

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Policy: ANIMALS ON CAMPUS – D014

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INTENT

It is the intent of this policy to provide for the control of all animals other than those related to instructional and/or research activity; and to optimize the safety and health of faculty, staff, students, and visitors as it relates to animals on campus. The areas affected by this policy are limited to the grounds and buildings located on Edinboro University (the University) property.

This policy shall not apply to service animals present on campus or assistance animals in on-campus housing, pursuant to applicable law or university policy. Please refer to Policy No. C059 – Use of Assistance Animals in On-Campus Housing.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Domestic Animal** – An animal having been trained or adapted to living in a human environment. Such animals include, but are not limited to dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, and other types of household pets.
2. **Wild Animal** – An animal that is not socialized or domesticated.

POLICY

A. General

1. Animals are prohibited in any University building except as provided by this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, administrative offices, academic buildings, residence halls, apartments, and all on-campus structures. The following types of animals are permitted on University property, when necessary and appropriate:
 - a. Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue animals;
 - b. Approved research animals;
 - c. Stray animals temporarily being held by University Police;

- d. Animals approved by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety for special events and programs; and
- e. A single fish tank or terrarium is allowed within an individual's own office environment only as appropriate containment for non-venomous, non-dangerous personal pets, and only if the container as it is installed is maintained by the individual does not present a nuisance, an egress hazard or an undue distraction from the business of the office.

B. Health & Safety

1. The abandonment of animals on campus grounds is strictly forbidden. Any animal found tethered unattended or abandoned shall be humanely impounded in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
2. Individuals who bring animals onto University property shall be held responsible for the immediate cleanup and proper disposal of any waste products, including feces, and any damage (personal or property) inflicted by the animal.
3. The University has the right to remove any animal from campus property where the animal creates a hazard or interferes with university operations including but not limited to making incessant noise, harassing or intimidating people, or damaging property.
4. The possession of poisonous reptiles, constricting snakes (e.g., boas, pythons, and anacondas) and other potentially dangerous or aggressive animals on University property, except when used for approved academic or research purposes, is strictly prohibited.
5. Employees, students, and visitors are prohibited from leaving unattended food or water on campus grounds for the purpose of feeding animals. Any unattended food found outside on campus grounds may be removed and disposed of.
6. All trash dumpsters, in which food may potentially be disposed of, are to be kept clean and covered at all times.

C. Special Events or Programs

1. Any department or group organizing a special event or program that is requesting to have animals on campus must receive approval from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety prior to the event. These events or programs may include, but are not limited to, programs for stress relief, educational purposes, or special presentations.
2. If the request is approved, the event coordinator is responsible for:
 - a. Practicing proper animal care and management to reduce the risk of injury and disease transmission;
 - b. Reporting any injuries or property damage by the animal(s) visiting to the University Police and to EHS;
 - c. Ensuring that hand washing facilities (or an equivalent, such as antibacterial hand-wipes) are available in the immediate vicinity of the contact with animals.
 - d. Ensuring that each owner/handler provides the proper documentation, licensing, insurances, etc. that the university may require; and

- e. Placing the proper informational signage to alert the public of the type of animals present.

D. Domestic Animals

1. Domestic animals (any dog, cat or tamed animal intended to be a pet or companion for a person) are otherwise permitted on University grounds.
2. Domestic animals must be under the direct control of a responsible person while on campus grounds, restrained by either a leash that does not exceed 72 inches in length or in an appropriate animal carrier, crate, cage or kennel. Domestic animals under voice command are not considered on leash (under control) and are not permitted.
3. Domestic animals brought to campus must be licensed and fully inoculated, and the individual owning or in possession of the animal must provide such documentation to the University upon request.

E. Wild Animals

1. The trapping, caging, and/or use of wild animals on campus other than by authorized individuals is prohibited.
2. Wild animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance, or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans shall be regulated, controlled, or humanely relocated when possible, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

RELATED POLICIES

A008 – Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
C059 – Use of Assistance Animals in On-Campus Housing
G005 – Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination
G018 – Americans with Disabilities Act – Public Accommodations
G019 – Reasonable Accommodations for Employees with Disabilities

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