

## **1.0 ASSOCIATED POLICY**

- Facilities Operations and Maintenance Policy

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

### **Animal**

Any live animal other than a human being.

### **Animal Owner**

A person having the care and control of an Animal.

### **Animal Tissue**

Any tissue or sample from an Animal, including an Animal carcass, but excluding tissue processed for human consumption.

### **Service Dog**

An Animal trained, qualified, and identified under the *Service Dogs Act* or a guide dog as defined by the *Blind Persons' Rights Act* and regulations thereunder, or an Animal used by the Edmonton City Police or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

### **Research Animal**

An Animal under the care and control of a faculty or staff member for the purpose of research approved by the university.

### **University Property**

All land or buildings owned or controlled by the University.

### **University-Endorsed Program**

A program using animals that has been approved by Executive Council.

## **3.0 SCOPE**

This Standard applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors while on University Property.

## **4.0 STANDARD**

4.1 Animals are only permitted on University Property in the following circumstances:

4.1.1 Service Dogs with an identification card issued under the *Service Dogs Act* or *Blind Persons' Rights Act* while they accompany the person who requires the service.

4.1.2 Service Dogs while they accompany an Edmonton City Police member or Royal Canadian Mounted Police member while conducting an investigation.

4.1.3 Research Animals.

- 4.1.4 Animals involved in a University-Endorsed Program within those areas approved by the university during scheduled program events.
- 4.1.5 Animals involved in a University-Endorsed Program are permitted to travel through University Property before and after a scheduled program event, but travel must be directly to or from the scheduled program event.
- 4.2 While in service, Service Dogs have priority to a space and other Animals and their handlers must yield the space to the Service Dog for that time.
- 4.3 All Animals on University Property must be on a leash or in a carrier and be under the control of, and accompanied by, the Animal Owner at all times, with the following exceptions:
- 4.3.1 A Service Dog temporarily in the care of another person who has assumed responsibility for the Service Dog while the Animal Owner is engaged in a University-Endorsed Program or service.
- 4.3.2 The Animal is in a controlled space as part of an endorsed program where it is clearly identified that a program is active with Animals in the space.
- 4.3.3 A Research Animal.
- 4.3 Animal Tissue is only permitted on University Property where the Animal Tissue is permitted pursuant to the university's biosafety program or approved by the AREB.
- 4.4 Animal access to spaces is restricted by the *Food Regulation*, Alta Reg 31/2006 and in addition, the university may prohibit Service Dogs in certain locations for health and safety reasons. Individuals needing access to restricted areas must request permission in advance through Security Services.
- 4.5 The department of Security Services is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this Standard. Proof of Service Dog identification or participation in a University-Endorsed Program may be requested.
- 4.6 Animal Owners are responsible for all actions of the Animal or any disturbances caused by the Animal, including cleaning up after the Animal on University Property, and will advise Security Services of any defecation or urination by the Animal in any of the university's buildings. Animal Owners are responsible for any costs that may be incurred due to actions of the Animal.
- 4.7 A breach of this Standard will result in the Animal and Animal Owner being directed to leave University Property, as enforced by Security Services. The Animal Owner will be permitted to return to University Property once the breach of this Standard has been remedied, whether by returning in the absence of the Animal or by having the Animal qualify as permitted under section 4.1.
- 4.8 Any breach of this Standard by a staff member, faculty member or student may result in disciplinary action.

## **5.0 REFERENCES**

### **Policies**

- Respectful Work Place
- Duty to Accommodate Employee Needs and Protected Grounds
- Health and Safety
- Barrier-Free Access and Accommodation
- Campus Security
- Facilities Operations and Maintenance
- Students with Disabilities

### **Legislation**

- *Service Dogs Act*
- *Blind Persons' Right Act*
- *Food Regulation, Alta Reg 31/2006*

## **6.0 ACCOUNTABILITY**

### **Policy Sponsor**

Vice-President, Finance and Administration & CFO

### **Responsible Office**

Facilities

## **7.0 HISTORY**

### **Relevant Dates**

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