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Pets on Campus Procedure

Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of the Associate Vice-President (Operations & Maintenance)
Approver:	Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Scope:	This policy applies to all individuals or groups bringing pets onto University Property .

Purpose

To provide direction for bringing pets onto University Property in accordance with *Alberta Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act*, [Alberta Service Dogs Act](#) and the *Blind Persons' Rights Act*.

This Policy 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 Duty to Accommodate Procedure.

PROCEDURE

PETS ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS

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.

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.

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.

Pet handlers are required to clean up after their animals.

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.

At the discretion of the relevant operating authority and as indicated by appropriate signage, certain grounds may not permit pets under any conditions.

PETS IN UNIVERSITY VEHICLES AND BUILDINGS

Pets are not permitted in University owned, leased or rented vehicles or buildings.

PETS AT UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Pets are not permitted at University events.

PETS IN RESIDENCE

Pets in University residences are covered by the terms and conditions of applicable residence agreements.

EXCEPTIONS

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

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [\[▲Top\]](#)

Pets	A companion animal owned, cared-for or under the supervision of an individual.
University Property	Includes all University owned, leased, rented or controlled buildings, residences, grounds and vehicles.
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).
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.
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.
University Grounds	Includes all University owned, leased, rented or controlled outdoor space.
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, Environment, Health & Safety and Ancillary Services, University events staff, and management/supervisory administrative or academic staff.

FORMS

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