


PROCEDURE MANUAL

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Section:	Administration	Subject:	Pets and Animals on College Property

PURPOSE

To regulate the presence of pets and animals on district wide College property.

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1. Definitions:

A Pet is any animal kept for amusement or companionship. Service and Support animals are not considered pets.

A Service Animal, is defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as any dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability. (See <https://adata.org/publication/service-animals-booklet>)

Emotional Support Animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not considered service animals either. These terms are used to describe animals that provide comfort just by being with a person. Because they have not been trained to perform a specific job or task, they do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Academic Program Animals are those approved by the College / Department for teaching and/or rehabilitation purposes and must be kept in College / Department approved cages, containers, and facilities.

Naturally Occurring Wildlife on campus property are excluded from this procedure with the exception that they may not be contained or housed on campus unless under a College / Department approved academic program.

2. No pets or animals are permitted inside district wide buildings at any time, with the exception of approved **service** animals that qualify under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and approved academic program animals in areas designated for such.
3. No pets or animals are to be housed on the campus at any time; with the exception of approved **Service** or **Support** animals, and pets approved for employees required to live on campus and approved by the President. (See Campus Life)
4. Any pet, support or service animal on College property must be restrained by a leash (no longer than 6 feet in length and held by a person age 12 or older, or secured in a vehicle, cage or appropriate enclosure. These animals may be unleashed at authorized functions with the approval of the President.
5. Anyone who has custody of a pet, service or support animal on College property is required to pick up and properly dispose of the pet's waste.
6. Any city ordinance, county regulation or state statute dealing with animal safety will also be enforced.

For more information go to adata.org/publication/service-animals-booklet