

Pets on Campus Policy

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- 1 Purpose** The purpose of this policy is to regulate the presence of Pets on Main Campus Property to ensure that a Pet does not create a health hazard or become a threat, nuisance, or significant distraction to others or to activities occurring on campus.
- 2 Scope** This policy applies to any person on Main Campus Property.
- 3 Definitions** In this policy:
- a) “Pet” refers to a domesticated animal kept for companionship or amusement. It does not include animals kept for approved research and teaching purposes or Service Animals.
 - b) “Main Campus Property” refers to all buildings and grounds, including athletic and recreational fields, owned, leased or operated by the University of Calgary within the area designated as the Main Campus.
 - c) A “Service Animal” is an animal that provides a vital service to persons with disabilities or persons who require assistance due to a medical condition.
 - d) “University” means the University of Calgary.
- 4 Policy Statement**
- 4.1** Pets, with the exception of fish, are not permitted in any University building including a residence building. Fish must be kept in aquariums of 19 litres (5 gallons) or less.
- 4.2** Pets are permitted on University grounds but must be:
- a) leashed, and
 - b) with its owner or handler, and
 - c) under the control of its owner or handler

at all times.

- 4.3** A Pet may be left unattended in a vehicle parked on University grounds for a reasonable period of time as long as:
 - a) the Pet is restrained in a manner that prevents contact between the Pet and any member of the public;
 - b) the Pet has suitable ventilation; and
 - c) the Pet is not creating a public nuisance.
- 4.4** The University reserves the right to remove, or ask a Bylaw Enforcement Officer to remove, an unattended Pet if the animal is in distress or is creating a public nuisance.
- 4.5** A person who brings a Pet onto University grounds will clean up after the animal.
- 4.6** A person who brings a Pet onto University grounds will be held responsible for any costs or consequences of damage caused by the Pet.
- 4.7** Despite 4.2, the University may require any person with a pet to remove the animal from University Property.
- 4.8** The management authority in a University department may impose additional restrictions to provide for local conditions.

5 Special Situations One-time exemptions may be granted for events involving animals.

- 6 Responsibilities**
- 6.1 Approval Authority**
 - a) ensure appropriate rigour and due diligence in the development or revision of this policy.
 - 6.2 Implementation Authority**
 - a) ensure that University staff are aware of and understand the implications of this policy and related procedures;
 - b) monitor compliance with the policy and related procedures;
 - c) regularly review the policy and related procedures to ensure consistency in practice; and
 - d) sponsor the revision of this policy and related procedures when necessary.

- 7 History**
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