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Pets on Campus Procedure

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Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide direction for bringing Pets onto University Property in accordance with Alberta's *Human Rights Act*, *Service Dogs Act* and *Blind Persons' Rights Act*. This procedure does not apply to animals owned by the University of Alberta, service animals (inclusive of those in training), emotional support animals, certified therapy animals, or working dogs, such as police, security or detection dogs.

Students and Employees with a medical need for a Service Animal or an Emotional Support Animal must follow the *Accommodation Policy* and related procedures.

Definitions

The attached definitions table outlines the terms used in this policy document and any specific rules of interpretation that apply.

Scope

This procedure applies to all individuals or groups bringing Pets onto University Property.

Procedure

1. PETS ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS
 - a. Pets are permitted on University Grounds when the space is not in use for a University event. Pets must be on a leash, appropriately licensed, and exhibiting suitable, controlled behaviour.
 - b. Through an Appropriate Authority, the university may ask for identification for a service dog or a certified therapy animal. If no documentation is provided, the appropriate

authority may instruct a pet's handler to remove the pet from its properties for any reason.

- c. Owners of pets brought onto University Property accept responsibility for any related liabilities and/or costs in the event of injury or damage to persons or Property.
- d. Pet handlers are required to clean up after their animals.
- e. Pets must be properly restrained (i.e. with a leash, etc.). Pets must not be tied up, locked in a vehicle, or otherwise confined. Pets must not be left unattended at any time.
- f. At the discretion of the relevant operating authority and as indicated by appropriate signage, certain grounds may not permit pets under any conditions.

2. PETS IN UNIVERSITY VEHICLES AND BUILDINGS

- a. Pets are not permitted in university owned, leased or rented vehicles or buildings.

3. PETS AT UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- a. Pets are not permitted at university events.

4. PETS IN RESIDENCE

- a. Pets in university residences are covered by the terms and conditions of applicable residence agreements.

5. EXCEPTIONS

- a. Exceptions require written permission and are at the discretion of Utilities and Operations, or for buildings operating under the operating authority of Residence Services and Conference Services, the Associate Vice-President (Campus Services), in consultation with Student Accessibility Services.

Definitions Table

<i>Any definitions listed here apply to this policy document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. For clarity, defined terms listed here include grammatical variations thereof.</i>	
Appropriate Authority	An individual empowered by their position and/or responsibilities in the context of a given situation, who can instruct that a pet be removed from University property. Such persons could include but may not be limited to members of Campus Security Services, Buildings and Grounds Services, Health & Safety, and Environment, Campus Services, University events staff, and management/supervisory administrative or academic staff.
Certified Therapy Animal	Certified therapy animals are only permitted public access during sanctioned events, such as Dogs on Campus with CAAWLS. They are animals that are trained to support and provide well-being for people

	other than the handler. Liability for the animals is the responsibility of the owner or may also be covered by the individual therapy society.
Emotional Support Animals	Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are a category of animals that provide necessary emotional support to an individual with a mental or psychiatric disability that alleviates one or more identified symptoms of an individual's disability, but which are not considered Service Animals under the Alberta Service Dogs Act. ESAs provide the necessary support to individuals with disabilities without any formal training or certification.
Pets	A companion animal owned, cared-for or under the supervision of an individual.
Service Animals	Service animals, inclusive of those in training, are highly trained professional animals, usually dogs, which work in partnership with a person with a disability to increase the independence, safety and/or mobility of the human partner. Service animals must be trained at a school that is accredited by, or that has candidacy status with Assistance Dogs International (ADI) or International Guide Dog Federation (IGDF).
University Grounds	Includes all University owned, leased, rented or controlled outdoor space.
University Property	Includes all University owned, leased, rented or controlled buildings, residences, grounds and vehicles.

Forms

- There are no forms for this policy document.

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- [Space Management Policy](#)
- [Classroom Scheduling for Courses Procedure](#)
- [Demolition Procedure](#)
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- [Use of University Space by External Entities Procedure](#)
- [Vending Procedure](#)

Related Policy Documents

- [Accommodation Policy](#)
- [Animal Ethics Policy](#)
- [Discrimination and Harassment Policy](#)

Related Links

- [Accessibility and Accommodations](#)
- [Alberta Human Rights Act](#) (Government of Alberta)
- [Blind Persons' Rights Act](#) (Government of Alberta)
- [Service Dogs Act](#) (Government of Alberta)

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