

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco

Dog Policy

We wish to welcome well-behaved dogs and their handlers to the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco (UUSF) and at the same time take into consideration the needs of all who attend worship services, meetings, presentations, and/or events at the Church and Center.

The following are expectations for dogs and their handlers at UUSF:

- Dogs must be thoroughly potty-trained (will not urinate or defecate in the building). If an accident occurs, the dog's handler must clean it up promptly, and the handler also needs to clean up any output that occurs in the courtyard or elsewhere on church property. If an accident inside occurs more than once, you will be asked to not bring the dog back until it is reliably potty-trained.
- Your dog must be trained to be silent on command.
- Your dog must be on a leash or reliably under voice control. Generally this means your dog is at your side or in your arms and not wandering.
- Your dog must be well-trained, calm, gentle and not unpleasant and have no history of nipping or biting.
- You are asked to be especially careful with the dog and leash around people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs or other assistive devices, and around children.
- You are asked to remember that some people might not be comfortable around dogs. Please be sensitive to their feelings.
- Upon visiting UUSF with your dog, you will be asked to fill out the Dogs in Church Registration (see below) which includes proof of rabies vaccination. You and your dog will be allowed to stay this first time without the needed rabies documents if the dog is calm, under your control, and not barking. The next time you wish to bring your dog, please supply a copy of the dog's up-to-date rabies certificate.
- After you have filled out the registration form and provided the rabies certificate your name tag will be updated with a dog icon, the dog's name, and the expiration date of the current rabies vaccination.

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Please wear the name tag when you come into the building for any reason with your dog so others know that your dog is registered. • The rabies certificate on file will need to be updated when it is renewed.

In the Sanctuary:

- Dogs must sit with their handlers in the designated section on the south side of the Sanctuary unless the handler makes arrangements with the ushers to be elsewhere such as the Covid Safe Section.
- Dogs must stay on the floor unless they are held in the handler's lap.
- Dogs must be silent while in the Sanctuary and or other rooms during the worship service, meetings, or presentations. If the dog barks even once, the handler must promptly take the dog out of the sanctuary. Quiet during events in the sanctuary is of the utmost importance.

Dogs are not allowed:

- In the church kitchen
- In any meeting room or office where they are not welcomed by the people using the room.

Compliance with these policies

Compliance with these policies will be the responsibility of the Society's Dog Welcomer, a volunteer position. The Dog Welcomer will be appointed to the position by the Moderator and confirmed by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The Dog Welcomer's term is not limited in time and the Dog Welcomer serves at the pleasure of the Moderator.

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DOGS IN CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM

Date:

Owner's Name:

Owner's Street Address:

Owner's Email:

Owner's Phone:

Name of Dog:

Date of latest rabies vaccine shot:

Date of rabies vaccine expiration:

(Please bring a copy of the vaccination certificate which will be attached to this registration record.)

Comments/additional information:

