



Domestic Animals

Policy Statement

No domestic animals are allowed in University buildings. Exceptions include service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); those used in research and teaching; those boarded at University facilities in accordance with existing policies and practices; those allowed as pets under the Department of Residential Life pet policy agreement for full-time or graduate live-in staff and faculty-in-residence; and animals performing official law enforcement functions.

Any domestic animals on University grounds must be in the control of their owners in accord with the ordinances of the city of Burlington. Under no circumstances should animals be allowed to run loose or be tied to buildings, handrails, trees, bicycle racks, or other objects. Owners of domestic animals will be responsible for any damages incurred by their animals to University grounds or facilities. Any infractions or complaints should be brought to the attention of Police Services, 656-3473. Police Services will arrange to remove the dog or other animal from campus without notice.

For reasons of health and sanitation, students may not keep pets of any type in the residence halls with the exception of fish in the proper aquarium facilities of ten gallons or less. To be cared for properly, fish must be removed from the residence halls during extended break periods.

Reason for the Policy

See policy statement.

Strategic Direction

This policy supports the following goal in the University's Strategic Plan (http://www.uvm.edu/president/?Page=strategicplan2009_2013.html):

- *Institutional Efficacy*: As an institution, model the highest standard of ethical conduct, accountability and best practice, public service, and strong commitment to lifelong learning.

Applicability of the Policy

This policy applies to the entire University of Vermont community, guests, and visitors.

Policy Elaboration

None

Definitions

None

Procedures

None

Forms

None

Contacts

Questions related to the daily operational interpretation of this policy should be directed to:

Police Services
284 East Ave
656-3473

The Vice President for Finance and Administration is the official responsible for the interpretation and administration of this policy.

Related Documents / Policies

None

Effective Date

Approved by the President on May 19, 2010