



RFM Dog Policy



The museum intends to be a welcoming place for all of its members, volunteers, staff, Board members, and guests.

Overview

After receiving expressions of concern about the presence of dogs on campus the museum has adopted a policy set forth below.

Summary

Date	Sept. 17, 2025-Adopted by the GRA/RFM Board of Directors-Effective Immediately
Key Information	<p>Leashed and controlled dogs and other pets are allowed on certain parts of the Museum campus.</p> <p>When a leashed dog or other pet is on the Museum campus, the person who brings the dog or other pet onto the campus shall be responsible for ensuring that at all times the dog or other pet is fully controlled and does not become a nuisance or endanger the Museum's properties, staff, members, volunteers, or guests.</p>
Outside	<p>Owners must clean up after their dog or other pet.</p> <p>Owners must make sure dog or other pet is leashed while on Museum grounds.</p> <p>As our usual policy: No dogs at any events.</p>
Inside	<p>Dogs and other pets are generally not allowed inside of the Museum buildings. However, if the Executive Director, or a docent or other authorized person determines that, because of weather conditions or some other emergency prevailing at a particular time, it would be appropriate to permit an owner to bring a leashed dog in the lobby (only) of the Covington Building that would be acceptable under certain circumstances.</p> <p>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) service animals trained to assist individuals with disabilities are welcome in the Museum's indoor facilities so long as they are under leash. Emotional support, therapy, or companion animals are not considered ADA.</p>
Support Needed	<p>Butler Administration Office</p> <p>Every Wednesday the Butler Administration Office will be closed to the general public, and open by appointment only by as scheduled by the Executive Director. On Wednesdays, the Executive Director in his/her discretion may allow specified dogs or other pets owned by members of the Museum staff working in the Butler Building to bring dogs or other pets to work.</p> <p>If non employees of the museum are scheduled to be in the Butler Building, no dogs or other pets other than ADA service animals will be permitted in the building.</p>