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## ANY QUESTIONS: What's the MU residence hall policy on pets?

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Columbia resident [Renee Hulshof tweeted](#) a question about the MU residence hall policy on holding pets. Her question stemmed from an incident in which a python escaped from its cage in Defoe-Graham Residence Hall. [ABC17 News reported that it had not been caught](#) as of Thursday morning. The snake, which is at least 1 foot long, is a nonvenomous baby ball python, the report says.

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The Tiger Guide, from MU's Department of Residential Life, explains university policy to residents. [Regarding pets, it says](#) any animal less than 5 pounds that can be kept in a cage, aquarium or similar container is allowed in a residence hall. Pets are not allowed to roam the halls or a student's room, and any individual hall community can agree to further rules and restrictions for pets.

If pets damage any university or student property, the pet owner is responsible for paying for that damage.

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