

ADVISORY 22.1: ANIMALS ON CAMPUS

INTRODUCTION:

This policy outlines the University's position on staff, students or visitors bringing personal pets onto the **University Campus**. The University of Cincinnati is committed to providing a safe and sanitary environment for members of the university community to study, work and live, to preserve the campus flora, fauna and beauty of the campus, and to comply with local animal ordinances. The following policy addresses the extent to which personal pets are permitted on university grounds and properties.

POLICY

Personal pets and animals are permitted on University owned, leased, rented or controlled grounds only when on a leash accompanied by their owner, the animal is exhibiting suitable and controlled behaviors and when the grounds are not in use for a University event. Animal Handlers that walk an animal in public areas of the campus are responsible for the prompt collection and disposal of solid waste excreted by that animal. It is not permissible to tie and leave a personal pet anywhere on campus unattended for any period of time.

Personal pets brought on campus must wear a collar and be properly licensed and vaccinated under applicable laws and ordinances for that type of animal. Identification/license and vaccination tags must be current and worn by the animal at all times. Any animal found running at large or found within a University facility that is not part of a sponsored program or project will be treated as a stray and may be impounded and taken to the county animal shelter. Should a personal pet be brought onto University property, its owner continues to accept responsibility for related liabilities and/or costs in the event of impoundment, injury or damage to person or property.

Personal pets are not permitted in University owned, leased or rented buildings (see **ADVISORY 22.0**) or vehicles or at a University event. The University through an **appropriate authority** and for any reason can instruct a pet owner to remove the pet from its properties.

This policy does not apply to animals owned by the University of Cincinnati or to **service animals** i.e. leader dogs.

DEFINITIONS

Any definition listed applies to this Advisory only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.

- **University Property** - includes all University owned, leased, rented or controlled buildings, residences, grounds and vehicles.

- **Service Animals** – includes animals working in an official capacity and directly in service of people or the University, including therapy dogs, seeing-eye or hearing ear dogs, dogs working with the handicapped and police and security dogs.

- **Appropriate Authority** – That person by virtue of their position and/or responsibilities in the context of a given situation, who is empowered to instruct that a personal pet be removed from University property. Such persons could include but may not be limited to members of Public Safety, Buildings and Grounds Service, Ancillary Services, University events staff and management/supervisory administrative or academic staff.