Animals on Campus

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Introduction

This policy explains the reasons pets are not permitted in university buildings unless required by law. This policy is based on Iowa Administrative Code Section 681-13.18 and state and federal disability laws.

Policy Statement

All livestock and other domesticated animals, including but not limited to fowl, cats, dogs, cows, horses, mules, sheep, goats, swine, or reptiles, when on university property, must be kept confined or otherwise physically constrained. Any such animal found running at large on university grounds or found within university facilities and not part of a university sponsored program or project may be impounded. Consistent with the laws of the state of Iowa, such animals may be turned over to a city pound or other appropriate state or university agency.

For sanitation and safety reasons, except as provided below, animals are not permitted in university buildings. This prohibition shall not apply to animals that are

- Specially trained for and under the control of an individual with disabilities
- Used for teaching and research purposes
- Receiving treatment at the Lloyd Veterinary Medical Center or other approved facility

Pets are permitted on the campus in outdoor areas when properly controlled and confined and when their presence does not jeopardize the safety or sanitation of university facilities or grounds or the safety of individuals on the campus. In the case of pets such as dogs, proper confinement shall consist of a cage or a leash of sufficient strength to restrain the dog held by a person competent to govern the behavior of the dog. Any pets brought on the campus must be properly licensed and vaccinated under the laws of Iowa and tags indicating such license and vaccination shall at all times be attached to the collar of the pet. In those cases where impoundment is necessary, the owner of the animal or its claimant shall be personally responsible for all costs associated with reclaiming the animal.

Any person who walks an animal on public areas of the campus shall be responsible for the control and behavior of the animal, as well as the prompt collection and disposal of the solid waste excreted by that animal.

Resources

- 681 IAC 13.18 Animals on Campus
- Animals at Events
- Student Disability Resources
- Environmental Health and Safety
- Department of Residence
- University Human Resources (UHR)