

ADVISORY 22.0 PERSONAL PETS PROHIBITED IN UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI FACILITIES

Introduction

This policy outlines the rules governing personal pets and animals in general in University of Cincinnati buildings (including University leased space). It is intended to help ensure a work / learning / research / patient care environment that minimizes the health risks and fears of some members of the campus community as well as assisting in the maintenance, appearance, and hygiene of all campus facilities.

University buildings with recirculating ventilation systems permit the transmission of odors, dander, allergens, etc. from one area to another. Persons allergic to animals can suffer adverse health effects without realizing the source of their problems. In some instances, rooms are not being cleaned or maintained due to the presence of pet animals feared by maintenance and/or housekeeping personnel. Pet animals may also pose a disease vector for research animal colonies.

Policy Statement

- A. Personal pets and animals in general are at all times prohibited in University of Cincinnati buildings including leased space with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Assistive animals for persons with disabilities.
 - 2. Fish aquariums in approved areas.
- B. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, loss of access, and loss of rights and privileges.

Applicability

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Responsibility & Enforcement

Contact Environmental Health and Safety (556-4968) with any questions.