

First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo Pet Policy

At First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo we celebrate the joy and companionship that pets bring to our lives. As part of our commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming community, we extend hospitality to our human and animal friends while ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all.

1. General Guidelines

- **Service Animals Welcome:** We welcome service animals in all areas of the church building in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- **Non-Service Animals/Pets:** Well-behaved, leashed pets (under control of their owner) are also welcome in all areas of the church building, subject to the limitations set forth in this policy.

2. Safety and Liability

- **Owner Responsibility:** Pet owners assume full responsibility for their animals' behavior and for any damages caused.
- **Health Considerations:** Pets must be in good health and up-to-date on vaccinations before attending any church event. For events where food is being served, pets should be kept away from tables where food is being served or consumed.

3. Expectations for Pets and Owners

- **Behavior:** Pets must be calm, quiet, and under control at all times. Aggressive or disruptive animals may be asked to leave. Pets are not permitted on the pew cushions.
- **Leashing & Containment:** All pets must remain on a leash (under control of their owner) or in a secure carrier at all times while on church property.
- **Cleanliness:** Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets both inside and outside the building. Waste disposal stations are available on church grounds.
- **Respect for Others:** To accommodate individuals with allergies, phobias, or other concerns, we ask that pet owners maintain a respectful distance between their pets and from other congregants. Designated areas for pets may be established for this purpose.

We ask that during services pets remain in the back sections of the sanctuary, so that people who have allergies can sit in the forward sections without adverse health impacts.

4. Memorial Services

- **Pets at Memorial Services :** Well-behaved, leashed pets (under control of their owner) are welcome at Memorial Services if the presence of pets is consistent with the wishes of the deceased's family.
- **Outdoor Services:** Pets are welcome at all outdoor services and gatherings, provided they are non-disruptive and remain under the control of their owner.

5. Communication

Our pet policy will be communicated to all event organizers and made available to pet owners on our website and in other event-related communications.

Thank you for helping us create a welcoming space for all of God's creatures!

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