

PET POLICY REVIEW 2022

Dated 5.8.2022

Hi Everyone,

This has reference to the note dated 1.8.2022.

I had requested all to go through the Policy already framed and circulated on 3.8.2021 and come up with suggestions because the policy is for all of us.

Some suggestions have been received via email on uwaelections@gmail.com.

Apart from what is already there in the policy the following suggestions were made.

These along with the previous policy are forwarded to the President UWA for further steps in the matter.

1. Lack of adherence to carrying “Poop Picker” and “Poop Disposal Bags” esp. by the Maid Servants and Handlers. UWA should make this mandatory.
2. Parents should educate children not to touch, cuddle or tease any unknown pet. Small children tend to touch, cuddle dogs. They may look harmless; however, they can inflict injury inadvertently.

Teasing dogs or trying to scare them away must also be discouraged.

UWA should have a session on educating kids and elders alike about pets esp dogs. There is a lot of hate and wrath towards pet parents, and this can be addressed in a healthy manner.

3. Cooperate if any accidents happen. Some pet owners have disowned incidents or brushed aside the issue in the past.
4. Do not overcrowd elevator if a pet is already there inside elevator. Please take an informed decision to enter or wait for another lift.
5. Please wait a distance from the elevator. If there is a pet inside and sees a crowd just outside, it may feel threatened and react differently. Moreover, those not persons not comfortable may also react leading to further confusion.
6. Do not stop in the middle of the road to gossip with another pet owner. This leads to pet owner losing control on leash or pet wandering middle of street causing difficulty to pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
7. Taking out of dogs by maidservants. Maidservants are not trained how to handle dogs. Dogs are strong psychologically and know their master. They

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know whom to listen and whom not to. Hence sending dogs with maidservants must be discouraged.

8. There are a few handlers who have been hired by the residents, but we can see handlers taking out more dogs (even three). A handler cannot handle more than one dog (some pet parents with 2 small dogs who themselves take the dogs out or the handler who has been taking out the 2 dogs for years – have raised an objection. To this my answer has been that - let the UWA decide. However, in any circumstance it is the responsibility of the owner for any act of the Dog). This is very important. I am sure, owners will please pay heed to this and ensure that they allow their dogs to a handler who is free and not handling any other dog at any given point of time.
- It is however very clear that if anything happens - the owner is liable for any act of that of the pet does, including liability of a criminal case filed against them for such negligence.

Thanks

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