To Whom It May Concern:

The University of New Hampshire Student Senate recently passed the attached resolution recommending that the University take steps to establish at least one pet-friendly dormitory on campus. The Student Senate believes that there is a sufficient want for such a space, and it believes that the creation of such a space would be feasible based on the many other institutions that have created one. The Student Senate respectfully requests that the relevant stakeholders consider the recommendation presented below and implement a pet-friendly dormitory by the fall of 2017.

Respectfully,

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Student Senate Speaker  
University of New Hampshire
Student Senate Resolution XXXVI – 38 Establishing a Pet-Friendly Dormitory

Introduced by: Campus Structure Chairperson, Christian Merheb
Date: April 10th, 2016

Whereas, the University of New Hampshire student body has, for many years, shown support for the establishment of a “pet-friendly” dormitory space, and

Whereas, universities such as: Stetson University, University of Northern Colorado, University of Idaho, Johnson and Wales University (Providence), University of Washington, University of Illinois, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology, Middlebury College, University of Florida, SUNY Canton, Harvey-Mudd College, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Reed College have already established some form of pet-friendly housing with favorable results, and

Whereas, studies have shown that living with a pet not only increases students resistance to disease, but promotes greater emotional stability and an increase in overall happiness, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to recommend that the University of New Hampshire take appropriate actions to establish at a minimum one pet-friendly dormitory on campus wherever it is most feasible, and

Be it further resolved that the University of New Hampshire Housing look to select and implement such dormitory space by the start of the Fall of 2017, and

Be it further resolved that the University of New Hampshire, in order to ensure fairness to students and decrease conflict, should examine implementing this change in a dormitory predominately made up of singles, such as Hall House, as it already boasts an outdoor experiential education environment and its proximity to the University of New Hampshire’s College Woods, and

Be it further resolved that a committee be formed with housing, students, and other key stakeholders to work on these ideas of implementation, policies, and regulations.

Senate Action: Passes
Speaker Verification: Gabriel Hoffman