Pets at the Wrigley Marine Science Center are subject to the same policy as those on other USC campuses. The following is the USC Pet Policy:

The intent of this policy is to maintain the university as a productive, safe, and clean environment in which to study, conduct research, work and visit.

The presence of pets in campus classrooms, work areas, and research areas can be disruptive as well as unsanitary; they may compromise the safety and health of students, faculty, staff and visitors and may expose the university to legal liability (for example, if a dog bites someone).

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, and students, at all times and in all internal university locations (including, but not limited to offices, laboratories, housing and classrooms).

Faculty, staff and students are prohibited from bringing pets into any USC building, including, but not limited to, classrooms, work areas, housing and research areas. Dogs walked on campus must be kept on a leash and must be picked up after, in accordance with Los Angeles sanitation requirements.

This policy does not apply to animals used as a disability-aid or animals associated with research.

With the Captain’s approval, pets are permitted on the Miss Christi. Please make arrangement when booking your reservation.

Therapy Dogs, Comfort Dogs, or Emotional Support Animals: When approved as a disability-related accommodation, an Assistance Animal may live with a student in WMSC housing, and must be kept within the residential setting in which the student lives. Assistance Animals are not allowed in any other buildings on University property, nor are they allowed in other controlled spaces on campus. (https://dsp.usc.edu/accommodations/assistance-animal-requests/)

Service dogs, which are separate and distinct from emotional assistance dogs (as defined by the U.S. DOJ, Civil Rights Division) are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working dogs, not pets. The work of a service dog must directly relate to the person’s disability. Service dogs are allowed to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go, with the exception of certain areas of the laboratory that would be dangerous to the dog or to the handler (discussed in advance on a case-by-case basis). Owners are responsible for the safety, health and well-being of their service dog, and may be liable should the dog cause damage or harm someone.