GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the University to maintain a healthful educational environment. Animals can pose a liability risk and threat to the health and safety of the campus community, as well as to a healthful educational environment through allergy, excessive noise, animal bites, and disease transmission via fleas, ticks, parasites, viruses, bacteria, etc. Animals on campus can also be destructive causing damage to grounds, buildings, and property.

This policy standardizes the university’s position on the management of animals on campus. The university prohibits individuals from bringing animals inside any university-controlled buildings, except for those animals that are exempted in the operating procedures. In addition, while on university-controlled property, animals must be attended and appropriately restrained at all times.

The Vice President for Finance and Administration is responsible for developing operating procedures to implement this policy.