

ANIMALS / PETS ON CAMPUS



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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the presence of animals/pets at the university to ensure the health and safety of all individuals on campus. It is in place to ensure that a pet/animal does not create a health hazard or become a threat, nuisance, or significant distraction to others or to activities occurring on campus.

POLICY

Animals will not be permitted inside University buildings, vehicles or facilities, including University residences (except as indicated in housing agreements). All animals on the University grounds must be properly restrained (leash, carrier etc.) and under the care and control of their owner/guardian at all times. Owners/guardians must comply with all provincial and city laws pertaining to licensing and animal control.

The following animals are exempt from this Policy but must remain under care and control at all times:

1. Research, teaching and other animals owned by the University
2. Animals in areas where academic pursuits or clinical services require their presence (e.g. Animal Health)
3. Certified guide dogs and service animals as defined by the Guide Dog and Service Act of British Columbia
<http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/lc/statreg/15017>
4. Exhibit and demonstration animals
5. St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs under the care and control of St. John's Ambulance volunteers participating in "Therapy Dog Thursday"
6. Police service dogs

REGULATIONS

1. Persons bringing pets onto campus grounds are required to observe the City Bylaws requirements to maintain physical control over the animal by not allowing the animal to be at large.
2. Persons having the care or control of a pet on campus must clean up after their animal.
3. Animals should not be permitted to impede normal movements of any person on campus nor be permitted to interfere with the ability of any student, employee or other person to work or study on campus.
4. No sick or non-immunized pet should be brought on to the campus.
5. Persons bringing pets on campus will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of damage caused by their pet.