

Leather Archives & Museum

Privacy Policy

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It is the intent of the Leather Archives & Museum to respect the private nature of its collections and donors.

1. Donation Imposed Restriction Statements

It is the policy of the LA&M to fully comply with donor imposed restriction statements, both on monetary and collection donations. For monetary donations, it is the responsibility of the Treasurer to assure that restriction statements are reasonable and in writing before the donation is accepted. It is also the responsibility of the Treasurer to ensure that the restrictions are executed properly. For donations to the collections, responsibility shall lie with the professional staff member(s) responsible for acquisitions and access. Acquisition responsibility includes assurance that access restriction statements are reasonable and in writing before accepting the donation. Access responsibility includes familiarity with and proper execution of access restrictions.

2. Collection access: General privacy

Access to special collections and personal archives is granted on a case by case basis to qualified researchers. It is the responsibility of the professional staff providing access to determine proper qualifications. In cases where a researcher is deemed not to be qualified for a specific collection, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall provide guidance to the professional staff.

3. Public release of related party names:

Donor's last names may not be published except for the following cases:

- a. The donor's name has been publicly published elsewhere related to a leather / BDSM group, organization or contest. Sources include, but are not limited to the WWW, magazines and books. Publication in a private manner (club newsletter, restricted access website, or club roster not publicly available) should not serve as basis to publish last names.
- b. The donor has expressly (currently or in the past) provided permission to publish their name.