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Pets on Campus

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Scope

This policy applies to all on-campus, University-controlled properties and all athletic facilities including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and subcontractors, spectators, and visitors.

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the campus community.

1. For health and safety reasons, pets/animals, other than Service/Assistance Animals and research animals, are not allowed in the University's buildings.
2. Pets/animals should not be brought to campus and left unattended. Notice of such is to be reported to the respective Building Supervisor or Residence Life immediately.
3. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet. Anyone who brings a pet on University property assumes all financial responsibility for any damages to property or injury to individuals caused by the animal.
4. "Research animals" and Service/Assistance Animals for persons with disabilities, as required by law, are exempt from this policy. If you believe you are entitled to be accompanied by an animal as a reasonable accommodation for a disability lease contact Disability Services for Students at 308-865-8214, or the Office of Equity and Compliance at 308-865-8102.

Compliance

Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of the pet, as well as administrative and or disciplinary actions to the owner. Pets/animals left inside a locked vehicle may be viewed as a violation of Nebraska Statute 28-1009. UNK Police will be enforcing this policy.

Reason for Policy

The University of Nebraska at Kearney has a vital interest in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors. This policy recognizes that animals have the potential to impose on the safety, health, personal well-being and comfort of faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Definitions

Service Animal: any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

Assistance Animal: any animal a person establishes is necessary to provide such person an equal opportunity to use and enjoy University housing.

Research Animals: all forms of animals used for educational purposes in academic facilities.

Members of the UNK Community: includes all faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

University Building: includes, but are not limited to, academic classrooms, offices, laboratories, corridors, athletic venues and residence halls.

Additional Contacts

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Equity and Compliance		308-865-8102	oecc@unk.edu
Disability Services		308-865-8214	unkdso@unk.edu
Residence Life		308-865-8519	housing@unk.edu
Facilities		308-865-1800	facilities@unk.edu

Related Information

http://www.unk.edu/offices/academic_success/dss/assistance-animal-policy-and-agreement.php

http://www.unk.edu/offices/academic_success/dss/request-accommodations.php

History

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