

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA POLICY

Policy:	PETS ON CAMPUS
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Approving Body:	Vice-President (Administration)
Authority:	
Responsible Executive Officer:	Vice-President (Administration)
Delegate:	Associate Vice-President (Administration)
Contact:	Assistant to the Associate Vice-President (Administration)
Application:	All Staff, Students and Visitors

Part I Reason for Policy

- 1.1 The University of Manitoba is committed to providing an attractive, clean and safe campus. In carrying out this goal it recognizes the importance and benefit of human/Pet interactions, but acknowledges that these benefits must be balanced against the following considerations:
- (a) Not all members of our community feel comfortable in the presence of Pets;
 - (b) The health of some members of our community is compromised by the presence of certain Pets; and
 - (c) Despite precautions taken by responsible Pet Owners there is a possibility of injury when Pets interact with some members of our community.

As a result, the University of Manitoba will regulate the presence of all Pets on campus.

Part II Policy Content

Definitions

- 2.1 The following terms have the following defined meanings for the purpose of this Policy:
- (a) **“Pet”** means a domesticated animal kept for companionship. It does not include animals kept for research or teaching purposes, Therapy Animals or Service Animals, as defined in this Policy.
 - (b) **“Pet Owner”** means the person caring for, having custody of, or responsibility for a Pet.
 - (c) **“Service Animal”** means a specially trained and certified animal providing a vital service to a person with a permanent disability or to a person who requires assistance due to medical condition.
 - (d) **“Therapy Animal”** means a specially trained and certified animal that provides affection and comfort to persons in order to help reduce temporary conditions such as, but not limited to, anxiety and stress.
 - (e) **“University Event”** means an event organized and sponsored by the University.
 - (f) **“University Grounds”** means all outdoor space, including athletic and recreational fields, owned, leased or operated by the University of Manitoba at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne Campuses.
 - (g) **“University Security”** means a member of the University of Manitoba’s Security Services Department.
 - (h) **“University Buildings”** means the interior of all buildings owned, leased or operated by the University of Manitoba at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne Campuses.

Pets on University Property and in University Buildings

- 2.2 Pets are not allowed inside University Buildings.
- 2.3 Pets are allowed on University Grounds provided that they are:
- (a) Up to date on all vaccinations;
 - (b) Licensed;
 - (c) On a leash;

- (d) Under control at all times; and
 - (e) All feces is properly cleaned up.
- 2.4 Pet Owners who bring their Pets on to University Grounds accept all responsibility for any related liabilities and/or costs in the event of injury or damage to persons or property.
- 2.5 University Security can instruct a Pet Owner to remove his/her Pet from University Grounds at any time, for any reason.
- 2.6 At no time are Pets to be left unattended while on University Grounds, including being confined in motor vehicles. In the event a Pet is found unattended, the local animal enforcement agency may be called by University Security to have the animal removed at the Pet Owner's expense. Pet Owners found in violation of this prohibition may be banned from bringing Pets on to University Grounds in the future.
- 2.7 At the sole discretion of the University, as indicated by appropriate signage, certain University Grounds may not permit Pets under any conditions.

Therapy Animals Exception

- 2.8 Therapy Animals may be permitted inside University Buildings to participate in University Events provided the prior approval of the Associate Vice-President (Administration) has been obtained. Examples of such University Events include, but are not limited to, "Dog Days" and "Mental Health Awareness Week".

Service Animals Exception

- 2.9 Service Animals are permitted on University Grounds and inside University Buildings as required by law.

Part III Accountability

- 3.1 The Office of Legal Counsel is responsible for advising the Vice-President (Administration) that a formal review of this Policy is required.
- 3.2 The Associate Vice-President (Administration) is responsible for the implementation, administration and review of this Policy.
- 3.3 All staff, students, contractors and visitors are responsible for complying with this Policy.

Part IV
Authority to Approve Procedures

- 4.1 The Vice-President (Administration) may approve Procedures, if applicable, which are secondary to and comply with this Policy.

Part V
Review

- 5.1 Governing Document reviews shall be conducted every ten (10) years. The next scheduled review date for this Policy is March 12, 2024.
- 5.2 In the interim, this Policy may be revised or repealed if:
- (a) the Vice-President (Administration) or the Approving Body deems it necessary or desirable to do so;
 - (b) the Policy is no longer legislatively or statutorily compliant; and/or
 - (c) the Policy is now in conflict with another Governing Document.
- 5.3 If this Policy is revised or repealed all Secondary Documents, if applicable, shall be reviewed as soon as possible in order that they:
- (a) comply with the revised Policy; or
 - (b) are in turn repealed.

Part VI
Effect on Previous Statements

- 6.1 This Policy supersedes all of the following:
- (a) Pets on Campus Policy, dated April 27, 1977;
 - (b) all previous Board of Governors/Senate Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein; and
 - (c) all previous Administration Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein.

Part VII
Cross References

7.1 This Policy should be cross referenced to the following relevant Governing Documents, legislation and/or forms:

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