

Present Statement:

Standards: Rule VI, Buildings and Grounds

- G. No members of the Community are allowed to have pets on campus with the exception of the faculty and staff who must have special permission from the president.

Proposed rule:

VIII Animals:

A. College Licenses:

- I. No student of the community may keep an animal at college, with the exception of a dog or cat. If she wishes to bring a dog or cat she must first apply for a license to be granted by a designated representative of the College Council according to the following regulations:
- a. That the license will be granted by the Registrar after a week's probation period.
  - b. That she assume sole responsibility for the care and conduct of her dog or cat.
  - \* c. That she board her dog or cat off campus at night.
  - d. That any dog will have received inoculations against distemper and rabies; and that no dog or cat may be kept on campus when sick.
  - e. That no dog or cat is allowed in infirmary, library, barn classrooms, or dining rooms.
  - f. That the owner provide all necessary equipment and food (no equipment or food to be taken from dining-rooms or kitchens); and make any necessary amendment in event of damage to College property.

II Registrar:

- a. Person who grants licenses to keep dog or cat at College
- b. Person to whom all complaints are taken concerning individual dogs or cats.
- c. Person with the authority to revoke the individual license on evidence of the irresponsibility or inconsideration of the owner; or the ill-manners of the dog or cat.

Policies for Registrar:

It is the place of the Registrar to point out to an applicant the responsibilities entailed in owning a dog or cat at College. We consider that the following factors are those advisable to be discussed:

- I. To advise any freshman not to apply for a license unless she has been at Bennington for at least two months. Until then she will not be able to determine whether or not she had the time to undertake the responsibility.
- II. That, for her own convenience, it is inadvisable for a girl to bring a puppy or kitten into the community before it is well-mannered.
- III. That she be especially careful if she feeds her dog on campus, to see that no food or dirty dishes are left either in her room, in the house, or on the grounds.
- IV. That, for the protection of the dog or cat, it is wise that it wear an identification tag.

\* Optional, pending on decision of College Council