiff
Leon Bergehni	Bull Mastiff
Great Dane/Deutscher Dogge	