



**SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY**  
**Policies and Procedures**

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**SUBJECT: ANIMALS ON CAMPUS**

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I. **PURPOSE:** To maintain campus safety, health, and security standards for animals allowed on campus, to permit the important services provided to faculty, staff, students, the institution, and the community, and to draw the distinction between those animals permitted on campus and those excluded from campus.

II. **DEFINITIONS:**

- A. *Institutional property:* Southern Utah University ("SUU") property including, but not limited to, administrative offices, academic buildings, outdoor campus spaces, and all satellite locations whether owned, leased, operated, or maintained by SUU, but specifically excluding the institutional residence of the president, the University's Valley Farm and its mountain properties.
- B. *Pet:* An animal kept for pleasure, companionship, or curiosity.
- C. *Service animal:* Any guide dog, signal dog or other service dog specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.
- D. *Therapy animal:* An animal with good temperament and disposition, and who has reliable, predictable behavior, selected as a therapy tool to visit people with disabilities, to visit people who are experiencing the frailties of aging, or to visit people with reading or behavioral problems. The therapy animal is incorporated as an integral part of a treatment process under the direction of a health professional.

III. **POLICY:**

- A. Owners and/or guardians must comply with all state, county and city laws pertaining to animal control while on campus.
- B. Subject to the following qualifications, exceptions, and conditions, only the following animals are allowed on institutional property:
  - 1. *Service animals:* Service animals are allowed to accompany the service animal's partner at all times, and everywhere, on institutional property, so long as:
    - a. the service animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to all the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where the service animal resides, which may include the wearing of owner identifications tags, rabies tags, and dog license tags;



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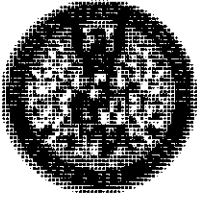
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- b. the service animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control of its partner at all times;
  - c. the service animal does not threaten or cause danger to the health or safety of other people on institutional property;
  - d. the nature of the activity taking place in a particular setting on institutional property is not fundamentally changed by the presence of a service animal; and
  - e. the care and supervision of the service animal, as well as the costs of any damage caused by the service animal, is the sole responsibility of the service animal's partner or owner.
2. *Therapy animals:* Therapy animals are allowed to visit individuals on institutional property, subject to the definition included herein, and so long as:
- a. the therapy animal is used exclusively as part of a therapy treatment process;
  - b. the therapy animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where the therapy animal resides, which may include the wearing of owner identification tags, rabies tags, and license tags;
  - c. the therapy animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control at all times;
  - d. the therapy animal does not threaten or cause danger to the health or safety of other people on institutional property;
  - e. the nature of the activity taking place in a particular setting on institutional property is not fundamentally changed by the presence of a therapy animal;
  - f. the care and supervision of the therapy animal, as well as the costs of any damage caused by the therapy animal, is the sole responsibility of the individual using the therapy animal for his/her therapy; and
  - g. certification must be provided to the institution that confirms that the therapy animal is in fact providing therapy under the direction of a health professional 1) for the individual in whose custody the animal is, or 2) for some other organizations such that the therapy animal's presence on campus assists in that therapy activity.



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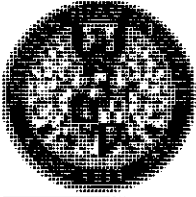
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3. *Animals used in an academic course, research, in a laboratory, or as a demonstration animal, or for law enforcement or rescue purposes.* Any animal used in an academic course, in a laboratory, or as a demonstration animal, or for law enforcement or rescue purposes, is allowed on institution property, so long as:
    - a. such animal has a current, valid license and current vaccinations, according to the requirements for all animals of the same species in the municipality or local area government where such animal resides or is located.
    - b. such animal is under appropriate restraint and under appropriate control at all times; and
    - c. such animal does not pose a danger to the health or safety of other people on institutional property.
    - d. the standards and practices associated with such academic, laboratory, and research purposes are followed;
  4. Recognizing that the campus is part of the surrounding neighborhood and community, animals with valid license and current vaccinations, under proper restraint and with their owners who are walking across campus and who do not enter buildings are allowed on institutional property.
- C. No pets are permitted in residence hall rooms or apartments with the exception of fish contained in a single tank (per room or apartment) that is no larger than 20 gallons. A fish is defined as legless, cold-blooded, aquatic vertebrate animal with fins, gills and scales.
- D. A one-time exception to the terms of this policy may be granted for events involving animals. These exceptions must be requested and approved through the Office of Centralized Scheduling.
- E. Every individual who is in control of an animal that is allowed to be on institutional property is responsible to immediately clean up after such animal, including the immediate removal of any waste. Individuals with disabilities who physically cannot clean up after their own service animal may not be required to pick up and dispose of animal waste. However, these individuals should use marked service animal toileting areas when such areas are provided.
- F. Animals may be left in vehicles so long as they do not pose any threat to passers-by and they are not in danger of distress. Unattended or unrestrained animals other than those left in vehicles, animals that pose a hazard or potential hazard to passers-by, or animals in danger or distress, will be removed from institutional property by a local animal control service. Policy complies with local codes.



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**IV: PROCEDURES:**

- A. Anyone noting unauthorized animals on campus, or animals not appropriately restrained, should call Campus Public Safety.
- B. SUU employees who are repeat violators will face disciplinary action including but not limited to letters of reprimand, or in extreme cases, potential loss of employment.
- C. Students who are repeat offenders may also face disciplinary action including reprimand, or in extreme cases, expulsion or banishment from institutional property.
- D. Cost of damage to property directly resulting from animals on institutional property shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.
- E. The individual(s) responsible for any damage to institutional property caused by their animal shall coordinate the repair or replacement of damaged property with the Facilities Management or with the Purchasing Department.