

POLICY MEMORANDUM

No. III-43

Animals on Missouri S&T Campus

POLICY SUMMARY: This policy applies to all University-controlled facilities and grounds. This policy standardizes Missouri S&T's position on the management of animals at Missouri S&T.

POLICY ORIGIN: Historically, there have been concerns regarding animals in University facilities and on the grounds. These complaints originate from faculty, staff, and students and include: disruption in the classroom or laboratory, allergies, fear of bites or fear of the animal in general, and sanitation of the facilities and grounds. The purpose of this policy is to provide for the health and safety of Missouri S&T faculty, staff, students, and visitors and for the protection of Missouri S&T's property/assets.

DEFINITIONS:

University-controlled facilities and grounds: Facilities and grounds that are owned, operated, leased, and/or maintained by Missouri S&T.

Service animal: Any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

Assistance animal: Any type of animal that may or may not be specially trained to provide therapeutic benefit, such as alleviating or mitigating some symptoms of a mental or psychiatric disability. Assistance animals are not considered service animals.

Research and Teaching Animals: Approved animals used directly in support of Missouri S&T's mission of teaching and research as used in accordance with guidelines established by Missouri S&T's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Wild or Feral Animal: A non-domesticated animal (e.g. stray cats or dogs, raccoons, squirrels, etc.).

Pets: Any animal that is domesticated and not a Service or Assistance animal, as defined above, will be considered a pet.

K-9: Any dog that is trained to work with police units or emergency personnel.

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University-controlled facilities: It is prohibited to bring animals inside any University-controlled facility, except for the animals listed in the exemption section of this policy. Any animal found within a University-controlled facility not exempted from this policy may be impounded.

NOTE: University Housing facilities are managed and operated under the Department of Residential Life. Please see the exceptions to this policy for further information about animals allowed in University Housing facilities.

University-controlled grounds: All animals brought onto university-controlled grounds must be leashed or in a caged enclosure and under the control of a person who is capable to do so. All animals, which are unleashed, or leashed and unattended, on University-controlled grounds, are subject to impoundment. A loose animal trailing a leash, or one tied to a fixed object, is not under the control of a

person. Animals left unattended in motor vehicles on Missouri S&T property are subject to impoundment if they become a nuisance or if the welfare of the animal(s) is threatened. Animal owners are responsible for cleaning up any messes made by their animal.

Anyone who brings an animal on University-controlled facilities and grounds assumes all financial responsibility for any damages to property or injury to individuals caused by the animal.

It is prohibited to intervene with wild or feral animals that are on University-controlled facilities and grounds. Intervention may include, but is not limited to, feeding, building shelters, or injecting medication. If the wild or feral animal poses a potential risk to a person, is causing property damage or creating a nuisance, it will be humanely relocated.

EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY

The following animals are permitted within a university-controlled facility:

1. Service Animals (includes on duty police K-9s, emergency personnel support animals, and rescue animals). Missouri S&T requests that you voluntarily register your service animal with Disability Support Services if you are a student and with Human Resources if you are an employee. K-9 animals are viewed as a law enforcement resource and covered by this policy.
2. Research and Teaching Animals
3. Assistance animals and non-poisonous, non-carnivorous fish in 5-gallon or smaller aquariums are permitted to be in Residential Halls in accordance with the guidelines set forth by Missouri S&T Residential Life Department. These animals would only be approved within the specific University Housing facility occupied by the owner.
4. Pets that have been approved as part of a housing agreement between Missouri S&T and an individual (e.g. University Housing/residence hall director, faculty residence, Solar Village residence, etc.). These animals would only be approved within the specific facility for which the housing agreement was written.
5. Animals that are brought into a University-controlled facility as part of a University approved event. The event must be approved by the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations prior to bringing any animals into a University-controlled facility.
6. Privately owned housing located on land owned by the university.
7. In addition, there is a limited-time exception for privately owned housing property recently transitioned to university ownership, with the exception to expire upon lease termination of the current tenant.

All animals pursuant to the exceptions, that are brought in to any university-controlled facility, shall have the appropriate vaccinations and the owner shall have those vaccination records (or copy thereof) with them on campus. Additionally, all animals pursuant to the exceptions, brought in to any university-controlled facility, shall be registered with the University Police Department. The University Police Department will also keep a copy of the vaccination record for the respective animal. Animal registrations can be made between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. As applicable and pursuant to Rolla City Code, all animals shall also display a tag issued by the veterinarian showing the animal has a current vaccination.

The Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations may grant additional one-time exceptions beyond those specifically listed above based on a reasonable request to bring an animal(s) into a university-controlled facility (e.g. a department wishes to have a fish aquarium in the main office, etc.).

POLICY EXECUTION/ENFORCEMENT:

Individuals are encouraged to practice peer enforcement of this policy. Violations may be reported to the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations and will be addressed by the appropriate authority, supervisor or administrator.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2019

RESPONSIBILITY: All members of University Community and
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration

BASIS: Health and Safety of Missouri S&T Community
Vice Chancellor, Finance and Operations
Environmental Health and Safety
Student Affairs



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