



POLICY TITLE	Animals On Campus	Policy Number	160
Section	Governance, Organization, and General Information	Approval Date	June 8, 2006
Subsection	Individual Rights	Effective Date	June 8, 2006
Responsible Office	Office of the Vice President of Finance and Administration		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To maintain campus safety, health, and security standards for animals allowed on campus, and to permit the very important services that they provide to faculty, staff, students, the University, and the community, and to draw the very important distinction between those animals permitted on and those excluded from campus.

2.0 REFERENCES

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 Institutional property: Utah Valley University (UVU) property including, but not limited to, administrative offices, academic buildings, outdoor campus spaces, and all satellite locations whether owned, leased, operated, or maintained by UVU, but specifically excluding the institutional residence of the University president.

3.2 Pet: An animal kept for pleasure, companionship, or curiosity.

3.3 Service animal: Any guide dog or signal dog or other service dog individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items. Note: It is the presumption of UVU that all service animals are dogs. This presumption can be rebutted by any individual upon presentation of clear and convincing evidence to UVU's ADA Coordinator that a particular animal other than a dog is also individually trained to work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

3.4 Therapy animal: An animal with good temperament and disposition, and who has reliable, predictable behavior, selected as a therapy tool to visit people with disabilities, to visit people who are experience the frailties of aging, or to visit people with reading or behavioral problems.



The therapy animal is incorporated as an integral part of a treatment process under the direction of a health professional.

4.0 POLICY

4.1 Pets, with the exception of aquarium organisms, are not allowed on university property.

4.2 Subject to the following qualifications, exceptions, and conditions, only the following animals are allowed on university property:

4.2.1 *Service animals.* Service animals are allowed to accompany the service animal's partner at all times, and everywhere, on institutional property, so long as:

- 1) The service animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to all the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where the service animal resides, which may include the wearing of owner identification tags, rabies tags, and dog license tags;
- 2) The service animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control by its partner at all times;
- 3) The service animal does not cause immediate danger to the health or safety of other people on university property;
- 4) The nature of the activity taking place in a particular setting on university property is not fundamentally changed by the presence of a service animal; and
- 5) Care and supervision of the service animal, as well as the costs of any damage caused by the service animal, is the sole responsibility of the service animal's partner or owner.

4.2.2 *Therapy animals.* Therapy animals are allowed to visit individuals on university property, subject to the definition included herein, and so long as:

- 1) The therapy animal is used exclusively as part of a therapy treatment process;
- 2) The therapy animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where the therapy animal resides, which may include the wearing of owner identification tags, rabies tags, and license tags;
- 3) The therapy animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control at all times;



- 4) The therapy animal does not cause immediate danger to the health or safety of other people on university property;
- 5) The nature of the activity taking place in a particular setting on university property is not fundamentally changed by the presence of a therapy animal;
- 6) The care and supervision of the therapy animal, as well as the costs of any damage caused by the therapy animal, is the sole responsibility of the individual using the therapy animal for his or her therapy; and
- 7) Certification must be provided to the institution that confirms that the therapy animal is in fact providing therapy under the direction of a health professional 1) for the individual in whose custody the animal is, or 2) for some other organizations such that the therapy animal's presence on campus assists in that therapy activity.

4.2.3 *Animals used in an academic course, in a laboratory, or as demonstration animal, or for law enforcement or rescue purposes.* Any animal used in an academic course, in a laboratory, or as a demonstration animal, or for law enforcement or rescue purposes, is allowed on university property, so long as:

- 1) Such animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where such animal resides or is located, or in the event such animals are used for academic, laboratory, or research purposes, the standards and practices associated with such academic, laboratory, and research purposes must be complied with;
- 2) Such animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control at all times;
- 3) Such animal does not cause immediate danger to the health or safety of other people on university property.

4.3 Recognizing that the campus is part of the surrounding neighborhood and community, animals with valid licenses and current vaccinations, under proper restraint and with their owners who are walking across campus and who do not enter buildings are allowed on university property.

4.4 Aquarium fish and snails, when displayed for academic or esthetic purposes are allowed on campus. Aquaria kept in public view must be kept clean and presentable.

4.5 A one-time exception to the terms of this policy may be granted for events involving animals. These exceptions must be requested and approved through campus police.



4.6 Every individual who is in control of an animal that is allowed to be on university property is responsible to immediately clean up after such animal, including the immediate removal of any waste. Individuals with disabilities who physically cannot clean up after their own service animal may not be required to pick up and dispose of animal waste. However, these individuals should use marked service animal toileting areas when such areas are provided.

4.7 Animals may be left in vehicles so long as they do not pose any threat to passers-by and they are not in danger or distress. Unattended or unrestrained animals other than those left in vehicles, animals that pose a hazard or potential hazard to passers-by, or animals in danger or distress, will be removed from university property by a local animal control services. Policy complies with local codes.

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 Enforcement

5.1.1 Individuals who bring unauthorized animals onto university property shall be asked to remove the animal immediately or secure it in a private vehicle.

5.1.2 Anyone noting unauthorized animals on campus, or animals not appropriately restrained, should call Campus Police.

5.1.3 UVU employees who are repeat violators will face disciplinary action including but not limited to letters of reprimand, or in extreme cases, potential loss of employment.

5.1.4 Students who are repeat offenders may also face disciplinary action including reprimand, or in extreme cases, expulsion or banishment from university property.

5.1.5 Costs of damage to property directly resulting from animals on university property shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.

5.1.6 The individual(s) responsible for any damage to university property caused by their animal shall coordinate the repair or replacement of damaged property with the Facilities department and/or the Purchasing department.

5.2 Contacts: Questions regarding this policy should be directed to Campus Police.

POLICY HISTORY		
Date of Last Action	Action Taken	Authorizing Entity



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